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River RATS Save Lives in Last Week's Flooding

Sometimes rain overwhelms common sense.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE ALMANAC

They'll tell you it's just another day on the job, but swift water rescue operators helped save the lives of 12 Potomac residents during last week's unprecedented flooding.

"All of the cases were preventable."

— Master Firefighter Donnie Simmons, Cabin John Station 30

Many of the victims chose convenience over safety, driving past warning flares into dangerous conditions all for the sake of taking a direct route home.

"All of the cases were preventable," said Donnie Simmons, a master firefighter with Cabin John Station 30. "Even if people had somewhere to go it was probably not that important."

Members of the River Rescue and Tactical Services team, known as the

and floated down the creek.



A car is engulfed by floodwaters in Potomac Village.

River RATS, instituted pre-deployment plans early Wednesday morning, Sept. 7, and were ready when the first calls came in.

The first and most dangerous rescue occurred at Bradley Boulevard, where a woman was stranded on top of her car surrounded by rushing water. Responders were able to put a flotation device on the driver moments before her car became buoyant

and floated down the creek.

Her car traveled 25 yards before lodging against two large trees. It was only after the water receded that the team was able to affect the rescue. While shaken, the driver wasn't injured.

"She was very happy to be out of the car," said Captain Jim Seavey, Chief of Cabin John Station 10. "There wasn't even a ques-

Turn Around, Don't Drown

Although flooded roads may seem passable, currents are significantly stronger than they appear. According to public safety officials, drivers should take different routes, be mindful of local news, and most of all use common sense.

tion about crossing the road, it was very obvious no one could drive past."

Twenty minutes after the incident another driver needed rescue after he attempted the same dangerous crossing at the same spot.

Swift water responders receive specialized training, and teams include four personnel equipped with two boats per unit. Although one team is usually sufficient to perform inland rescues when ponds overflow, swift water rescues typically require two or more. When creeks and streams flood it can be just as dangerous as rescuing someone from Great Falls.

During last week's flooding, Cabin John River RATS from Stations 10 and 30 provided their services to neighboring Prince George's county, which reported nearly 150 swift water rescues.

"PG County had more inundation, the difference had nothing to do with savvy residents," said Simmons. "Overall, however, I'd say it was just a normal day on the job."

PHOTO BY DEBORAH STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

'Team Saij – Simply The Best'

Fundraiser supports Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy research.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The decision was made from the heart, coupled with the will of a mother to do whatever it takes for her child," wrote Vicky Singh in her letter to friends asking for support and pledges. Vicky Singh's decision was to run the New York City Marathon.

The passion that led to her decision was to raise funds for research for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), the most common and most debilitating form of muscular dystrophy. According to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD), DMD afflicts 1 in 3,500 boys worldwide. This disease is progressive and lethal. Boys are usually diagnosed between the ages of 1 and 7. Most require a wheelchair by the time they are 10 – 13, lose control of their hands by late teens and few live beyond their 20s. There is no treatment or cure. The U.S. government does not fund a lot of re-



Saij Singh and sister Kaveen.

search, since less than 20,000 boys have the disease — yet it is the leading cause of death in boys under 25, according to statistics at www.parentprojectmd.org.

Saij Singh, son of Vicky and Gurpreet Singh of Potomac was diagnosed with DMD in 2008 when he was 6 years old. He is now 9 years old — and in a wheelchair. His mother describes him: "Saij is so full of life. He is cheerful, cheeky — and very bright. He is two grade levels ahead in school and is optimistic, enthusiastic and loves to play Wii, chess and X-Box 360. Because he cannot walk, he dreams of flying — and of one day be

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Celebrating PossABILITIES

Wayside Elementary creates empathy training week.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The students at Wayside Elementary School will soon have an unparalleled opportunity to celebrate student differences — and to develop empathy, disability awareness, acceptance of others and perseverance at the first "sensitivity training week" from Sept. 19–23.

This program, the inaugural event of the Wayside SNAP (Special Needs Awareness Program), is called "Care to Connect — Wayside Celebrates PossABILITIES."

SNAP consists of members from the Wayside administration, staff and parents. Guidance counselor Nancy Averill and the committee have been planning the event since last April. The week will be filled with learning experiences to help students accept others no matter what unique special needs another student may have.



Wayside Elementary School Principal Yong-Mi Kim and Guidance Counselor Nancy Averill.

"Every grade-level will have different activities," said Averill. "Some students will have the opportunity to experience what it would be like to have a disability. They may be blindfolded, have to walk with a walker or crutches, control their diet if they have a food allergy or make other adjustments if they have other health concerns. They will have the opportunity to discuss how it felt to have that particular disability. Other students will be using the computer lab to research disabilities and will gain an understanding that everyone has simi

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by
Michael Matese

Re-Defining Your Home Without Re-Designing Your Home

If you want to show your home at its best but don't want to renovate or re-design, there are ways to make it look fresh and new for potential buyers.

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NEWS

Prepare for Potomac Country House Tour

56th annual event set for Oct. 1-2.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Every fall, residents of Potomac await the Potomac Country House Tour, knowing that they will have an opportunity to tour unique homes, shop at distinctive boutiques and dine on a scrumptious lunch and dessert bar. Since 1956, the women of Potomac's St. Francis Episcopal Church have sponsored this October house tour to benefit Montgomery County charities as well as many outreach programs. In addition, a silent auction gives attendees an opportunity to bid on an array of items.

This year, the Potomac Country House Tour will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2. The two-day tour will include four "one-of-a-kind" homes. Hundreds of volunteers from St. Francis Episcopal have been planning this inimitable event for the past year.

Fran Baker and Grace Rood are both long-time members of St. Francis and of the House Tour Committee. Baker discussed the homes on tour: "The four tour homes are The Ghanbari home, the Puri home, the Sremac Home and the Hobbins Home. Each home is exceptional in its own way — and each is entirely different from the others. Visitors will have the opportunity to ask questions — even down to the paint colors used in each room. We have a hostess in every room to answer any question a tour guest may ask."

The Hobbins House was originally located in Brooklyn, Conn. The present owners, Jim and Linda Hobbins, first bought a five-acre tract on Tulip Lane in Potomac — and then, through their Connecti-



Linda and Jim Hobbins in their Carriage House.

cut architect, discovered the 1790 house. They fell in love with it — and decided to buy it, take it apart and move it. The house was disassembled piece by piece, post by post, beam by beam — and moved to Potomac.

"It took us nine years to authentically recreate the home," said Jim Hobbins. "I did a lot of the woodwork myself in every room. We restored the kitchen in the style of an 18th century keeping room. We even used hand-wrought rosehead nails to attach the wide pine floor boards."

Their home is filled with American antiques to enhance each room. In 2005, they added a Carriage House which houses their many family heirlooms — as well as their five children and many grandchildren when they come to visit. Linda Hobbins, who is a creative florist, uses part of the Carriage House as a workshop where she creates dried floral and fruit arrangements. These will be for sale during the house tour.

Another home on the tour is the Ghanbari home, a center hall colonial. This home is filled with art, French antique tapestries and Persian rugs. Owner Mahin Ghanbari has collected artifacts from Persia's cultural heritage including antique Persian tiles and tribal accessories worn by Persian women.

One of the features of the Ghanbari home is the addition which includes a two-story great room with cathedral ceiling and a garden dining room with barreled ceiling. A mural on the ceiling by decorative artist Elizabeth Jean Warnock depicts a blue sky, clouds



Floral arrangements created by Linda Hobbins.

and grape arbor.

Montgomery County homebuilder Prem Puri is the builder and owner of a 15,000-square-foot estate home open to house tour visitors. This mansion features a family room with a 30-foot paneled ceiling, floating fireplace and tiger wood flooring. The chef's kitchen includes a large island, granite countertops, a hidden pantry and more. Other features of this home are a ballroom, a theater room, morning room and a total of nine bedrooms. The European décor shows touches of Asian influence.

The last home on the tour is a bright, airy four-story townhome. Owner Danielle Sremac, an artist, has decorated her home with her own hand-painted furniture, gilded chandeliers and accessories. Sremac's impressionistic paintings

of lavender fields in Provence, France complement her traditional European furnishings. Her paintings of Nantucket sailboats accent her son's nautical room. She is also an organization expert — and her well-organized kitchen and closets will inspire. Sremac will be present during the tour to answer questions on everything from repainting furniture to organizing a pantry.

The boutique housed at the church will include The Surrey, (A Potomac tradition), Embellishments (one-of-a-kind jewelry), Tootie Lu (sweaters and dresses for mothers and daughters), Private Quarters (luxurious bed and bath linens) and Original Designs by Sharon Fabio (handbags, commissioned drawings of homes).

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Preparing for Festival

From left: Rida Boulos, Madelyn Nader and Mary Sahour prepare ma'amoul balls for Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church's 28th annual Middle Eastern Bazaar and Food Festival on the weekend of Sept. 23-25. The pastries are filled with walnuts, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Nader, chair of the food committee, said, "It is a nice camaraderie preparing the food. It keeps us coming back to volunteer each year."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Save the Date

- ❖ **Family Fun Fest**, Friday, Sept. 23, starting at 4 p.m., Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation and Friends of Potomac Community Center, carnival rides and games, prizes, petting zoo, DJ, "Minute to Win It," \$5 for unlimited rides and games.
- ❖ **Family Night**, Friday, Sept. 23, 7:30-9 p.m., Potomac Community Center at 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, \$5 per bingo ticket, prizes will include Club Friday memberships, snack bar. Call 240-777-6957. Family Fun Fest and Family Night programs at Potomac Community Center.
- ❖ **West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA)**, Potomac's umbrella citizens association, is scheduled to hold its first general meeting of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 12, and meets the second Wednesday of each month, October through May, Potomac Community Center, 7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. www.wmcca.org.
- ❖ **56th Annual Potomac Country House Tour**, Oct. 1 and 2. Featuring an award-winning builder's home, a creative artist's home, a Colonial home with Persian heritage décor, and an 18th century country home constructed in Connecticut; 20 boutiques located in St. Francis Hall. www.potomaccountryhousetour.org.
- ❖ **Taste of Bethesda**, Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 60 restaurants will be featured along with live entertainment on four stages, a children's area and more. www.bethesda.org
- ❖ **Blood Drive**, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in cooperation with American Red Cross. Sunday, Oct. 1, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Participation by pre-registration. Call the drive's coordinator, Richard Sinatra at 301-299-2459 or sinatar@verizon.net
- ❖ **Potomac Day**, Oct. 22. Parade, 10:30 a.m., Oct. 22, Potomac Village. Arrive before 10 a.m. to avoid road closures. Free children's rides and more, sponsored by Potomac Chamber of Commerce. 301-299-4650

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

The Puppet Co. presents "Tiny Tots at 10:00," a program designed for its youngest theater patrons (ages 0 - 4). The shows are shorter, the lights stay on, the doors stay open, and running time is 30 minutes. Pre-Purchases or no-obligation reservations strongly recommended. The Tiny Tots program is also offered on Saturday, Sept. 17, 'World on a String,' Sunday, Sept. 18, 'Baby Bear's Birthday,' Wednesday, Sept. 21, 'Animal Crackers,' Saturday, Sept. 24, 'Penguins Playground,' and Sunday, Sept. 25, 'Animal Crackers.' The Puppet Co. Playhouse is located in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. 301-634-5380 or visit www.thepuppetco.org. See all of Glen Echo Park's programs, activities, exhibits and events at www.glenechopark.org/

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

- Music Center at Strathmore** opens 2011-2012 season with Grammy winning blues songwriter and singer Keb' Mo'. Part of Strathmore's year-long series "Celebrating American Composers," an exploration of talents and innovations that have shaped American music. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. 8 p.m. 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org for listing of all future events.
- Potomac Farmers Market**, through October, Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road at corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. 301-590-2823.
- Bone Builders**, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 3 p.m. Adult exercise class — led by trained volunteers — incorporates balance and weight training proven to increase bone density. Must attend both classes (Tuesday and Thursday) each week. Wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. This event meets every Thursday.
- Preschool Storytime**, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for 3- to 6-year olds and their caregivers. This event meets every Thursday.
- Potomac Cuddles**, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes and songs for babies from birth to 11 months and their caregivers. No registration required. Call 240-777-0690 or see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>
- Potomac Toddlers**, Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for toddlers 12-to-36 months and their caregivers. No registration required. This event meets every Thursday.
- High Nooners**. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

"Resurrection." 8 p.m. BSO Season Opener. Led by Music Director Marin Alsop, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will open the 2011-2012 subscription season with Mahler's five-part masterpiece, Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection," on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore. The performance will feature the BSO debut of soprano Layla Claire, alongside mezzo-soprano Susan Platts and The Baltimore Choral Arts Society, directed by Tom Hall. Tickets are available through BSO Ticket Office, 410-783-8000 or BSOmusic.org.



Layla Claire, soprano

Patio Party Networking Event. 4 to 6 p.m.

Sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Normandie Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$10/Chamber Members; \$15/non-members. At 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-2170.

Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road. Step meeting. Open meeting for AA members, families, guests and anyone else who is interested in the AA program of recovery. Visitors are expected to respect the anonymity of all people. See www.aa-dc.org or call Washington Area Intergroup Association Central Office at 202-966-9115. This event meets every Thursday.

Potomac Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Our Lady of Mercy Church. 9200 Kentsdale Drive. 8:30 p.m. Open for those who are alcoholics and those who have or think they have a drinking problem. See www.aa-dc.org or call Washington Area Intergroup Association Central Office at 202-966-9115. This event meets every Thursday.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. 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.

Child Safety Seats inspection. Fire and Rescue, police and personnel from Fitzgeard's Auto Mall, 5501 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, offer free check of the condition and proper installation of child safety seats by nationally certified car seat technicians. Every child under eight years old must be secured in a federally-approved and correctly used child restraint system (child safety seat or booster seat) when riding in a motor vehicle, unless the child is 4'9" or taller, or weighs more than 65 pounds. All vehicle passengers under the age of 16 must be restrained by a seat belt.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Concert. 8 p.m. The Strawbs, along with the Zombies, will be performing at The Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Tickets are \$40 and \$38 for senior citizens and students. Call 240-567-5301 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC/guest_events/zombies.htm

Insects that Fly. Learn all about insects and their relatives in this fall series designed for young children and their caretakers. Audubon Naturalist Society, Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase. 301-652-9188. 10-11 a.m. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Ages 18 months - 3 years with adult. See www.audubonnaturalist.org for listing of all activities at Audubon during September.

Lil Sprouts: A Bug's Life, Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary Headquarters, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 10-11 a.m. Ages 18 months to 3 years, with adult. Insects are the most numerous animals on the planet. Learn all about insects (and their relatives) in this fall series designed for young children and their caretakers. Registration required. Sign up for one or all in the series (Sept. 30 Water Wiggles; Oct. 14, Litter Critters; Oct. 28, Splendid Spiders; Nov. 11, Cool Caterpillars; Dec. 2, Mighty Migration; Dec. 16, Hibernating Insects.) \$10 members, \$12 non members. Call 301-652-9188 or see www.audubonnaturalist.org.

Canal stewards work day at Swains Lock, off River Road. 9 a.m. Contact Steve Dean at levelwalker@candocanal.org or 301-904-9068.



TUESDAY/SEPT. 27

Singer-Songwriter Bill Staines. 8 p.m. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org. Contact David Spitzer at focusrockville@earthlink.net or 301-275-7459.

Founded in 2007, the C&O Canal Trust is the official nonprofit partner of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Its mission is to work in partnership with the National Park Service to protect, restore, and promote the C&O Canal. See www.canaltrust.org/trust/

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the Jamie Lynch Band. Swing dance workshop from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. E-mail or call Donna Barker at dbarker@glenechopark.org or 301-634-223, call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DanceDC.net.

Enrollment Night. 6 to 8 p.m. Best suited for kids ages 4 and up but open to all. At My Gym Potomac, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, Call 301-983-5300. mygym.com/Potomac

Potomac Oaks AA Meeting. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road. 7:30 p.m. Speaker meeting. For those who are alcoholics and those who have or think they have a drinking problem. See www.aa-dc.org or call Washington Area Intergroup Association Central Office at 202-966-9115. This group meets every Friday.

Potomac Village AA Meeting. St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road. Step meeting. 8:30 p.m. For those who are alcoholics and those who have or think they have a drinking problem. See www.aa-dc.org or call Washington Area Intergroup Association Central Office at 202-966-9115. This group meets every Friday.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

Tai Chi Court, grand opening, Cabin John Regional Park, 7400 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hosted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPCC) Montgomery County Department of Parks

and the Wu Wei Tai Chi Club. This is the first Tai Chi court in Montgomery County and only one of a few of its kind in the nation. Dedicated to the memory of David C. Chen, founder of the Wu Wei Tai Chi Club. David Chen practiced Tai Chi in Cabin John Regional Park every week for 12 years before he died in 2005.

First anniversary of Conservation Montgomery. Join County officials, County staff, community leaders, the Conservation Montgomery Board of Directors, members, 19 partner organizations, six green corporate partners and others. Norbeck-Muncaster Mill Park Activity Building, 4104 Muncaster Mill Road, Norbeck. 3-5 p.m. Conservation Montgomery's mission is to sustain Montgomery County's quality of life and natural resources for current and future generations through community awareness and sound decision-making. See <http://www.conservationmontgomery.org/>. RSVP by Sept. 8 to ConservationMontgomery@live.com

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

Self-Help for the Socially Hostile. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2 p.m. The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St, Bethesda. Ray Robertson reads from Fifteen

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Keb' Mo'

ENTERTAINMENT

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Reasons to Live, a book of essays on what makes humans happy and what makes life worth living, written after Robertson experienced major depression following the completion of his sixth novel.

Run 3.1, Preserve 184.5. First annual 5K race to generate donations for the repair and preservation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. 8 a.m. Meadowbrook Park, 7901 Meadowbrook Lane Chevy Chase. Organized by Learn-Serve International Fellow & Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School junior Gregory Picard. Walk-up Registration beginning at 7 a.m. Race at 8 a.m. All proceeds to benefit the C&O Canal Trust. Founded in 2007, the C&O Canal Trust is the official nonprofit partner of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Its mission is to work in partnership with the National Park Service to protect, restore, and promote the C&O Canal. See www.canaltrust.org/trust/

Back To Church Sunday. 11 a.m. www.backtochurch.com is a national initiative that seeks to reach people who once attended church, but don't any more, and invite them to return for a special Sunday. At Scotland AME Zion Church, 10902 Seven Locks Road, Potomac.

Church Rally Day. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. worship; noon to 2 p.m. carnival. At Potomac Presbyterian Church, 1030 River Road, Potomac. Call Pastor Sean Miller at 301-299-6007.

John McCutcheon in Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25/advance; \$29/door, Student with ID: \$20/advance; \$24/door. At IMT at Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

Jewelry, Crafts and Fashion Open House. 3 to 6 p.m. A jewelry, crafts and fashion open house, including jewelry appraisal, will be held to benefit Hope Connections for Cancer Support's free programs of emotional support, education and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones. At 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda. Contact 301-493-5002 or info@hopeconnectionsforcancer.org

Waltz Dance featuring band Blue Bamboo. Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Introductory waltz workshop from 2:45-3:30 p.m. followed by social dancing from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. \$10, no partner required. Visit

www.WaltzTimeDances.org, call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org

Slow Blues and Swing Dancing Back Room features Memphis Gold at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte offer workshop on slow blues dancing from 7-8:30 p.m. Open dancing from 8:30 to 11 p.m. \$17 for full evening, \$12 for dancing only. Doors open for "dancing only" at 8:15 p.m. Call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, visit www.DanceDC.net or e-mail dbarker@glenechopark.org

MONDAY, SEPT. 19

Promote Honesty. Parent workshop. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 7 p.m. Dealing with lying, stealing and sneaky behavior. Trust is critical in all relationships. How do we develop trust in our children? How do we build it back once it has been damaged? Call 240-777-0690 or see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

Writer's Critique. The Potomac Area Newcomers Club has a writers' critique group that meets from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact group chairman Jan Grogan at 301-365-2064. The Potomac Area Newcomers Club is a group of 200 women who have moved to the Potomac area from all over the world. The group has numerous social activities including book clubs, bridge gatherings, couples dining events and more. See www.potomacnewcomers.com or contact PANC by pancmembership@yahoo.com.

The Potomac Area Newcomers Club's Investment Group meets at 10:15 a.m. and is a new group composed of members who are interested in learning about the financial markets, stocks and investing. A small initial fee is required as well as monthly dues. Contact Barbara Gargano at 301-309-1423 or Patti Suggs at 301-983-6065. The Potomac Area Newcomers Club is a group of 200 women who have moved to the Potomac area from all over the world. The group has numerous social activities including book clubs, bridge

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Payment Information

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gatherings, couples dining events and more. See www.potomacnewcomers.com or contact PANC by pancmembership@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

Public Safety Training Academy. 7-9 p.m., 9710 Great Seneca Highway Rockville. Free 18-week program offers opportunity for community members to learn about their Montgomery County Police Department and develop a better understanding of police functions. Additional information and an on-line application for future sessions can be found on the police website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police under "Divisions/Stations" the Management Services Bureau, Public.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 22

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. 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.

Potomac Farmers Market, organized by Montgomery County, through October, Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road at corner of Falls Road and Democracy Blvd. 301-590-2823.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21

Family Support Group, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance National Capital Area, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church, 1513 Dunster Road at Falls Road and Dunster Road. Free. For the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065 or see www.dbsanca-family.org.

Adult Book Club. 1 p.m. Book discussion of "The Last Thing He Wanted." No registration required. New members welcome. Meets at Potomac Library, Potomac.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

Family Bingo Night. 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$5 per Bingo booklet (15-20 games). Prizes will include Club Friday memberships. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 240-777-6960.

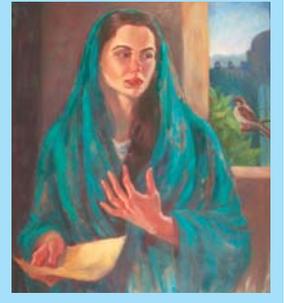
Family Fun Fest, Sept. 23, starting at 4 p.m., Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation and Friends of Potomac Community Center, carnival rides and games, prizes, petting zoo, DJ, "Minute to Win It," \$5 for unlimited rides and games. Call 240-777-6960.

FINE ARTS

OCT. 1 AND 2

Moved by Beauty.

Potomac artist Dolores Gomez-Bustillo will show figure and landscape paintings. Artist's reception is Saturday, Oct. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Gallery in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-371-5593.



SEPT. 17 AND 18

"Eastern Shore Landscapes and Seascapes." Oil Paintings by Jim Rehak. At the Glen Echo Gallery. Open Saturday noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. An artist's reception is Saturday, Sept. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 1-301-371-5593 or 301-492-6229.

THROUGH SEPT. 20

Celebrate Labor: Where Art and Politics Meet.

Works by Maine artist Judy Taylor, whose 11-panel Labor Mural was removed in March from the headquarters of Maine's Department of Labor by Gov. Paul LePage. Presented by VisArts at Rockville, at the Kaplan Gallery, 2nd floor. Panel discussion is Sept. 15 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

SEPT. 24 TO 25

"Reflections." Noon to 5 p.m. Acrylic seascape paintings by Emil Markulis. A reception for the artist is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Yellow Barn Art Gallery, Glen Echo Park. Call 301-371-5593 or visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

THROUGH OCT. 2

Potomac Artist Julia Latein-Kimmig. Show entitled "Mix No Match." Artist's reception is Friday, Sept. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. Hands-on workshop entitled "Wild Card" on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 1-4 p.m. At the Foundry Gallery in Dupont Circle.

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CLUB FRIDAY

Potomac Community Center

11315 Falls Road, Potomac, Maryland, 20854, 240-777-6960

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation's CLUB FRIDAY returns for its 20th Year to the Potomac Community Center. (Sold out for the last 19 years.)

NEW: You can register online for PCC's Club Friday this Fall! See details below.

The action begins on October 14, 2011. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to be involved with your friends for unlimited fun!

WHEN: Every Friday Night from Oct. 14, 2011 - Mar 23, 2012
Club Friday WILL NOT meet on 11/25, 12/23, and 12/30 or when schools close early or are closed due to inclement weather.

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

WHO: Grades 3 through 6

MEMBERSHIP FEES: An annual \$65.00 membership fee will enroll your child in Potomac's Club Friday. Membership will be limited to 550 children. Once 550 children have registered, parents can add their child's name on the waiting list.



NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES: Online registration will be available for PCC's Club Friday program starting at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 1, 2011. Online registration will end on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011. www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec and click on Rec Web.

Course code: 316575. We encourage people to register on line: it is the fastest and easiest way to register and you'll know immediately that your child got in. You may also fax the registration to 240-777-6818 or bring it to the Potomac CC. (**Please Note:** we can't guarantee that hand delivered registrations will be registered that same day.)

GUESTS: Guests will not be admitted the first two weeks of the program. Beginning October 28, each member may bring ONE guest each night. **Guest passes purchased in advance at PCC are \$3.00. Guests will be charged \$5.00 at the door.** Members must be accommodated first, so we reserve the right to limit the number of guests admitted on any given night.

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Big Designs for Small Spaces

Designers use bold accessories to make small spaces elegant.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

A common misconception about decorating small spaces is that lighter is better. “The one thing I always have to overcome is the color issue,” said interior designer Deborah Wiener. “People want to keep it light so it will look bigger. A lighter room doesn’t necessarily look bigger than a darker room.”

Bold colors and accents can enhance small spaces. “Think of [furniture] as a little black dress,” said interior designer Alex Deringer of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors. “You can start with neutrals and always accessorize it with color through pillows or other accessories.”

Deringer put this theory into practice recently when she and her design partner Courtney Cox helped Scott Morrison furnish the interior of his condominium on the top floor of a 14-story building in Bethesda.

“It had beautiful views of the city,” said Morrison. “The design challenge was that there was only one living area. In a small apartment you want to maximize the living space. I wanted it to be elegant and contemporary, but I didn’t have a lot of time or patience.”

He turned the job over to Deringer and Cox. The design team created an accent wall in the foyer that was painted brown with hints of deep purple. A starburst mirror hung on the wall and reflected light from the large windows that framed the home.

“The mirror was made of mica and shells,” said Deringer. “It was very dramatic. Mirrors in any small space are a wonderful accessory because they bounce around light.”

The designers turned his living room into two separate spaces, one for entertaining friends and business associates and one for relaxing. They gave one side a slightly formal look and furnished it with a sleek, armless Donghia sofa in beige. They included golden-yellow accent pillows.

“The other side of the room had blues,” said Deringer. “The two [different hues] related to each other through the accessories that we added to the space. Scott had a lot of colorful art,” said Deringer. “So we tied the colors of the art into the furnishings so that it flowed.”

The designers believe that intense colors, used in moderation, can add depth. “You don’t want too many patterns and colors that are fighting with each other. All of the [furniture and accessories] that we purchased for his condo have been installed in his new home in Potomac,” said Deringer, demonstrating that bold accessories can work well in both large and small spaces if used judiciously.



Cheryl Edleson Hanway and her daughter Hannah stand in their Bethesda dining room. It was designed by Deborah Wiener who chose large accessories to make a big design statement in the room.

Wiener, a Montgomery County-based designer agrees. “One of the mottos I live by [is] less is more and bigger is better,” said Wiener. In fact, she applied that adage to her work in the dining room of Cheryl Edleson Hanway’s Bethesda home.

Hanway and her husband Tim had acquired large, heavy pieces of furniture during international business trips.

“We have a big, square, solid-wood colonial table and a big solid-wood colonial mirror that we picked up in Brazil,” said Hanway. “So we knew that we needed to decorate the [dining room] around the table and the mirror.”

The couple wanted to add a rug, lighting, and a place to display their vibrantly-colored collection of plates, also acquired from their international travels.

Wiener had little room for error in her design.

“The pedestal of our table weighed about 230 pounds, we knew that once you put a table that heavy in place [on a rug] you do not move it,” said Hanway. “And because we have such heavy [dining room furniture], we needed a striking chandelier.”

Wiener chose a large, wrought-iron, orb-shaped chandelier with a rust finish. She found a wall-mounting to display the

Tips

Deborah Wiener’s design solutions for small spaces:

- ❖ The one thing I always have to overcome is the color issue. [A client will] want to keep it light so it will look bigger. A lighter room doesn’t necessarily look bigger than a darker room. A lot of it is about lighting.

- ❖ I think lighting is really the difference between an amateur and a professional. Even the most modest room looks so much more impressive with proper lighting.

- ❖ You’ve heard the expression Go West? I say go up. I’m a big believer in the cheapest leaning shelves, tiered coffee tables and side tables that have shelves, storage ottomans — anything that gives you layers of storage and layers of display.

- ❖ I love the infinity effect of a mirror where you’re looking in a mirror and there are multiple reflections coming in.

- ❖ Put furniture at angles in a small room and leave the corners empty so you can add ladder shelves.

- ❖ Furniture in a small space has to perform double duty — a drop leaf table that can be used as a desk during the day and a dinner table at night.

couple’s plate collection, and a striped rug with rich brown and blue colors.

“Debbie hit it spot-on,” said Hanway. “All of the furniture in the room has an elegant, rustic look to it playing off the farm table and mirror. The chandelier works perfectly over the big table.”

The space Wiener created feels clean and open. “I didn’t use much, but I did choose big items to make big design statements,” said Wiener underscoring the fact that large accessories can work in small spaces.



Designers Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox uses a mirror in this room to add light and create a sense of openness.

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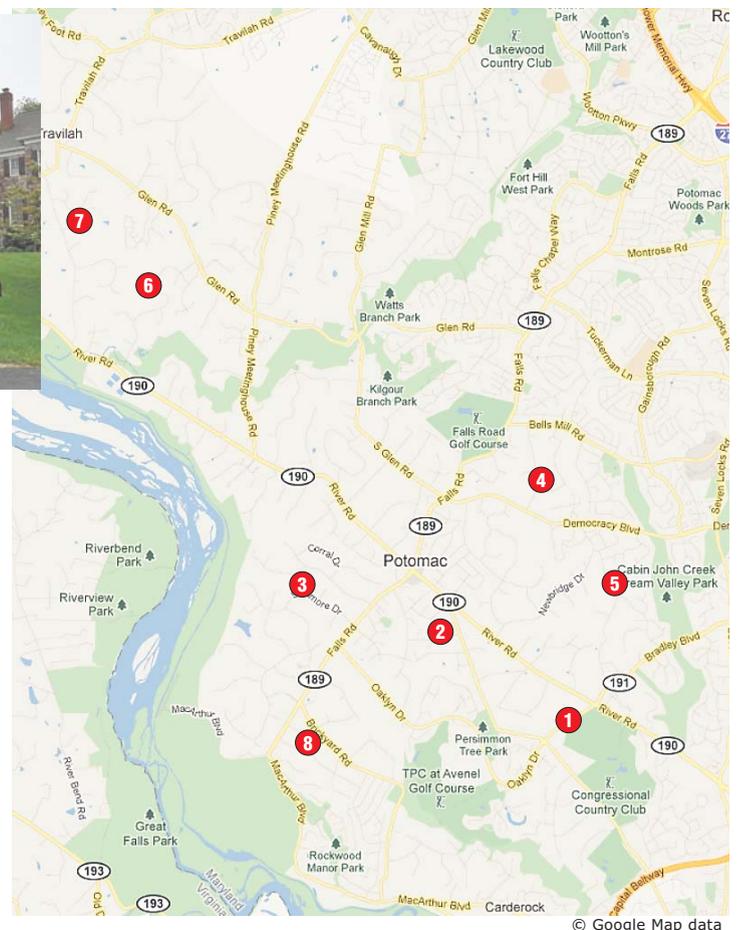
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Looking After Your Home

Dogged detective work or the confusing case of a dripping ceiling.

BY MICHAEL PORTER DENKER
AND TODD MCPHEE
SPECIAL TO THE ALMANAC

"Home Work" is a new monthly column devoted to the mundane but critical issues of looking after your home, protecting your investment, and at the same time maintaining your sanity.

Finding the source of a leak can truly be tricky. A client recently called in a panic. Furious and worried, Alan told me that his roof must be leaking, and it was only five years old. Water was dripping through the ceiling onto his dining room table.

HOME WORK I gently pointed out that it wasn't raining outside. He acknowledged that but reminded me that it had rained the day before.

"When did it start leaking?" I asked.

"This morning."

"What's above the dining

room?"

"My son's bedroom and bath." (Aha.)

"Is he home?"

"Yes, on break from college."

"It could be his shower, or the floor surrounding the shower, or the shower drain, or the shower head supply piping."

Alan rigorously defended his reasoning as we all tend to do, protesting, "It never leaked before." Yes, I agreed, but there is always a first time ...

I assured him that I would come over and take a look. When I arrived, there was indeed water dripping from a recessed light fixture in the elegant dining room. There was a handsome salad bowl collecting the drips and protecting what looked to be a valuable antique heirloom dining table. The drips were now coming very slowly.

WE WALKED up stairs. The bathroom was empty, but there were



Mike Denker, left, and Todd McPhee.

signs of a serious showering. The floor was soaked outside of the glass shower door, and there were two soaking wet bath towels on the floor.

Alan was visibly embarrassed but still insisted that it might be the roof. That bathroom had never leaked before. We did some quick tests. I plugged the shower drain with some saran wrap and filled the tile shower up to the curb. Alan and I enjoyed a cup of coffee in the dining room while awaiting drips. The coffee was excellent,

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Churchill Avenges Late-Season Losses to Whitman



PHOTOS BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

Quarterback Lansana Keita, seen during two-a-day practices, and the Churchill football team improved to 2-0 with a 21-7 victory against Whitman on Sept. 10.

The Whitman football team crushed Churchill's playoff hopes each of the last two years, beating the Bulldogs in the final game of the regular season.

This year, the two teams met in an early-season matchup on Sept. 10 at Whitman High School and it was Churchill that walked away a winner.

The Bulldogs outscored the Vikings 14-0 in the fourth quarter en route to a 21-7 victory.

The game was originally scheduled for Friday, Sept. 9, but was postponed until Saturday due to issues stemming from inclement weather.

Churchill quarterback Lansana Keita completed 5 of 15 passes for 89 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted twice. Dominique Williams hauled in two receptions for 48 yards and a touchdown. Quan Gill caught one pass for 34 yards.

Malik Harris led the Churchill ground attack, gaining 66 yards and a touchdown in 14 carries.

Defensively, Bret Sickels led Churchill with 13 tackles, one sack and an interception. Jacob Suissa finished with 11 tackles. Darrion Locke recorded two sacks.

Running back Val Djidotor led the Whitman offense, rushing 23 times for 132 yards. In two games,

Djidotor has 308 yards and three touchdowns on the ground and is averaging 7.5 yards per carry.

Quarterback Michael Flack completed 2 of 16 passes for 25 yards and was intercepted once. He rushed 14 times for 35 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Flack and Zac Morton each snagged an interception.

Churchill (2-0) will host Bethesda-Chevy Chase at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16. Whitman (1-1) will host Kennedy.

Wootton Football Evens

Record with Victory.

The Wootton football team defeated Kennedy, 30-14, on Sept. 10 at Walter Johnson High School. The game was originally scheduled for Sept. 9 at Kennedy, but was postponed and moved to WJ due to issues stemming from inclement weather.

Wootton quarterback Chris Papadopoulos completed 19 of 22 passes for 282 yards and three touchdowns. Curt Brooks caught five passes for 110 yards and two scores and Joe Stapleton finished with 10 tackles and a fumble recovery.

The Patriots will travel to face Damascus at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.

Bullis Football Loses to Ireton

The Bullis football team dropped to 1-1 with a 35-27 loss to Bishop Ireton on Sept. 10. The Bulldogs will host Potomac School at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16.

Whitman Boys Soccer Starts 2-1

The Whitman boys soccer team defeated Clarksburg, 2-1, on Sept. 12, improving its record to 2-1. The Vikings opened the season with a 2-1 victory over Mount St. Joseph on Sept. 3, and lost to Paul VI, 3-2, on the same day.

Whitman will host Poolesville at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Whitman Girls Soccer Blanks Clarksburg

The Whitman girls soccer team opened its season with a 7-0 win against Clarksburg on Sept. 12. The Vikings will travel to face Poolesville at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Whitman's next home game is against Rockville at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Whitman Volleyball Earns First Victory

The Whitman volleyball team evened its record at 1-1 with a 3-0 (25-12, 25-5, 25-12) win against Seneca Valley on Sept. 7. The Vikings opened the season with a 3-0 (25-14, 25-19, 25-9) loss to Gaithersburg on Sept. 2.

Whitman will host Bethesda-Chevy Chase at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Churchill Girls Soccer To Host Opener

After inclement weather led to game cancellations, the Churchill girls lacrosse team is scheduled to host its season opener against Watkins Mill at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15.



Wootton quarterback Chris Papadopoulos, seen earlier this season, threw three touchdown passes in a win against Kennedy on Sept. 10.



Whitman running back Val Djidotor, seen earlier this season, rushed for 132 yards in a loss to Churchill on Sept. 10.

Detecting Shower Leak

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but no drips came. I unplugged the drain and let the water out. I looked at the tile floor. I got down on my hands and knees.

The caulking between the tile floor and the curb of the shower was showing signs of fatigue. It was cracked and missing in a couple of places. (A second "Aha" moment.) Taking a glass from the sink, I filled it with water and poured some on the deteriorated caulk joint between the floor tile and the shower. By the time we walked downstairs, the water was briskly dripping into the salad bowl. I suggested we caulk the crack and also enlist the use of a floor towel. I recommended that Alan talk to his son about making sure the shower door was completely closed when using the shower.

TWO DAYS LATER, Alan called our office again. There was still a small drip of water whenever the shower was running. (I was disappointed to hear that this case was still unsolved, but I hadn't worked in the business for 35 years to be surprised or overly confident with straight-forward solutions.)

A second visit revealed a tiny pin-hole leak in the copper pipe that fed the shower head. We discovered this by opening up an access panel that the builder had thoughtfully built into the closet of an adjoining bedroom.

A flash light illuminated a fine spray when the shower was running. Generally this small spray was absorbed by the dry wood and drywall, and drips would only appear when the shower was run for more than 15 minutes. This time we had uncovered the primary culprit.

Because the leak was coming through the recessed light, once the ceiling had dried in the dining room, there was no damage done except for a slight stain on the rim of the recessed light. That came off with sprits of 409.

Some of the classic leaks are bathroom or shower leaks, pin hole leaks in pipes, roof leaks: too many kinds to list here, leaking condensate water from an air conditioning unit and drain leaks.

In next month's column, we shall explore and resolve more home woes.

Michael Porter Denker is one of the founders of the Hopkins and Porter; Todd McPhee, is a 10-year veteran of the residential construction industry who heads Hopkins & Porter's Handymen Division.

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A Cut Above— And Across



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Even though I heard first what I eventually saw, it was still an extremely pleasant sight to see: one of my neighbors, chain saw in hand, cutting through a tree that had fallen across our driveway (care of Hurricane Irene), blocking our cars' exit, rendering us somewhat trapped. Nevertheless, aside from this crossing and miscellaneous other non-threatening tree and branch damage in our yard, we experienced minimal effect and even less inconvenience, other than losing our cable service (television and computer) for a few days. Overall, we endured the Hurricane fairly well, fortunately.

Living in a 250-year-old log cabin surrounded by trees presumably just as old, storms such as these, however, long ago stopped being a source of curiosity and bemusement. The combination of a saturated ground and high winds – before, during and after the torrential rains fell, gives me pause, not to refresh, but rather to worry if this time, our house will be hit by a 100-foot Maple. Given the age and number of trees on our property, the sound of cracking branches, breaking limbs and trees toppling to the ground has hardly been uncommon during our 19-year residence. Only once though, has a tree actually landed on our house, fortunately with minor damages. Still, having experienced it once hardly prevents it from happening again. The law of averages doesn't exactly work in determining the likelihood of a tree falling on our house. In fact, in my mind, it's only a matter of time. It's inevitable, given the nature – of nature, that one day, probably sooner than later, the next sound I hear will be either my wife or myself screaming while staring at a fallen tree – in our living room.

Until that day comes, I can only anticipate the disruption and consider what preemptive "proaction" I could take. I suppose someone with the other half a brain that I don't have could easily plan for such an occurrence and purchase the necessary tools of the trade to circumvent – and presumably prevent, what many homeowners – other than me, consider their primary responsibility: property damage.

However, I have so little experience and even less training and instincts in such matters that when a situation arises that requires a homeowner to act without consulting the manual, the half a brain that I possess doesn't quite know what to do. I simply hope for the best and try not to worry about the worst. (Oddly enough, as I sit and write this column about gratitude and trees falling, my philosophy seems to mirror my attitude toward my having cancer: control what you can, don't worry about what you can't; try to think positively, know your limitations/don't take on more than you can handle, and always be grateful for the assistance and understanding of others and most importantly, don't be afraid to ask for that understanding and assistance.)

Today, my neighbors, the Darlings, went above and beyond the call of neighborly duty: seeking us out to solve our problem. Though I am not in any kind of distress due to the cancer, I am nonetheless compromised a bit by its hold on me; not so much emotionally, but physically for sure. Moreover, problem solving doesn't seem to happen as instinctively as it once did. As such, before I could even begin to stress over our "tree-dicament," I heard the "most respected tool in the homeowner's arsenal:" the chainsaw whirring away up our driveway. And when I walked outside to inquire further to see who had come to our aid, I saw my neighbor Allan doing for me what I can no longer do for myself: manual labor and heavy lifting. What a wonderful sight! Thanks again for your help. It is most appreciated.

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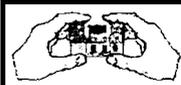
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NEWS

House Tour

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Tickets to the house tour are not necessary for boutique shopping.

Tickets for this event are on sale at different outlets in Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Gaithersburg, North Potomac, Rockville and Potomac. Tickets are \$20. The tour is open from noon – 5 p.m. daily. The Gourmet Lunch runs from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. each day. Desserts are available until 5 p.m. Boutiques run from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday. The auction ends on Sunday evening, Oct. 2.

Men's Garden Club Grows New Name

After 60 years, the Men's Garden Club of Montgomery County has become the Metropolitan Washington Garden Club.

For many homeowners in the Washington area, the club is known as the publisher of the handbook "Successful Gardening in the Greater Washington Area."

In 1946, an organization called the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Educational Foundation was promoting a variety of community activities, one of which was the idea of a garden club for men. The club was to be a counterpart to the existing Bethesda Community Garden Club for Women, to take advantage of the interest in Victory gardens generated among men during World War II.

The club has included many distinguished horticulturalists and gardeners over the years. Among them have been Ed Stock, owner of Stock Brothers Nursery and organizer of the local Victory Garden movement; Henry Allen, diplomat, vegetable gardener extraordinaire, and early planner of the Master Gardener program; Lynn Harriss, executive director of the American Society of Landscape Architects; Mel Josephs, executive director of the American Society of Plant Physiologists; Frederic Lee, president of the first elected Montgomery County Council and author of the Azalea Book; landscape architects Edward Willard and John Shaffer; William McCrillis, whose Bethesda garden is now McCrillis Gardens, part of Brookside Gardens; various garden editors of the Washington Star and Washington Daily News, and a director of the National Arboretum.

From the beginning, the club was open to members from across the Washington metropolitan region. Now the club has made that policy official in its new name: the Metropolitan Washington Garden Club. It bills itself as "a club for serious gardeners . . . and those who just love gardening." Meetings are held at Bethesda United Methodist Church at 8300 Old Georgetown Road (at the intersection of Huntington Parkway) at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Men and women interested in learning more about the Club can call John Thomas (301-949-0549), Steve Schmal (301-652-8620), Bernie Chew (301-340-1556), or president Richard Levine (301-340-1588).

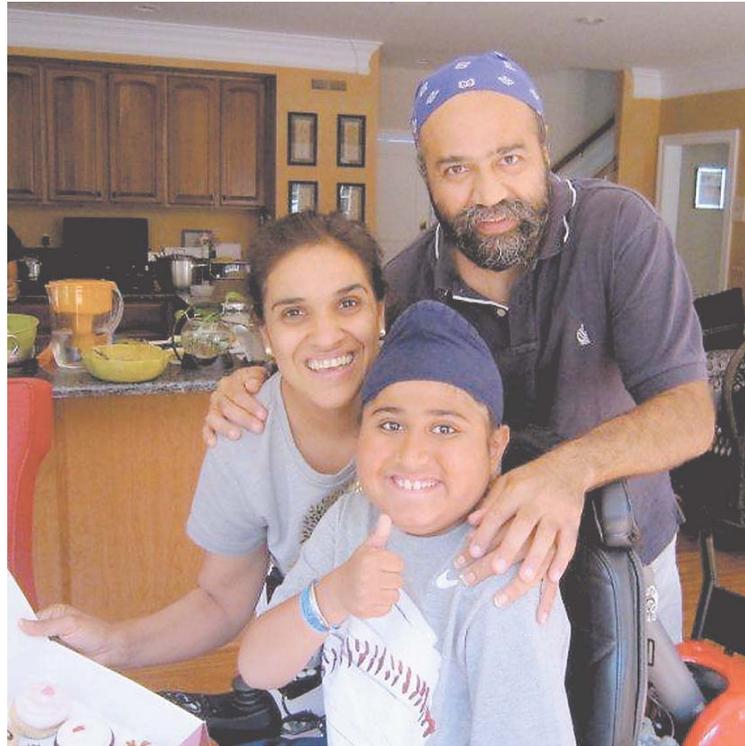
Team Saij To Hold Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Fundraiser

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ing President.”
Vicky Singh had never run before — in fact, she had never even walked a mile around her neighborhood when she decided to enter the race. She chose the NYC Marathon because most of her family lived in New York City and because PPMD encourages parents to join this run to “Run for Our Sons,” to raise money for research for Muscular Dystrophy. Singh decided to run and immediately two of her sister-in-laws and her best friend from childhood registered. Her brother Lucky asked, “What are you thinking? This is the NYC Marathon. People train for years.”

She trained — but only a few miles when she could find time. But because of her determination, love for her son, and drive to find a cure or treatment for this devastating affliction, she completed the 26.2 miles — and the biggest challenge of her life. After the race, she wrote, “It was never a life ambition nor was it even a possibility for me to run a marathon. However, by completing it, my lesson learned is, that if I could do this and it wasn’t even a desire, then imagine what is possible for what I do strive for in my life.”

She raised over \$17,000 during the Marathon, and then founded the “Team Saij-Simply the Best” — a non-profit 503c Foundation. The foundation’s primary goal is to fund research and accelerate “time to market” of treatment for Duchenne boys. “Sim-



Saij and parents Vicky and Gurpreet Singh.

ply the Best” comes from the Tina Turner song which she and Saij sing to one another for hope and inspiration.

Gurpreet Singh added, “Team Saij is inspired by several leaders in the world of DMD.

Especially worthy of mention are Pat Furlong, founder and CEO of PPMD. Pat is one of the most selfless and passionate leaders

I have ever had the opportunity to meet — she is a real force and has contributed substantially to the world of DMD. Dr. Kathryn Wagner of Kennedy Krieger and Dr. Lee Sweeney of University of Pennsylvania are two other pioneers who have a strong commitment to ending Duchenne, and are instrumental to advancements in research and standards of care for boys with Duchenne.

I am so inspired by them several others whom I have had the opportunity to meet with over the last few months.”

Just a few weeks ago, Vicky Singh had the idea to host Team Saij’s first DMD fundraiser dinner event, in addition to organizing the “Sensitivity Awareness Week” program event at the Wayside Elementary School. Saij is a student at Wayside. “At this late date we were very fortunate to be able to book the Marriott at Rio and to be supported by people like Michelle Pajot, general manager of the hotel. She has been exceptional to work with to make the event a success so more funds can go towards this important research,” said Singh.

The DMD fundraiser event will be Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Marriott Rio, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg. It will include dinner, a talk by inspirational and motivational speaker Jeremy Newman who is flying in from L.A. for this event, and the “best ever” silent auction. Tickets are \$100 for adults, \$175 for couples and \$50 for students.

Tickets are tax deductible and can be purchased at the door or in advance from the Singhs at mveckysingh99@gmail.com. Donations for the foundation can be sent to 12520 Grey Fox Lane, Potomac, MD 20850. Checks should be made out to “Team Saij-Simply the Best.” Email for more information or to donate items for the silent auction.

Wayside Elementary Creates Empathy Training Week

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larities and differences. They will also learn to talk about their emotions and what motivates behavior.”

Principal Yong-Mi Kim said, “We are fortunate to have a School/ Community-Based (SCB) program in our school. Both of our SCB teachers have received awards for ex-

cellence. They are just amazing and bring out the best in their students.

Wayside has always had the inclusion piece as our focus. We have an excellent staff who appreciate diversity and help their students become friends and advocates for our special needs students. Our students are used to differences and enjoy and value

them.”

The week will begin with programs in conflict resolution, bully prevention and character building — all programs which will continue throughout the year. On Monday evening, Sept. 19, parents and students will have an opportunity to hear Jeremy Newman who was paralyzed in a near-

death sky-diving accident. He is a world-class athlete, body builder, celebrity, personal trainer — and an inspirational speaker who shares his story of perseverance. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Wayside Elementary. The evening is open to anyone who would like to attend. Newman will speak to the student body on Tuesday.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

Helping Community Cats Workshop. 7 to 9 p.m. Every third Thursday each month. The workshops will cover the protocols for Trap-Neuter-Return, a humane program that ends the breeding cycle for feral cats. At Alley Cat Allies, 7920 Norfolk Avenue, Suite 600, Bethesda. Call 240-482-2587 or email rspv@alleycat.org.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

Public hearing on Spending Affordability Guidelines for FY13 Capital Budget and FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011 at 1:30 pm. To testify at Montgomery County Council public hearings, call 240-777-7803. See <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov> and click on “county council.” Petitions or other written material may be presented to the Clerk of the Council at the time of the hearing or may be mailed or delivered to the Council’s Office of Legislative Information Services, 5th Floor, Council Office Building, 100 Maryland in Rockville. All written material becomes a part of the public hearing record.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

The Potomac Chapter of the Friends of the Library. 7-8 p.m. Full membership meeting in the large meeting room of the Potomac Library to celebrate 20th anniversary of the founding of

the chapter with birthday cake and speech from founding member Karin Currie. Lindsey Hundt, agency manager, will give a brief overview of the e-Library and answer questions about its use. The chapter welcomes three new board members: Ronni Cristol, corresponding secretary, Edie Windgate, membership chair, and Gael Cheek, advocacy chair. The membership will also be electing board members.

Support Group — DBSA. 7:30 p.m. Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance National Capital Area Family Support Group. At the Parish Hall of St. Raphael’s Church at 1513 Dunster Road (Falls Road and Dunster Road) in Rockville. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065. Visit www.dbsanca-family.org

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MONDAY/SEPT. 27

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

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