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The Tartan Band from Potomac Presbyterian



Ashlee Dufour enjoys the day.

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Adam Greenberg perches on top of the Potomac Pizza truck to throw t-shirts to the crowd.

PHOTOS BY MARY KIM/THE ALMANAC

Potomac Day 2011

Food, fun and a parade that epitomizes community.

The annual Potomac Day parade arrived Saturday, Oct. 22 and captured the hearts and spirits of participants and spectators. Potomac Citizen of the Year Nicki Bunting, Potomac Youth of the Year Julianne Pearson from Connelly School of the Holy Child, and Potomac

Business Person of the Year Steve Kirstein of BOWA were featured.

Parade participants included school groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, antique cars, elected officials, clowns — and lot of candy for the on-lookers.

Potomac Day was filled with food, live music, free children's rides including pony rides, a petting zoo, moon bounces, and an antique car show.

The Potomac Chamber of Commerce sponsors Potomac Day each year. This year's charity is Autism Speaks.

— SUSAN BELFORD



The Cunha family enjoys Potomac Day.



4th Presbyterian School students: Rachel Barley likes the food, Ginger Looney likes the rides and Ben Gilbert likes seeing his friends from Potomac Swim and Tennis Club.



The Pirates Revenge ride captures many of the youngsters.



Richard Kirstein, the son of Potomac Business Person of the Year Steve Kirstein of BOWA Builders. Richard, who has autism, and his dad led the Richie's Racers Team for BOWA in July's Autism Speaks 5K run. With 29 local runners, the team was the top fundraiser, raising more than \$41,000. Autism Speaks is the charity of the year



Adam Greenberg and Fred Goldman, Chamber board members and Potomac Day organizers.



Karen Currie, Friends of the Potomac Library.

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Denice Shaw, Karin Currie, Mark Badalamente and Griffin Badalamente of Friends of the Potomac Library march in the parade.



Potomac Girl Scouts Troop 272.

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Cub Scouts Pack 773.



Potomac Elementary.



Bells Mill Brownie Troop 3865.



Nick, 10, Jami, Anna, 6, and Doug Shawley watch the parade.



Molly Silverberg, 15, marches in the parade with her dog "Charlie."



Bianca Bejarano, 6, a member of Bells Mill Brownie Troop 3865, throws candy to the parade-watchers.

SCHOOLS

Paying It Forward

High school student honored for public service and academic achievement.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

When asked how she spends her free time, high school senior Julianne Pearson rattles off a list of charitable acts ranging from raising money for a soccer field in Guatemala to mentoring disadvantaged children in Washington, D.C. She was honored recently for her commitment to serving others and for her academic achievements.

Pearson, a senior at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, received the Potomac Chamber of Commerce's annual Youth of the Year award. The prize is given to high school seniors who live or attend school in Potomac and demonstrate excellence in leadership, scholarship and community service.

"It's a big honor to have been nominated by Holy Child and to have been selected by the Chamber," said Pearson. "Receiving this award motivates me to continue to work hard on my academics, service activities and as a leader in whatever community I join."

Pearson, who has the second highest GPA in her class, tutors middle school students, sings in Holy Child's chorus and is a member of the school's soccer team. She is also vice president of Holy Child's chapters of the National Honor Society and Best Buddies International, an organization of volunteers dedicated to creating opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Pearson has worked as



Youth of the Year Julianne Pearson



High school senior Julianne Pearson mentors disadvantaged youth and tutors her fellow students.

a camp counselor for disadvantaged students in Washington, D.C., and New York.

"Julianne embodies Holy Child's tenet of balance with her equal measures of success in academics, sports, and the arts," said Kathy H. Ely, director of communications, Connelly School of the Holy Child. "But service is where she rises above even our goals [by] displaying respect for others and a daily commitment to helping the less fortunate."

Pearson believes that her dedication to public service comes from her family. "I think it's how I've been raised. My Catholic education also probably has influenced me in my desire to serve others," she said. "I feel it's our duty as human beings to help each other. I've learned that even through

little actions we can positively impact the lives of others in a large way. When I see the joy that comes to others when I help them, it motivates me to continue to serve."

Pearson's mother, Judy Costello, says she is humbled by her daughter's selection for the Chamber award. "I know there are many other accomplished students at her school and in the Potomac area [who are] also working hard at their schoolwork, extracurricular and service activities every day," said Costello.

"But it's exciting [for] Julianne [to be] honored for who she is: someone who does not seek recognition, but works hard, helps others, deals positively with life's unexpected challenges and embraces every adventure that comes her way."

Costello says that she would not have been able to afford a Catholic school education for Julianne and her three siblings without financial aid. She encourages her children to show gratitude through public service.

"I have tried to teach them that ... they should make the most of the opportunities to attend these schools through academic achievement and active involvement in service and extracurricular activities," said Costello, who is deputy director of the Maryland Biotechnology Center, a state economic development agency. "Service doesn't require running for office. Often more can be done through simple acts of volunteerism or private philanthropy."

Julianne names Martin Luther King, Jr. as the public servant she admires most, "because of his incredible courage and the fact that he used love and peace to achieve justice," she said.

Julianne and other Chamber awardees participated in the Potomac Day Parade last weekend, and will be honored at an awards dinner next month. She has not selected a college, but plans to be involved in public service activities at whichever school she attends.

"I've learned that even through little actions we can positively impact the lives of others in a large way."

— Julianne Pearson

Ceremony Spotlights New Academic Center at Bullis

Multiple approaches help students learn.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The Bullis School unveiled its new Academic Center on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. The center, located in the Marriott Family Library on the Bullis campus, is designed to provide dedicated space for both collaborative and individual learning. Opened in September, the area has been continually bustling with teachers and students.

"The Academic Center provides space for us to expand our existing services for students," said Dr. Gerald L. Boorman, Bullis' Head of School. "Here we can promote our extensive learning support program and

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From left are Dr. Gerald Boorman (head of school), Jason Eist (director of the Academic Center and Upper School learning specialist), Julia Brady (student) and Lauren Keane (student).



Bullis students Julia Brady, Lindsay Golden and Lauren Keane help tutor other students.

NEWS



Comedian Maysoon Zayid to perform at local fundraiser.

Fundraiser To Benefit Local Needy

Muslim Foundation hosts annual dinner.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The Montgomery County Muslim Foundation will hold its annual fundraising dinner on Nov. 11, 2011 at the Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center. The MCMF is dedicated to service to the needy in Montgomery County – and all funds will go toward their projects which directly aid many residents and neighbors.

Saba Rashid of Potomac, who serves on the foundation's board, said, "Charity begins with helping the people who live in our community and our organization is pleased to direct the funds to those in Montgomery County who are needy."

MCMF is a grass-roots non-profit organization. It encourages and promotes resident Muslim community involvement in Montgomery County.

The organization provides transportation services to Montgomery County seniors as well as transportation for the Muslim Community Center Medical Clinic in Silver Spring. It takes seniors to and from the Potomac Community Center for socials and to/from the Islamic Center in Gaithersburg. In addition, it plans a sightseeing event every month for seniors.

The group holds annual food, clothing and coat drives for the needy and provides food for the Manna Food Bank and for local shelters. It donates from 10,000 to 18,000 pounds of food annually for needy Montgomery County citizens. In addition, it provides more than 200 families with Thanksgiving meals and more

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Michael Matese

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Park Volunteers Honored

Thousands of volunteers make C&O Canal safe and accessible.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

More than 3,700 volunteers conducted more than 83,000 hours of work along the C&O Canal National Historical Park during the last fiscal year.

"The park relies on the skills, talents and abilities of many individuals to assist park staff," according to the National Park Service.

Volunteers were recognized at the annual volunteer appreciation dinner for the Palisades (Great Falls) region last Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Glen Echo.

Trisha Fitzgerald received the parkwide Volunteer of the Year award. She also received the National Park Service National Capital Region's Hartzog Award for Enduring Service for fiscal year 2010.

"I'm glad to represent the National Park Service and give it 100 percent every day I am here. I believe in what I do and am glad to be part of the NPS family," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald started and created



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the EMS Patrol as a new volunteer position at the C&O Canal. She is testing the pilot program as an extension of the bike patrol in the Great Falls section of the park, according to park service documents.

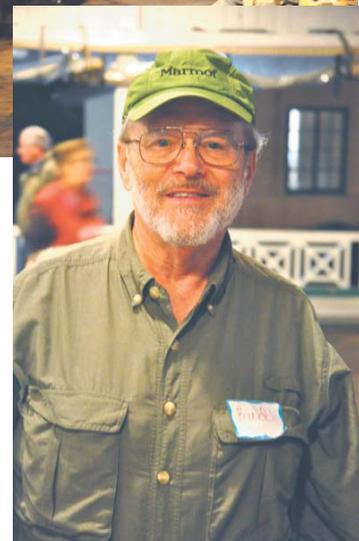
For the past three years, she has taught first aid, CPR and blood-borne pathogen classes to park volunteers, donating all the supplies necessary to lead the class and providing the eight-hour train-

ing free to participants.

She achieved Master Ranger volunteer status with NPS for her hours donated and emergency medical services skills.

"She brings her medical response kit and demonstrates emergency medical services and first-responder techniques that one might use in a hard-to-access area

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Quartermaster at Lockhouse 22 (Pennyfield) Bud Cline

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Get Involved

See www.chohvip.org to get involved in programs including but not limited to those below.

VOLUNTEER BIKE PATROL

Volunteer bicyclists provide a highly visible, professional presence along the towpath and assist visitors with information, first aid and directions, as well as educating park patrons about regulations and towpath hazards. The Volunteer Bike Patrol, which now consists of more than 150 members, started in 1999 with eight.

VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDS

More than 50,000 visitors hike Section A of the Billy Goat Trail annually. Hike the trail and educate and assist visitors while protecting the natural resources of Bear Island. Stewards carry park radios and are encouraged to take basic first aid training, and have been critical in reporting emergencies and hazardous situations to park staff. They also share stories about the geology, plants, rare habitats and animals of Bear Island and the Potomac Gorge.

WEED WARRIORS

Weed warriors remove invasive, non-native plants from the Potomac Gorge section of the C&O Canal, one of the most biologically significant

natural areas in the eastern United States, and home to more than 200 rare plant species. Weed warriors take a 10-hour training session on identifying and properly removing targeted invasive plants. More than 130 non-native plants threaten the biodiversity of the area.

ROVING INTERPRETERS

Rovers walk the towpath and trails in the vicinity of Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, carrying a park radio, first aid kit and park literature. Rovers greet and welcome visitors, provide them with information on the park's history, resources and regulations, and alert staff to safety hazards on the towpath and trails.

CANAL STEWARD SITE ADOPTION PROGRAM

Volunteers formally adopt sites along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal towpath and become caretakers of that designated area.

CANAL BOAT VOLUNTEER

Work the park's canal boats in 1870s period clothing, care for the park's mules, prepare the boats, steer the boats, work the lift locks, play music or conduct routine maintenance. Intense training takes an average of 10-15 trips, so a commitment of three trips per week is requested. Volunteers interested in helping with barn chores are needed in the mornings.

RIDE-ALONG VOLUNTEERS

Ride-along volunteers commit to one day per week and accompany staff on a regular basis and will be trained in chain saw use, water sample collection, building inspections and general assistance to park maintenance operations.

FLAGGERS

Assist park staff with putting up and taking down work site signage, temporary controls and barriers. Some flaggers will be trained in chain saw use and other areas of maintenance. Volunteers will be based out of maintenance shop.

CANAL QUARTERMASERS

Some locktender homes from the 1830s are now open to visitors, who can stay overnight in the historic lockhouses. The C&O Canal Trust recruits quartermasters for general housekeeping of the inside and outside of the structures, maintenance, painting, cleaning, and inspecting the structure. Quarters crews assist quartermasters with such efforts.

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Help with administrative duties at the Maintenance Division at Great Falls, including receiving and directing phone calls, type correspondence such as memos, letters, forms and reports, operate and maintain office equipment, distribute mail, and office records.

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Volunteer of the Year Trisha FitzGerald

Park Service Honors Volunteers

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of the park such as the Billy Goat Trail," said the nominating documents.

THE PARK SERVICE honored Rebecca Jameson for Outstanding Staff Support award, rewarding her for leading and supporting and coordinating volunteer operations at Great Falls tavern.

One of the popular programs she leads is the Weed Warrior program. Weed warriors remove invasive, non-native plants from the Potomac Gorge section of the C&O Canal, one of the most biologically significant natural areas in the eastern United States. The

area is home to more than 200 rare plant species. More than 130 non-native plants threaten the biodiversity of the area, according to the park service.

Jameson also develops VIP seminars at Great Falls, recruiting presenters and advertising events to her volunteers on topics ranging from natural resources and geology of the Potomac Gorge to flooding procedures, interpretation and bike maintenance.

Her "tireless efforts have ensured the volunteer program in Palisades remains active and continues to grow," according to Dan Flier, of the National Park Service.

See www.chohvip.org to get involved.



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At the Farmers Market Scotty Sherman, left, and Simply Delicious Desserts owner Keisha Sherman, mother and daughter.



Jack Reese, owner of Chocolate Lizard, at the Potomac Village Farmers Market. The market is open every Thursday, 2-6:30 p.m. in the Potomac United Methodist Church parking lot.

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OCT. 28 TO NOV. 13

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

In Defense of Food: The Omnivore’s Solution. 8 p.m. Acclaimed food writer Michael Pollan discusses nutrition and food consumption. First part of the Speaker Series. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

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. 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.

FRIDAY/OCT. 28

Ballet Hispanico. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$55. The performance will include the premiere of Espiritu Vivo, a collaborative project choreographed by Ronald K. Brown. At the Music

Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.
Rock Out Cancer. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. A concert to benefit Hope Connections for Cancer Support with the Johnny Esquire Band. Support Hope Connections’ free programs of emotional support, education, wellness and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones. At Rock Creek Mansion, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda. Contact info@hopeconnectionsforcancer.org or 301-493-5002.

OCT. 28 TO 30

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SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Read, Eat & Give Fundraiser. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50/person; \$75/couple. Rockville native Chef Johnny Mo will give a cooking demo and musical presentation. At Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. For tickets, visit www.folmc.org or call 240-777-0020.
Open House. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department will hold its 65th annual open house event. Numerous demonstrations such as Aerial Rescue, Auto Extrication with the, “Jaws of Life,” 911 Call Simulations and many more will be held throughout the day. There are also plenty of activities for children including a petting zoo, a fire-safety house, and a moon bounce. Also free blood pressure checks, tours of the fire station, fire/rescue apparatus and more. At 8001 River

Road, Bethesda. Visit www.cjpvfd.com.

Family Halloween Program,

Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 10:30 a.m. Spooky storytime for preschoolers and their families. Wear costumes for the costume parade. No registration required. Preschool (ages 3 to 6). Call 240-777-0690 or see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$17/\$12. Slow blues workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:30 to 11 p.m. With Glenn Crytzer and His Syncopators. 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

Halloween Festival. 4 to 6 p.m.

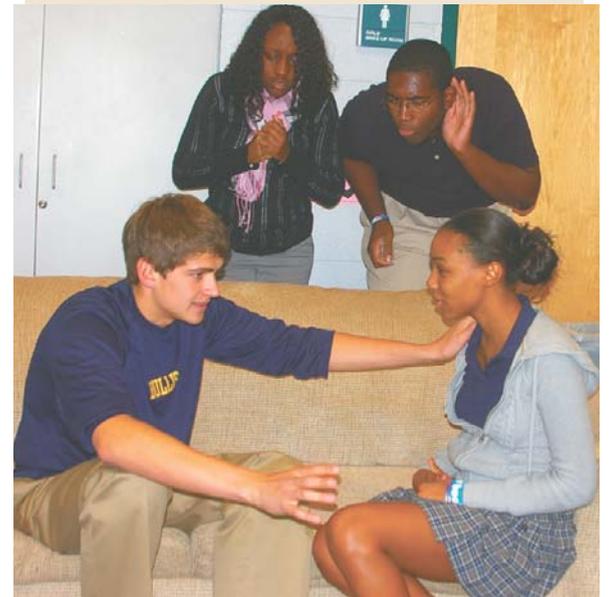
Games, crafts, videos, treats. Wear a costume for prizes. At Geneva Presbyterian Church, 11931 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Call 301-424-4346.

Scottish Heritage Sunday. 11 a.m.

Scots4Tots Color Guard will lead a procession of bagpipes, drums, flags, and men in kilts to start off the service. Scots4Tots puts on activities for children of wounded servicemen and women recovering in military hospitals. At Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10310 River Road, Potomac.

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Admission is \$17/\$12. With the Glenn Crytzer and His Syncopators Band. 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. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, send e-mail to dbarker@glenechopark.org or visit



“Fools” stars Lisette Booty, Louis Gaertner, Dexter Warren and Kallista Zormelo.

NOV. 4 AND 5

“Fools” by Neil Simon. The Bullis Upper School presents “Fools” at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. This comedy follows a young teacher who arrives at a Russian village to teach, only to discover that the village is under a curse that makes all the inhabitants simple-minded and stupid. At the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis campus, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-634-3677.

www.DanceDC.net.

Open House. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Come tour the building, visit classrooms, meet current ECEC families and teachers and enjoy a free puppet show. At Har Shalom Early Childhood Education Center.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Clara Barton Community Center, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Department of Recreation, will create a scary experience on Halloween. At Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. Call 301-229-0010

Waltz Dance. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band Gigmesters. Waltz workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 3

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m.; Admission is \$8. Slow blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 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.

NOV. 3 TO 5

The Ives Project. At the Music Center and Mansion at Strathmore. Visit www.strathmore.org/ivesproject or call 301-581-5100.

❖ Thursday/Nov. 3 — Charles Ives: A Life in Music. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25. At the Music Center.

❖ Friday/Nov. 4 — Beethoven and Ives. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$45. At the Music Center.

❖ Thursday/Nov. 3 — Ives Plays Ives. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. At the Mansion.

❖ Saturday/Nov. 5 — Interpreting Ives. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. At the Mansion.

FRIDAY/NOV. 4

“Raw Faith” Film. 7 p.m. Free. Afterward, the subject of the film, Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell, will hold a discussion. At Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda. Call 301-493-8300 or visit www.cedarlane.org.

Musician Johnsmith. 8 p.m. At the Unitarian Universalist Church, 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.

NOV. 4, 5, 6

Ethnic Food Festival and Bazaar. Russian and Eastern European food specialties such as piroghi, Chicken Kiev, blini, halupki. Baked goods, candies, desserts, religious books, Silpada jewelry, silent auction, raffle and more. Friday, Nov. 4 (11 a.m.-8 p.m.); Saturday, Nov. 5 (11 a.m.-8 p.m.); and Sunday, Nov. 6 (12-4 p.m.). At St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Rd., Bethesda; 301-229-6300; www.stmarkoca.org.

NOV. 5 AND 6

Polish Pianist Piotr Paleczny Performs. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Paleczny will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major (“Emperor”) with the National Philharmonic. A free pre-concert lecture will be offered at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 and at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6 in the Concert Hall at the Music Center at Strathmore.

SATURDAY/NOV. 5

Spiritual Celebration. 7 p.m. To honor Rabbi Sunny ‘Elhanan’ Schnitzer’s 10th year of spiritual leadership. At Bethesda Jewish Congregation, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Visit www.bethesdajewish.org.

Dominance in Dog Training. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free. Dominance training is an outdated approach. The Humane Society of the United States and the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior are among the organizations that support this position. Learn about the dangers and long-term consequences of dominance training

on dogs from Dr. E. Cathryn Meyer, AVSAB. www.yourdogsfriend.info or 301-983-5913.

Free Resource Fair. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by the County’s Commission on Veterans Affairs. More than two dozen organizations will be on-site to provide info and resources about veterans’ service organizations. At White Flint Mall in Kensington. Contact Richard Schiffauer at 240-777-1724.

SUNDAY/NOV. 6

Waltz Dance. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. Waltz workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. With the band, Rhapsody. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

American Girl Fashion Show. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55/person; \$65 after Oct. 28. More than 130 local models will present a runway fashion show featuring historical clothing. Presented by the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington. At the Bolger Center in Potomac. Visit www.youreyes.org or call 202-234-1010.

Rockville 10K/5K Run. 8:30 a.m. Register for the race by noon Nov. 3 online at www.mcrc.org or mail an entry form to Rockville 10K/5K - City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Entry forms are available at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports/10K5K and at City Hall. Race packet pick-up and late registration is available 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Potomac River Running, Rockville Town Square, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, and 7:30-8:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at King Farm Village Center. Registration is \$32 by noon Nov. 3, \$35 Nov. 4 through race day. Email rocrun@mcrc.org or call 301-651-3772.

THURSDAY/NOV. 10

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NOV. 10 TO 13

Strathmore’s Museum Shop Around. 19 of Washington’s finest museums set up shop at Strathmore to sell art, gifts and more. Admission is \$9/door. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

NOV. 12 AND 13

Pleiades Jewelry Exhibition and Sale. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A collection of jewelry and metalwork pieces by 20 area artists will be offered for show and sale. At The Woman’s Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Road, Bethesda. Call 301-299-3497.

Bead Bazaar. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7/adult; children under 12 free. At the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. For information, call 202-624-4500; email: BazaarBSGW@hotmail.com; www.bsgw/bazaar.org

FINE ARTS

OCT. 29 AND 30

Recent Works. Featuring artists Barbara Stott McCoy, Gary Phillips, and Justin Pyles. A reception will be held Saturday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

OCT. 28 TO DEC. 26

Abstract and Real, or Not. Free. Abstract wall art by Felisa Federman, Amy Kincaid and Julia Latein-Kimmig; knitted silver necklaces by Nancy Pollack; metal shoes and hats by Joyce Zipperer. Opening reception is Sunday, Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Gallery Har Shalom, Har Shalom Congregation, 11510 Falls

Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-7087.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

Seven Degrees of Separation. Works by Sara Becker, Claire Howard, Loriann Signori, Judith Simmons, Diane Cary-Thomson, JoAnn Clayton Townsend, and Rob Wood. At the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 5

Far from the Crowd. Paintings by Barbara French Pace and New Work by Gallery Artists. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com or call

301-951-9441.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 5

Artist Mark Kramer. A Retrospective of Figurative Bronzes features a series of new and prior bronze bas relief sculptures. At Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.

SATURDAY/NOV. 5

A. Cyanotype Workshop with Barbara Maloney. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$125. At Photoworks Studio, 1st Floor Arcade Building, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2226.

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BUSINESS



FRG Corporate Chef Joe Goetze

PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC



Founding Farmers restaurant will open at Park Potomac on Nov. 3.

Founding Farmers Debuts Nov. 3

Upscale, casual dining.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
 THE ALMANAC

Founding Farmers, a restaurant offering fresh farm-inspired American “true food and drink” will be opening at Park Potomac — I-270/Montrose Road — on Nov. 3. The award-winning restaurant will be serving breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner and weekend brunch in a modern, eco-friendly environment.

The inaugural Founding Farmers opened in Washington D.C. in 2008 as the first upscale-casual, full-service LEED Gold restaurant in the country. The “Certified Green” restaurant adheres to green operations, including recycling, composting and high-efficiency water and energy usage. Menus are printed on recycled paper and the builders made extensive use of reclaimed and recycled materials.

The restaurant serves products purchased from farms, ranches and fisheries from across the U.S. It plans to include products from Montgomery County and surrounding area farms and fisheries in the spring when seasonal products are readily available.

The menu features a variety of food: Some of the signature dishes include rotisserie chicken served with lemon-herb jus and pan drip potatoes, Yankee pot roast with root vegetables, roasted butternut squash-mascarpone ravioli (all pastas are made in the restaurant), cedar-plank salmon, long-roasted pork prime rib chops, vegan items, small plates, flatbreads, and desserts. The menu includes child-friendly choices such as macaroni and cheese, hot dogs and hamburgers.

FRG Corporate Chef Joe Goetze develops the Founding Farmers’ recipes and menu items. He also researches ingredient sourcing and develops the pro-

duce and purveyor partnerships. He explains how he designs the menu: “Menu items are subject to change based on the season of the year and the availability of products. The menu includes a ‘crop list’ which is changed daily, depending on what we are able to purchase. We seek out purveyors who value sustainable practices and methods because we believe the food is better for our customers. We make our own breads, pastries, dressings, desserts, ice cream and juices for our thirst quenchers and bar program. Our focus is on quality, but we have been able to maintain good value at a very reasonable price point.”

From 2-5 p.m. daily, Founding Farmers will host an “Afternoon Social” featuring tea sandwiches, scones, a custom organic tea, champagne punch and cookies and other desserts. The restaurant has a large upper level mezzanine which allows space for groups to gather for meetings and socials.

The Founding Farmers restaurant won the 2011 RAMMYS Award for its Beverage/Mixology Program. Its bar menu features signature cocktails created with freshly prepared and handcrafted juices, as well as micro-brews, a selection of fine wines and a variety of non-alcoholic drinks.

According to its website www.wearefoundingfarmers.com, “The Founding Farmers name represents a combination of ideas: it is a celebration of the land and the American family farmer; it is a nod to the founding fathers of our country, many of whom owned and farmed land that surrounds Washington, D.C.; and it is a place where true, sustainably farmed, grown and harvested American foods are brought to our guests.”

Reservations are now being taken by phone or on the website. The restaurant is located at 12505 Park Potomac Avenue, Potomac. Phone is 301-340-TRUE (8783). Check out the website for more about the Founding Farmers’ philosophy as well as its menus.

HOME SALES

In September 2011, 33 Potomac homes sold between \$1,850,000-\$495,000. This week’s list represents those homes sold in the \$1,850,000-\$970,000 range.

For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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SCHOOLS

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Grace Han of North Potomac has been named to the summer 2011 Dean's List at University of the Sciences. Han is a doctor of pharmacy student.

BULLETIN BOARD

ONGOING

The Potomac Area Newcomers Club is a group of more than 200 women who have moved to the Potomac area from all over the United States and around the world. The club offers such activities as bridge, mah jong, book groups, golf, luncheons and museum trips as a way to help newcomers as well as current residents to form new friendships, expand their horizons, and take advantage of the opportunities that are available in the Washington, D.C. area. Check its web site at <http://www.potomacnewcomers.com>

NOV. 2 TO 30

Jewish Childbirth Class. 7 to 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$80/member; \$100/couple. Couples will learn about Brit Milah (ritual circumcision), baby-naming ceremonies, managing the transition from being partners to parents, building a Jewish home and Jewish and secular resources. At JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. For more information and to register, visit www.jccgw.org/parenting or call Jennifer Silber at 301-348-3837 or email jsilber@jccgw.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Helping Kids Develop Internal Motivation. 7 to 9 p.m. Lecture by William R. Stixrud, Ph.D. At Our Lady of Mercy School, 9222 Kentsdale Rd., Potomac. Reservations encouraged. Admission is \$10. Schooloffice@olom.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

Low Vision Support Lunch & Learn. 12:30 p.m. Macular Degeneration — Ask the Doctor with Richard A. Garfinkel, M.D. At Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park Ave., Chevy Chase. Call for Reservations at 301-656-2797.

ONGOING

CANTER-Mid Atlantic to open a racehorse rehabilitation program with donations from Delaware Park and the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association earmarked to serve Delaware Park trainers and owners. To find an ex-race horse, volunteer, or make a donation, visit www.canterusa.org/midatlantic.

To become a volunteer Bike Patrol on the C&O Canal, send an e-mail to Norman Liebow at Liebow@comcast.net or 301-714-2218.

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to assist its blood collections staff at blood drives and blood donor centers. To register for training, or for more information, call the American Red Cross Volunteer Office at 1-800-272-0094, ext. 1, or e-mail karlofft@usa.redcross.org.

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Churchill Girls Out To Prove They Belong in Postseason

Bulldogs beat Einstein in regular season finale.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

The Churchill girls soccer program entered the last two postseasons as one of the favorites to win the 4A West Region. The Bulldogs were the No. 1 seed in 2009 and went on to lose to Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the region final. The following season, Churchill earned the No. 2 seed and once again fell short against B-CC in a battle for the region crown.

This year, the Bulldogs aren't seeded among the region's elite. Churchill finished the regular season with an 8-3 record, including a 4-0 victory at Einstein in the finale on Oct. 24,

"We have everything to prove."

— Churchill senior Jackie Lambergman

which wasn't enough to earn the Bulldogs a top-four seed. Churchill received the No. 8 seed at random and will host No. 9 Gaithersburg in the opening round on Thursday, Oct. 27. A victory against the Trojans would set up a quarterfinal matchup against No. 1 Whitman, which beat Churchill 2-0 during the regular season.

While their 2011 loss total equals that of the 2009 and 2010 seasons combined (26-3-1), the Bulldogs showed resiliency with several come-from-behind victories and feel confident they can make a postseason run despite being seeded more like an underdog than a top dog.

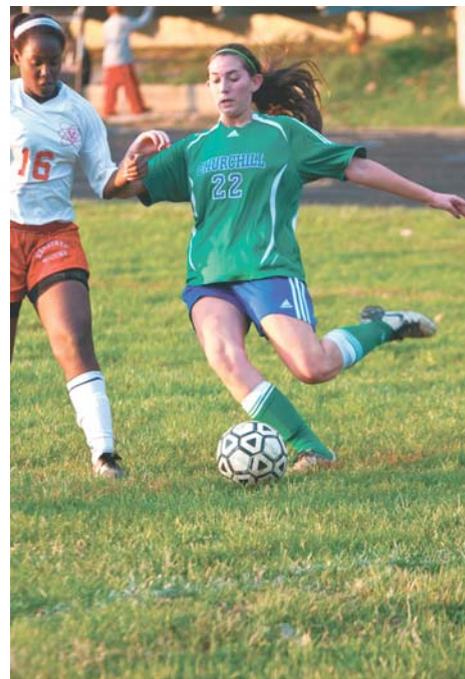


Churchill senior Jenna Cantor scored two goals against Einstein on Oct. 24.

"I think that we have something to prove," senior captain Jenna Cantor said. "I think that if we beat Gaithersburg and we play Whitman, then we are going to prove something. They beat us in the regular season and we want it really badly."

Cantor scored a pair of goals against Einstein on Monday as Churchill built a 4-0 halftime lead and cruised to victory. Senior forward Colby Ranck and freshman forward Victoria Humphries each scored a goal and junior Suzanne Johnson made several key passes. But while the Bulldogs had an easy time with the Titans, Churchill head coach Haroot Hakopian said a handful of victories that didn't have such a promising start helped mold the team entering the postseason.

"We sort of established an identity in our



Suzanne Johnson and the Churchill girls soccer team enter the postseason as the No. 8 seed, chosen at random, in the 4A West Region.

really big games against B-CC, against Quince Orchard, against Paul VI," Hakopian said. "We were down in every single one of those and came back and won. We know we have that going for us. ...

"We know we can beat anybody because of the experiences we've had this season. But if we don't play well we can also lose to anybody.

That's been the consistent focus the whole entire season: Let's make sure that we play and we don't have any regrets and if somebody beats us in the playoffs that they've given their best effort and they deserve to beat us."

Churchill graduated 15 seniors from its 2010 team and has six freshmen listed on the roster. Hakopian said he's pleased with the way the season has unfolded, including



Churchill freshman Victoria Humphries scored a goal in the Bulldogs' regular season finale at Einstein on Oct. 24.

a potential rematch with the top-seeded Vikings in the playoffs.

"Whitman had a tremendous season, but we didn't feel like we gave them our best effort when we played them," Hakopian said. "We were happy with the way the draw worked out. ... If you would have told me at the beginning of the season with 15 graduating seniors that we would have wound up 8-3, I would have been happy with that."

Now, the Bulldogs hope to add to their coach's sense of satisfaction.

"We have everything to prove," senior captain Jackie Lambergman said. "It doesn't matter what we're labeled. Top-four seed: we've been that obviously, but now that we're not it doesn't mean that we can't prove what we've proved in the past."

Churchill Boys Back to Winning Ways Entering Playoffs

Bulldogs beat Einstein in final postseason tune up.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

Playoff brackets had already been released when the Churchill boys soccer team faced Einstein on Oct. 24 in the regular season finale.

It would have been easy for the Bulldogs to come out flat, seeing as how the game meant nothing in terms of postseason positioning. But after a 4-0 loss to Wootton on Oct. 20 — Churchill's third defeat in four games — the Bulldogs were determined to make the most of their chances to improve prior to the playoffs.

Churchill responded to the lopsided Wootton loss with a 4-0 win against Rich-

ard Montgomery on Oct. 22 and beat Einstein, 4-1, on Monday. The Bulldogs received the No. 6 seed at random in the 4A West Region and will host No. 11 Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Oct. 27. The winner of that game will face No. 3 Wootton in the quarterfinals.

"After losing 4-0 to Wootton, we've got to do everything that we can to prove we belong in this county," Churchill goalkeeper Eli Lorenzi said. "If we win against B-CC, it looks like we're going to be playing [Wootton] again. We're not going to take any shortcuts; we're not going to take any days off until we go out in the playoffs. ...

"Wootton came out fired up and I thought we did, too. They got some breaks early in

the game and that just took it out of us. I honestly believe with the two results we've gotten since then, it's going to be a great game if we get there. ... The best from us is yet to be played. Wootton, that was our lowest of low and we're coming back up from that and we're just getting better and better each day."

Churchill won its first eight games before losing, 1-0, to Whitman on Oct. 5. The Bulldogs then lost to B-CC, tied Walter Johnson and lost to Wootton. But Churchill responded with a pair of lopsided wins and head coach Arnold Tarzy said he likes how the Bulldogs are entering the postseason:

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Churchill senior Felipe Ros, right, is seen against Walter Johnson on Oct. 17.

SPORTS

Bulldogs Beat Einstein

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confident, but not cocky.

"There's always something to prove in the playoffs," Tarzy said. "... I kind of like the position we're in going in, in that these guys now believe in themselves once again but they don't come with the confidence that comes with a 8-0 start, which I felt may be a little bit too much."

Churchill will host B-CC at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

"I don't mind not being seeded [in the top four]," Churchill sophomore J.J. Van Der Merwe said. "It makes the opponent not think that we are going to be a challenge. I think that we're going to come out strong and prove to them that Churchill is actually a contender for the title."



Honored in Martial Arts

Tarek S. Hussein of Potomac was one of about 50 masters recognized at the recent Martial Arts Masters Hall of Fame event that attracted more than 1,000 martial arts legends, celebrities, teacher and martial artists of every genre. The annual event was held at the Anaheim Convention Center in California last month. The 23-year-old Hussein was honored as the Martial Arts Pioneer Master of the Year and has been engaged in martial arts for 19 years now. He holds ranks in tae kwon do, jiu-jitsu, judo, and full contact kung-fu and has been an owner of martial arts studios and a head instructor, coaching kids to adults, competitively, including the current TCB Welterweight Muay Thai Champion. Hussein is pictured with kung fu movie legend Conan Lee, one of many celebrities who attended the event.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill Football Wins Fourth Straight

The Churchill football team improved to 7-1 with a 24-6 victory against Springbrook on Oct. 22. The Bulldogs have won four consecutive games after falling to Seneca Valley on Sept. 23.

Against Springbrook, Churchill running back Curtis Kamara carried 14 times for 91 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Lansana Keita completed 4 of 9 passes for 124 yards and one touchdown. He also rushed 12 times for 35 yards.

Joe Nolan caught two passes for 69 yards and a touchdown. Quan Gill had one reception for 31 yards and Jaylen Rawlings had one catch for 24 yards.

Defensively, the Churchill defense recorded 16 quarterback sacks. Bret Sickels recorded 16 tackles, including 10 solo, four sacks and forced a fumble.

Jacob Suissa had 10 tackles, including seven solo, and six sacks. Odin Soevik had five tackles and five sacks. Malik Harris had four tackles and one sack.

Churchill will travel to face Wootton at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28.

State Field Hockey Matchups

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association field hockey state tournament begins this week, with many first-round games being played on Thursday, Oct. 27. Churchill, the No. 1 seed in the 4A West bracket, will host No. 8 Northwest. No. 5 Wootton will travel to take on No. 4 Quince Orchard. In the 4A South bracket, No. 6 Whitman will travel to face No. 3 Sherwood.

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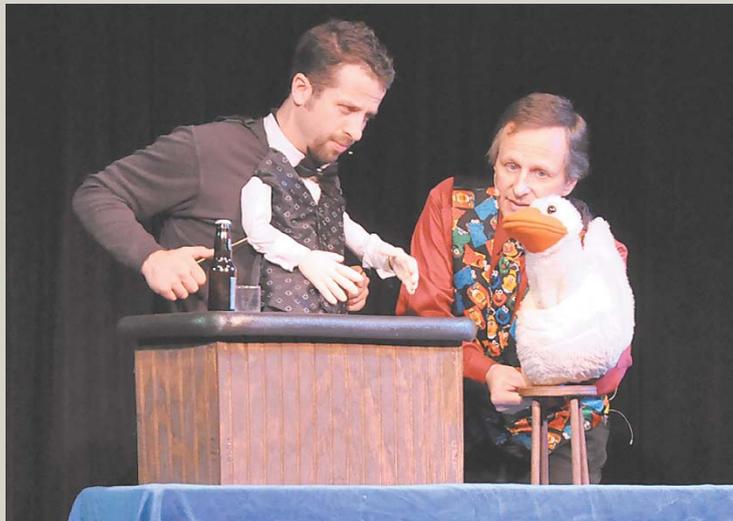


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Puppetry Slam

Christopher Hudert, left, and Eric Brooks with puppet Duck Cheney titled "Got Grapes" at the Playhouse Puppetry Slam at Glen Echo Park on Oct. 8.

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Scanning the Horizon



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"Scans don't cure." Those were the final words to last week's column and an appropriate segue for this week's follow-up column. The reason being, after re-reading "Ascance," I don't think I really made the point I had intended when I first put pen to paper. The point being – in my mind anyway, good news is temporary, but bad news is permanent, so sometimes I take the good with bad, sort of for granted – until further notice, that is. Scans are the present (maybe even a little bit of the past), but they are not the future. A future which, a diagnosis of stage IV lung cancer no longer guarantees. Whatever positive result (meaning the scans/lab work were negative – which is good) I receive, however reassuring, is only good for that day. For all I know, and I know very little, the next day the tumors could be growing and/or spreading. The uncertainty is the killer, emotionally speaking.

Similar in some respects to Christopher Columbus' voyage to the New World in 1492 when he discovered America (like that wouldn't have happened anyway, as the joke goes). During his time, many thought the world was flat and once a ship reached the horizon, it reached the end of the world and would simply fall off the edge, its inhabitants' death to follow. Columbus thought differently. To him, the horizon represented a beginning. Given the technology of the day however, it was hardly guaranteed. As you might imagine, Columbus Day has become my new favorite holiday; synonymous with hope and all things positive.

To me, the next scan represents the horizon. Like Columbus, I want to get there, but I don't know what I'll find or rather what that next scan will indicate. Moreover, the technology of today – and understanding/cure-rate for lung cancer is as limited as Columbus' knowledge of the oceans – beyond what he could see, presumably. Doctors, researchers may know how and why lung cancer presents, but exactly what to do to actually cure the patient is still unknown, at present. But the present is all I have. As much as I may hope and pray and make leaps of faith – and joke, I can never know about tomorrow. I only know about today.

Today (the every-four months CT scan), the results show "no change;" as exciting as health news can get – for me. (Obviously shrinkage and/or total remission would be better news, but I try to live in the real/most-likely-scenario world.) And as the news continues to be good, it almost becomes expected – which would be short-sighted. Cancer is not temporary. Hopefully, the upheaval and insanity it causes to your life is. But the rest of it is permanent ("It ain't over 'til it's over" has taken on a new non-sports meaning for me). Once a cancer patient, specifically a terminal one – like myself, always a cancer patient. And as much as I want to look to the future and see the horizon/ endless possibilities yet to come, there is a part of me that probably would have thought Columbus was crazy for venturing out to sea, risking his life and his crew on a wing and a prayer – and on three ships as he did.

The scan results I received recently were definitely results with which I can live (Duh!). Unfortunately, they may very well be results with which I can die as well. That dichotomy rules my roost every day. I wanted the results to be what they were and when they are, I sometimes take them for granted (talk about being naive). Being a cancer patient is one big definite-maybe. Columbus definitely took a chance. Maybe I should too.

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Salon Dué Opens in Potomac Village

“A dream come true.”

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Salon Dué was created because the owners, Homa Homai and Paul Thomas had a vision. “We want to create a cozy, harmonious, comfortable setting where our customers feel revitalized and happy — and leave feeling beautiful,” said Homai.

She and Thomas are thrilled to launch their new venture and pleased to be partners. Salon Dué opened at 10230 River Road, Suite A in Potomac Village — and new and old customers are flocking to the sunlit beauty salon.

Thomas previously owned Partners Hair Studio, located just three doors from the new salon, and Homai worked for many years at Potomac Hair Design.

They have known one another for a long time as professionals in the beauty industry. They decided to team up this year to open their new shop.

Thomas wanted more room than he had at Partners, and Homai wanted to realize her dream of owning her own salon. “This is a dream come true. I had breast cancer



Homa Homai and Paul Thomas, owners of Salon Dué



Salon Dué recently opened in Potomac Village.

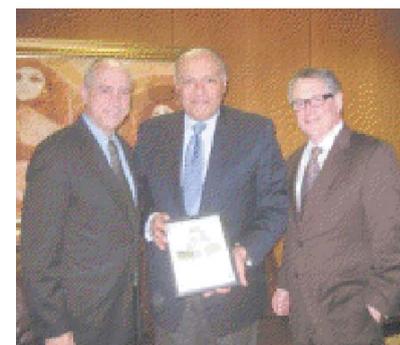
two years ago,” she said. “When this opportunity arose, I said to myself, ‘if not now, when?’”

Salon Dué will feature all hair services including hair design and styling, color and highlights, permanents, Keratin hair straightening, threading, waxing, manicures/pedicures and bridal hair. Some of the locally known beauty experts who will be working in the salon are Mojan, an expert in permanent make-up and eyebrow waxes, facial specialist Fahim, Fieri from Kentlands, and Dan Lemoy, who has worked at Partners Hair Studio for 20 years.

The shop plans to be open from 8 a.m. –

6:30 p.m. every day except Sunday when they will be open 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. According to Thomas, “We are always willing to stay late for customers who must work late and require an appointment after 6:30 p.m.” To schedule an appointment, call 301-299-8730.

They are planning their “Grand Opening” party for late October or early November. Homai said, “We are going to entertain customers and the Potomac community with good food and libations. We will offer specials on some of our services. We are excited about our new business — and we want to kick it off in style.”



Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt (left), Egyptian Ambassador Semeh Shoukry (center) and Rabbi Jack Moline.

Visiting in Appreciation

Congregation B’nai Tzedek Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, director of Israel Policy and Advocacy for the Rabbinical Assembly, and Congregation Agudas Achim Rabbi Jack Moline, director of Public Policy for the Rabbinical Assembly, have just concluded visits to embassies in Washington of the 17 nations whose countries came to the aid of Israel to help extinguish the Carmel fire in Israel last year.

They presented each of the ambassadors a certificate representing a tree planted in Israel in a JNF Forest by the Rabbinical Assembly in appreciation of their country’s sending equipment and resources to help combat the devastating Carmel fire.

The rabbis spoke with the ambassadors about the importance of the relationship of their country and Israel and encouraged continued cooperation and support.

Weinblatt and Moline have visited and held private, personal meetings with the ambassadors of the following embassies:

- Cyprus: Ambassador Pavlos Anastasiades
- Switzerland: Ambassador Manuel Sager
- Greece: Ambassador Vassilis Kaskarelis
- Turkey: Ambassador Namik Tan
- Italy: Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant’Agata
- Germany: Ambassador Klaus Scharioth
- United Kingdom: Deputy Chief of Mission, Dominic Chilcott, and Mark Kelly, Political Affairs Counselor for the Middle East
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Bullis Launches New Academic Center

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provide students with a quiet place to study and work together or connect with teachers for one-on-one assistance.”

The ceremony was hosted by administrators, faculty and students. Student speakers explained the value of the new center and how it enhances their learning. Senior Julia Brady said that she is able to use the center for her on-line AP computer science course. Ogulcan Atakoglu, a sophomore, said that he has benefited from the staff in the center who have worked with him to improve his organization skills and his study skills. “I think these skills are necessary for achieving success in high school and will make the difference between being a good student and being a great student,” he said.

Senior Lauren Keane, the Bullis Student Tutoring Co-coordinator, explained to the audience that the center is a wonderful space for student tutors to meet with the students they tutor. Because they have a dedicated meeting place, the group can provide tutors four out of five days a week. The space has also provides the ability for students to just “drop-in” to see their tutor — and it has removed the stigma for students seeking help. “It is less intimidating for students to meet with their tutors,” said Keane. “Now, students are finding that the help they receive is the secret to academic success.”

The c has two small conference rooms as well as areas for individual student study and tables for groups and for one-on-one tutoring. It also features two state-of-the-art digital media rooms for student projects,



Dr. Gerald Boarman welcomes guests to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

video conferencing, presentations and collaboration. A teacher is always available for academic support.

Jason Eist, the Upper School learning specialist and director of the Academic Center, is joined by an academic coach and a media specialist to offer strategies to enhance the cognitive and academic performance of all students. The center also houses a Writing Center staffed by a member of the English Department to support students in their writing assignments.

Fundraiser To Benefit Needy

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than 250 families with Christmas holiday gift baskets, toys and clothing.

The highlight of the fundraiser will be a performance by standup comedian Maysoon Zayid who has appeared on Comedy Central’s The Watch List, PBS’s America at a Crossroads: Muslim Comics Stand Up, CNN and HBO. As a professional comedian, she has performed in New York clubs, and has toured extensively at home and abroad.



Devonte Williams and Steven Attah make use of the Academic Center.

Sophomore Steven Attah and Freshman Devonte Williams attest to the value of the Academic Center. Both visit the center every day. Attah explained why he likes to study in the center: “I can get help here with all my subjects. It’s a quiet place to study and I find it easier to get my work completed here.”

Williams agreed and added, “My tutor for Spanish meets me here — and it really helps a lot. I also meet with Mr. Eist who helps me to stay organized.”

She is a headliner on the Arabs Gone Wild Comedy Tour and the Muslims Are Coming Tour. The fundraiser will be held from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Universities at Shady Grove Convention Center, 9630 Gudulsky Drive, Rockville. The cost is \$50 per person, \$180 for a family of four and \$375 for a table of eight. Tickets may be purchased from Saba Rashid, MCMF secretary 301-793-2775 or from Sohail Malik, MCMF vice president, 301-545-0278.



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