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Revitalized Potomac Woods Plaza

Former "Mini-Mall" becomes one-stop shopping center.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Those of us who have lived in Potomac for the past 30 years nostalgically remember the Mini-Mall just off of Seven Locks Road. This was the place parents took their children for High's ice cream, for shoes at the Shoe Train and to the Seven Locks Barber to Bill for their son's first haircut — and all the haircuts after.

All of the original stores have closed or moved away, except for two — the Seven Locks Barber Shop and the office of Dr. Steven Janowitz, DDS. In the past 30 years, shops have come and gone — Cache Pot, Carolyn's, 7-Eleven, Sun Bank, Theo's, Grape Times, Giant Pea Pod — and now the plaza has become a "one-stop shopping" center. The neighborhood around the center has dramatically changed. Now the plaza is bordered by the Lifetime Fitness facility, Park Potomac luxury condominiums and brownstones, and the restaurants and retail shops of the Park Potomac Town Center. Harris Teeter is just around the corner. The mini-mall inside the mall is gone and the shopping center has been recreated and updated.

Bill Stayeas has been in the shopping center in his Seven Locks Barber Shop for 33 years. "We have more traffic now than we have ever had," he said. "Finmark Management, the new management company, remodeled this plaza in 2000 and the changes have been wonderful. We now have

great restaurants, services, and have become a real destination location. My barber shop has grown from just four barbers to nine. I now have generations of customers — parents bring their sons, then their sons bring their children for their first haircuts — I love seeing the families over and over."

Other tenants are BB&T Bank, Starbucks, Walgreens, My Little Gym and Dominoes. Surrounding these are specialty stores and several restaurants. Services include the Potomac Prompt Medical Care, an urgent care facility with doctors on duty 10 hours a day, a Pack and Ship, and Studio 10-83, a hair salon.

Three restaurants in the center are Amici Miei Ristorante, featuring authentic Italian cuisine in an elegant casual atmosphere, Grand Fusion Asian Restaurant, offering Chinese cuisine, sushi, and Asian fusion dishes and the Brooklyn Deli which serves New York deli food for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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The Bottle Shop features a variety of wine, beer and kosher party foods.

Engaging the Public?

Next step for Brickyard soccer fields: Resolving community concerns about hours, parking and other details.

BY MARY KIMM
THE ALMANAC

The planned speakers at last week's West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting were part of a cautionary tale. West Montgomery president Ginny Barnes emphasized the importance of having Montgomery County's 34,000 acres of parkland operated independently of the Department of Recreation.

Some discussion for consolidation and budget cuts have called for integrating the park police into the county police force.

But the meeting's unexpected guests included David Dise, director of the Department of General Services for Montgomery County, who came to talk about the county's acquisition of the 20-acre site on Brickyard Road for soccer fields. West Montgomery, the umbrella civic association for Potomac, had no notice of county plans to turn the site over to a public private partnership to develop four full-sized soccer fields plus parking.

"This community is not going to take this," said Diana Conway to Dise, summing up outrage about the lack of transparency.

Dise asserted that the language in the Potomac Master Plan allowed the county executive to go forward to lease the land from



Montgomery Park Police Chief Darien Manley came to last week's West Montgomery meeting along with Park Director Mary Bradford.

Coffee and Conversation

Ken Hartman, director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, will be available in Potomac on March 25 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Avenel Community Association office located at 9501 Beman Woods Way, Potomac. Hartman and his office serve as ombudsman between residents, including Potomac residents, and the county executive branch.

county schools for private development of soccer fields without any more notice than a tiny No

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Hosting 'Worldly Images'

Rockville Interiors marks 40 years with artist's special exhibition.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Rockville Interiors will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a two-day event March 19 and 20 by Rockville artist Arthur Goldberg. The show, "Worldly Images," will present over 100 of Goldberg's limited edition prints from his journeys to India, Israel, Sweden, Austria, Hungary, Australia, the Caribbean and other countries.

The watercolorist portrays scenes that he sketched and painted whenever he happened upon a provocative subject in his travels around the world. In 2008, Rockville Interiors presented a retrospective of Goldberg's art, going back to the 1970s.

The show on Saturday, March 19 will be from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and on Sunday from noon – 5 p.m. The last two hours of each show will

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OPINION

Sharing A Home

Host families needed for Big Train athletes.

BY CARI SHANE

Drew Permisson, 22, drafted last year to pitch for the Toronto Blue Jays farm team, the Auburn Doubledays, lived with my family last summer.

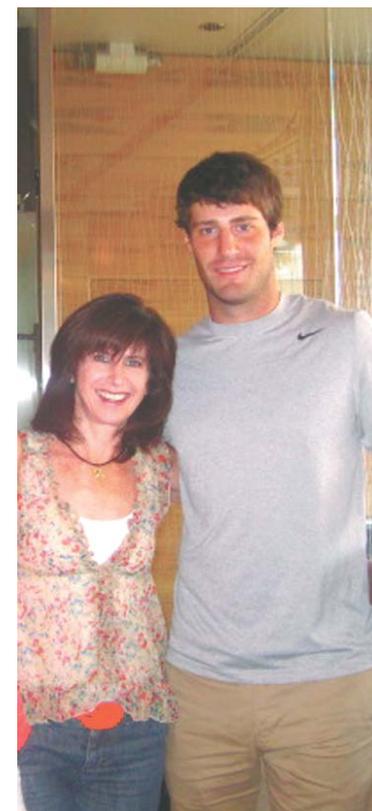
He was the first non-relative to live in our house.

Nick Schneeberger, 21, an infielder for Tulane University, was the second.

You should know that I have two teenage daughters and a pre-teen son, as well.

Both boys played for The Big Train at Shirley Povich Field as part of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League in Bethesda.

No doubt, especially because I have teenage daughters, you think I'm crazy. Don't get me wrong; I



Cari Shane Parven with Nick Schneeberger

had my reservations. I don't live with my head in the sand. I do understand the basic personality of the 20-something college athlete who has been coddled and praised for his athletic prowess for decades. I understand the personality of the boy/man who likely walked the halls of his high school (and college) revered by the student body and administration — OK, well at least I saw the movie *PERSPECTIVE* "John Tucker Must Die."

So, yes, I had my reservations.

But I had absolutely no complaints.

MY FAMILY had a summer filled with new friendships, baseball and even a few servings of apple pie.

I'm glad I didn't give into my hesitation.

These boys became sons to me and brothers to my children. With a 15-year-old and 16-year-old daughter (both who look older than they actually are), Drew and Nick took it upon themselves to warn their teammates to "stay away." I gave them no speeches other than those about drugs and alcohol. They were polite and friendly, texted me when they would be coming home late, locked the doors on the way in and out, did their own laundry, helped clean up from meals, offered to do chores and played with the dog.

Drew was the first to arrive. The children were still in school when the doorbell rang and I saw a boy with a bouquet of flowers peering

From early planning to the family dinner,

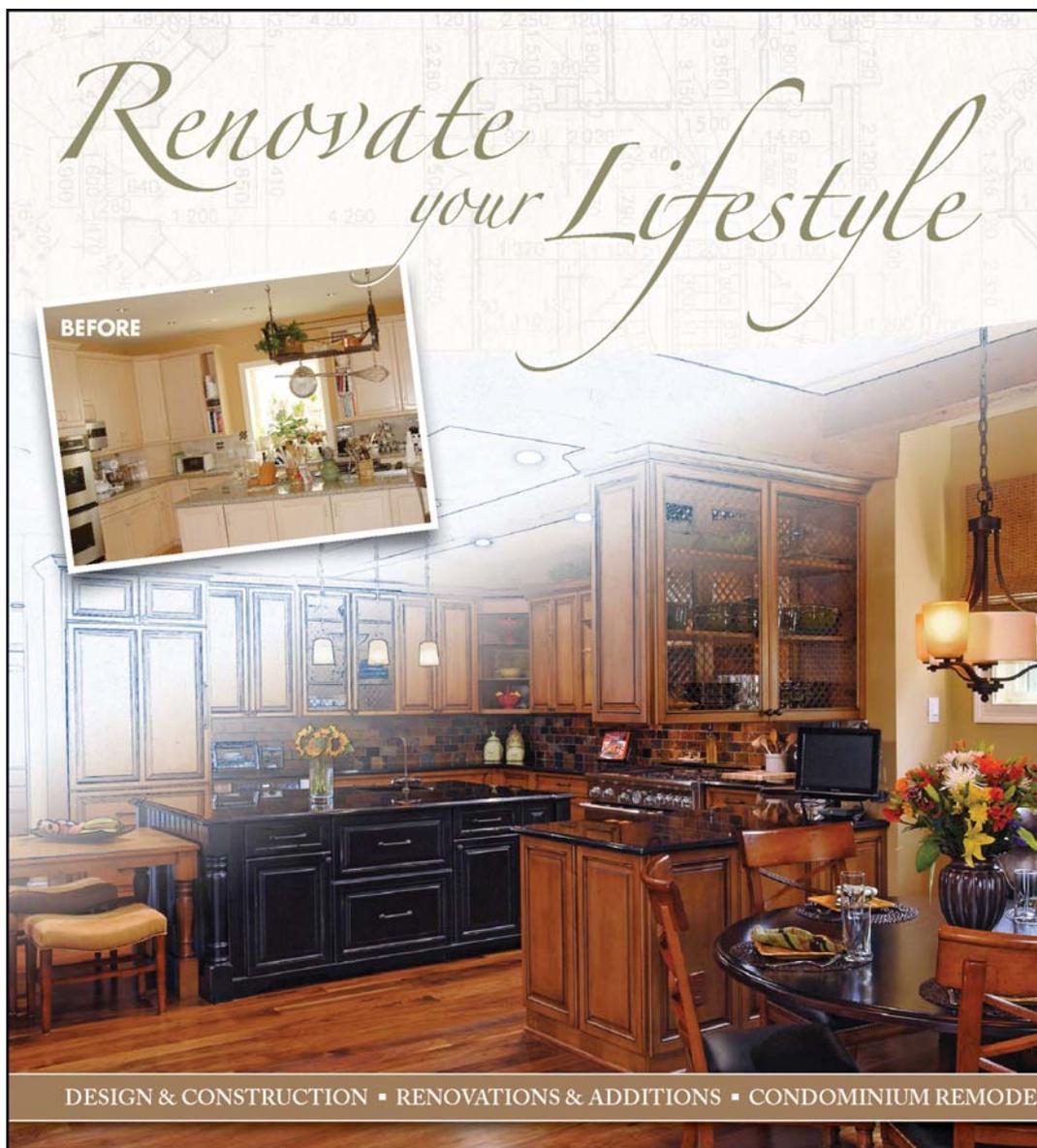
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Reaching for the Garden of Your Dreams

Landscaping design trends are good enough to eat.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
POTOMAC ALMANAC

It's not just fashion that is influenced by Michelle Obama. Ever since the First Lady opened a vegetable garden on the South Lawn of the White House in 2009, landscaping trends have followed suit to include a variety of edibles along with the hardscaping elements to prepare and serve them.

"We've seen a surge in cold weather vegetables like spinach and lettuce," said Benhke Nurseries Garden Center manager Alex Dencker. "But anything edible is big right now. From vegetables to fruit trees, there's been a tremendous increase in edible sales."

Along with edibles, Dencker has seen a strong growth in demand to incorporate eco-friendly plants in garden designs.

"People are looking for native plants to replace high-maintenance ones," Dencker said. "It's not only easier to take care of, it's better for the environment."

One new and popular lower-maintenance flower is the "Knockout Rose."

"It's a new variety that blooms on both old and new wood," Dencker said. "It has a great bloom and doesn't need as much pruning as traditional roses. Knockout roses now account for more than one-third of our rose selection."

While visions of color dance in every gardener's head, Dencker reminds clients that the area's last frost date is Mother's Day, so the immediate focus is on lawn care and preparation.

"Pre-emergents and weed inhibitors need to go down now," said Dencker, who noted the growing popularity of organic lawn solutions. "You need to stop the germination before it begins because once the weeds are there, it's much harder to get rid of them."

According to Dencker, now is also the best time to do your spring yard clean up.

"The last two winters were harsh and many plants did not survive," Dencker said. "With so much foliage gone because of the season, now is the best time to take stock, clean up any winter debris and get a sense of what you want to put in."

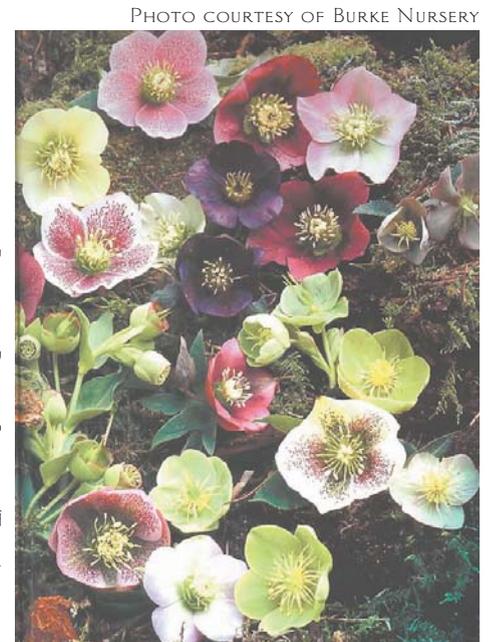
Experts suggest walking your property and taking pictures of areas that might need some work or design help.

"Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish," said David Watkins, manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Merrifield, Va. "Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal? Seeing photos makes it so much easier for us to help."

According to Watkins, incorporating more



Alex Dencker, manager at Benhke Nurseries Garden Center, recommends pansies for those craving frost-resistance color right now.



Helibores are colorful and reliable in early spring.

"Anything edible is big right now. From vegetables to fruit trees, there's been a tremendous increase in edible sales."

- Alex Dencker, Benhke Nurseries
Garden Center manager

hardscaping into landscaping designs is a rapidly growing trend.

"Patis with fire pits and outdoor grills are very popular," Watkins said. "Our volume of work in that area has increased in the last few years, especially when it comes to designing outdoor kitchens."

Don't worry if you're still thinking snow instead of sod.

"If you haven't started your planning, you're in the majority," Watkins said. "But it's never too late to think about what you want to do. There's almost never a bad time to start landscaping."

For some immediate color despite the unpredictable March temperatures, Dencker recommends the tried-and-true pansy.

"Pansies will survive temperatures as low as 15 degrees," Dencker said. "Even if the bloom is gone during a cold snap, new ones will come back and will last until mid-May. By then, you'll be ready for some impatiens and geraniums."

For fall color, Dencker suggests blueberries, which are native to the area and provide great color as well as a healthy fruit.

"A landscaping project doesn't need to be intimidating," Dencker said. "It's as simple as taking time to think about what you like. Then let us help you incorporate some exciting, fun ideas into your design plans. That's what we're here for."



"Hardscapes," including patios, fire pits and outdoor living areas, are in high demand in landscaping.

Landscaping Tips

EDIBLE AND COLORFUL

There are blue potatoes, red carrots, yellow carrots and purple cabbage. Cabbages come in more colorful varieties each year, as do lettuce and the extremely colorful Swiss chard. 'Fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruit on a single tree.

ECO-SCAPING

Transforming large tracks of turf into sustainable landscapes is achievable with the right plants that require less water and pesticides. Choose native plants that are low-maintenance and attract wildlife and beneficial pollinators like butterflies, bees and birds. Drought-resistant plants like yucca and aloe require less water.

LOW MAINTENANCE

Use plants that are native and require less upkeep to maintain. Choose sun and shade-tolerant varieties that suit your location as well as species that require less pruning. Ground covers can sometimes replace traditional lawns to reduce upkeep.

CREATE OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES

Invest in your own outdoor retreat. Fire pits, gourmet grills and outdoor kitchens top the list of trends in outdoor living spaces. Much more than just a barbecue grill and a lawn chair, outdoor rooms can be created for a fraction of the price typically required for indoor living spaces.

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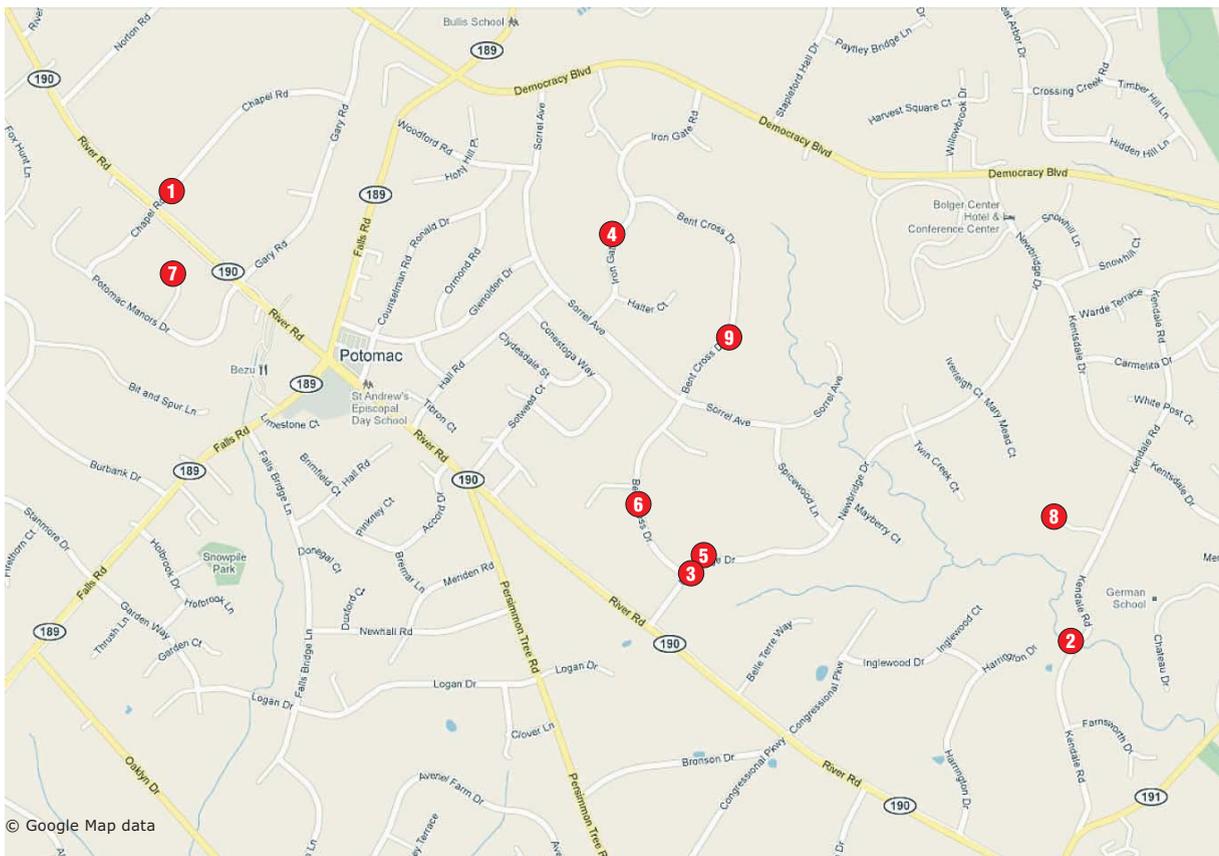
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What's Next for Brickyard?

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member legal ad in a small circulation newspaper. But Conway, Barnes and others who had been a part of drafting the Potomac Master Plan disagreed strongly.

The master plan states that if any school sites are "declared as surplus," they "could be developed as local parks with ballfields or other recreational uses."

MCPS did not go through the process of "surplussing" the property, that is to say deciding that it would not be needed for a school. Instead the schools have leased the property to the county.

"This is not surplus, not local and not a park," said Ginny Barnes, after reading the relevant passages of the Potomac Master Plan aloud.

When asked why the community is being informed after the fact about the decision to build soccer fields on the property, Dise said repeatedly, "The county executive has decided to move forward with soccer fields." On why there was no notice, Dise said that the county wasn't responsible for engaging the public on a piece of property it didn't yet control. The Board of Education voted last Tuesday, March 8 to lease the property to the county, again without public notice.

Now members of the county executive branch are meeting internally to determine how to engage the public before issuing a request for proposal, said Ken Hartman, director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, which also encompasses Potomac.

The community and neighbors will get a chance to give opinions on hours of operation, number of soccer fields, parking, traffic, portajohns and other aspects of public use, Hartman said. Whether the site

Potomac Master Plan

What the Potomac Master Plan actually says about Brickyard Road Junior High School site (Page 135):

"Surplus and future school sites offer potential for fulfilling some of the recreation needs of the Potomac Subregion. All school sites not otherwise recommended in the plan for environmental conservation should be considered for other public uses, including park use, if they are declared as surplus.

"The Brickyard Junior High School, Kendall Elementary School and Churchill Elementary School could be developed as local parks with ballfields or other recreational uses. (Recreational uses should be evaluated along with other public uses identified elsewhere in this plan to determine the priority use for each available site.) Any site acquired for parkland should be evaluated to determine whether it is appropriate for recreational opportunities (e.g. trails, ballfields, etc.)."



PHOTO BY MARY KIMM/THE ALMANAC

Dolores Milmo and Diana Conway sharply questioned county officials about lack of notification and transparency as the county executive moves forward with plans to turn 20 acres on Brickyard Road over to a private entity to operate an anticipated four soccer fields.

might include a tot lot or other community-friendly amenities and under what circumstances the fields might be available for local use are still up for discussion.

Hartman said there will be no structures, no lights, no artificial turf and no loudspeaker system.

"We don't know about hours of operation. People don't want to have soccer games going on until 9 o'clock at night," he said.

Unscheduled use of county soccer fields has been a concern, with some fields being overused, and many cars suddenly converging on a site, Hartman said.

Also neighbors of the Buck Branch Park in Potomac, where a soccer field was installed, say the unscheduled users can be rowdy and untidy.

Meanwhile, Nick Maravell, the farmer who for the last 31 years has carefully tended the 20 acres, growing organic, heirloom corn and soybean seed that is free from genetically modified organisms, will be able to farm the land for one more season, although he is still reeling from the notice less than two weeks ago that he might be forced off the land by the end of March.

Hartman said that the county is committed to working with Maravell to find a replacement property somewhere in the county.

"The county is committed to keeping the farmer on premises for the next growing season and to work with him to find another location within the county for next year and moving forward," Hartman said.

The 'Bubs'

The Tufts University Beelzebubs, a collegiate a capella group, performed at a private party March 12 at the Siegel home in Potomac. The group, or the "Bubs," are known for providing the featured arrangements and background vocals for FOX TV Glee's newest group, the Dalton Academy Warblers. At the event are, back row from left, Chase Siegel, Ryan Siegel, Dayna Siegel, Kent McCann, Jack Thomas, Evan Powell, Michael Grant, Eric Morrissey, Eric Siegel and Sue-Ann Siegel; in next row are Penn Rosen, Cailin Mackenzie, Eli Seidman, Sam Cantor and John Kwon; at bottom is Conor Flynn.



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MARCH 18, 19, 20 — 25, 26, 27

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SUNDAY/MARCH 20

The Del McCoury Band. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$48. The guitar master demonstrates why he is a living link to the days when bluegrass was rarely heard outside hillbilly honky tonks and the Grand Ole Opry. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org



WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

Nathan and Noble Jolley, Jazz. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Nate and Noble, Jr. will team up with fellow musicians Tim Green (saxophone), Christie Dashiell, (vocals) and Eric Wheeler (bass). At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

NHK Symphony of Japan with Andre Previn. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 17

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Beginner lesson at 8:15 p.m. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

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Murray Horwitz Lecture. 11:30 a.m. Murray Horwitz, playwright, Tony, Grammy, and Emmy winner, Ain’t Misbehavin’. Part of the 23rd Annual Literary Luncheon Series. Followed by Q & A, catered box lunch, and book signings. Copies of the author’s books will be for sale, the net proceeds of which benefit FOL. At the Strathmore Mansion in Rockville. Visit www.folmc.org to register. Call 240-777-0020.

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

Jazz with Jesus. 7:30 p.m. Concert with Melinda Ford, saxophonist. At the Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church, 10902 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Phone: 301-299-5226.

Subcontinental Drift: A South Asian Salon. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. At the Mansion at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Fostering a Dog? 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Seminar on dogs from foster home to adoption success with speaker Julie Jacobus. Learn how to make the foster experience successful. At Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-983-5913.

An Evening with Brahms. 7 p.m. With Gretchen Kuhrmann, conductor. Tickets from \$39. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org

Free Concert. 8 p.m. National Philharmonic Singers, under the direction of conductors Stan Engebretson and Victoria Gau. Music from a variety of periods, ranging from early madrigals to contemporary. At Christ Episcopal Church, 107 South Washington Street, Rockville. Visit nationalphilharmonic.org for call 301-493-9283, ext. 116.

“Hansel & Gretel.” 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The Metropolitan Ballet Theater will perform the ballet “Hansel & Gretel.” Senior Montgomery County students, Delmas Lake and Isabelle Hardinge will dance the roles of Hansel and Gretel. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Tickets are \$17/group; \$18/seniors; \$20/general; \$22/door. For tickets, 301-762-1757, www.mbtcollege.org.

Swing Dance. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With Seattle’s Casey MacGill’s Blue 4 Trio. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.;

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

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SUNDAY/MARCH 20

“Ruthie & Bo.” 1 p.m. Beth Shalom Players presents a new musical “My Fair Estie.” Written by Bob Kurlantzick and directed by Marcy Spiro, it sets the Book of Ruth to classic rock tunes. For all ages. Free. Beth Shalom Congregation & Talmud Torah, 11825 Seven Locks Rd, Potomac. Call 301-279-7010.

The Del McCoury Band. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$48. The guitar master demonstrates why he is a living link to the days when bluegrass was rarely heard outside hillbilly honky tonks and the Grand Ole Opry. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org

Purim Carnival and Play. 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities include games, rides, and a costume parade for kids and adults. Free admission. Food available. At 1 p.m., see a free performance of “Ruthie & Bo,” a new rock musical written by Bob Kurlantzick and directed by Marcy Spiro, for audiences of all ages. At Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah, 11825 Seven Locks Rd, Potomac. Call 301-279-7010.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$17. With the band the Moonlighters. Slow blues workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:30 to 11 p.m. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, send e-mail to dbarker@glenechopark.org or visit www.DanceDC.net.

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Japan Fair. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. The event is presented by high school students from Yokohama Hayato High School located in Yokohama, Japan. Students will demonstrate and teach various Japanese arts, games and customs. At Bauer Drive Community Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville. Call 301-468-4015.

Open Door Reading. 2 p.m. Free. Join editor Joelle Biele in a reading from the recently published Elizabeth Bishop and The New Yorker: The Complete Correspondence. Readers include Dana Gioia, Sandra Beasley, David Gewanter, and Rose Solari. The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20814. Details: www.writer.org or call 301-654-8664.

Potomac Horse Center’s Client Show. Watch a horse show indoors. Potomac Horse Center, 14211 Quince Orchard Road, North Potomac, 301-208-0200, www.potomachorse.com.

Botanical Gems of Potomac: Blockhouse Point Conservation Park. On the first day of Spring, search for the season’s early blooms and swelling buds and explore this botanically rich but underappreciated Potomac park. Moderate hike of 2-4 miles. 1-5 p.m. For adults. \$23 members, \$32 nonmembers. Audubon Naturalist Society. 301-652-9188. www.audubonnaturalist.org

Bach Marathon. 2 to 7 p.m. Free admission. Ten organists will feature the music of J.S. Bach in half-hour programs each. Following the concert, a German dinner will be available for \$10. At the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, One Chevy Chase Circle, NW, Washington, D.C. Call 202-363-2202.

MONDAY/MARCH 21

Foghorn Stringband With Old Sledge. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18/advance; \$22/door. IMT Rockville, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 22

Jon Shain and Friends. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. At

Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville. Contact 301-275-7459.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All-Stars. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$52. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Nathan and Noble Jolley, Jazz. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Nate and Noble, Jr. will team up with fellow musicians Tim Green (saxophone), Christie Dashiell, (vocals) and Eric Wheeler (bass). At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Discovering Your Roots. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Features Constance Potter and Katherine Vollen from the National Archives, Marlene Katz Bishow, President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Greater Washington and Milton Goldsamt, Ph.D., Genealogical Researcher. At Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville. This program is presented by the Greater Washington Women’s Chapter of the Brandeis National Committee. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Lunch is included. Reservations are required. Contact Maxine Kretchmar at 301-530-7253. All proceeds will be donated for library resources.

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Beginner lesson at 8:15 p.m. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

“Leave the Winter Blues Behind” with Blues Pianist, Daryl Davis. 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Davis has appeared with such top artists and ensembles as Chuck Berry, Muddy Waters’ Legendary Blues Band, Presley’s Jordanaires and The Coasters. RSVP no later than March 21 at 301-983-3620 or email potomac@arden-courts.com. Arden Courts of Potomac, 10718 Potomac Tennis Lane, Potomac.

PEOPLE

Potomac's DeMond Wins Acapulco World Cliff Diving

Kent De Mond of Potomac won the Acapulco World Cliff Diving Competition on March 6. Several divers from around the world participated in the competition at La Quebrada, Acapulco, however De Mond was the only American representing the U.S.

Each diver performed three dives from a height close to 70 feet above the water. De Mond won with a score of 306.4 points, followed by Orlando Duque from Columbia with 291.6 points, and third place went to Artem Silchenko from Russia with 278.8 points. After he executed his final dive for scores of 9's and 9.5's from the judges, De Mond surpassed the Columbian and held onto the lead.

This competition was a prelude to the 2011 Red Bull Cliff Diving Series commencing in Rapa Nui, Chile. The risks for the divers become greater as the standard height regulations increase to 85-90 feet above the water. Last year, De Mond finished fourth overall, having only been in his second year with the Red Bull Series. He will be joined with one other American, Steven Lobue, as the series makes seven stops in exotic places around the world. Cliff diving will be introduced to the mainland U.S. this August when the Red Bull Cliff Diving Series makes its sixth stop in Boston. The day of the competition, March 6, also happened to be De Mond's 28th birthday.



Kent DeMond of Potomac



FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH MARCH 27

Expressionist Journey of Multi Media. By Vian Shamounki Borchert. At Kentlands Mansion Gallery's Second Floor, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Call 301-258-6394 for viewing appointment.

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An Expressionist Journey of Multimedia. Oil paintings of Cathy Abramson and Carolyn Jackson, and multimedia paintings of Vian Borchert. The body of work includes figuratives, abstracts, landscapes, and portraits. At the Kentlands Mansion Gallery, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Contact Andi Rosati at 301-258-6394 or arosati@gaithersburgmd.gov or visit the Mansion's web page at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/kentlandsmansion.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 28

Metal Magic. Copper, steel, metal wall sculptures. With artists Susana Garten, David Hubbard, Brian Jerome Murphy, Marla Rudnick and Elizabeth Steel. At The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 29

Exhibition of Fine Art Glass. "Emerging Voices - An Artist's Journey Class." The exhibition will display for sale the works by local artists Jennifer Carroll, Steve Gibson, Kristi Provasnik, Eluned Schweitzer, Lynda Slayen, and Mary Wactler. At The Art Glass Center at Glen Echo, Jerry Zayde Slep Gallery, 7300 Mac Arthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-2273.

APRIL 2-3

Four Figurative Artists. Noon to 5 p.m. Nancy Abeles, Jan Rowland, Elaine Lozier, and Cathy Sawdey explore different imagery and meanings. A reception is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-371-5593.



APRIL 5 THROUGH MAY 7

Shore Houses. Pastel paintings by Jean Hirons and new work by gallery artists. Artist's reception is Friday, April 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery. contact: Jean Hirons jeanhirons@comcast.net or 301-340-3198. Visit waverlystreetgallery.com.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 2

International Symmetry. Photographs by Don Bandler and New Work by Gallery Artists. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441 or visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

APRIL 21 TO MAY 19

Artist Mark Lovett. Selected into the juried show, The First Annual Scottsdale Salon of Fine Arts, hosted by the Legacy Gallery. Mark Lovett Studio, 4 Echo Court, Potomac. Visit www.scottsdalosalonoffineart.com.

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Revitalized Potomac Woods Plaza

FROM PAGE 3

Robert Bernard Jewelers has been in the shopping center since they relocated from downtown D.C. six years ago. Owners Robbie Rosin and George Kaufman provide a full service jewelry store. They sell gifts from \$10 and up, gold, diamonds, engagement rings and fine jewelry. Kaufmann is a goldsmith and provides design services for new and old jewelry. They repair, engrave and even restring pearls.

Rosin is appreciative of the new center's design: "We fell in love with the shopping center and its proximity to our homes. The center has a relaxed feel. In the summer, it's wonderful to see people playing mahjong, talking and eating outside. The new stores and restaurants have added to the traffic and it is wonderful place to be and to shop."

THE CLOTHING BOUTIQUES in the center provide "one of a kind" outfits. On Cloud 9, owned by Carol Gowlings, features a variety of girl's clothing, including a wide range of frocks for dressy occasions such as weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, confirmations and parties. Gowlings and her four daughters pick out all the clothing to be sold.

"I started this boutique because I couldn't find dressy dresses for my daughters. Now they help me with this store and our latest endeavor, a women's clothing boutique in College Park which we started

because my daughters, attending UMD, could not find trendy places to shop," she said.

Lacy Couture, the newest boutique in the center, offers women's clothing for all occasions. Owner Lacy Jordan has the latest styles in both casual elegant and party apparel and also carries jewelry creations, shoes and accessories. Plan to attend the special event evenings for "Girls' Night Out."

The Bottle Shop is a full service wine and beer store which also carries a selection of local cheeses, gourmet coffees and a variety of kosher party foods. Owned by Christina Findley, this store has a line of hand-made pottery — perfect for serving the party foods available at the store. Want to try out some new beers and wines? Go by the store on Thursday for beer tastings and Friday for wine tastings — both are from 5-8 p.m.

WINK Eyecare boutique, owned by Dr. Rachel Cohn, is an eyecare boutique which provides optometry services including comprehensive eye exams, contact lens fittings and OPTOS retinal exams. They also provide optician services and carry a full line of frames and sunglasses.

Located at the very end of the shopping center is the new addition, My Little Gym. It provides children from 4 months to 12 years with non-competitive gymnastics, karate, sports skills development, cheerleading and dance. Their programs are filled with "music, movement, learning, cooperation and fun."



Kid Triplets

Squeals on Wheels traveling petting zoo goats recently had three babies. The proud dad, who just two weeks ago fathered a set of twins, continues to strut around the paddock area. Jill and John Phillips are the owners of Squeals on Wheels, traveling pony rides and petting zoos. See www.SquealsOnWheels.us

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OPINION

Host Families Needed

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in through the window at the front door. The dog loved him immediately (always a good sign). I gave him a hug and some food (I am after all a Jewish mother), and we sat at the kitchen table and chatted until the kids came home.

Within two days my basement was filled with Big Train Baseball players competing at foos-ball and air hockey, inviting my son to hang out with them. As he walked down the steps he entered "Big Brother Heaven." There were accents ranging from California-slow to Mississippi-drawl. They were just the right shade of rambunctious and courteous.

Drew was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays just two weeks after he arrived. We cried with pride when we heard his name announced during the draft. A Marylander, he and his mother just last month came for dinner days before he needed to report for Spring Training in Clearwater, Florida.

Nick from Mississippi moved in a day later. He'd been to our house a few times, hanging in the basement with a dozen other Big Train players, and was thrilled to have "won the lottery," getting not only a house but a home for the rest of the summer. A southern boy, Nick was hard-pressed to drop the formality of "sir" and "ma'am" that accompanied every sentence. Still, he became

another son immediately, and the big brother my own son, Sam, had always dreamed of. We're convinced that Nick went home having watched every possible episode of the Disney Channel's "Suite Life with Sam" and definitely having given my son a run for his money at the ping-pong table. Sam is no doubt thrilled that Nick, a junior at Tulane, is back on the Big Train roster for the upcoming summer season.

Though I needed to remind my "sons" and their friends that we are recyclers and more often than not had to reach into the garbage to retrieve soda and Gatorade bottles, and there were times I stepped on chips that were ground into the basement rug, having a house filled with kids is exactly why I had children; they may not have been mine, but I grew awfully fond of them very quickly.

"Miss Cari," a deep voice with a Northern Florida drawl said one early summer evening as I pulled my car out of the garage interrupting a basketball game in my driveway, "Miss Cari, are you comin' to the Big Train game tonight?" the boy asked.

"Well actually," I said, "I wasn't planning on coming until the end to pick up Sam. He's a batboy tonight. So I'll likely arrive at about 9 just as the game is ending."

"You're not comin' to watch us play, Miss Cari?" another boy asked, this one with a

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Aust, Swagart, Auerbach Lead Bullis in 2011

Bulldogs open season with win against Bishop O'Connell.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

Less than two minutes into Saturday's season opener against Bishop O'Connell, Bullis head girls lacrosse coach Kathleen Lloyd turned to an assistant and asked, "Have we run any plays yet?"

The answer was no, but not due to a lack of organization. The Bulldogs' athleticism rendered strategy unnecessary in the opening minute as Bullis tallied a pair of fast-break goals. On this day, whether by design or simply a combination of instinct and ability, the Bulldogs appeared capable of scoring with any method they pleased.

Bullis scored the game's first six goals, led 10-1 at halftime and cruised to a 17-8 victory over the Knights. Six Bulldogs scored at least two goals, including four each from senior center-midfielder Nicole Aust and sophomore midfielder Jordan Sullivan. Seniors Meredith Swagart and Emma Anderson, junior Mollie Morris and sophomore Lauren Raffensperger each scored two goals for the Bulldogs and freshman Caitlin McMahon added one.

"It's a great way to start the season," Aust said.

After struggling to a 6-14 record last year with an inexperienced group, Lloyd, entering her 10th season as Bullis head coach, has her sights set on competing with the top teams in the Independent School League. Led by the senior trio of Aust, Swagart and goalkeeper JoJo Auerbach, the Bulldogs enter the season as a battle-tested team.

"We're going to be a little stronger this year," Lloyd said. "We've got a lot of skill players and the returning varsity [athletes] are experienced now, as opposed to last year. ... We spent a lot of time last year



Bullis senior center-midfielder Nicole Aust scored four goals in Saturday's season-opening victory against Bishop O'Connell. Aust is committed to the University of Maryland.

working on the basics: catching, throwing, cutting, shooting and basic defense. ... This year, when we began, we didn't have to spend as much time focusing on those things and we could move straight into more team strategies — team defense, team offense, plays."

With experience comes confidence.

"It's my senior year, so obviously I want it to be my best year," Auerbach said. "It's not a rebuilding year for us anymore. We have a lot of good new players from freshmen to juniors and we're going to be good."

Aust, who is committed to the University of Maryland, is the team's top offensive threat. She scored the first goal of Saturday's contest and later tallied three consecutive goals in the second half.

"Her skills are incredible," Lloyd said. "She's confident; she really sees the game



Bullis senior goalkeeper JoJo Auerbach, right, is committed to Dickinson.

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— Bullis senior goalkeeper
JoJo Auerbach

well. She's very, very composed. She gets the ball, she sees the field, she sees where everyone is [and] she's proactive. She doesn't just wait for the defense, she creates. She's very good with reacting quickly. When she takes a 1-on-1 to goal, if she's doubled or she's covered really well, she has a great ability to find the open player. ...

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Bullis freshman Caitlin McMahon scored a goal during Saturday's win against Bishop O'Connell.

She's also very skilled defensively. She's what I consider a complete player."

Aust said she notices differences in the way the Bulldogs interact with one another.

"We had to have a lot of communication and we kind of lacked that last year," she said. "Now, it's like we've come together. Also ... we did not have a lot of confidence in ourselves and each other. We had a lot of young girls last year and now their confidence is up. We trust each other and [we're] a lot [sounder] as a team."

Swagart, who is committed to UMass, is an offensive threat and one of the team's best defensive players.

Auerbach, who is committed to Dickinson, transitioned from field player to goalie as a sophomore and has continued improving, Lloyd said.

"JoJo has come really far over the past year. She worked really hard over the sum

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill's Lewis, Simon To Play in All-Star Game

Churchill High School seniors Will Lewis and Jesse Simon were selected by coaches to play in the 2011 Montgomery County Public High School Boys Basketball All-Star Game to be held at 7 p.m. on March 23 at Wootton High School in Rockville. The all-star game features the top 24 seniors selected from the 25 MPSSAA public schools, classes 1A-4A, located in Montgomery County.

Lewis missed the first 14 games of the season due to a broken ankle but unexpectedly returned to help lead the Bulldogs during the latter stages of the season and the playoffs. The 6-foot-2 guard finished his Bulldog career with the highest career 3-point field goal percentage (48.3) in school history.

Simon was an instrumental part of Churchill's 13-game mid-season winning streak and hit game-winning shots in two contests. The 6-foot-3 forward finished as the team's leading scorer, second-leading 3-point shooter and had the team's best free-throw percentage.

Churchill, a 4A West Region semifinalist, finished the season with an 18-6 record and captured its first 4A West Division championship (10-2) in 32 years.

The roster for the Green team is composed of: Chris Viquiera (Clarksburg), Deandre Kelly (Rockville), Charles Woods (Wheaton), Rayshawn Taylor (Wheaton), Enerio Jones (Springbrook), Jarid Watson (Springbrook), Connor Frazier (Damascus), Andre Gaines (Quince Orchard), Ben Kelly (Quince Orchard), Bert Yaffe (Walter Johnson), Lewis (Churchill) and Simon (Churchill).

The White team is composed of: Daniel Voigt (Whitman), James Wallerstedt (Wootton), Kyle Welty (Wootton), Matt

McGugan (Blake), Brandon Hedley (Blake), Joe Emerusabe (Magruder), Jeff Keane (Paint Branch), Alex Grant (Kennedy), Lenjo Kilo (Northwood), Kris Westphall (Gaithersburg), Malcolm Miller (Gaithersburg) and Derrick Miller (Poolesville).

For more information regarding the 2011 Montgomery County Public High School All-Star Game, contact Churchill head coach Matt Miller at 202-213-0436.

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SPORTS

Bulldogs Open Season with Win

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mer," Lloyd said. "... She's a lot more confident. Her reaction time is much quicker [and] she has no problem coming out of the goal, which used to make her really nervous last year. Her clears have come a long way — she really sees the whole field. She has no problem sending it far, where last year she was a little worried about sending it the distance."

Auerbach said the biggest challenge in transitioning to goalie is the mental toughness it takes to

succeed.

"The mentality of a goalie, it's different," she said. "If you get scored on, you can't think about it. You've got to brush it off — worry about the next shot."

Morris, a transfer from Good Counsel, and Sullivan, a returning starter, will also be key contributors.

Bullis will travel to face Holy Cross at 4:15 p.m. on March 17 and will compete in Florida March 20-25. The Bulldogs' next home game is at 7 p.m. on March 26 against Wootton.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Three Potomac residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the Fall semester. Students recognized for this honor include: **Ariel J. Eckmann, Allison M. Kiniry, and Kanika Lal.**

Amy E. Donin, a resident of North Potomac, was named to the dean's list at Clark University for the Fall 2010 semester.

Gettysburg College students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the Deans' Commendation List. The following students have been placed on the Fall 2010 list:

- ❖ **Matthew Canter**, a sophomore, from North Potomac;
- ❖ **Danielle Carty**, a junior, from Potomac;
- ❖ **Veronika Stare**, a sophomore, from Potomac.

Elizabethtown College's Music Division of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts will feature senior musician, **Kaitlyn Roesler of North Potomac**, on trumpet in a recital on Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m., in Elizabethtown College's Zug Recital Hall.

The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester at Washington University in St. Louis:

- ❖ **Cady Beth Lyon** of North Potomac is a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School in Rockville and is enrolled in the university's College of Art in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.
- ❖ **Amanda Paige Zuckerman** of Potomac is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School and is enrolled in the university's College of Art in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.
- ❖ **Jonathan Stephen Loewy** of North Potomac is a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School in Rockville and is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering and Applied Science.

- ❖ **Jiali Fang** of North Potomac is a graduate of Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

- ❖ **Jacob John Gadbow** of Potomac is a graduate of Saint Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

- ❖ **Michael Antal Kovacs** of Potomac is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

- ❖ **William Chase Kovacs** of Potomac is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School, and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

- ❖ **Maia Leah Lamdany** of Potomac is a graduate of Charles E Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

- ❖ **Kevin Max Levine** of Potomac is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School, and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

- ❖ **Nadav Ordman Rindler** of Potomac is a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School in Rockville and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

- ❖ **Shubho Jyoti Sadhu** of North Potomac is a graduate of Inglemoor Senior High School in Kenmore, Wash., and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

Loyola University Maryland has announced the members of its Fall 2010 dean's list. The following students have achieved this honor:

- ❖ **Erika Burns**, a member of the class of 2014 from Potomac;
- ❖ **Rosina Falcone**, a member of the class of 2011 from Potomac;
- ❖ **Christine Montanio**, a member of the class of 2012 from North Potomac;
- ❖ **Daniel Zech**, a member of the class of 2011 from Potomac.

The following students from Potomac made Marymount University's fall 2010 Dean's List:

- ❖ **Martina Pitman, of Potomac**, a senior, is a/an Nursing major.
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February 28, 2011



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Whew! Am I glad it's today, February 28, 2011. Not that there was anything imminent about yesterday, February 27, 2011 – my two-year anniversary (some anniversary) and end date of my original life-expectancy prognosis but, when you're given two years to live, the date on which that anniversary arrives (although my oncologist has said that there's nothing particularly/inevitably accurate about such dates), is a day of reckoning, to be sure. And since I'm still alive, I reckon I'll make note of it, yet again – in arrears this week.

Not so much as an accomplishment, as in I did it. More like a date of destiny that is now behind me. Now I can focus (or try to, anyway; let's be honest here) on something else, a future beyond a specific date. And just like my rear end is behind me and I don't see it too much, maybe I can put this two-year anniversary date behind me and not see it too much – for what it was: the unexpected end of my life. ("I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young." Curly Howard of The Three Stooges.) Life goes on. Now what?

Perhaps I can – or will – consider the possibilities and stop trying to figure the probabilities? Perhaps I can forget about the past (my diagnosis) and only focus on the present/future, live for today and take advantage of the gift of life that I've been given/earned? Perhaps I can get out of my own way (emotionally) and resume living a normal life ("normal" meaning one without cancer)? Perhaps I can finish this column with being sophomore? I am a college graduate after all. I should know better. Just because I've lived this long doesn't exactly mean I'll live a lot longer.

In fact/in my reality, nothing is going to change, except maybe for the worse. I need to keep doing/thinking exactly as I have in the past because whatever I've been doing/thinking has caused me to outlive my original prognosis and for my oncologist to characterize my health as "Amazing," and to say that my tumors are in "partial stable remission," if you recall a previous column. All that has changed – and should change living forward, is my specific focus. It's no longer a date. Now the dates ahead are endless, not nearing an end.

Having made it this far (lived this long) though, I feel unburdened somehow. There's no deadline (pun intended) anymore. However, just as difficult as it is to turn around an ocean liner after it's headed out to sea (they don't exactly turn on a dime), so too will it be difficult for me to not be ever mindful of having cancer, and of having surpassed a date, random though it may semi have been, when my doctor told me my diagnosis and said that I might not be alive in "13 months to two years."

But I am alive, and oddly enough, a bit unsure; in fact, more unsure than I've been in almost two years. For these past two years, I've had a goal, sort of, my life expectancy, as provided by my oncologist: February 27, 2011. Having that date as a goal may have helped carry me/motivate throughout this ordeal. And though I may not have been exactly sure what kind of certainty to associate with that date while pursuing it, having reached it yesterday – and passed it today, has given me pause to reflect, and to write these last two columns.

I sort of feel like a dog (or a cat) who chases something (some kind of toy, perhaps) and then finally catches it. Having never previously caught the toy, the dog doesn't know what to do with it. Its life has been the pursuit, not the actual realization of that pursuit. Not that I ever thought that reaching these two dates would be cause for celebration (more like a miracle), but now that I've reached them, I'm uncomfortable being here without having any dates ahead to pull me forward. I will admit to one thing, though, I sure don't want to go backwards.

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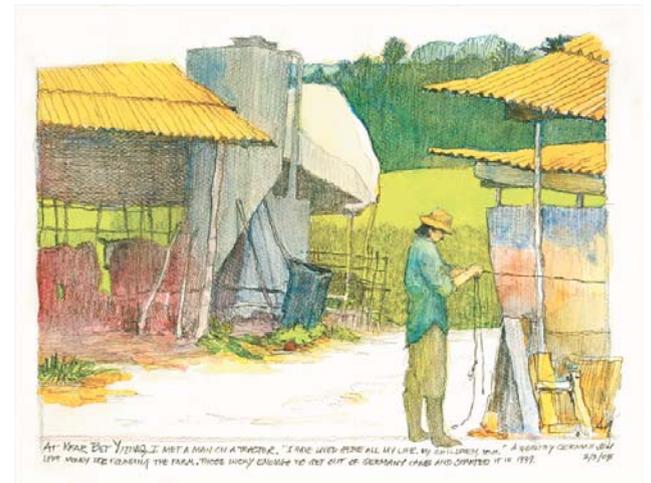
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As a young child, Goldberg was creative and enjoyed drawing. However, after graduating from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School and the University of Maryland, he fancied himself traveling to the Greek Islands to become a great artist — thus he left for Europe and traveled around until he finally made his way to Greece. In Athens, he observed a man sketching the Acropolis. He ran into the same man in Delphi. After peering over the man's shoulder at his drawings, Goldberg came to one conclusion — that this man was extremely talented and skillful because he practiced every day and really worked to develop his art. At that point, Goldberg committed to becoming an accomplished artist. He began drawing for hours every day.

Since that time in Greece, he has filled a multitude of small artist's books with his drawings. He almost never painted larger canvases because he was not interested in marketing his artwork — he did not want part with his paintings. His wife was his impetus for learning how to create limited editions. "I did not really want to sell anything I drew because it was such a part of me and reminded me of each place I had been," Goldberg said. "However, my wife Hani convinced me to create limited editions of my paintings, so I don't have to sell my originals."

Goldberg creates just 10 limited edition prints from each painting; therefore they are still unique, but affordable for the public. They can also be ordered in any size.

His artwork was also selected for Abercrombie and Kent's brochure on India. The Goldbergs traveled there last year, and while his wife was attending a conference, Goldberg spent his time drawing the sights and scenes of India. A & K then selected

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Arthur Goldberg with some of his paintings.

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