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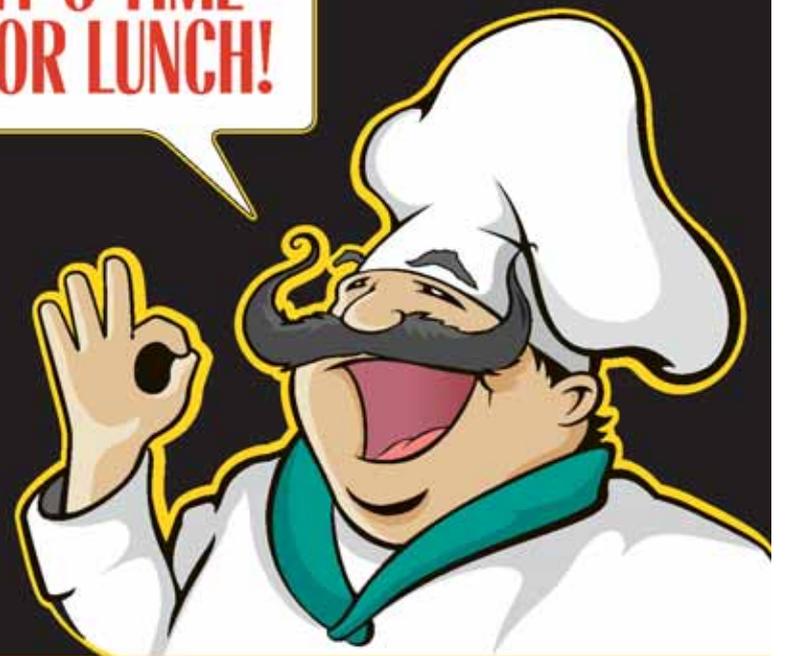
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'Rink of Dreams' Dormant roller hockey rink to be used for athletes with disabilities.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

The dormant Potomac roller hockey rink was power washed, its cracks were filled and a security camera was installed.

And then, last Sunday, YAPsters — 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds with disabilities — played soccer, including Alison Acosta, 5.

"It's giving her a chance to do soccer. She has a sister Juliette who also plays MSI, so this gives Ali a chance to play," said Luis Acosta, Alison's father.

"It's a sight to behold."

— Pam Yerg, TOPsoccer

"She can't maneuver her walker on the grass. Without the rink, Ali would not be able to participate in soccer at all," he said.

The Young Athletes Program, YAPsters, began the season Sept. 15.

Pam Yerg, of TOPsoccer, thought she might get a handful of players. "We have 20," said Yerg. "It is a sight to behold."

CONTROVERSY HAS HOVERED around the rink since its inception.

Neighbors say the rink, built in 1997 to facilitate the explosion of interest in roller hockey, was erected without proper public input. The county limited play at the rink to youth ages after complaints.

League play stopped approximately eight years ago, as interest in roller hockey dwindled. The rink remained mostly dormant until now.

But when plans were made to bulldoze the rink last fall, Yerg pitched her idea to turn the rink with its safe flat surface into a sports field for athletes with disabilities, including those who



The Potomac Community Center's roller hockey rink will be used for athletes with disabilities.

use assistive devices such as crutches, walkers, wheelchairs or prosthetics.

Yerg, area director with Special Olympics, called the facility "a rink of dreams."

County Executive Isiah Leggett and the county gave approval for re-purposing the rink. A working committee, including neighbors, formed and starting meeting in the fall. "In the interim, I received permission from the committee, of which I am a member, to utilize the rink for the fall MSI TOPsoccer program to focus on serving the youngest athletes," said Yerg.

Pete Selikowitz, executive director of the Potomac Community Center, helped prepare the rink to be used.

"That's what recreation is all about, providing opportunities for the entire community. I'm happy to be a part of it," said Selikowitz. "This gives me a little jolt."

AT PRE-SCHOOL, Alison told her class she was getting a real uniform.

"It's a great opportunity to do something fun using her walker, which is important to us," said Luis Acosta.

Yerg matched Alison with Alexa Singman, an eighth-grade student at Frost Middle School, who is Alison's buddy on the pitch.

"It makes me feel good seeing them have fun," said Alexa. "It's nice to see everyone get a chance to play."



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A'yani Ross, 3. "We like the opportunity for her to socialize with peers," said her father, Curtis Ross.



Emma Quick, 3, kicks the ball as Alison Acosta watches.



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Brian Feldman begins his term as District 15 senator with Senate President Mike Miller.

District 15's Musical Chairs

Brian Feldman to fill Senate seat vacated by Rob Garagiola, representing Potomac.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Gov. Martin O'Malley appointed Brian J. Feldman to be senator for District 15, including much of Potomac.

Feldman, who served 10 years in the Maryland House of Representatives for District 15, takes Sen.

Robert Garagiola's seat immediately; Garagiola resigned Sept. 1, 2013.

"I'm very excited about this new challenge, this new opportunity," Feldman said.

"I'll be able to hit the ground running on day one in the Senate," he said. "I know all the senators and have a relationship with almost all. I think that benefits the District."

In the House, Feldman served as a member on the Economic Matters Committee; the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review; and the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee. He also served as House Chair of the Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee, and as Chair of the Montgomery County House Del-

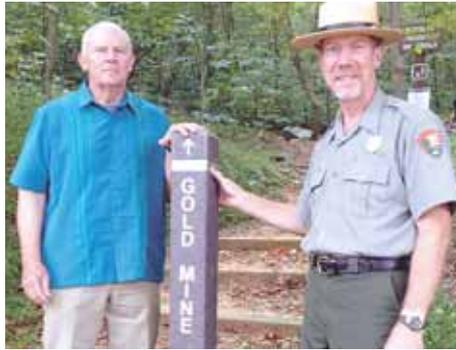
SEE NEW OPPORTUNITY, PAGE 5

Gold Mine Trail club to maintain 20 miles of trails around Great Falls.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, founded in 1927, took responsibility of maintaining 18 trails that cover more than 20 miles around Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, including the Billy Goat Trail and its loops, the Gold Mine Spur, Anglers Spur and more.

President John Hendrick and superin-



John Hendrick and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club will maintain trails around Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, including the Billy Goat Trail and Gold Mine Spur.

tendent of parks Kevin Brandt formalized their agreement Thursday, Sept. 19 at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center. "This is a good document. Your guys have been working very hard on it," said John Hendrick, president of PATC.

"The assistance we get from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club is so important," said Kevin Brandt, superintendent of the C&O Canal National Historic Park. "You're very knowledgeable about trail maintenance ... and we very much appreciate the work you bring to this."

"That's what our guys love, they love doing it, and do it very well and they get to know the park and all of its trails, and it's kind of a labor of love," said Hendrick.

FIVE MILLION visitors come to the park every year. More than 4,700 volunteers contributed 72,000 hours of work last fiscal year, according to Emily Hewitt, volunteer coordinator, with C&O Canal National Historic Park.

"A lot of visitors don't truly appreciate how much the National Park Service relies on the involvement of our volunteers. We have one of the largest and most effective group of volunteers in the park system," said Brandt.

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club was founded in November 1927. After Congress passed the National Trail Systems Act in 1968, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club became a partner with the National Park Service.

The trail club will keep the trails clear by weeding and performing necessary brush removal. It will also protect the trails from heavy patron use.

Trail club volunteers will provide another set of eyes for the park service for both the trail and visitor safety. See www.patc.net to get involved.

THE FORMAL AGREEMENT was 11 pages, though decades in the making.

"Your lawyers did a heck of a job," said Hendrick.

"We like to have the document. It defines your responsibilities, our responsibilities and we educate our people," he said.

The formal document "fosters better communication," said Brandt. "First for the safety of the group. And it also gives recognition to the efforts of the group."

"We're all enthusiastic about what we do here. It energizes us when we see our volunteers. It energizes and reconnects me with what I can do in my role," said Brandt.

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Real Estate



by Michael Matese

**Finding the Hidden Treasure:
Buying Luxury Homes During a Recession**

Buying Luxury Homes During a Recession Real estate experts report that the recession has created a buyer's market. This means that despite the economy's downturn having negatively affected many other aspects of day-to-day life, buyers and investors should take advantage of the opportunity that has presented itself from the unfortunate situation. Many buyers and investors are under the common misconception that purchasing a luxury home is the last thing one should do during a recession, but with the help of a Realtor® who specializes in luxury real estate sales and a little helpful information, it could become the opportunity of a lifetime, a unique chance to "find the pirate's buried treasure"! More than ever, sellers are working to put their million dollar homes back on the market due to depreciated home values. Buyers and investors should think of the real estate market the same way that they look at stocks. Buy now, while the market isn't inflated. Many buyers and investors are fearful of the commitment of buying a home in such an unstable economy; however, there are deals, bargains and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities out there, as well as a number of options, thanks to low buying activity. Your Realtor® will advise you to take the same necessary precautions you would explore when buying a lower priced home; however, when purchasing a luxury home it's even more important to make sure that you are on track financially. Get your mortgage pre-approved and be sure to have an inspector check out your home, because if everything in the house is as high-end as the house itself, you could be burdened with a number of unanticipated costs. Remember, putting this much money into a house means that paying off the mortgage will take longer, but if you're appropriately prepared, this could be the best thing you'll ever do!

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'New Opportunity' in State Senate

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egation from 2007 to 2012.

"I am confident that Mr. Feldman will continue to serve the people of Montgomery County with distinction," according to O'Malley.

The Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee will vote on who to recommend to fill Feldman's House Seat on Oct. 8, 2013.

"IT'S MORE IMPORTANT than ever to pay attention in Annapolis," Feldman said.

While the U.S. Capitol has been focused on "gridlock and shut down," legislators in Annapolis "are talking about transportation packages, school packages and legislation pertaining to the environment," he said.

New renovations at Hoover Middle School and upcoming renovations at Wayside and Potomac elementary are a direct result of dollars secured, investments and decisions made in Annapolis. He's proud of Churchill's No. 1 public school ranking two

"It's more important than ever to pay attention in Annapolis."

— Brian Feldman

years in a row by U.S. News and World Report. (Whitman and Wootton are right behind.)

He encourages residents to get involved, stay aware of work being done in the General Assembly, and to contact him with any issues of interest or concern.

"I encourage people to correspond with me directly," he said. "I have represented to this district for 10 years now and I think I have been very responsive."

The partnership he and colleagues Kathleen Dumais and Aruna Miller developed in the House will only continue as he moves to the Senate. "It's beneficial to the entire legislative district that we work so well together."

There is going to be "more and more conversations about Maryland's competitiveness in terms of our economy, how we stand up with Northern Virginia and our tax structure going forward," he said, pointing to the opportunities bio-technology sector on I-270 brings.

Feldman is also a tax attorney, serving as senior counsel for Kundra & Associates, in addition to being an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins University.

Feldman began his career as a certified public accountant/attorney for Price Waterhouse in Washington, D.C., and later joined the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division. While with the Department of Justice, he was a three-time recipient of the Tax Division's Outstanding Attorney Award.

Correction

In "Code Camp Teaches Computer Programming" [Potmac Almanac, Aug. 28], the name of the student who established Potomac Code Camp was misspelled. It should have read: Amar Mukunda.

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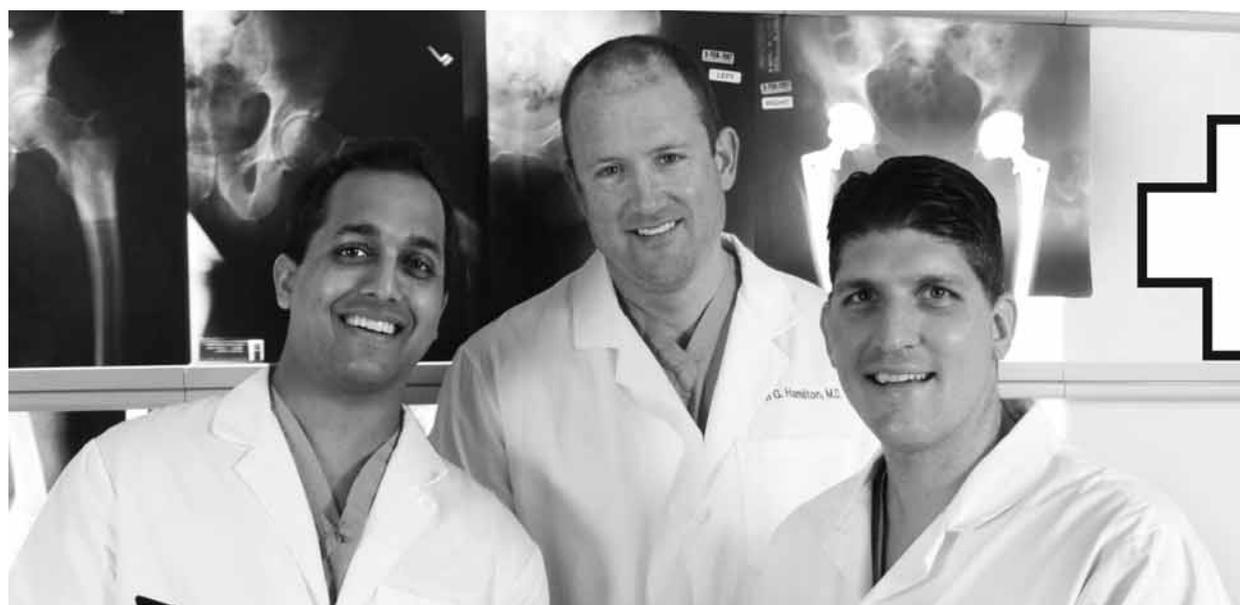
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Potomac Country Vintage and Arts Festival Nears

Event to be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

For the past 57 years, October has been the month for the Potomac Country House Tour, planned and managed by the Women of St. Francis Episcopal Church. This year, the event

has drastically changed. Gone is the house tour and, in its place, is an event that offers a local art show, a children's art show, and antiques appraisers, vintage games for all ages, a classic car show, Tastes of Potomac, Potomac storytellers — and more. Get ready for the Potomac Country Vintage and

Arts Festival.

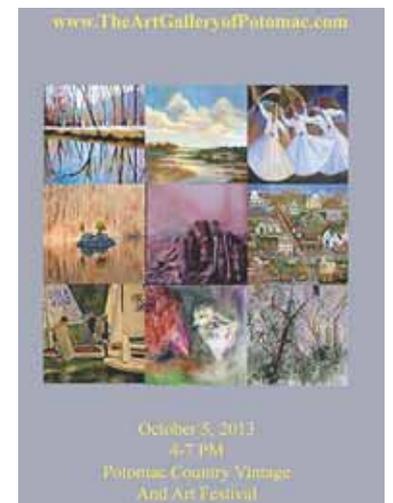
Residents may even discover some "found money." Much in the vein of the TV show "Antiques Roadshow," bring antique jewelry to jewelry appraisers Carol Tuter and Martin Fuller and collectibles to appraisers Ben Hastings and Carol Silverman to find out what

they are worth. Appraisals will have time slots — only two items at one time for a \$25 fee. St. Francis will host the appraisers from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This inaugural festival will take place Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in and around St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, in the heart of Potomac Village. The official Kick-Off Art and Wine Tasting Party will be held at the church on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 4–7 p.m. and will include a local art show, a children's art show depicting highlights of the Potomac community and a debut of the new online gallery of The Art Gallery of Potomac.

The Potomac Country House Tour has previously raised more than \$50,000 for local charities and needy families, including CASA, MANNA, Montgomery Hospice, The Children's Inn at NIH, The Ivymount School, SOME, Interfaith Works, For Love of Children, Loaves and Fishes and more. This event organizers are hoping to meet and exceed their charitable efforts to donate even more to charity. Carol Jarvis, president of the Women of St. Francis and one of the organizers, said, "The Women wanted to make the event more contemporary and offer attractions for the entire family. This event is a one-of-a-kind for Potomac and we are thrilled that the whole Potomac community is involved."

According to Art Show coordinator Yolanda Prinsloo, "The Art Show will feature the talent of local artists as well as some from Delaware, Ohio and New Mexico. It will take place in the Potomac Promenade parking lot, just across the street from the church." Vintage games, such as cake walk, corn hull toss, penny toss, sack races, John Deere tractor races and more will take place on the church upper lawn. Sofia Marvel from the Brickyard Educational Farm will offer demonstrations of



bean shelling, worm bin composting and an heirloom vegetable display while providing tips for beginning gardeners.

In the "Fox Hunt Café" storytellers will entertain with tales of Potomac when it was a small rural crossroad where folks who came to town tied their horses to the hitching posts at the corner of River and Fall. They will discuss the discovery of gold — and also share tales of the canal, of the Potomac Hunt and of what growing up in rural Potomac was like. A pumpkin/apple smorgasbord of homemade seasonal desserts will be served. Children will have an opportunity to craft three-dimensional haunted houses. A Silent Auction will offer pre-holiday gifts and gift certificates from local restaurants, salons, stores and more.

Admission will be charged for the Fox Hunt Café - \$15 includes the dessert, beverages and tales from Potomac storytellers. Vintage games are \$2 per game and the children's crafts are charged according to the craft. Antique appraisals are \$15 for one appraisal and \$25 for two appraisals. For more information, contact the Women of St. Francis at 301-365-2055. For information about the Arts Festival, contact Yolanda Prinsloo at narinamine@yahoo.com.



The St. Francis youth group tries out some of the vintage festival games.

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Designer Cathy Caulk of Gelb and Caulk in Potomac created a space completely different from Bezu, the restaurant formerly housed where the new Mix Bar and Grille will open.



A pizza oven from Italy will provide flatbread pizzas, part of the small plates menu. Short ribs, burgers, steaks, fresh fish and items meant for sharing will be on the not-yet-finalized menu.



Gunnar Jacobson, formerly of Bezu, Newton's Table and River Falls Tavern, is back behind the bar at Mix Bar and Grille.

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Mix Bar and Grill Debuts This Week in Potomac Village

Restaurant is in space formerly occupied by Bezu.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The highly anticipated Mix Bar and Grill is finally open — and ready to wow customers with their healthy Mediterranean and American cuisine, casual atmosphere, budget-conscious happy hour, and sports-viewing parties. Eddie Benaim and his partner Ramiro Paez are providing Potomac residents with an new bistro dining experience as well as a meeting place to share a glass of wine or a craft beer right in the center of Potomac in the space that Bezu occupied.

Benaim explains why they decided to close Bezu and create a totally new restaurant: “When I created Bezu, I felt there was

a void in Potomac for a high-end, fine dining restaurant. Now, we are bringing a different type of restaurant to the community because we feel there is a need. People want to eat out more often and eat lighter, less expensive meals. We will offer a Mix (hence the name) of delectable menu items.”

Benaim and Paez met while running their Bethesda restaurants — the Tel Aviv Café and Parioli. “We have been friends forever,” said Paez. “I introduced the idea of a casual restaurant to replace Bezu and we both believed it was an excellent idea. After much contemplation, we are now off and running — planning to enhance the Potomac community with our concept.”

Well-known Potomac bartender Gunnar Jacobson will be serving up his specialties — exotic martinis with seductive names such as the Ginger Passion Martini, The Grand Autumn, the Peach Pomegranate and the Hot Mess. The bar is featuring a Cruvinet Wine Bar and Wine Dispensing System that will keep wines as fresh as if they were just uncorked. This system will



Ramiro Paez and Eddie Benaim, owners of Mix Bar and Grill in Potomac.

allow the restaurant to serve high-end wines by the glass. Fifteen craft bottled beers and 10 beers on tap will allow the beer drinker to sample a variety.

“Casual food at casual prices,” said owner Paez, is the philosophy of the new restaurant. They will offer an assortment of appetizers — oysters, charcuterie, wings and

cheese plates — and a range of entrees including personal flatbread pizzas, short ribs, trout Milanese, grilled salmon and burgers. “The food will have a lot of flavor,” said Benaim. “Much of the food we serve is locally grown. Our goal is to make the Potomac community happy — and to provide a meeting place for the Village.”

The contemporary interior which features a 25-person bar and comfortable seating in a white, silver and black setting (with hints of blue) was designed by Cathy Caulk of Gelb and Caulk Associates. She has created an informal, relaxed atmosphere that will attract Potomac residents because it is can be intimate or a crowd-pleaser.

Mix Bar and Grill will hold Happy Hour every evening from 3:30-6 p.m., and will soon be adding brunch to their repertoire. Football viewing parties will be featured every Sunday, Monday and Thursday evenings. The restaurant will be open 7 days a week from 11:30 – 10 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and 11:30 – 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 301-299-3000.

Aroma Espresso Bar Serves Up New Venture

Potomac residents join with attorney in new restaurant.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The Aroma Espresso Bar is a “must-go-to” new restaurant in near-by Westfield Montgomery Mall. Aroma is an Israeli franchise that started in New York City seven years ago. The coffee restaurant offers coffee, teas and related drinks, fresh juices and vegetable power drinks, in-house made breads and pastries, salads and soups. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner — with an expanding menu that includes pastas, chicken, seafood — and they will soon be offering been



and wine.

Potomac residents Eddie Benaim and Ramiro Paez, owners of Mix Bar and Grill in Potomac, have paired with attorney Yuval Bezherano to bring this restaurant to the mall. Their concept is to provide outstanding coffee, fresh ingredients and inexpensive pricing to the consumer. “It’s not just a coffee bar,” said Benaim. “Everything is very fresh and created in the restaurant. The food is healthy and tasty and we offer a great deal of variety.”

The casual restaurant is the first of a series of new restaurants, as well as a new

Aroma owners Yuval Bezherano, Ramiro Paez and Eddie Benaim.

luxury cinema complex that is part of the expansion of Montgomery Mall. The Cheesecake Factory and Bobby Flay Burger Palace are two of the new restaurants being added just across from the Aroma Espresso Bar. The restaurants are located between Sears and Macy’s Home Store on one of the aisles near Door 4. Aroma Espresso Bar has outdoor seating with umbrellas near the Chess Game.

According to Paez, Aroma is also catering office luncheons and breakfast meetings for many of the businesses located in the immediate vicinity of Montgomery Mall. “We are in demand,” he said. “The offices



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have really enjoyed our fresh pastries, salads, sandwiches and the variety of drinks and coffees. It’s the best coffee in the world. Once you have it, you never want to drink other coffees.”

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One of the big hits of Arlington's recent Sip and Salsa event, was this massive electric skillet of paella, prepared by the staff at Jaleo. It will also make an appearance at the 24th annual Taste of Bethesda.

Savor the Day

Taste of Bethesda returns Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with more than 50 restaurants and five stages of entertainment. Produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, downtown Bethesda's food and music festival celebrates 24 years of cuisine offered by Bethesda's local restaurant community.

Taste of Bethesda is located on Norfolk, Fairmont, St. Elmo, Cordell and Del Ray Avenues in the heart of Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Five stages showcase musical and cultural performances, and a children's area featuring art and craft activities, balloons and face painting will provide additional entertainment for young visitors. More than 35,000 attendees enjoy Taste of Bethesda each year.

Downtown Bethesda restaurants come prepared for the festival with massive amounts of food and baked goods. For instance, Hard Times Café pre-

pares 20 gallons of chili and 200 pounds of French fries; Haagen-Dazs goes through more than 60 gallons of ice cream; Mamma Lucia serves over 800 slices of pizza; and Spring Mill Bread Company serves 1,000 servings of apple pie, brownies, cookies and breads. Additionally, 100 lbs. of rice, 120 lbs. of chicken, 60 lbs. mixed mushrooms, 105 quarts of mushroom stock and 12 liters of extra virgin olive oil are used in Jaleo's famous 10-foot paella pan.



Remember that massive paella? This is what was left after a few minutes.

Admission to Taste of Bethesda is free. Tickets will be sold on-site to "taste" different foods; tickets are \$5 for four tickets and a serving costs one to four tickets. The event is located three blocks from the Bethesda Metro station. Free parking is also available in downtown Bethesda's public

garages. The free Bethesda Circulator will transport visitors to and from the Bethesda Metro station and public garages.

CALENDAR

Email community entertainment events to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too). Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-a-longs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me. On the Square: Oct. 15.

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The Puppet Co. presents a program designed for children up to age 4. The shows are 30 minutes long, the lights stay on and the doors stay open. \$5/person. Reservations strongly encouraged. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380 for dates.

Art Exhibit. Through Sept. 28 see an exhibition of The Trawick Prize, contemporary art award finalists for 2013 at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E. Visit www.bethesda.org/bethesda/trawick-prize for more.

Art Exhibit. See works by Nebiur Arellano in VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, through Sunday, Oct. 13. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/gallery/kaplan-gallery for more.

Art Exhibit. See "The District: The Streets of Washington, D.C., 1984-1994" through Monday, Oct. 14 at Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Michael Horsley shows how much the city has changed, as well as how much it has survived. Free. Hours are Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. and Sundays and Mondays from 1-8 p.m. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Core With Rocks" by John Ruppert at Kaplan Gallery in VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, through Oct. 20. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/gallery/kaplan-gallery for more.

Art Exhibit. See works by Judy Stone at Gibbs Street Gallery in VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, through Oct. 20. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/gallery/kaplan-gallery for more.

Theater Performance. Through Sunday, Oct. 27, see "Goodnight Moon" at Adventure Theatre at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. All ages. Visit www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or 301-634-2270.

Exhibition. Through Sunday, Oct. 27, see "Wearable PINK: Cancer Journeys in Jewelry" at Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Blair Anderson depicts personal stories of women who are cancer survivors. A select number of works will be sold to benefit a breast cancer research fund. Hours are Saturdays and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. Visit www.glenechopark.org or 301-634-2222.

Art Exhibit. Through Monday, Oct. 28, see "The Power of Color" at Gallery Har Shalom, located at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. The exhibit includes acrylic paintings by Ana Elisa Benavent, blown glass by Bethesda artist Jane Callen, fiber art by Bethesda artist Floris Flam, and photography by Richard Paul Weiblinger. Free and open to the public. Call for hours and directions 301-299-7087.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 26

Blues Dance. 8:15 p.m. lessons start, dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$8. Capital Blues presents the dances. Visit www.capitalblues.org

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for more.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. For children 3-5 years. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries or 240-777-0690.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 27

Best of Fest. On the 6th floor of VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Visit www.rockvillerooftoplive.com or call 301-315-8200 for hours.

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30 -11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Wild Asparagus provides music. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org for more.

Cajun/Zydeco Dance. 8:30 p.m.-midnight at Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. All ages welcome. \$15. Live music by Squeeze Bayou Cajun Band. Visit www.dancingbythebayou.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

5K Oktoberfest Run. 9 a.m. at the German School Washington D.C., 8617 Chateau Drive, Potomac. Starts with a 5K followed by a 1K fun run for children, capped off with a traditional Oktoberfest celebration. Visit www.dswashington.org/run or email Susanne Rosenbaum at srosenbaum@dswash.org.

Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Features music by Tom Cunningham Orchestra. \$15. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

Bicycle Farm Tour. Starts between 9 -

11 a.m. at Poolesville Golf Course, 16601 West Willard Road. Five different courses offered for various levels of difficulty. Following all rides at 12:30 a community picnic will be held at Kingsbury's Orchard.

Registration is required and costs \$10. Visit www.potomacpedalers.org.

Best of Fest II. On the 6th floor of VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Visit www.rockvillerooftoplive.com or call 301-315-8200 for hours.

Then & Wow! 2013. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Enjoy a ride on the carousel, learn about the park's programs, enjoy magic shows, music, games and more. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org or 301-634-2222.

Argentine Tango. 6:30-11 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. DJ Rene Davila will mix the music. \$15/person; \$10/dance only. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Contra and Square Dance. 7-10:30 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fsgw.org for more.

OCT. 2-26

Art Exhibit. Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda, presents "Cityscapes," featuring David FeBland, Beata Drozd, Ben Ferry and Gavin Glakas. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

THURSDAY/OCT. 3

Friends of the Library Presentation. 12:30 p.m. at Potomac Library community room, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Great Decisions is a program in which local

groups gather to discuss topics associated with foreign policy. This meeting the topic will be China in Africa. Brown bag lunches encouraged. Visit www.folmc.org.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. For children 3-5 years. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries or 240-777-0690.

Blues Dance. 8:15 p.m. lessons start, dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$8. Capital Blues presents the dances. Visit www.capitalblues.org for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 4

Contra Dance. 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30 -11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Divine Comedy provides music. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 5

Taste of Bethesda. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Enjoy five stages of entertainment, more than 50 restaurants providing food and drinks, crafts and more. Free. Food costs tickets, \$5/four tickets. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

Cajun & Zydeco Music and Dance Festival. Noon-midnight at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Dancing by the Bayou presents a day of music with Jesse Lege & Bayou Brew, Rusty Metoyer & Zydeco Krush and more bands. \$50/door. Visit

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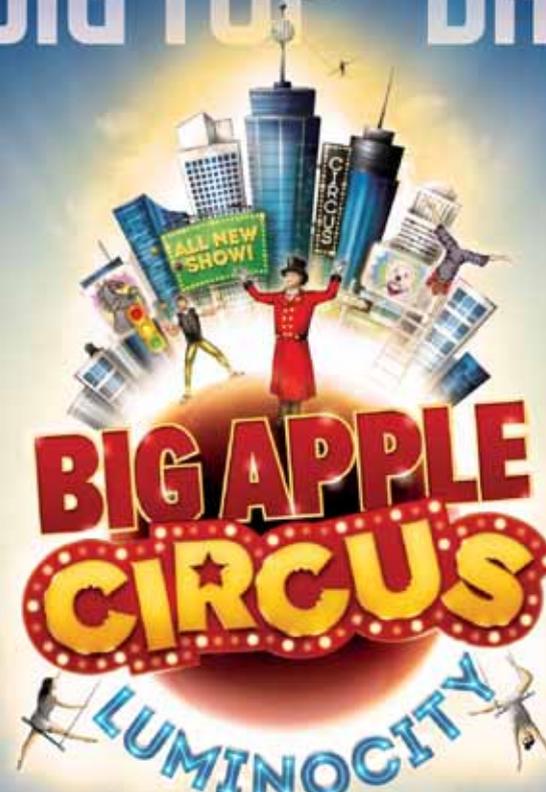
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www.dancingbythebayou.com.
Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave. D.C. native Cathy Ponton King and her band will perform songs off her new CD "The Crux" long with blues guitarist Bobby Parker. Call 240-330-4500 or email soulspeech@hotmail.com.
Solo Piano Concert. 8 p.m. at Wesmoreland Congregational Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Free. Haskell Small will perform. Free. Visit www.washingtonconservatory.org or 301-320-2770.
Kick-off Art & Wine Tasting Party. 4-7 p.m. at Semmes Hall, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road. Enjoy an exhibit by The Art Gallery of Potomac and more. Presented by The Women of Saint Francis, with proceeds benefiting local and national charities.

SUNDAY/OCT. 6

Benefit Concert and Art Show. 1 p.m. at the Sixth and I Street Historic Synagogue, 600 I Street, NW, Washington, D.C. "The Music of George Gershwin and John Denver" will take place for the benefit of the Melanoma Research Foundation/CURE OM (www.cureom.org). The art show will begin at 1 p.m., concert at 1:45 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$50. Checks are payable to CURE OM c/o Harvey Levine, 7803 Cadbury Ave., Potomac, MD 20854. Email hoybean39@yahoo.com for more.
DC Dance Challenge. 9:30 a.m.-11 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

Enjoy competitive dances and all levels of ability welcome. Visit www.dcdancechallenge.com for pricing.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. at Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Dance to live music by Larry Elke & Friends. \$10. Visit www.waltztimedances.org for more.
Contra Dance. 7-10:30 p.m. at Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fsgw.org for more.
Music Performance. 5 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive, Bethesda. The Inscape Chamber Orchestra presents "Songs of the Earth." Free. Visit www.redeemerbethesda.org or 301-229-3770.

Potomac Vintage and Arts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on the grounds at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road. Enjoy a silent auction with restaurant and ticket vouchers, vacation getaways and more. Browse arts and crafts, hear stories, play games (\$2/game) and make crafts related to Potomac history, eat food and more. Profits will support families in need.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

Snapshot Day. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries or 240-777-0690.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

Potomac Toddlers. 10:30 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. For children 1-3 years. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries or 240-777-0690.

FRIDAY/OCT. 11

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. Enjoy gourmet treats including breads, olive oils, chocolates and more; live music and interactive children's activities. \$8/online; \$10/door and is good for all three days of the show. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.
Opening Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Meet the artists of "Cityscapes," featuring David FeBland, Beata Drozd, Ben Ferry and Gavin Glakas. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. Enjoy gourmet treats including breads, olive oils, chocolates and more; live music and interactive children's activities. \$8/online; \$10/door and is good for all three days of the show. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.
"Eye Spy" Halloween Train. 1-8 p.m. at Cabin John Regional Park, 7410 Tuckerman Lane. Children 8 and under can enjoy a journey through a slightly haunted forest and mark their "Eye Spy" cards each time they spy a familiar friend hiding there. Halloween movies and other activities are included in price. Costumes encouraged. \$5/person. Visit www.cabinjohntrain.com or 301-765-8670.

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GETTING AROUND

Hunter's Inn Bar and Grill: New Name, New Logo

It's still Potomac.

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

Watch out Potomac! Another change is underway. This one you will love. Hunter's Inn, a mainstay in the village since 1978 (minus a few years hiatus in the '90s) has become Hunter's Bar and Grill, complete with new logo, interior makeover and extensive menu selections. Owners Fred and Murray Berman have their spanking new business cards ready for the asking.

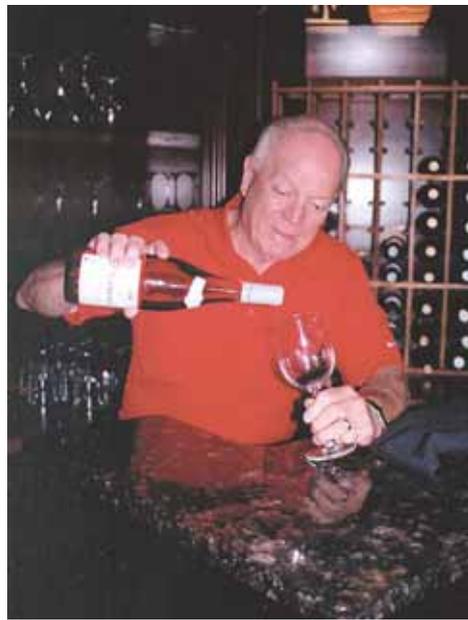
Twenty-one years ago, Fred, who had eight "That's Amore" restaurants at the time, hinted he was not altogether happy with a partner. "It was time to move on," he said. Murray, who had spent many years in the wholesale record business prior to switching in the mid-80s to selling "chickens and biscuits", a.k.a. "Bo Jangles," certainly wasn't a stranger to the restaurant business either.

When asked what prompted them to buy a restaurant in Potomac, Fred answered, "I had a friend here who knew about Hunter's and told me." He was referring to the original Hunter's Inn, a name that has been synonymous with Potomac for 35 years. It had been closed for about five years and was up for sale. "Murray and I both thought it would be a great opportunity to go into business together."

Natives of Washington, (both are Coolidge High alums) the Bermans agree the name change is more indicative of their operation. "This is not an inn, it's a neighborhood place and a second home to some. We see the same people over and over," Fred said, "The people I went to school with come here. With them, I'm Freddy. We get to kiss all the pretty women and drink martinis while doing it," he joked.

"That is a nice part of the business," Murray agreed. "Many of our customers are regulars. They are greeted with hugs. It's not like a down town restaurant," he said.

Patrons of Hunter's can't help but notice



In the Polo Room bar, Fred Berman pours a glass of wine from the extensive wine selection.

the new décor, particularly the vibrant red walls in the entrance and bar, or the soft greens in the dining room where tables are no longer covered with white linens. New, American-made tables and chairs have been added, creating a much less formal atmosphere. The small, partially enclosed "Margo Room," that comfortably seats 10 at a round table, is refurbished, complete with a painting of a three-legged horse. Don't ask, go see!

Customers today will recognize most of the prints hanging on the walls in the restaurant as those representing the way of life in Potomac for many years during the days of fox hunting and polo. There were no three-legged horses back then. There are not many 20854 horses now.

Cathy Kate, according to Fred, "came with the restaurant." She has been on board since day one as have Mario Begazo and Alex Morano of the wait staff. Cathy remembers the day a Potomac woman drove her car through a front window at Hunter's, all the way to the bar in the Polo room. "A large party had just left and waiters were cleaning up. Fortunately all were out of there just



The Hunter's Inn Bar and Grill patio is a favorite location for an early fall evening rest and relaxation moment. The parking area in front serves as a buffer from River Road traffic noise.



Out with the old and in with the new. However, the old Hunter's Inn logo (left) and the new Hunter's Bar and Grill logo (right) are both reminiscent of the days when horses and hounds were part of the Potomac countryside.



Murray Berman and hostess Cathy Kate review a party menu at Hunter's Bar and Grill. Kate has been with the restaurant since the Berman brothers bought it 21 years ago.



Hunter's has participated for several years in "Adoption Together," an organization that pairs local parents with local children.

minutes before," she recalled. Although Cathy's official title is manager, she covers everything from menu planning for parties to greeting guests, including local politicians and a wannabe president.

Referring to the latter occasion, an Almanac reporter got wind of an Oct. 16, 2006 "secret meeting" at Hunter's and arrived in time to find then Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney holding forth with a group of select Republicans, including Potomac resident Bill Askinazi. "He was exploring a presidential bid," Bill confided, after he talked with the Governor in the Polo Room.

This month former Del. Brian Feldman, recently appointed by the Maryland Governor to the State Senate, gathered a few of his now fellow state senators together at Hunter's to celebrate. Feldman was officially sworn in at an Annapolis ceremony at the State House on Sept. 17. U.S. Sen. John Glenn was another frequent diner at Hunter's when he and his wife lived in Potomac Falls.

It isn't unusual to see familiar faces, particularly those of the news media, including Wolf Blitzer, (CNN), Leon Harris, (WJLA) and Chip Reid, (CBS) who prefers the out front patio with his dog, "Buster; or sports personae Ted Leonsis, (Capitals) Ernie Grunfeld (Wizards general manager) and Joel Glazer, (Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Manchester United). Among the golfers who have stopped by following pro tour-

naments at Congressional and Avenel Clubs the Berman brothers recalled Ernie Els ("The Big Easy" South African) Padraig Harrington (the Irish pro) and Phil Mickelson, who one evening hosted an event honoring teachers.

Potomac resident Linda Carter (a.k.a. "Wonder Woman") is by no means the first screen personality recognized in a Hunter's. Those who have been around the village a few years will recall the night Sly Stallone, his lady at the time, and Sly's father, Frank, walked into the original Hunter's for dinner.

If it's what's in a name that counts, changing from Hunter's Inn to Hunter's Bar and Grill indicates a change in format and more specialties on the menu. Customers will notice Sunday 1-4 p.m. football specials in the bar, Monday night pastas, Mexican night specialties, vegetarian menus and a seven day, 4-7 p.m. happy hour among the latest attractions.

Not to worry, Sylvia Berman's (Mrs. Murray) apple and peach crisps and sinful brownies will remain on the menu and Dora Berman (Mrs. Fred) will pitch in as hostess when needed. There will always be birthday parties, wedding receptions, funeral wakes and charity events happening and as long as the warm weather holds there will be patio diners.

Now, if we could only get someone to bake a coconut cake.

Potomac REAL ESTATE

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IN JULY 2013, 87 POTOMAC HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$3,575,000-\$298,888.

July, 2013 Home Sales, \$1.2~1.5 million



1 10404 Grey Fox Road — \$1,468,000



4 12418 Ansin Circle Drive — \$1,325,000



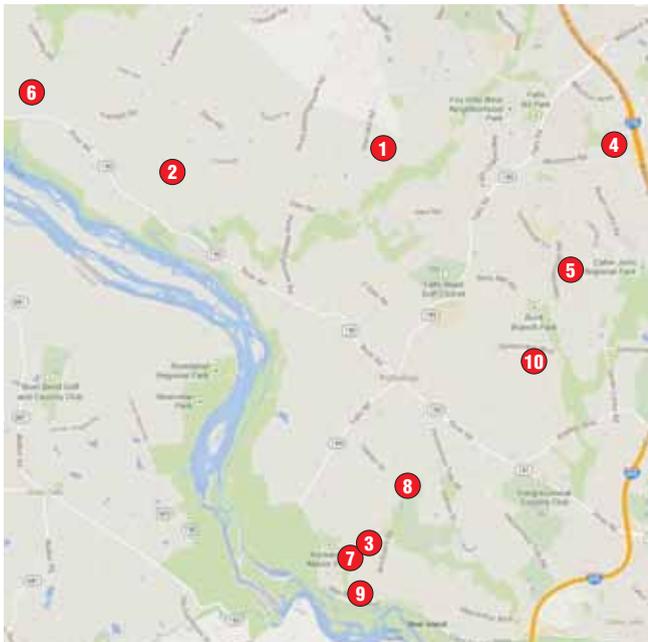
7 7624 Laurel Leaf Drive — \$1,241,000



3 7913 Coach Street — \$1,335,000



10 10104 Snowhill Lane — \$1,200,000



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1 10404 GREY FOX RD	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,468,000	Detached	0.53	20854	GLEN MEADOWS	07/08/13
2 12081 WETHERFIELD LN	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,340,000	Detached	2.01	20854	LAKE POTOMAC	07/19/13
3 7913 COACH ST	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,335,000	Detached	0.37	20854	RIVER FALLS	07/10/13
4 12418 ANSIN CIRCLE DR	4	3	2	POTOMAC		\$1,325,000	Townhouse	0.05	20854	PARK POTOMAC	07/03/13
5 10927 LAMPLIGHTER LN	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,320,000	Detached	0.53	20854	BELLS MILL ESTATES	07/01/13
6 14033 GORKY DR	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,275,000	Detached	2.00	20854	ESWORTHY PARK	07/08/13
7 7624 LAUREL LEAF DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,241,000	Detached	0.31	20854	FAWSETT FARMS MANOR	07/22/13
8 10019 CHARTWELL MANOR CT	5	4	2	POTOMAC		\$1,235,000	Detached	0.29	20854	AVENEL	07/16/13
9 10516 STABLE LN	6	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,200,000	Detached	0.33	20854	RIVER FALLS	07/22/13
10 10104 SNOWHILL LN	4	4	1	POTOMAC		\$1,200,000	Detached	0.46	20854	KENTSDALE ESTATES	07/19/13

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10701 ALLOWAY DR	7	5	2	POTOMAC	\$3,085,000	Detached	2.07	20854
11821 CENTURION WAY	6	7	2	ROCKVILLE	\$2,375,000	Detached	2.00	20854
12506 SYCAMORE VIEW DR	6	6	2	POTOMAC	\$2,330,000	Detached	6.70	20854
9112 PAYTLEY BRIDGE LN	6	7	1	POTOMAC	\$2,325,000	Detached	2.19	20854
10712 STANMORE DR	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$2,050,000	Detached	2.00	20854
8933 HARVEST SQUARE CT	5	6	2	POTOMAC	\$1,960,000	Detached	2.07	20854
8805 BELMART RD	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,925,000	Detached	3.28	20854
8926 ABBEY TER	6	4	2	POTOMAC	\$1,850,000	Detached	0.28	20854
10820 LOCKLAND RD	6	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,700,000	Detached	2.00	20854
12810 GLEN RD	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,700,000	Detached	7.60	20854
10005 APPLE HILL CT	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,640,000	Detached	0.73	20854
9733 BEMAN WOODS WAY	5	6	1	POTOMAC	\$1,640,000	Detached	0.24	20854
11205 RIVER VIEW DR	5	4	2	POTOMAC	\$1,600,000	Detached	1.65	20854
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10404 BUCKBOARD PL	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,080,000	Detached	0.36	20854
10140 GARY RD	6	4	0	POTOMAC	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.65	20854
12304 BRIARBUSH LN	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,075,000	Detached	2.00	20854
10005 SORREL AVE	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.42	20854
12327 OVERPOND WAY	5	4	2	POTOMAC	\$1,040,000	Detached	0.30	20854
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8600 CAMILLE DR	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$988,000	Detached	0.47	20854
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11120 HURDLE HILL DR	5	2	2	POTOMAC	\$760,000	Detached	0.25	20854
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8305 TURNBERRY CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,200,000	Townhouse	0.17	20854

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A Peculiar Existence



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not exactly pretending that I don't have stage IV lung cancer (non-small cell, to be specific), but ever since my hospital admission on August 2nd, I have been treatment-free; no I.V. chemotherapy, no oral medication, no targeted treatment, no nothing. And during this sabbatical (I use that term loosely; being off chemotherapy has been as much about recovering from surgery and recuperating from my hospital "stay-cation" as it was anything necessarily intended), I have progressed from feeling crappy and being short of breath – while being infused previously, to where I have become relatively asymptomatic, breathing normally and for the nearly eight week treatment-free interval mentioned, have felt mostly OK.

But I'm not OK, really. I have incurable lung cancer, the terminal kind (typically the only kind). I have tumors which have metastasized from somewhere else in my body (though a determination as to exactly from where the tumors originated has never been made) and an inevitable fluid build-up in my lung – characteristic of the underlying diagnosis, which has already put me in the hospital once, and given the presumptive reality of the disease, is likely to do so again in the future, and with a less than favorable outcome, according my oncologist.

However, right now – so far as I know and/or has been diagnostically indicated/confirmed, I am living in relative peace (not sure about tranquility though) and able to manage my life well enough to perform all the activities of my daily living and pretend that this break in my cancer-treatment action is not the least bit problematic and possibly even beneficial in some therapeutic way. At least, that's what I tell myself as opposed to worrying that each week that passes when I'm not infused with some pharmaceutical creation, shortens my life expectancy somehow by a corresponding amount of time. Heck, where's the future in that?

Still, the time off between treatment has given me pause – to refresh, so to speak and time to gear up – emotionally and physically, for the next round of treatment outlined in last week's column. On the one hand, I'm sort of relieved (happy would be a bit too naive of a description of how I feel) to be once again taking medication, understanding and respecting the medical reality of the cancer-centric existence I now live – meaning that wishing and hoping the cancer remains dormant/inactive without any treatment is a bit unrealistic. On the other hand, I am ambivalent about forfeiting the relative calm and above-average quality of life that has characterized these last two months. Characterizations that generally don't describe a stage IV lung cancer patient's life in year five post-diagnosis. And though I am exceeding grateful – and incredibly fortunate for the gift of life that I have received, I remain both fearful and appreciative of my status quo. Subject to change, I imagine, and not necessarily for the best, either. Nevertheless, life goes on, and I aim to keep it that way.

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Chamber Mixer

The Potomac Chamber of Commerce held a well-attended business mixer at Normandie Farm on Thursday, Sept. 19. Jennifer Matheson of the chamber draws cards to give away door prizes.



John and Jill Phillips of Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo at Normandie Farm for the chamber gathering.



Andy Alderdice of Long and Foster Realtors with Fred Goldman Esq. with Louis Cardenas at the chamber mixer.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Potomac Golfers Excel in Urbana

Potomac resident Brittany Testa won the Girls' Division championship and Churchill sophomore Luke Schaap finished second in the Boys' 15-19 Division at the two-day Baltimore Junior at Worthington Manor in Urbana, an International Junior Golf Tour event.

Testa shot a two-day 195 to earn the victory. Schaap carded a two-day 148, including an even-par 72 during the second day.

Wootton Football Blasts Churchill

The Wootton football team defeated rival Churchill 41-0 on Sept. 20.

According to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com, Wootton quarterback Sam Ellis completed 24 of 36 passes for 394 yards and four touchdowns. Jibri Woods caught 10 passes for 185 yards and a touchdown, and Trevon Diggs pulled in six receptions for 89 yards and two scores. He also returned an interception for a touchdown.

The Wootton defense limited Churchill to 136 yards of offense.

Wootton will host Whitman at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27. Churchill will travel to face Paint Branch.

Whitman Blanks B-CC

The Whitman football team improved to 2-1 with a 24-0 victory over Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Sept. 21.

Whitman senior Zac Morton carried 31 times for 180 yards and a touchdown. Junior quarterback Evan Smith completed 11 of 15 passes for 137 yards and a touchdown pass to Anton Casey, who finished with three receptions for 58 yards.

In each of Whitman's three games this season, the loser has been shut out. The Vikings defeated Blake 28-0 and lost to Quince Orchard 42-0.

Whitman will travel to face Wootton at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 21.

Bullis Football Improves to 2-1

The Bullis football team defeated Archbishop Spalding 21-14 on Sept. 20, improving its record to 2-1.

The Bulldogs will host John Carroll at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27.

1927

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, founded in 1927, formalized an agreement with the National Park Service last Thursday, Sept. 19 2013 to manage 18 trails covering more than 20 miles around Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, including the Billy Goat Trail, Gold Mine Spur, Anglers Spur and more. See page 4.

1997

A press release on March 19, 1997 announced the use of the Potomac Community Center roller hockey rink for league play to begin on April 19, 1997. Controversy limited use of the rink to youth leagues. The 80x180-square-foot rink has been unused for the past eight years. The past two Sundays, Sept. 15 and 22, YAPsters, 3-to-5-year-olds with disabilities, learned soccer skills on the rink. See page 3.

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Del. Brian Feldman served District 15 for 10 years in Maryland House of Delegates, representing most of Potomac. Gov. Martin O'Malley appointed Feldman to the Maryland Senate on Sept. 12 to fill the seat vacated by Sen. Rob Garagiola on Sept. 1. "I'm very excited about this new challenge, this new opportunity," said Feldman. See story page 3.

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On Oct. 8, the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee will vote on who to recommend to fill Del. Brian Feldman's House Seat. A candidate for the state delegate position must be a registered Democrat living in District 15 and should submit a resume and cover letter by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7 to the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee.

\$75,000

The Montgomery County Board of Education voted Monday, Sept. 23, to "enter into a contractual agreement with Henley Construction Co., Inc. to provide preconstruction services for cost estimating, value engineering, constructability reviews, and the development of the construction implementation schedule for the Wayside Elementary School modernization project for a fee of \$75,000." Construction is anticipated to be completed by August 2016.

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The 22nd year of Club Friday blasts off Friday, Oct. 4, providing fun almost every Friday night from 7-9 p.m. for registered children in grades 3-6. Registration is now open at www.recweb.montgomerycountymd.gov course number 366457.

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Sept. 27 is Family Fun Fest from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. \$5 for unlimited rides and games. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Potomac Community Center, will feature moonbounce, School of Rock, carnival games, prizes, a petting zoo, obstacle course, pizza, hot dogs and soda. Call 240-777-6960.

250

An Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Forum is scheduled for Oct. 7, 7-9 p.m., at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville. Speakers include scientists, clinicians, correctional officers and health department and school officials. "An extensive effort," said Larry Bowers, chief operating officer with of Montgomery County Public Schools, at the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Sept. 23. "This is an important topic. We hope many people from the community come to this event," Bowers said. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org and click on "Preventing Alcohol and Drug Abuse" or call 301-279-3100.

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The C&O Canal National Historical Park will celebrate its 75th anniversary at the annual Park after Dark benefit on Sept. 28, 2013. On Sept. 28, 1938, the Department of the Interior purchased the land that eventually became the park.

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Potomac River's water level was 2.80 feet at Little Falls Pumping Station on Monday, Sept. 13 at 8:40 p.m. The temperature of the water was 70.5 degrees.

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On Oct. 19, the 31st annual Potomac Day Parade, sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to take place, marching through the intersection of Falls and River roads at 10:30 a.m. The yearly Potomac Day festival given to the community by the chamber also includes a classic car show, business fair, children's festival, and moon bounces, rides, ponies and more. Call 301-299-2170 for more information.

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