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Potomac resident Katie Creel and Staff Sergeant Mike Creadon show off their medals following the 36th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 30. Creel finished the race in 4:20:19 and Creadon in 4:58:54.

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NEWS



Following 'fred'

A group of employees from fred, Case Design's home repair division, participated in the Potomac Day events in Potomac on Saturday, Oct. 22. An ice cream truck wrapped in fred banners said: "Follow fred - the first name in home repairs to get your FREE ICE CREAM". The ice cream truck followed the fred employees in the parade. The ice cream truck parked close to the fred booth at the business fair and the fred employees served free ice cream to 250 people. Fred employees participating on Potomac Day included Jan Shaut of Cabin John, Homa Nowrouzi of North Potomac, Tony Heard of Clinton, Ken Hutira of Frederick, and Frank Cardy of Silver Spring. See www.casedesign.com.

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Taking it to The Streets

Potomac resident supports TAPS with marathon run.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
THE ALMANAC

Army Spc. Jose Velez was just 23 years old when he was killed in Iraq in November of 2004. Less than two years later, his younger brother Andrew died at the age of 22 in Afghanistan. On Sunday, Oct. 30, Potomac resident Katie Creel ran the Marine Corps Marathon in their honor.

"It's always good to run for a good cause," said Creel, who ran as part of TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. "I feel especially good today since I also set a new personal record."

Creel, who finished the 26.2-mile race in 4:20:19, ran with her friend Staff Sergeant Mike Creadon.

"I didn't do as well as Katie," laughed Creadon, who finished in 4:58:54. "I just did the Army Ten Miler so I'm happy to have finished today. But I wanted to be out there to run in honor of all our fallen heroes."

TAPS is a tragedy assistance resource for anyone who has suffered the loss of a military loved one, regardless of the relationship to the deceased or the circumstance of the death. Services and programs include peer based emotional support, case work assistance, crisis intervention and grief and trauma resources.

"The weather was good and there was great support all along the course," Creel said. "But running in honor of our fallen soldiers and remembering them is always more important than how you feel after the race."

For more information on TAPS, call 202-588-TAPS (8277) or visit www.taps.org.



Runners from TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, gather for a team photo following the 36th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 30.

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Potomac resident Katie Creel ran in honor of brothers Andrew and Jose Velez.

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Amanda Rice of North Bethesda is congratulated by Marine Corps Marathon race director Rick Nealis on her first place finish in the women's 10K race. Rice ran the course in 0:36:30 and was followed by Jennifer Perrottet (0:39:22) and Christine Rehwald (0:39:54).

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Exploring Historical White's Ferry

First chartered in 1782.

By SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

In 1946, R. Edwin Brown drove his British bride Winsome down a dirt road to the Potomac River. He showed her the Potomac River and they peered over to the nearby bank of Virginia. He explained his plan to her. "We're going to build a ferry right here across the Potomac. She looked at me — and must have decided right there and then that she had married a crazy man."

But he wasn't crazy. Brown was just a young man with insight. Raised in



R. Edwin Brown has owned the ferry for 65 years.

Poolesville to start a family, a law practice in Rockville — and to revive White's Ferry. Brown has been operating the business for 65 years — and now his son, Malcolm is in charge. It is the last fresh-water, cable guided ferry operating on the east coast.

Poolesville, he had spent his youth traveling across the Potomac to Leesburg by ferry to hunt, fish and visit Virginians just across the river. After law school, he joined the Air Force and, while stationed in England, married and brought his bride back to

The ferry was first chartered in 1782 by the Maryland Legislature. Originally named Conrad's Ferry by its first owner, Earnest Conrad, the ferry was essential for trade between Maryland and Virginia. After the Civil War, Confederate Colonel Elijah Veirs White, a landowner in Loudoun County, purchased the ferry license. The ferry became known as White's Ferry and was frequented by passengers on foot or in carriages, and cargo of cattle and produce. Farmers needed the ferry to enable them to cross the Potomac and take



White's Ferry is the last working ferry on the Potomac River.

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their crops up and down the C&O Canal. Without it, commerce was impossible and the crops would just rot in the barn. White also established a granary near the ferry to store their grains and

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OPINION

A Plan That's Just Plain Smart

BY SUSANNE LEE
WMCCA PRESIDENT

WMCCA Meeting

“As Potomac has evolved from rural and agricultural to a semi-rural and suburban subregion, it has retained much of its green character and environmental qualities. These qualities are under threat. Inexorable population growth continues to foster intense development pressure on the Potomac Subregion. This Master Plan strongly recommends that sustaining the environment be the pre-eminent policy determinant in a subregion so defined by its natural resources. New development and redevelopment must respect and enhance the Subregion's environmental quality, while helping to build communities and resources that will serve existing and future generations of residents.”

WMCCA

So begins the Potomac Subregion Master Plan. Adopted by the Montgomery County Council and the Planning Board almost 10 years ago, its relevance continues to grow. For those of us who live in the Potomac Subregion, paging through the document demonstrates just how much the quality of life in our neighborhoods is a function of the contents of the Master Plan. http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan_areas/potomac/master_plans/potomac/potomactoc.shtm

It is in many ways an extraordinary document. First, it is grounded in sound science. Extensive initial environmental studies were conducted that documented the urgent need to protect this green wedge in which we live. For example, clear links are shown between potential future intensive development practices and decreased water and air quality. In stark terms, the failure to protect critical watersheds such as the Watts Branch, Muddy Branch and Piney Branch has direct impacts not just on those streams, but also the water quality in the Potomac River including upstream of our drinking water source, and ultimately on the Chesapeake Bay.

http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/plan_areas/potomac/related_reports/environ_inventory_pot/toc_pot_envIRON.shtm

Second, it is developed using intelligent, creative decision making, sound planning principles and common sense. Outstanding public

The next West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:15 p.m. in the Potomac Community Center's arts and crafts room.

Speaker will be Callum Murray, Community Planning Team Leader: Area 3, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). Having served as the Team Leader for the Potomac Subregion Master Plan revision process completed in 2002, Murray has returned to WMCCA from time to time to update the community as Master Plan intentions are realized. MNCPPC once had seven Community Planning Teams, but Planning Department re-organization and budget cuts have reduced the teams to only three. Murray's area now covers not only the Potomac Subregion but the Agricultural Reserve as well. This area is facing some unforeseen challenges to the Master Plan with several current issues that include re-use of an unsurplused school site, precedent-setting sewer category change requests, and special exception alterations that have brought WMCCA to take legal action. As part of the Master Plan update, the meeting will discuss the implications of these threats to the area's future and to that of other Master Plans for areas such as the Agricultural Reserve, which we buffer and help to protect. As always, the public is welcome.

If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

servants such as Callum Murray, our November speaker, and a committed Community-based Advisory Committee crafted a plan that was just plain smart. It focuses on preserving environmentally sensitive areas, as well as ensuring logical decisions concerning commercial development, housing density, recreational facilities and roads.

Much of the Master Plan has been implemented successfully. The Subregion's development and the character of the Potomac areas we know and love are protected through its continued implementation. Unfortunately constant vigilance is required — as evidenced by the Brickyard Road soccer proposal, the Glen Hills sewer category changes, and expansions of private institutional facilities such as Glenstone. Join us at the WMCCA Meeting for a Master Plan update.

ZONING REPORT

Potomac Swim and Recreation Association Indoor Tennis Bubble Facilities

– On Oct. 21, WMCCA and six neighbors living near the tennis club requested that the Circuit Court of Montgomery County conduct an evidentiary hearing on their Motion to Intervene and Motion to Vacate Judgment. The Court previously reversed the Montgomery County Board of Appeals' denial of the request

for modification of the Club's special exception to allow for the construction of a tennis bubble.

Brickyard Road School Site – The Montgomery County Government Circuit Court has scheduled Dec. 15 to hear the Brickyard Road case of Nick Maravell versus Montgomery County Board of Education. Hopefully at that time the court will decide if the Montgomery County BOE violated the Open Meetings Act in transferring the Brickyard Road lease from Nick's Organic Farm to the Montgomery County Executive Branch when it voted in March of 2011 to lease the land to develop soccer fields. There is also another case underway. Neighbors of the 20-acre site are appealing the lease transfer to the Maryland State Board of Education. No hearing date has been set, although the State Board met on Oct. 25; briefs and requests for documents are still being collected from all parties. One of the many concerns about the site is settling the lease issue before Jan. 1, 2012, since that marks the point at which the current lease to Mr. Maravell expires. His stewardship of the land has included fully containing the stormwater runoff, which will be a threat when parking lots and other impervious surfaces associated with a sports complex development are installed.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Forest Conservation/Tree Canopy Bill – After receiving comments through the county's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Director Hoyt, the County Executive has indicated a willingness to uncouple his tree canopy proposal from the Forest Conservation Law, since the two parts are to be administered by two separate agencies. Forest Conservation is the responsibility of MNCPPC, but the tree canopy portion will come under Department of Permitting Services, using the Sediment Control staff already in place. There is no intent to hire any new staff tree expert such as an arborist, and the review process will be a desktop operation with no staff going out in the field to examine trees on lots less than 40,000 square feet. The proposal still uses a fee for canopy loss (as yet undetermined) as the only deterrent to removing trees from smaller lots. It has taken nearly three years for DEP to bring us this far, and there is still no target date for the bill to be sent to the County Council.



Spooky Storytime

Anne Gerlach, left, leads the Family Halloween Program at the Potomac Library on Saturday, Oct. 29.

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Bridget Pinkney with her son Amadi and daughter Kamilah attend the storytime.

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NOW THROUGH 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 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.

NOV. 8 TO DEC. 3

"Time and Place." Paintings by Robert LeMar. At the Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441 or www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 13

Dynamic Environments at the Popcorn Gallery. Free. An exhibition of fine art photography celebrating the ever-changing world landscape. Katherine Andrie, Eliot Cohen, Tico Herrera, Karen Keating and Gayle Rothschild present images in both explosive color and rich black and white — exploring the art of the landscape photograph. At the Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit www.glenechopark.org or 301-634-2274.

NOV. 1 TO 30

Plen Air Painting by Shelley Lowenstein. Named Artist-in-Residence for the month of November at Glen Echo's Chautauqua Stone Tower. Two artist receptions:

Saturday, Nov. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. At 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

NOV. 5 TO 6

"Travel With Us." Noon to 5 p.m. Recent Artwork by Cherry Baumbusch and Diane Blackwell. Opening reception is Saturday between 5 to 7 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo. Call 301-371-5593.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 5

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NOV. 11 TO DEC. 9

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NOV. 12 AND 13

Paintings from the Chesapeake. Noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 5 to 7 p.m. Some 20 Artists who painted on "Landscape on the Chesapeake" & Figures workshops on Tilghman Island will show their works for sale. At the Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

NOV. 25, 26, 27

"Open Roads." Recent paintings by Lynn Lewis. Lynn Lewis' paintings are acrylic and watercolor drive-by impressions of views from rural roads and highways in Maryland, D.C., Ohio, and New England. A reception with the artist is Saturday, Nov. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park. Call 301-371-5593.

DEC. 1 TO 31

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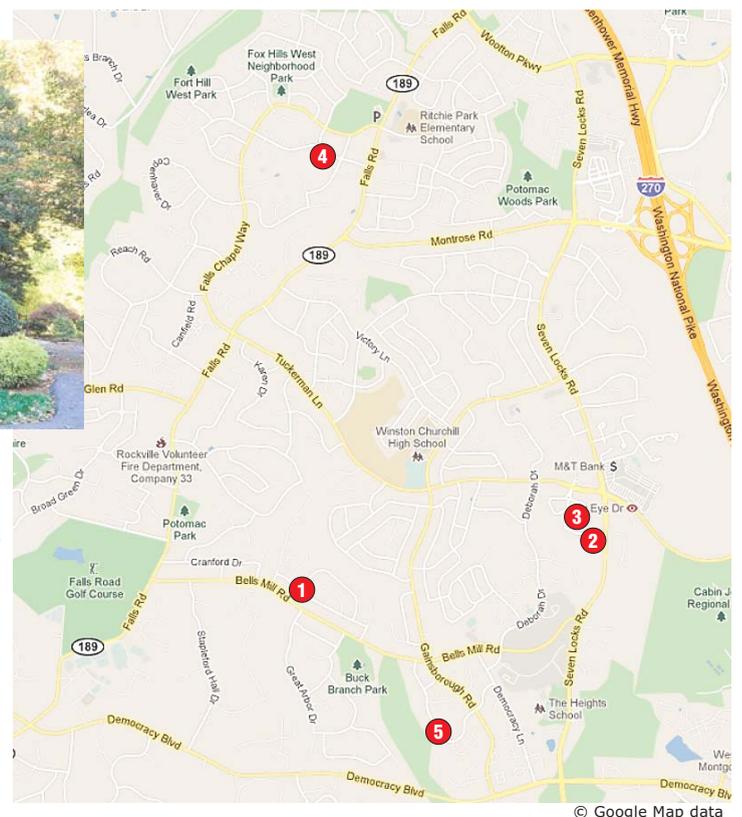
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Churchill Beats Wootton, Advances to Region Final

Top-seeded Bulldogs will face No. 3 B-CC.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

Mairin Hall is a goal-scoring force for the Churchill girls lacrosse program, having led the Bulldogs to back-to-back region championships. During field hockey season, however, Hall only recently acquired an offensive mentality.

Facing Wootton in the 4A West Region semifinals on Monday, Churchill trailed 1-0 early in the second half when Hall's instincts helped launch a Bulldog comeback.

"On the lacrosse field I'm probably a little more comfortable," Hall said, "but I'm kind of finding my position out here."

Hall's position with 26:29 remaining in the second half was next to the goal during a penalty corner. Jennifer Shim set the play in motion, Alex Fox blasted a shot from the top of the circle and Hall was there to deflect in the game-tying goal. The Bulldogs added two goals in the next 17 minutes and advanced to the region final with a 3-1 victory at Churchill High School.

"Recently I've been playing more offensive, so that's what I've been trying to do — I've been trying to get myself in position to do a deflection or something like that," said Hall, a senior. "That worked out pretty well and it was a really good shot by Alex."

Hall started last season as a defender and is now a midfielder for the Bulldogs.

"I believe she has an offensive mindset," Churchill head coach Cay Miller said. "You can see that she's zeroing in on the goal. ... I believe on offense she gets in a zone."

Christina Michaels scored what proved to

be the game winner with 22:12 remaining. The junior deflected in a shot by senior Roshan Promisel.

"The second half, we definitely were in a scoring mindset," Hall said. "We knew we had to score. We knew we had to come back. I think that we were playing a lot more intense."

Senior Maddy Flax added an insurance goal with 13:01 to play.

"The second half, we definitely capitalized on our opportunities better," Flax said. "We played well in the first half, I thought, but second half we just came out driven, focused and knew what we

needed to work on. ... Once we started to score we knew that we could do it."

Churchill, the top seed in 4A West, improved to 12-2, including an 8-0 start to the season. The Bulldogs will face No. 3 Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the region final on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Churchill, which defeated B-CC 2-0 on Sept. 13, is one win away from a region title one year after finishing 4-9.

"Last season was definitely a rough season," Flax said. "This year we have a great group of girls, we have awesome team



Churchill's Maddy Flax, seen against Wootton on Oct. 3, scored a goal against the Patriots in the regional semifinals on Oct. 31.



Churchill's Christina Michaels, seen against Wootton on Oct. 3, scored the go-ahead goal against the Patriots in the regional semifinals on Oct. 31.

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chemistry. After last season ... we kind of came out with a chip on our shoulder. We wanted to make up for last season and I think we've done so and we just hope to keep getting better."

Fox also referred to the Bulldogs as a close-knit group.

"Last year, I would have never thought this would be possible," Fox said. "I think that our team was good enough last year, we just, like this first half, we didn't know it and we didn't have evidence [that we could succeed]. We didn't have the heart

and the connectivity we have this year."

Carly Pascal scored Wootton's lone goal. The Patriots finished with an 8-5 record.

"I'm so proud of these girls and thrilled with this season," Wootton head coach Kearney Blandamer said. "[Assistant coach] Leslie [Stroot] and I came in this year and asked these girls to do a lot of things and they approached every day with great attitudes and a willingness to try different things. I feel like they trusted us and did their best to meet our expectations — and they exceeded them."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill Football Beats Wootton

The Churchill football team improved to 8-1 with a 31-14 victory against Wootton on Oct. 28. The Bulldogs have won five straight as they approach the playoffs.

Churchill totaled 270 yards and three touchdowns on the ground and had two ball carriers eclipse 100 yards. Running back Curtis Kamara carried 12 times for 137 yards and two touchdowns and quarterback Lansana Keita rushed 18 times for 116 and a score.

Keita completed 5 of 11 pass attempts for 84 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown pass to Quan Gill.

Defensively, Jacob Suissa led Churchill with 15 tackles. Bret Sickels had 12 tackles and Malik Harris finished with seven. Odin Soevick, Suissa and Sickels each had a sack, and Alex Ha snagged an interception.

Churchill will wrap up the regular season at home against Sherwood at 6:30 p.m.

on Friday, Nov. 4. The postseason begins the following week.

Whitman Football Back Over .500

The Whitman football team defeated Walter Johnson 32-16 on Oct. 28, improving its record to 5-4. The Vikings have alternated wins and losses since defeating Wootton in the season opener.

Against Walter Johnson, running back Val Djidotor carried 19 times for 104 yards and two touchdowns.

Djidotor has rushed for 963 yards and nine touchdowns with one regular season game remaining.

Michael Flack completed 6 of 10 passes for 90 yards and rushed for 76 yards.

Zac Morton and Alkaly Soumah each had a rushing touchdown.

Whitman will conclude the regular season with a home game against Paint Branch at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4.

Bullis Secures Tie for IAC Title

The Bullis football team defeated Landon 26-21 on Oct. 29, improving its record to 8-1.

The Bulldogs secured at least a tie for the IAC title and, according to the school's Web site, can win the program's first championship since 1979 with a win against Episcopal at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4.

Volleyball Brackets

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association released its regional volleyball brackets. Churchill received the No. 13 seed in the 4A West Region and will travel to face No. 4 Walter Johnson on Nov. 3 or 4. Whitman received the No. 9 seed and will travel to face No. 8 Kennedy on Nov. 3 or 4. Wootton received the No. 6 seed and will host No. 11 Clarksburg on Nov. 3 or 4.



Churchill quarterback Lansana Keita, seen against Seneca Valley earlier this season, threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score against Wootton on Oct. 28.

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HISTORY

Ferry

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the remains can still be seen next to the ferry dock in Maryland.

In 1942, a flood took the ferry out of service and it was shut down until 1946 when Brown and four partners purchased the business. They bought a wooden army surplus barge in Washington DC, replaced the cables, hired and trained staff and opened for business. The first barge could carry three cars. In 1955, they obtained a steel ferry in Baltimore which could hold six cars. Brown has continually made improvements and today, the ferry holds 24 cars.

"It's been quite an experience running the ferry. I would call it my avocation," said Brown. "The Potomac is a wild river and you never know what will happen. When we have floods, the water can go as high as 35 feet above the ordinary water level and can damage the boat and cables — and it floods the shore line. The cables must be changed every six months. We train our employees to do all the maintenance. We also house all our employees."

When asked why the ferry is named "The Jubal A. Early," Brown said, "Jubal Early was a Confederate General who crossed his 20,000 troops at White's Ford (just north of the ferry landing). At the right time of the year, the river is so shallow, a person can walk across. Early was quite a colorful figure — and was the only confederate to come within striking distance of Washington D.C. He defeated General Custer at Waynesboro, Pa. in March 1865 and fled to Mexico. In 1869, he returned to Virginia to practice law. He never took the oath of allegiance to the U.S., but remained a rebel until he died."

Brown says the ferry is out of service about a month a year due to ice and floods. The ferry makes four round-trips per hour, taking 2 minutes to load, 5 minutes to cross and another 2 minutes to unload. It runs from 5 a.m. – 11 p.m. and is the only river crossing between the American Legion Bridge and the bridge 50 miles upstream at Point of Rocks. The cost for a car is \$5 one-way and \$8 round-trip.

The ride across the ferry may be swift, but the views of the Potomac and the banks are evocative, conjuring images of the Confederate Army marching across the river at White's Ford or of the long-ago boatmen polling up and down the river. The ferry operators proclaim the Jubal Early is safe — "hasn't lost a car since she started" said one operator.

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Cause An Affect



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

My father was right: there are consequences to every action. And that Barry Lourie parental admonition is never more true than it is in the medical world, specifically the prescription medication world. In life, as my father tried to warn me, there are consequences; in medicine, there are side effects. Don't I know it! As a surviving, stage IV lung cancer patient, my world now (fortunately a world in which I'm still alive; however, there are no promises or predictions about my future) is regularly about dealing with – and treating – side effects.

The maintenance treatment drug, Avastin, with which I have been infused every three to four weeks going in for nearly 30 months now – and counting, (about 45 minutes per session) has kept my malignant tumors from growing and/or moving (perhaps causing a little shrinkage as well but not enough that my oncologist has described it as an official effect). However, aside from its presumptive success stalling (I wouldn't yet characterize its infusion as a defeat of my cancer, although I am in "partial stable remission," according to my oncologist), it has over my extended use caused a few side effects. Nothing major, nothing we can't control, but something we have to monitor. And the longer it continues (meaning the longer I live), the more chronic some of these conditions/side effects appear to becoming. As such, these conditions/side effects themselves need to be treated or else they'll potentially cause a type of collateral damage – that we're all trying to avoid, and one that could possibly weaken my immune system and compromise my defenses yet again.

I'm not talking nausea or vomiting or neuropathy, or a host of other side effects with which many chemotherapy patients are familiar. No, I'm referring to, at least in my circumstance: "the silent killer," as it sometimes called, high blood pressure as it is more well known. Every two weeks I'm "cuffed" and my numbers are recorded by a nurse. The issue, as it specifically relates to me, and my treatment, is that unless my blood pressure is under a certain pair of numbers (diastolic and systolic), the protocol prevents me from being infused with Avastin. And since neither the doctor nor myself want to ruin a good thing, we've been treating my elevated blood pressure fairly aggressively. In so doing, however, the increase in, and the addition of, new medication has itself caused a side effect: edema, the medical term for swelling. And it has not been swell.

Primarily, the swelling has occurred in my legs and feet (I've had to buy larger shoes – by one full size) and walking has become difficult. In sharing this new condition/side effect with my oncologist ("new" symptoms are very important and always worth mentioning, I've been advised, repeatedly), I was prescribed a water pill (one with an extremely long name) to eliminate the excess fluid in my legs; "benign" though, is how my doctor described this side effect. Two weeks into its unsuccessful use, I've been instructed to stop because the stress on my kidneys caused by its ingestion and subsequent filtering out of the body (through the kidneys) is worrisome. And if there's been one consistent theme to my treatment, it has been to carefully consider the effect on major organs where we don't want to create a new problem while treating the underlying problem.

Now, as my oncologist said, we're treating the side effect of the treatment of a side effect of a side effect of the Avastin. Less than ideal, you might say. I wouldn't say the whole thing is making me dizzy (another side effect?) because I might be prescribed another medication (just kidding; maybe not?). I'm not worried that I'm cascading downward; I'm merely venting a little cause and not-so-great effect.

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NOV. 4 AND 5

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NOV. 5 AND 6

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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.

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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. Sponsored by the Bead Society of Greater Washington. 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

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, Past President, AVSAB. Bethesda. For information and to register, 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.

NOV. 5 AND 6

All Beethoven. Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. Price is \$32. Pre-concert lecture at 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 5; 1:45 p.m. on Nov. 6. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100.

SUNDAY/NOV. 6

OPEN HOUSES IN POTOMAC NOVEMBER 5 & 6



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| 7220 Armat Dr..... | \$1,750,000..... | Sun 1-4..... | Liissa Flamm..... | Long & Foster...301-229-4000 |
| 8302 Woodhaven Blvd..... | \$824,000..... | Sun 1-4..... | Alinda Iman..... | Weichert...301-802-3162 |
| 9005 Quintana Dr..... | \$835,000..... | Sun 1-4..... | Alan Bruzee..... | Long & Foster...301-548-9700 |

North Potomac (20878)

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| 14620 Snapdragon Cir..... | \$675,000..... | Sun 12-2..... | Jill Aharon..... | Coldwell Banker...240-328-2640 |
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Potomac (20854)

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| 11205 Tara Rd..... | \$1,095,000..... | By App't..... | Debbie Cohen..... | Long & Foster...202-288-9939 |
| 11809 Greenleaf Ave..... | \$699,000..... | Sun 1:30-4:30..... | Diann Gottron..... | Long & Foster...301-340-2347 |
| 11904 Tallwood Ct..... | \$1,065,000..... | Sun 2-4..... | Meg Percesepe..... | Washington Fine Prop...240-441-8434 |
| 6 Victory Ct..... | \$644,000..... | Sun 1-4..... | John Lee..... | Crawford/Lee...240-252-5833 |
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Rockville (20850, 20852)

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