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Lydia, Emily and Claude Martin perform bluegrass throughout the afternoon during the Travilah Oak Festival on Saturday, Oct. 11. Hundreds of people turned out for the annual tradition that celebrates the Travilah Oak, one of the oldest trees — roughly 300 years old — in Montgomery County.

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Kaufman, Klaff Married

Lorraine and Paul Levin of Potomac announce the marriage of Lindsay Michelle Kaufman, daughter of Lorraine Kaufman Levin and the late Steven Kaufman, to Gary Klaff, son of Barbara Klaff of Virginia Beach, Va. and the late Harris Klaff. The wedding took place on Sept. 14, 2008 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, with Cantor Sunny Schnitzer of Bethesda Jewish Congregation presiding.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of the University of Maryland and holds a BS degree in marketing and logistics and is currently a purchasing and supply management specialist for the United States Postal Service.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Towson University and holds a BS degree in psychology and sociology and is currently employed as a project coordinator working with the D.C. government. After a cruise to Mexico, the couple resides in Rockville, Md.



Lindsay Michelle Kaufman and Gary Klaff were married Sept. 14.

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MADEIRA GIRLS
have something
to say

This is the first time I've lived in the States—I'm from Nigeria. I have found America to be a wonderful place. There are so many different opinions. People have a viewpoint on just about everything.

Madeira has awakened a whole new political side in me. For my Co-Curriculum placement this year, I work on Capitol Hill for Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr., of Illinois. I run errands and stuff envelopes, but I've also learned how government works. The American congressional system has earned my respect because it really takes into account the feelings of its constituents.

So much has happened globally in the past few years. I believe we need to do whatever we can to understand each other.

Model UN educates me. It teaches me to be aware. To be conscious of what is going on in the world, what everyone else has to deal with. When you understand why major problems are occurring in other places in the world, it helps explain why people turn to radical acts or protest or even overthrow their governments. I think understanding is the best way to move toward peace.

My friends and I back home in Nigeria got together to do something about AIDS in our country. We created FAT, Fighting AIDS Together. It is a grassroots nonprofit that we believe can grow into a major charitable organization for helping people who are living with AIDS.

My parents don't want me to get disappointed. They say be realistic and optimistic about what you can accomplish. I figure this is my time—the time before I have to start dealing with the real world, before I realize all of the challenges I have to face. I say, let me take a leap now. In five years I might think that an endeavor like this would be impossible. But not today. Today I think we can make a real difference. I am undaunted.

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Sign of the times: drivers stopped and stared — and some stopped to get some free office equipment — after Sheriff’s deputies removed the last belongings of an evicted tenant in the Semmes Building in Potomac Village on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Police Analyzing Scotland Raid

Residents say September raid was racially charged, and property was needlessly damaged.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

The Internal Affairs Department of the Montgomery County Police is investigating an early morning raid by police of six homes in the Scotland neighborhood that occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Residents say that the officers freely addressed residents using expletives during the raid, went out of their way to damage personal property, and took pictures of a naked teenage girl who they forced to lay naked on a floor for an extended period of time.

The warrants that were served that morning by detectives from the 2nd District’s burglary investigation unit stemmed from a burglary that occurred earlier this year in the Scotland neighborhood, said Lt. Paul Starks of the Montgomery County Police. Some of the six raids were carried out on no-knock warrants, and the raids were led by Montgomery County SWAT teams, Starks said.

“This all stemmed from a burglary investigation, a burglary that occurred in the Scotland neighborhood.”
— Lt. Paul Starks, Montgomery County Police

“This all stemmed from a burglary investigation, a burglary that occurred in the Scotland neighborhood,” Starks said. “We were given information from the victim of the crime, investigators developed probable cause that the suspect or suspects and evidence may be at these locations.”

LEO THOMPSON said that police officers told him they were looking for his son on suspicion of gang-related activity and stolen property to

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Downturn Pressures Local Businesses

Potomac’s small businesses are feeling burn of slumping economy.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Four Sheriff’s patrol cars showed up at the Semmes Building in Potomac Village on Wednesday, Oct. 1 to put the final rendering on the story of a business gone south. Sixty days after the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department posted an eviction notice on the

door of a ground-floor office space occupied by a mortgage company, officers spent less than an hour acting in their infrequent capacity as one-way movers, dispatching desks, computer monitors, shelving units and office chairs onto the short, grassy slope between the four-story Semmes Building and River Road.

As the day wore on passing drivers craned their heads to wonder at the debris, a man jumped out of a pickup truck, grabbed a keyboard, got back in the truck and drove away.

It was an inglorious end to a local business and a sign of times in which even Potomac’s relatively insulated economy is feeling the crunch of the housing market fallout, the crisis in Wall Street, and the

steadily increasing pressure leveraged on small businesses by rising prices of fuel and production and the declining buying power of the average consumer.

POTOMAC PIZZA IS typically packed on Fridays during lunchtime, and that was no different on Friday, Oct. 3 as customers caught up with friends, chatted with co-workers, and ate pizzas and subs.

But these days business is generally a little bit slower at the Potomac fixture, said Adam Greenberg, the restaurant’s owner and president of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

“The last few weeks because of this government stuff, everybody’s being cautious,”
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Hard Times in Horse Country

For those who have always wanted to buy a horse but never thought they could afford it, now might be their best chance of owning their dream animal.

Unfortunately the original purchase price of a horse is a tiny fraction of what it costs to keep a horse over time, as Brooke Vransy, of the Days End Farm Horse Rescue, knows.

Vransy is the farm manager and director of programs and emergency services at Days End, which takes in abused or abandoned horses, retrains them and offers horses that are suitable for adoption. These days though there are fewer and fewer people willing to

put up with the cost of feeding and boarding a horse.

“You’re going to pay your gas and your electric long before your going to pay your board if that’s a choice you have to make,” Vransy said. “That’s the situation we’re facing.”

Some people who have adopted horses are asking to return them because they can no longer afford to care for them. Vransy anticipates that fewer people will be adopting horses while a bad economy can also mean an increase in horses needing rescue.

Days End relies largely on private donations for their \$1.3 million annual budget.

Rising food and gas costs affect horse farms in similar ways as they

do average consumers, but few might suspect the slowdown in the construction of new housing would impact horses.

As lumber mills cranked out lumber packages for home builders, farms like Days End could rely on a steady source of cheap sawdust and wood shavings to use for bedding. Now, many local mills aren’t even in operation said Vransy, and it was cheaper for her to switch to straw bedding. Yet straw is harder to come by — and consequently more expensive — because many farmers want to grow corn and soy now to sell to producers of alternate fuel.

With her farm is already near its capacity and many more horses on

the horizon, Vransy wishes there were more potential adopters out there, and hopes that the economy turns in a positive direction in the near future.

“Some days I hold my breath,” said Vransy. “We’re trying our best, but all of that has an effect on us.”

Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer based humane organization whose mission is fostering compassion and responsibility for horses through intervention, education, and outreach. To volunteer, make a contribution or consider adopting a horse in need of a home, see www.defhr.org, call 301-854-5037 or email: info@defhr.org.

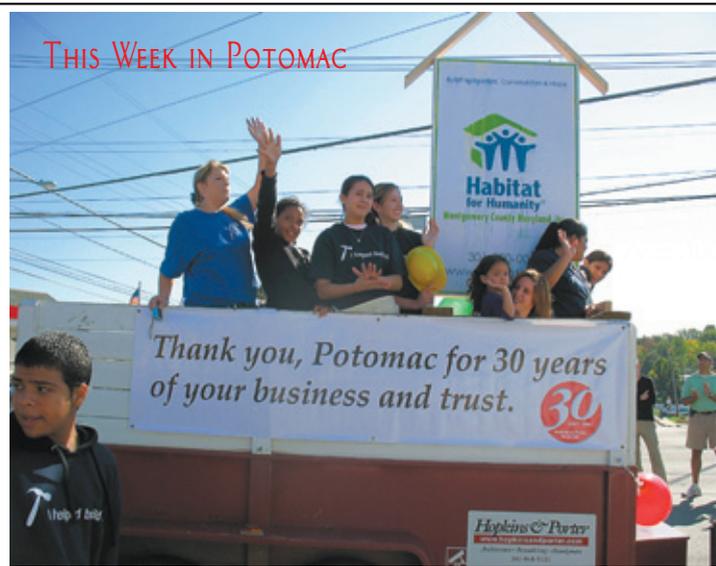


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Habitat for Humanity participated with a float in last year's Potomac Day parade.

Potomac Day This Weekend

The 27th annual Potomac Day celebration is Saturday, Oct. 18. The annual event begins at 8 a.m. with a 5k Fun Run (starts at Potomac Library), and the parade up River Road starts at 10 a.m. This year's parade will be led by the Rockville High School Rams' marching band.

The rest of the afternoon will feature a classic car show, a PetConnect animal adoption booth (including a "Kiss the Puppy" booth), moonbounces, rockclimbing, and other activities. On hand too, as always, will be food from the restaurants of Potomac. The Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department will participate so families can get an up-close look at the men, women and equipment that battle fires in and around Potomac.

The annual event is sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce and is a way of saying thanks to Potomac residents from the business community, said Adam Greenberg, the Chamber of Commerce president.

All proceeds from Potomac Day, including a silent auction, will go to benefit Club Hero, which donates families to African villages affected by AIDS.

Churchill Does 'Rent'

Winston Churchill High School will be among the first high schools in the country to be performing the award-winning Broadway play "Rent: School Edition" when the curtains go up Oct. 24, 25, 31, and Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gertrude Bish Auditorium.

A portion of the proceeds from "Rent: School Edition" will go to pay for the drama club's trip to Scotland in August.

The Bish Auditorium at Winston Churchill High School is located at 11300 Gainsborough Road. Tickets for the show cost \$12 or \$10, depending on seat location, and may be purchased online at www.seatyourself.biz/Churchill. The Halloween show will also be a benefit show for the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C., as actors will collect money in buckets — a la Broadway Cares: Equity Fights AIDS — to benefit the clinic.

Special Education Forum

The five candidates for the Montgomery County Board of Education will hold a public forum on Sunday, Oct. 19 to discuss special education in the school system. The meeting will be held at the Rock Creek Church, 19100 Muncaster Road in Derwood, Md. from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The forum will feature brief statements from each candidate and then open to dialogue between the candidates before they take questions from the floor. The forum will end with each candidate giving concluding statement.

PAInT Opening

Potomac Artists IN Touch and CitiBank invite the public to attend the opening Reception Potomac Days Art Tour at CitiBank, 9812 Falls Road in Potomac Promenade Shopping Center on Friday, Oct. 17, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NEWS

Roger's Thoughts

Roger Berliner meets with constituents.

County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-1, Potomac, Chevy Chase, Bethesda) met with residents at a North Bethesda elementary school on Monday, Oct. 13 and talked with residents about issues in their communities and in the county at large.

On the redevelopment of the area around White Flint Mall into an area reminiscent of the new downtown Rockville; Berliner called the current retail area of White Flint "A strip mall on steroids":

"The issue of White Flint is the issue of smart growth ... what you're trying to do is to have a community that lives and works in the same place. The whole paradigm of how we go about development has changed ... and the belief is, if done correctly, it will relieve traffic on Rockville Pike."

On sometimes voting in opposition to the wishes of some of his constituents:

"I take your concerns very seriously. It is my job to take your concerns very seriously. My job does not stop there ... I have a bigger responsibility that is not easy, that is weighing the [larger] public interest."

On the proposal before the County Council to charge those transported to hospitals a fee for being transported by an ambulance; the fee has been proposed to help bridge a projected \$250 million county budget shortfall for the 2009 fiscal year:

"If I'm a firefighter I'm saying, 'You want me to take a pay cut and you're not going to approve an ambulance fee that would be paid for by insurance companies [for those with health insurance] or not

at all [for those without health insurance] because you didn't have the political will?' These are some of the kinds of tradeoffs that have to be made and it's not easy."

On potential health issues and the loss of tranquility along the Capital Crescent Trail if a proposed future light rail system is installed:

"[The public right-of-way for the trail and the light rail] would never have been bought if it was for the trail alone. It was envisioned from the beginning that [light rail would be installed] and it was never envisioned otherwise ... It would be a different experience but I would say to you I don't think it would be a bad experience."

On Montgomery County being forced to fund traffic improvements to accommodate the expansion of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda:

"I fundamentally believe this is a Federal responsibility ... and I believe it is their responsibility to mitigate the impact of this because the County can't afford it and the State can't afford it and it was a Federal decision."

On Councilwoman Valerie Ervin's (D-5) proposal to formally support withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq, Berliner said the county has developed a reputation for not focusing its attention close enough to home:

"The answer is no, I won't support that. I oppose this war in my bones ... [but] do I think this is the right moment in time for Montgomery County to weigh in? No, I don't."

— AARON STERN

New ATM To Affect Traffic Flow

A proposed drive-through ATM in the Potomac Place shopping center in Potomac Village would create a new traffic pattern in the busy parking lot.

PNC Bank officials plan to submit plans to convert their walk-up ATM in the parking lot — near Falls Road beside the brick wall adjacent to Potomac BP service station — into a drive-through facility. The plans could be submitted to the Montgomery County Planning Board in the next month. If the project doesn't hit any snags, the structure could be built next summer.

Aside from PNC Bank customers, the facility will affect those who visit Potomac Village often enough to know that getting in and out of the Potomac Place parking lot onto Falls Road can sometimes be a patience-trying experience. Cars trying to leave the lot typically stack up at least three deep, meaning that those cars that come in and want to make a quick left turn must often wait to do so. In turn that can cause cars to stack up on Falls Road too. The goal of the new traffic pattern from the new ATM is to smooth out the kinks of that process, said James Rich of Zuckerman Gravely Management Company, which controls the Potomac Place shopping center.

"This intersection gets very gummed up and for you people who live here you know that better than I do," said Rich at a meeting of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association on Wednesday, Oct. 1 where he and PNC officials detailed the plans. "I think part of the problem now is that there are no

directional signs and people do whatever they want."

To cure that, cars will no longer be able to take the immediate left when turning into the parking lot from Falls Road. That lane will be designated for one-way traffic leaving the ATM and the parking spaces in that row. In addition to the stop sign at the turn onto Falls Road, a stop sign will be placed in the parking lot in front of that one-way traffic lane to allow cars to get out from the ATM.

The ATM facility itself will serve one car at a time and will have ATM and drive-through banking capabilities. A pneumatic tube will be laid down between the ATM and the PNC Bank branch next to Sprinkles during construction to accommodate bank deposits. Only three of the parking lot's 373 parking spaces will be eliminated, said Rich.

The new structure will help to serve PNC customers who use the Potomac Promenade PNC branch, as that branch will be closed down in the coming months, bank officials said.

— AARON STERN

Rotary Club Hosts Event

At the next Rotary Club meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 22, two associates from the National Association of Missing & Exploited Children will offer practical steps residents can take to secure their children and loved ones. It begins at 12:15 p.m. at Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Road. For more information, visit <http://www.rotaryclubofpotomac.org>.

NEWS

Country Inn Plan Downsized Proposal for restaurant facility no longer includes over-night lodging.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

The Koh family is back with a revised plan for a restaurant facility that would require a zoning change to their property near the intersection of River Road and Lake Potomac Drive.

"I think this is far more feasible than what we had before," said Francis Koh at an Oct. 1 meeting of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association.

A 4,000-square-foot restaurant facility and a small craft shop are the focal points of Koh's newest plan. Those had been in the family's earlier plans, but gone now is a proposed banquet hall facility, as are 12 guestrooms that the Kohs had originally intended. That proposal was met with a largely negative reception by the Montgomery County Planning Board last winter, and the board granted the Koh family deferment on their plans with the recommendation that they work with the community and extensively alter — and scale back — their project.

Residents have been skeptical about the facility and have expressed concerns that the project would bring added traffic in the afternoons and noise long into the night. A July meeting between the Kohs and residents was contentious, and some residents at that meeting said they feared such a project in their neighborhood could adversely affect their property values.

The noise concerns were driven in part by the now-discarded banquet proposal, but many in the audience at the West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting remained skeptical.

THE KOH'S PROPERTY is currently zoned for residential use but the family is seeking a change to a Country Inn zoning category that would permit the proposed uses. When originally created, the

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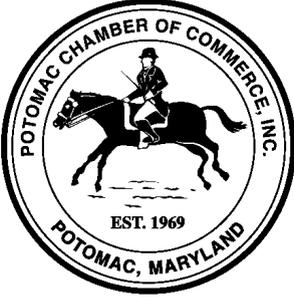
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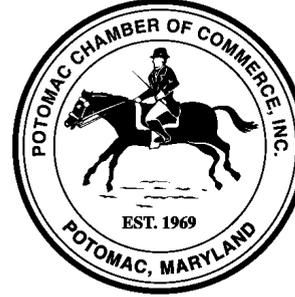
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Johanna Tigges, 5 and Caroline and Kate Schneider, 5 and 3, respectively, enjoy Italian ice under the Travilah Oak as they listen to the lively bluegrass of Lydia, Emily, and Claude Martin of Western Maryland.

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Gather Round

Travilah Oak Day celebrates longevity and community.

Most trees in these parts don't live to see 300. Then again, most trees don't have birthday parties.

But the Travilah Oak is no ordinary tree, and on Saturday, Oct. 11 hundreds of residents from Potomac, North Potomac, Darnestown and beyond came out to celebrate the nearly 300-year-old tree.

"We came last year and it's a nice day to come out," said Dan Schruaffer who came with his wife, Anjali, and their daughter Alisha, 2. Warm temperatures, bright sun, and lots of family-friendly features — food, face painting, Chinese lion dancing, horse rides, hay rides, live bluegrass music, among others — made the day popular for families.

Older than the United States, the

Travilah Oak is one of the oldest trees in the state, having witnessed both Union and Confederate soldiers pass by and the coming and going of the town of Travilah. And with its good health, it may outlive many of those who came out to see it on Saturday, said Lara Miller, an arborist for Montgomery County.

At just under 100 feet in height, the tree is short in comparison to others of its age. That's because "when trees can spread out they don't need to grow up," said Miller.

Trees this old in developed areas are hard to find, said Miller.

"We find them here and there ... but it is rare and they should be celebrated because it's a sign of conservation at its best," Miller said.

— AARON STERN



Jaimie Morris, 4, gets a horse ride.



Stephanie Vivina, 10, of Darnestown, took home a narrow victory in a highly competitive pumpkin-decorating contest judged by The Almanac and Quince Orchard High School art teacher Jeremy Lundquist.

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Sam Castillo, 6, pets a miniature horse that was there for the petting at the Travilah Oak Festival.



Dana Semmes gathers everyone for the cutting of the tree's birthday cake.

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Ruby

Ruby is a female, 1-year-old, 50 lbs., spayed, Vizsla mix. Ruby is a beauty and full of puppy energy. She loves to run, especially to fetch a tennis ball and is a quick study in learning commands. Ruby will do best with a fenced yard and an owner who will give direction and training to this happy hunting dog mix.



Olivia

Olivia is a female, 4-year-old, 20 lbs., spayed, Whippet-mix. Olivia loves people and is something of a Velcro dog. She gets along well with people, other dogs and animals and loves to run and exercise. Olivia would do best in a quieter home where she wouldn't feel the need to be a barking guard dog.

WORKSHOPS

Your Dog's Friend, a non-profit organization that educates and supports dog owners, has set its schedule for this fall. Free workshops will be held at Potomac and Wheaton community centers through Nov. 16.

Dog owners can find more information and register for the workshops and dog training classes by going to www.yourdogsfriend.info or calling 301-983-5913.

This fall's workshops will include:

- Bring on the Doggy Police (when neighbors just can't seem to get along), Saturday, Oct. 18; 2-4 p.m.; Wheaton Community Center, 11711 Georgia Ave. Maybe, your neighbor complains about your dog barking. Or your dog chased the neighbor's cat - soiled your neighbor's lawn - nipped at a child - runs loose when your kids leave the door open. Or your dog hasn't done any of these things, but is still considered the neighborhood terror. Learn ways to resolve disputes before they escalate. The speaker, Didi Clement, is a former Animal Control Officer, and is currently the director of Humane Society University. How Dogs Can Help Individuals with Autism and other Developmental Disabilities, Saturday, Oct. 25, 2-4 p.m. at the Wheaton Community Center, 11711 Georgia Ave.

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- This year, the tour will feature 15 art studios and four exhibit venues. Some are located in artists' residences, others are in historic properties, barns and funky outbuildings on scenic back roads.
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Businesses Feel Effects of Slumping Economy

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he said.

"This government stuff" that Greenberg refers to is the Federal government's response to the collapse of Wall Street behemoths and banks, and as average citizens have watched their retirement investments and other savings depreciate, they have grown more hesitant to spend the money they still have. That increasing consumer thriftiness poses a new threat to small businesses already dealing with higher freight and product costs over the last year and more.

"There are a lot of people in Potomac who are reasonably secure in their day to day living, but we're all worried about this meltdown."

**—Murray Berman,
Hunter's Inn
co-owner**

Greenberg said that these days regular customers who used to come in two to three times a week might just come in once or twice a week. Those who might have come in once a week now come in once or twice a month. But while the drop in business has been more recent, businesses have been feeling the crunch for more than a year now.

"Costs have definitely increased over the last year, the whole industry," said Greenberg.

That includes everything from the cornerstones of his business — grains and dairy — but also surges in the prices of paper and petroleum-based products, meaning that it's more expensive than ever to stock pizza boxes and carryout plastic bags.

STILL, things right now are actually better than they were earlier this year, Greenberg said. Between November



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Kitchen staff at Potomac Pizza serve up dishes during a recent lunch rush at the popular Potomac restaurant. Rising business costs and more frugal customers have hurt some local businesses.

of 2007 and March of this year was when his costs were highest, as the price of crude oil surged internationally. The price of Greenberg's flour jumped 300 percent — from \$11 per bag to \$33. As gas prices have come back down his costs have lowered to more reasonable rates. Flour is now somewhere between \$15 and \$18 per bag, Greenberg said, but it still hurts.

"It's still up 75 percent, that's still ridicu-

lous," he said. "It's not like I can double the price of my pizza."

He did have to increase prices though, raising the price of each of his pizzas by \$1 in January. The spike in the cost of doing business makes those things that are constantly on the rise regardless of the economy — rents and payrolls, for instance — that much more painful, Greenberg said.

"There isn't anything that hasn't gone up in price," said Murray Berman, who along with his older brother Fred has owned Hunter's Inn in Potomac for the last six years. Fish and produce have gone up the most, in the neighborhood of 15 to 20 percent in the last several months.

jumped more than 10 percent in recent months due to rising gas prices. As a result she said that she tries to get discounted freight prices by ordering in higher quantities, which also means that she orders less frequently, which in turn presents a problem of storage.

"Then it's hard because this is a small store, we don't have a lot of space to inventory," she said.

LIKE GREENBERG'S pizza dough and pizza boxes and Berman's produce and seafood, the cost of entertaining children has gone up in recent months. Jarunee Chantraparnik runs Toys Unique, a specialty toy store around the corner from Potomac Pizza. The cost of purchasing her toys has gone up roughly five percent, in the last year, but, worse, freight and delivery costs have

So far Chantraparnik said she has yet to pass the increase in business costs onto her customers, but she knows that this holiday season might be a little slower than those in years passed, even though the average Potomac resident may not feel the sting of tough economic times as sharply as the average American citizen.

"A lot of people in this area might not be affected directly by the economy but I think every family is concerned," Chantraparnik said. "I think it's in the back of everyone's mind to be careful with spending."

While many in Potomac might be insulated from economic fallout, the conversations that Anna Maria Joyner hears her customers having on their cellphones these days have a tendency to hinge on the economy and the economic bailout plan.

Fortunately for Joyner, the manager at the Potomac Place county-run wine and liquor store, her business is fairly static whether times are good or bad, and in times like these a county government facing million in budget shortfalls can be thankful that it controls and profits from the sale of spirits to its residents.

"People drink when they're happy and people drink when they're down, so we can't lose," Joyner said.

Fortunately for the Berman brothers, their business has actually increased a little over the last year, something that Murray Berman attributes to having a presence in the community.

"We're a neighborhood place," he

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"The last few weeks because of this government stuff, everybody's being cautious."

**—Adam Greenberg,
Potomac Pizza**

Police Analyzing Raid in Scotland Neighborhood

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taling upwards of \$20,000, but came away with only two bandanas from his home on Scotland Drive. At one point police indicated they were going to search a shed he had built on his property and Thompson said he told them he had a key to the shed. Thompson said police responded that they had a key of their own and broke the shed door with a battering ram.

The police officer then turned to Thompson and said, "[Expletive], I told you we had a key," Thompson recalled.

Thompson's voice faltered with emo-

tion periodically as he recalled the details of that morning while speaking at a public meeting County Councilman Roger Berliner held with constituents to discuss their general concerns on Monday, Oct. 13.

Thompson said that police damaged doors, doorframes and furniture, then told the residents that police were not responsible for repaying for any damage incurred. The nature and manner in which police conducted themselves indicated a racial bias, Thompson said.

LEGISLATIVE AIDES from Berliner's of-

fice said that they had been in contact both with members of the Scotland community and with police, including Chief Thomas Manger.

Starks, a police spokesperson, said that there is no set protocol in determining whether or not to use SWAT teams when serving warrants tied to a burglary.

"There is no normal. It's hard to define what normal is. If there is a belief or evidence that there may be weapons or some sort of violent resistance ... then the SWAT team will serve the warrant."

Starks did not say what if anything was recovered.

Starks said that while no formal complaints were lodged by residents of the community, the investigation into the raid was launched nonetheless.

"The bottom line is the police department learned of at least some members of the community thinking that the police acted improperly and, based on that, Chief Manger said we are doing an internal investigation" Starks said.

Mike Mage, the co-chair of the Montgomery County American Civil Liberties Union, said that his office was also looking into the incident.

Smaller Country Inn

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County Inn Zone was designed to grandfather in establishments like Normandie Farms and the Comus Inn, small restaurants that were established before Montgomery County zoning ordinances were first established in 1958 and that were no longer compatible with the residential areas surrounding them. If approved, the Koh property would be just the second project in the county to obtain the Country Inn zoning change for new construction.

Even with the amount of community opposition the Kohs face, the change in zoning is the biggest hurdle to getting the approval of the project, said Jodie Kline, the family's attorney. Kline said that because the zoning change would

remain with the property even if the Koh's project should not be viable — another oft-expressed worry from neighbors — many will worry about who and what would come to the property next. The family hopes to present their revised plan to the Planning Board's staff to restart the review process later this year.

But while the Kohs have scaled down their proposal, they have yet to offer concrete plans about what type of restaurant they would run or who would run it. Francis Koh reiterated only that it would be an upscale dining facility. That wasn't good enough for Potomac resident Liza Durant, who said she wanted to see a more concrete business plan. "I mean, we don't want to see a Chili's there," she said.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Washington Episcopal School invites parents to an **open house** for a question/answer session and tour

Thursday, **Oct. 16 at 9 a.m.** The school is located at 5600 Little Falls Parkway, Bethesda. Contact the Office of Admission at 301-652-7878, admissions@w-e-s.org or visit www.w-e-s.org.

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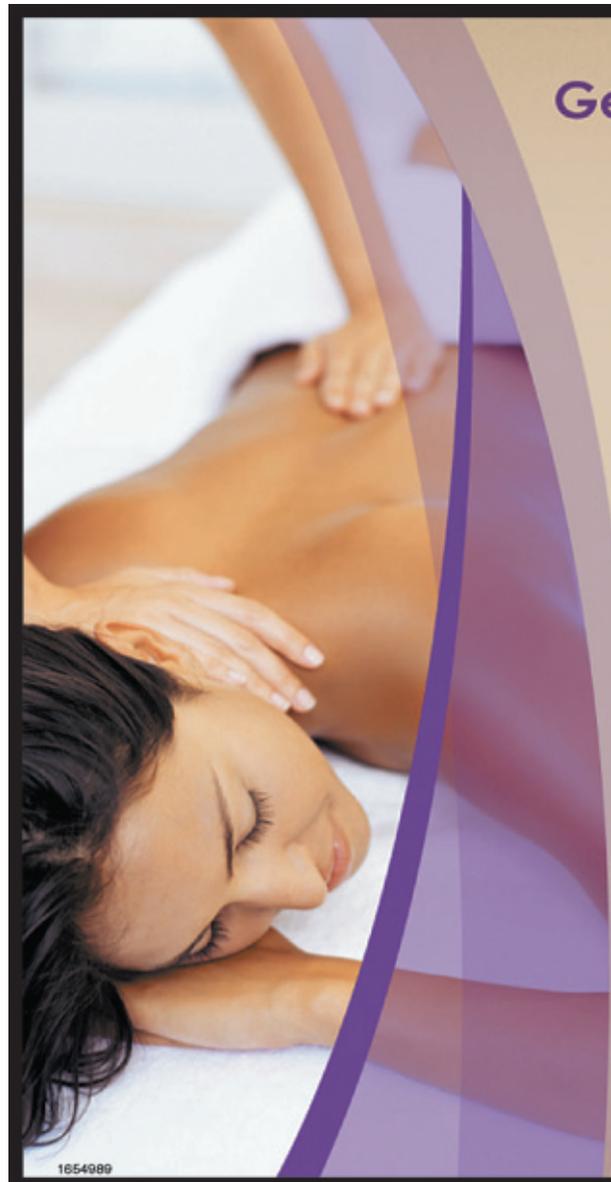
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THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Community Pumpkin Patch. The community pumpkin patch is open from Oct. 11-31 at North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Call 301-530-4342.

Community Harvest Festival. Bring the family for carnival games, snacks, moon bounce, animals and much more at the North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, from 12-4 p.m. Call 301-530-4342.

Music in the Mansion. Performer and scholar Edwin Good performs at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25/person; call 301-581-2100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Adidam Talk. Adidam Revelation Bookstore, 10610 Falls Road, Potomac, presents (on DVD) monthly talks by Avatar Adi Da Samraj and presentations by his students about their relationship with him from 7:30-9 p.m., \$9. Call 301-762-1057 or e-mail info@adidamdc.org. 10610

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

Chuck Brown. 8 p.m., Music Center at Strathmore, Concert Hall. Tickets: \$35. 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org.

POSITIVE-ly Fun Rock Concert. A musical show with Kidsinger Jim at the Cabin John Mall Atrium, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, 9:30 a.m.

Middle Eastern Bazaar. Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, will host its 25th annual Middle Eastern Bazaar and Food Festival the weekend of Oct. 17-19, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 12-6 p.m. Sunday. The Bazaar will feature live music, arts and crafts, international groceries, religious items, children's activities and more. Visit www.peterpaul.net.

Contra Dance. The Friday Night Dancers presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m., dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. to live music. \$9/person. E-mail



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Adam Greenburg atop the Potomac Pizza truck in last year's Potomac Day parade, threw t-shirts and candy to the crowd. Potomac Day, this Saturday, Oct. 18, includes a parade, 5k Run, free children's rides, car show, and a business fair. For more information, see <http://www.potomacchamber.org/index.php/events>.

Cajun and Zydeco Dance Party. Held in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. with an optional introductory lesson at 8 p.m. \$18/person, e-mail dancingbythebayou@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Potomac Day. The annual events include a parade, 5k Run, free children's rides, car show, and a business fair. To register or for more information, see <http://www.potomacchamber.org/index.php/events>.

Bring on the Doggy Police (when neighbors just can't seem to get along). Learn how to reconcile neighborhood conflicts that arise from dog misbehavior and find out

more about the Montgomery County animal complaint process, from 2-4 p.m. at Wheaton Community Center, 11711 Georgia Ave. Wheaton. Call 301-983-5913 or visit www.yourdogsfriend.info.

Imagination Station Gala.

Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda, will host its 29th annual gala, "Understanding Hearts: Celebrating Teachers and Other Heroes." VIP reception at 6 p.m., silent auction at 6:30 p.m. and an original musical theatre performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250/person; contact Barbara Rollins at 301-280-1625 or brollins@imaginationstage.org.

Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading

Fall Frolic

Glen Echo Park's 4th annual Fall Frolic will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 25**. This family event with a festive Halloween theme is open to the public, and visitors of all ages are invited to the park to explore the arts through hands-on crafts, live performances, and Halloween activities. For information, call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES Children and Families

❖ Discovery Creek's weekend family program, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$5/non-members; free/members and children under 2 yrs.)

❖ The Puppet Co. presents "The 3 Billy Goats Gruff," 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. (\$10)

❖ Hands on Puppets at the Puppet Co. Playhouse, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (free)

❖ Adventure Theatre presents "Harold and the Purple Crayon," 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4 p.m. (\$12/children 12 and under; \$15/adults)

❖ Pumpkin Painting, 1 to 4 p.m. (\$1)

❖ Face Painting, 1 to 3:30 p.m.,

(\$1/\$2)
❖ Decorate Trick-or-Treat bags, 1 to 4 p.m. (free)

❖ Trick-or-Treating at galleries, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (free)

❖ Costume Parade through Park, 3:30 p.m. (free)

Open Studios And Galleries

❖ Art Glass Center at Glen Echo, noon to 4 p.m.

❖ Glen Echo Pottery, noon to 5 p.m.

❖ Photoworks, "Emily Whiting: Portraits," 1 to 4 p.m.

❖ Popcorn Gallery, "Magnificence Amidst the Metropolis: Photographs from Theodore Roosevelt Island," noon to 6 p.m.; opening reception, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

❖ Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery, "Paintings of Tilghman Island," noon to 5 p.m.

Dancing

❖ Swing dance to the big band sounds of Blue Sky 5 + 2 in the Spanish Ballroom. Lesson from 8 to 9 p.m. followed by dancing until midnight. (\$15)

discussions from 3-5 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Registration not required.

Magic Show. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, celebrates Potomac Community Day with a special performance from the SHAZAM Magic troupe at 12:30 p.m. All ages. Please register online or by calling 240-777-0690.

Salsa Dance. Enjoy a Salsa Dance with a Salsa lesson at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park from 8-9 p.m., taught by Keith Givens, followed by dancing to live music until midnight. All ages are welcome. \$15/person. Call 703-599-3300.

Life and Death on the C&O Canal.

Through various scenes visitors experience the struggle to survive on the C&O Canal during its construction and operation. Costumed interpreters will present the program 11 different times. Programs begin every 15 minutes from 6:30-9 p.m. \$5/adults, \$4/children 4-15. Call 301-767-3714 for reservations.

Grape Stomp. Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, 18125 Comus Road, Dickerson, is holding its second annual Grape Stomp with live music, wine tasting, BBQ, tours and more. 12-5 p.m.; \$10/over 21, free/under 21.

Beat-Boxing. Dave Baumgartner of Almost Recess will lead a workshop on the vocal acrobatics of beat-box at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, 12-3 p.m. Tickets: \$30/person; call 301-581-

5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.
Classical Music. The National Philharmonic Orchestra will perform works by Mozart and Mendelssohn at the Music Center at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$29/person; call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Homecoming Carnival. Join St. Andrew's Episcopal School for their annual Walkathon and Homecoming Carnival to be held at the Postoak Road Campus. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Visit www.saes.org, or contact Brooke Norrett at 301-983-5200 x283 or bnorrett@saes.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

Family Dance. Spend the afternoon dancing with your children at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park from 3-5 p.m. Admission: \$5/person. Visit www.fsgw.org.

Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park begins at 2 p.m. with a special Texas 2-step workshop, followed by a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop then 2 1/2 hours of social dancing. Admission is \$8 per person. Call 202-238-0230.

Sunday Blues. Blues dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, from 7-11 p.m. featuring live music. A 1-1/2 hour dance workshop, taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte, begins at 7 p.m. No partner required. Admission for the workshop and dance is \$17 (7-11 p.m.); or \$12 for the dance only (8:30-11 p.m.). Call 301-634-2231.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Exercise Class. Join Kym Sevilla as she leads people affected by cancer in discussion and exercises that will enhance awareness of posture and alignment at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. 10-11 a.m.; free. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

The Potomac Area Newcomers Club will hold a pot luck luncheon at 12 p.m. Discussion

topics will include Osteoporosis, Treatment, and Prevention. Cost: \$5.00/person. Call Alexa Kempel at 240-678-4561 or visit www.PotomacNewcomers.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Cancer Recovery Workshop. Women can explore their relationship with their bodies after cancer treatment by translating the challenges of an illness into its potential for healing at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda, from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org for reservations.

Civic Federation Seminar. Learn more about the procedures and law involved in the land rezoning process

and how to develop a strategy for your successful participation in the process. 9-11:30 a.m., Montgomery County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St., Rockville.

THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Exercise Class. Join Kym Sevilla as she leads people affected by cancer in discussion and exercises that will enhance awareness of posture and alignment at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. 10-11 a.m.; free. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

Preschool Fair. Learn about local preschools at the 11th Annual Preschool Fair sponsored by the MOMS Club of Potomac. The

Preschool Fair will be held at the Potomac Community Center from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Admission is free and children are welcome. Call Colleen Greer at 301-299-9884 or e-mail momspotomac@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Exercise Class. Join Kym Sevilla as she leads people affected by cancer in discussion and exercises that will enhance awareness of posture and alignment at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. 10-11 a.m.; free. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Celebration. Enjoy tea and treats at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane,

Suite 100, Bethesda, from 10-11 a.m. with other people who have been affected by cancer. Learn about free programs for people with cancer and their loved ones. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

On Parenting. Dr. Edward M. Hallowell, psychiatrist and best-selling author of 14 parenting books, will speak on how parenting can lead to raising children who are happy, connected and responsible. The Bullis School Blair Family Center for the Arts, Howard Auditorium, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Pre-registration required by calling the Parent Encouragement Program, 301-929-8824. Tickets are \$25/person, \$45/couple.

THEATER



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Huckle Cat (Matthew A. Anderson) tells his best friend, Lowly Worm, about plans for his very big day in Busytown, in the current production by Imagination Stage.

Imagination Stage's performances of "Busytown," suitable for all ages, runs through **Nov. 2**, playing on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre. For **Oct. 25**, the show will play at 10:30 a.m. Single tickets range from \$10-\$21. Shows run roughly 90 minutes, with one intermission. Reservations are recommended. Call the box office at 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org. Imagination Stage is located 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda and is handicapped accessible.

"A Year with Frog and Toad" runs **Oct. 15-17**, at 8 p.m., **Oct. 18**, at 1 and 8 p.m., and **Oct. 19**, at 2 p.m. This musical follows the adventures of two amphibious friends, a worrywart toad and a perky frog. Due to the renovation of the Performing Arts Center, this show will be performed in the Theatre Arts Building.

Wootton High School Center for the Arts will present Tim Kelly's "Horror High!" a send-up of teen slasher flicks. Show times are: Thursday, **Oct. 23**, Friday, **Oct. 24** and Saturday, **Oct. 25** at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults (general admission only) and can be purchased at the Wootton Box Office Monday, Oct. 20 through Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 3-6 p.m. and two hours before show times on performance days. Ticket forms are available online at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woottonhs/academics/art/HorrorHighOrderForm.pdf>

Winston Churchill High School will perform the award-winning Broadway play "Rent: School Edition" when the curtains go up **Oct. 24, 25, 31**, and **Nov. 1** at 7:30 p.m. in the Gertrude Bish Auditorium. The next major event planned is five performances of Walt Disney's classic, "Beauty and the Beast," set for **Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, and 13**. The Bish Auditorium at Winston Churchill High School is located at 11300 Gainsborough Road. Tickets for the show cost \$12 or \$10, depending on seat location, and may be purchased online at www.seatyourself.biz/Churchill

"Miss Nelson is Missing!," a musical-comedy, will be running at the **Imagination Stage**, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda, **Nov. 22-Jan. 4** at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Call the box office at 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org.

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OBITUARY

Carole Compton Kreider

Beyond her generosity and selflessness, Carole Compton Kreider had charisma.

"She always had a smile and she could make a joke and she was just always joking around," said her daughter, Cindy Kreider Montgomery. "Everybody wanted to be near her just to have fun."

Carole Compton Kreider died in her Potomac home on Thursday, Oct. 9 of cardiac thrombosis. She was 69.

Born and raised in the suburbs of Massachusetts, her selfless nature was on display from an early age when, as a teenager, Kreider, a Protestant, used to walk the Catholic children in her neighborhood to church.

"When her mother found out she was horrified," said Montgomery with a laugh.

Kreider graduated from Simmons College with a bachelor of science degree in Boston and shortly thereafter married Army Captain Kenneth Kreider. The two started their family and in 1972 moved to Potomac when Kenneth Kreider went to work for the National Bureau of Standards, now the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Once their three children went off to school, Carole Kreider rejoined the workforce with the Montgomery County Court Team, where she reviewed the mental evaluations of prospective prisoners. She found herself drawn to the work and in 1985 graduated from Bowie State University with a master's degree in counseling psychology. Kreider then went to work for Affiliated Community Counselors in Rockville, a non-profit group that offers counseling to poor and underprivileged residents. She worked there as a counselor from 1985 to 1996, and from 1990 to 1996 she served as the organization's intake coordinator and administrative director.

"She never thought about the money ever, that wasn't her purpose," said Montgomery. "She was trying to help people. She wanted to serve the community."

Kreider was also very active with



Carole Compton Kreider

Cold Spring Elementary School, Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, among other local organizations, and when the time came she was a devoted and doting grandmother.

Kreider is survived by her husband Kenneth Kreider, her children Cindy Kreider Montgomery, Kenneth Brett Kreider, Christopher Lee Kreider, her brother Robert Compton, her stepsister Marilyn D'Angelo, stepbrother Bruce Compton, and six grandchildren.

Kreider, who was voted the Class Wit at Westwood High School in Westwood Mass., Class of 1956, will always be remembered as someone people loved to be around, Montgomery said.

"Everybody wanted to be near her just to have fun," Montgomery said. "It was just fun to be around her. She had charisma that drew people to her."

Kreider will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

Donations in lieu of flowers could be directed to Cedar Lane Unitarian Church (cedarlane.org), 9201 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, HOPE worldwide (hopeww.org), 353 West Lancaster Ave., Suite 200, Wayne, PA 19087 or Center for Celiac Research (celiaccenter.org) Attention: Pam King, Director of Operations, Center for Celiac Research, University of Maryland, 20 Penn St., S303B, Baltimore, MD 21201.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Human Rights are sponsoring an **essay contest for all Montgomery County middle school students**. The theme of this year's contest is "What Does Justice and Dignity for All Mean to You?" Essays should address how they would combat problems of human rights injustices and discrimination. There will be first, second and third place winners named in each grade (sixth, seventh and eighth grades). The deadline for submitting an entry is **Oct. 24**. Contest

rules and criteria are available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/humanrights.

The **Holton-Arms School** will host its fall open house on Sunday, **Nov. 16**, from 2 - 5 p.m. Registration is at 2 p.m., followed by a welcome from the Head of School Susanna Jones at 2:15 p.m. The Open House is free and open to the public. For more information call 301-365-5300 or go to www.holton-arms.edu.

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Hosts of the "Build the Buddy Cellar" party, Gary and Donna Greenfield and Carolyn and Mark Keller, have supported the Best Buddies Ball with this event for three years. Their concept succeeds with a special blend of fund-raising and fashion. To set the tone for the party, Donna Greenfield, dressed in Balenciaga and Carolyn Keller in Missoni and Dior stilettos.



Potomac's Keith and Carole Fungler, longtime supporters of Best Buddies, helped build the Buddy Cellar with their own special bottle of wine and Carole's own special style in a black Gucci top.

They Built the Buddy Cellar

Carl Lewis bid \$23,000 for the wine collection two years ago; what will this year's cellar bring?

BY CAROLE DELL
THE CONNECTION

It was a night about friendship and fine wine for guests at Donna and Gary Greenfield's home on Sept. 18. Along with Carolyn and Mark Keller, the two couples hosted their third annual "Build the Buddy Cellar" party to benefit the auction at the upcoming Best Buddies Ball to be held on Oct. 18 at Eunice and Sargent Shriver's Potomac home.

Anthony, the Shriver's youngest son, founded Best Buddies while a student at Georgetown University. The organization fosters friendships between people with intellectual disabilities and college and high school students. Today, more than 30,000 participants in Best Buddies International impact the lives of 400,000 individuals. The funds raised help build and support 1,400 chapters in all 50 states and 37 countries. The ball this year honors Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned for her work with people with disabilities in Qatar.

The "Build the Buddy Cellar" evening hosted more



If fashion raged at the party, Dior roared with Chevy Chase store manager Carole Benis showing a sexy French form in her Christian Dior "Sweet" A-Line dress in multicolor silk. Assistant manager Miguel Toullier, came dressed in Dior Homme while stylist Jessica Clark smoldered in Dior's "Babe Sirene" dress.

than 150 supporters who enjoyed the night of camaraderie; but its success was the result of the guest's wine savvy when they arrived carrying a pricy bottle as price of admission. "This event gives an opportunity for younger people to participate and contribute to the Best Buddies movement without attending the ball, which is sold out," said Best Buddies International Development Director Hilary Stephens.

The Buddy Cellar has become one of the ball's most sought-after auction prizes. This year's party harvested over 100 not-to-miss-for-anything bottles of fine wine. "We always have a nice quality, but this year's is exceptional," said host Donna Greenfield. It is the kind of bounty that two years ago enticed Olympian Carl Lewis to bid \$23,000 at the auction, so he could take the Buddy Cellar home to California. The Kellers, the high bidders at last year's ball, sent theirs off to Florida.

Guests were treated to a wine tasting sponsored by Dean & De Luca and sipped on the Greenfield's terrace overlooking the garden, dusky and lush in the balmy evening. Flowers and foliage glimmered in a warm light from inside where the staff offered hors d'oeuvres and their wine experts explained the various selections at stations throughout the home.

If wine ruled, fashion raged in the form of young, sexy and couture. Locals, like Carole Fungler, arrived dressed in a favorite Gucci top and Etro skirt. Towering over the crowd, Christian Dior stylist Jessica Clark shimmered in six-inch heels, while manager Carole Benis wore a to-die-for Dior dress featured at their Chevy Chase store. In terms of the ready-for-anything-kind-of-elegance typical of Ralph Lauren, salesperson Marguerite Gould arrived wearing just that: a white ruffle top and slinky silk pants. Bidding at the Best Buddies Ball auction can become highly competitive for fashion items from these stores, who support it with dreamed-about handbags and other couture craveables.

Those not attending the ball can have a chance to bid online to try their hand at snagging a purebred Straight Egyptian Arabian mare, sitting VIP at the Indianapolis 500 race, turning heads in Tom Brady's Audi S8, or enjoying finish line seats at next year's Kentucky Derby, to name just a few of these potential holiday gifts "for the person who just has everything."

Carole Dell serves as co-chair for the Best Buddies Ball.

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SPORTS



Whitman junior forward Kat Barth following a free kick in the first half of Whitman's 4-2 loss to Walter Johnson.

Just Out of Reach

Previously undefeated, Whitman loses division title to Walter Johnson.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

Whitman girl's soccer team watched a first half lead and a division title disappear in 4-2 loss to Walter Johnson last Saturday.

The Vikings and Wildcats had been deadlocked with identical perfect records within the 4A West Di-

vision heading into the game. The win clinches the division for Walter Johnson since it now holds the tiebreaker over Whitman.

In the Vikings' two previous games, a 3-2 double overtime win over Northwest and a 2-1 win against Wootton last week, Whitman jumped out to a 2-0 lead only to relax after halftime and barely hang on for the win.

The storyline was the same Saturday — except for the result.

THE VIKINGS JUMPED out to an early lead after junior Emma Bethel scored a little over a minute into the game and senior Retha Koefoed headed in a second goal five minutes later off a corner kick from senior Meghan Doherty. "The girls did the job themselves motivating themselves before the game," coach Greg Herbert said. "They knew what was at stake with a division championship, and they were really, really excited."

But the Vikings couldn't keep with up Walter Johnson's forward, Caroline Miller. The senior made plays for the Wildcats in the second half, scoring three goals and assisting on her team's fourth.

Once Miller got going, the Vikings had no answer.

"She got loose a couple of times," Herbert said. "Our game plan was to play solidly all over the field and we did it in the first half. In the second half ... we just had a couple of miscues and that let them get back in the game."

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"I don't know what it is at halftime but we have to do something, maybe a better halftime speech."

— Whitman coach Greg Herbert



Whitman freshman Emily Yin races for a loose ball in the second half of Saturday's game.

PHOTOS BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

SPORTS

4-2 Loss

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We gave them a lot of momentum and that changed the complexion of the game.”

IN THE FIRST HALF, the Viking squad maintained possession throughout the majority of the half, connected on crisp passes, and generated plenty of quality scoring chances.

The Viking team in the second half was constantly on its heels thanks to the onslaught delivered courtesy of Miller, an All-Met performer the past two seasons.

Afterwards, amidst some forlorn faces, Herbert emphasized that his team move past the lost division title, and to instead focus on replicating the first half, all game long, next time.

“I don’t know what it is at halftime but we have to do something, maybe a better halftime speech,” Herbert joked.

The Vikings get a shot at redemption this Wednesday, Oct. 15, after the Almanac’s presstime, against B-CC. They close out the regular season in a non-league game against Holton Arms on Oct. 22.

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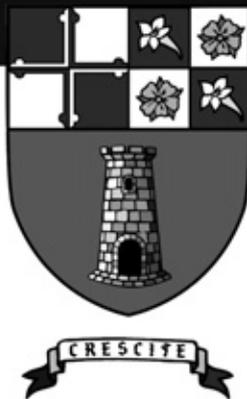
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Sophomore Bertan Unal at Providence College.

Sophomore Harris Middel playing lacrosse for Vermont.

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Former Churchill lacrosse teammates, Harris Middel and Bertan Unal, faced off against one another this weekend when Middel's University of Vermont lacrosse squad played Unal's Providence College team this past weekend in the Catamount Classic in Massachusetts.

As part of the Catamount Classic, Middel and Unal, both sophomores in college now, were playing to raise funds for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's testicular cancer research at the University of Vermont.

Lacrosse teams from Dartmouth, Brown, Massachusetts, and Bryant also participated in the event. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact:

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FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

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Senior wide receiver Danny Holzman led the charge for Churchill, catching six passes for more than 170 yards and two touchdowns, including a 64-yard grab on the game's first play from scrimmage. The Bulldogs scored on their first four possessions to take a 28-13 lead into halftime. Churchill faces Magruder this Friday before traveling to play local rival Whitman on Oct. 24.

The **Wootton Patriots** football team was dominant in a 20-0 shut-out of Rockville last Friday night, Oct. 10. The win upped the Patriots record to 4-2 this season and keeps them on pace for a playoff bid at the end of the year.

Once again leading the way for Wootton was quarterback Mike Mooney, who was 21-of-31 for 255 yards. Twelve of his completions went to wideout Stephane N'goumou, who finished with 112 yards receiving.

The Patriots move on to face Blair at home this Friday.

Practice Makes Perfect

Area tennis teams excelling thanks to practice schedules that leave little time to spare.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

For many of her Whitman counterparts on other sports teams this fall, the day ends once practice is complete following a long day of school.

But for sophomore Sarah Macy the No. 1 singles player on the Vikings girl's tennis team, the moment her high school practice ends really means she's just in the middle of her grueling daily routine. On top of practicing for two hours every day with her Whitman teammates, Macy attends another two-hour training session with her private coach twice a week that is often more demanding than the practice she just completed.

It's easy to underestimate the time

“So maybe they give up lounging in front of the TV, but it's building their character when you look at the time management skills involved.”

— Ben Woods, Churchill girl's tennis coach

management skills needed as part of being considered a top player in this area. The heavy load of tennis creates a delicate balancing act for players and coaches.

For instance, Macy says she tries to finish all her homework for the week over the course of two days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) when she only has one practice.

“It's been kind of hectic, but I'm used to it because I've been playing tennis for a long time,” said Macy, who started playing tennis every day as a 12-year-old.

THE EXTRA PRACTICE is necessary because of the various tournaments most top high school players participate in during the weekends. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) sponsors events every weekend throughout the east

coast, and how players fare at them determine their rankings within the region.

Those rankings are then used by college coaches in helping to decipher who to recruit.

“They're more important than high school tennis right now because they

are going to help me get into college and it helps my ranking,” said Macy after she walked off the court following another victory over Damascus last Friday. Macy has lost only three times in high school play this season.

Macy's coach at Whitman, Julie Frank, understands the demands placed on many of her players. More than half her team competes in these weekend tournaments, and almost all of them practice with private coaches as well.

For this reason, she tries to keep things low key on her Viking squad. After winning last Friday on senior day against Damascus to go to 12-0 on the season, it appears as if Frank's approach is working.

“It puts them in a team setting,” Frank said. “I find for some of the girls who do play very intensively in the USTA tournaments, where there is so much pressure on them as an individual,

it's a nice outlet for them to be able to play the sport that they love as a part of a team and representing their school.”

Other coaches, like Churchill's Ben Woods, think the intensity created by playing for school pride can sometimes create more pressure than the tournament circuit. He said in team competition, players don't have the luxury of getting another match in a consolation round like they would in a tournament.

Players on Churchill's team this season, whose lone loss this year came to Whitman two weeks ago, said about 75 percent of their teammates attend training sessions out-



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Churchill's Lauren Pinsky practices her serves during warm ups before last Friday's match against Rockville.

side of high school practice. With players working on their skills with other professionals, Woods tries to help out his players' games in other ways.

“We work a lot on the mental game, trying to stay focused on their objective and that's where I really try to make an impact for them,” said Woods.

Added Churchill sophomore Ashley Lin: “Coach Woods motivates us, but we also motivate ourselves.”

BOTH THE BULLDOGS and Vikings are eyeing a rematch when the playoffs start in two weeks. Whitman defeated Churchill, 4-3, in hotly contested match in the regular season.

For the Vikings, this season has been a reward following a few seasons of rebuilding. Three years ago, Whitman finished in the bottom of Division I in Montgomery County, forcing the team to move down to Division II.

After winning the weaker division in 2006, Whitman moved back into Division I and finished third a year ago.

Some of the credit for the steady rise has been the play of relative newcomers to the high school scene like Macy and No. 2 singles player, freshman Nicky Gottret. Both practice and play outside of Whitman as well.

The Bulldogs lean on the play of No. 1 singles star, sophomore Lauren Pinsky, whose two older brothers won state titles for Churchill. Pinsky is another area player who attends her school's practice only to head straight to another practice for two more hours of work.

“So maybe they give up lounging in front of the TV,” said Pinsky's high school coach, Woods. “But it's building their character when you look at the time management skills involved.”



Whitman sophomore Sarah Macy says she tries to do a week's worth of homework in two days in order to manage her tennis-heavy schedule.

“It's been kind of hectic, but I'm used to it because I've been playing tennis for a long time.”

— Whitman sophomore Sarah Macy

I Feel Your Pain — Really



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I want — or need — the Federal Government to understand the kinds of financial choices I regularly make but I was somewhat amused, after the passage of the "Bailout" bill, to learn that the Federal Government (meaning Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulsen, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, among others above and below their respective pay grades) haven't quite figured out exactly how and what "toxic" mortgage-related securities and/or non-performing debt they're actually going to buy/assume. To summarize, they don't know what the heck they're going to pay for first. And according to some economists/talking heads/pundits/government officials, the bailout, such as it has presently been passed, may not even have enough money in it to pay for the obligations that the Congress has just legislated a responsibility to do so. Gee, that's too bad. Welcome to my world and don't let the door hit you on the way out.

If I understand what news reports I've heard and some of the articles and opinions I've read, it all sounds personally very familiar: not enough money to pay too many bills. I wouldn't say I feel sorry for the federal Government though, but I can certainly relate. As to the specific causes and underlying policies that actually contributed to this current Wall Street/Main Street melting downturn, I can only listen and learn, and there appear to be no shortage of opinions. Many reasoned and well thought out, others infused with partisan poison.

As for us middle class survivors, it's not a pretty sight, nor is it, unfortunately, a road less traveled. Hardly. I'm on that road every day and to make matters worse, the gas that I need to stay on that road has been, up until recently, extremely expensive. Moreover, trying to figure out how — and where — the money is going to be spent: food, water, home, heat, cold, gasoline; health, life, disability and long term care insurances; parent, child, self and spouse, retirement, investment, etc., has been challenging, to say the least, and to say the most, downright impossible. Not that I'm a drinker, but I am beginning to feel the urge to start.

Sometimes, as I sit at my desk, checkbook in hand, pondering, it feels as if allocating dwindling dollars in a planned and prudent way is my vocation and the actual job I do have (the one for which I get paid) is my avocation. It's all mixed up. Granted, I need to work at my job in order to get paid so that I can pay my bills. However, given the responsibility and difficulty of juggling incoming versus outgoing, it almost feels like I'm paying bills just so that I can continue to work. Because if the bills aren't paid (in a timely fashion), I might not be in the mood, shall we say, to present myself as an employee worth keeping (meaning one who gets paid). I might be unable to keep my financial circumstances from getting the best of me. After all, I'm only human. I have feelings and frailties and not having enough money to meet my obligations will make Kenny a dull and depressed boy. And if I understand correctly, it looks like the Federal Government is, at least on paper, and at present, in the same kind of boat.

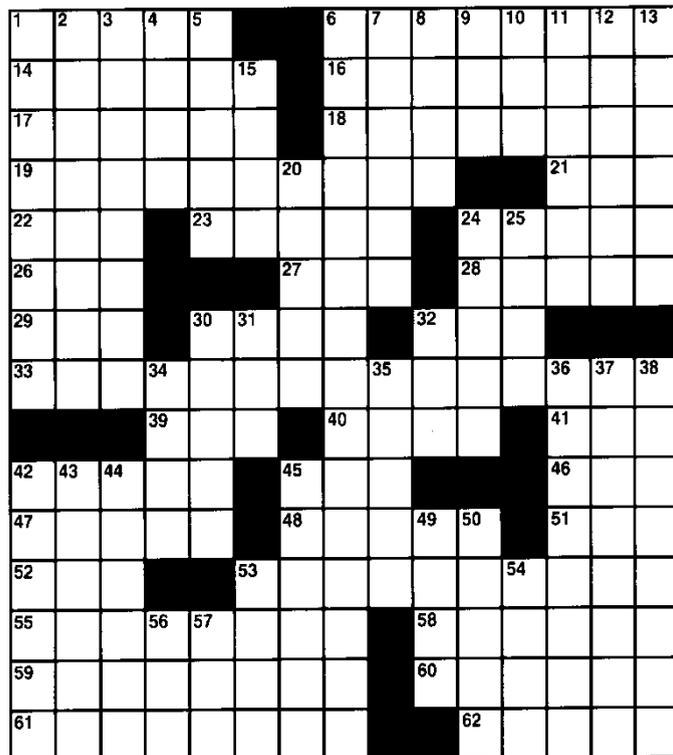
A boat that probably won't sink, but one that is definitely taking on water (no wonder it's called a "bailout" bill). We're not sunk, yet, by any means. We are listing, though, and there appear to be rough seas ahead. But it's nothing that many Americans haven't been faced with before, in some way or another. We'll make it. We may be changed by the experience but so what, sometimes change can be a good thing, especially if citizens weren't expecting any money back from their \$700 billion Government bailout.

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ACROSS

- 1 Like a leading wind
- 6 Search me!
- 14 Yellow
- 16 Revelatory cry
- 17 Slot spot
- 18 It may be a lifesaver
- 19 Gymnastic event
- 21 Year in Henry II's reign
- 22 Cold war abbr.
- 23 Oozing
- 24 Hearing shower
- 26 Cape —
- 27 Music collector's stack
- 28 Take —
- 29 Reveal, with "out"
- 30 Missouri's ally, once
- 32 Heading abbr.
- 33 Sideshow performers
- 39 Emerson writing
- 40 Storm production
- 41 Storm producer
- 42 Occurring every 60 minutes
- 45 Owen Wister's "— McLean"
- 46 Fed. property manager

- 47 Them
- 48 Conclude by
- 51 Great deal
- 52 Jimjams
- 53 Trails
- 55 Tab, e.g.
- 58 Personas' counterparts
- 59 Of the embryo sac
- 60 Start going for
- 61 Situation in which service is important
- 62 Parts of families

DOWN

- 1 Charges
- 2 Never before seen
- 3 Become familiar with gradually
- 4 Tel —
- 5 First Egyptian king
- 6 Illusionist's feat
- 7 Brooks and others
- 8 Some are green
- 9 Insurance co. employee
- 10 Tiny Tim's dad
- 11 In time, to Ozawa
- 12 Wooded: Var.

- 13 Her theme song was "Love Me or Leave Me"
- 15 All's alternative
- 20 Word in some temperatures
- 24 Contrapuntal composition
- 25 Great deal
- 30 Not as expected
- 31 Ki — (legendary founder of Korea)
- 32 Clinton or Bush, once
- 34 Knock about

35 Makes a touchdown

36 One might flip it while making breakfast

37 Ring

38 Jerks

42 Hopper and others

43 Like some arrivals

44 Begrudge

45 Opener

49 Blind as —

50 Rush hour's end, roughly

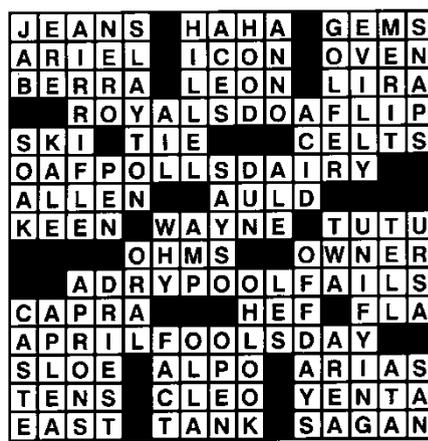
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54 It's a snap

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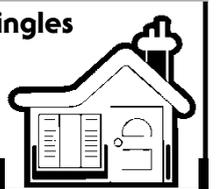
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said. "We know everybody and everybody knows us." Maintaining a presence in the community is something that Greenberg, like Berman, said is vital to keeping a small business successful during tough economic times. But more than anything, making sure that customers are always satisfied is most important, said Berman.

"We all have to pay attention to details," Berman said. "You can't cut corners. There are no shortcuts in life. You just have to go out and do what you do better. Period." For Berman, that means his kitchen must operate more efficiently than ever, and the front of the house — the wait staff, bartenders and hostesses — must dote on customers and remember everything at all times.

BY MOST ACCOUNTS the Wall Street debacle is likely to cost many people sizeable chunks of their savings and retirement funds, at least in the short term. But Berman said personally, he's not worrying too greatly. He said he wouldn't know what to do with himself if he actually retired, and at 66, he envisions working the next 20 years anyway, doing a job that he describes as "kissing the women, shaking the men's hands, and having a cocktail." But he knows that others may not be so lucky, even in Potomac.

"There are a lot of people in Potomac who are reasonably secure in their day to day living, but we're all worried about this meltdown," Berman said. "I don't know what's going to happen. The market is [cut nearly] in half. Where does it go from there?"

As they finished lunch at Bezu on Friday, Oct. 3, customers Carole Herman and Janice Mueller said that they are trying to cut back in some everyday ways.

"I'm definitely not driving as much as I used to because I drive an SUV," said Mueller.

"I do try to do my errands more concisely," said Herman.

But the opportunity to engage in what they called "social venting" over lunch? Some things are hard to give up.

"You've got to have some joys in life," said Herman.

Upbeat attitudes like that — combined with diligence and even-keeled perseverance — will help to see businesses and consumers alike through these dark times, Chantaparnik said. "The economy comes and goes. We have to survive — with a smile," she said.

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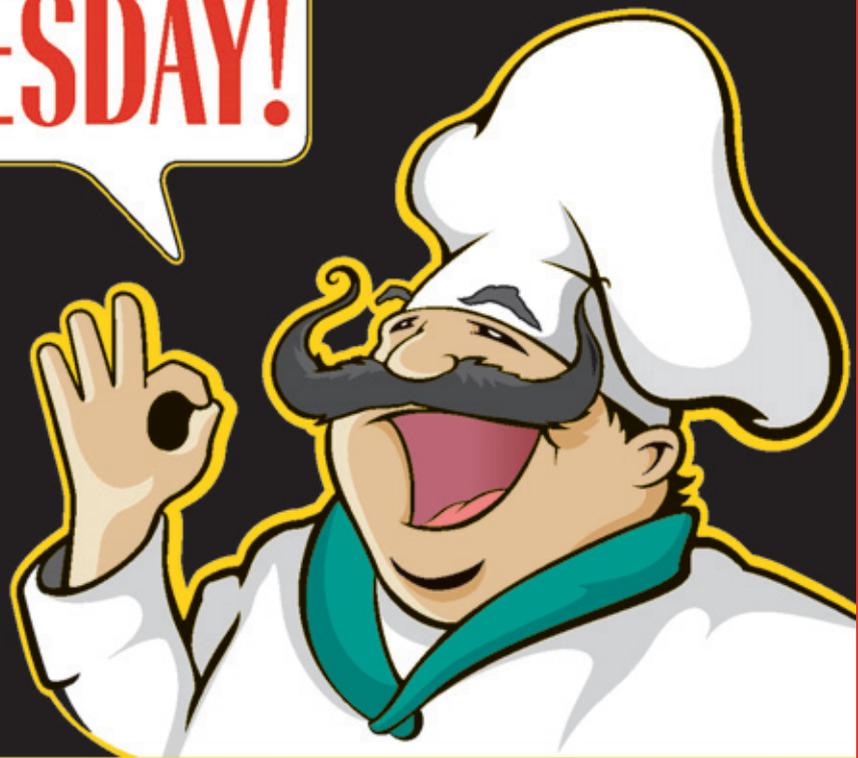
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