

Potomac ALMANAC

HOLIDAY
ENTERTAINMENT
& GIFT IDEAS

Potomac Hunt member Sarah O'Halloran, one of the few hunt members who ride side-saddle, is in formal hunting attire for the annual Thanksgiving Day hunt with her mount "Jeeves."

At Thanksgiving Day Potomac Hunt

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The Camaraderie of Hunters, Horses and Hounds

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

It was a time for teasing at the annual Thanksgiving Day Potomac Hunt meet at the Kiplinger's historic "Montevideo" on River Road. First, it was to cancel or not, due to a rainy weather forecast.

"We just didn't know," said "Skip" Crawford, jr.MFH. Finally, at 7 a.m., members who were advised the previous day to "call the club's monitor," learned it was a "go." The few rain drops at the Hunt Club's Peach Tree Road location had soon disappeared.

It's not a case that fox hunters are concerned about a little rain. The concern is what the hooves of 50 or more horses would do, not only to the Kiplinger property, but to neighboring farms where a fox would love to coax the hounds into a good chase across the fields.

Teasing continued when a warm ray of sun peeked out from a cloudy sky causing many hill toppers (those who come to see the hunt off and follow on foot, or in cars where possible) to temporarily remove their coats.

As the lovely pack of Potomac's foxhounds gathered around huntsman Brian Kiely, Crawford introduced Robert Hanson, a Potomac Hunt member since 1931. Hanson

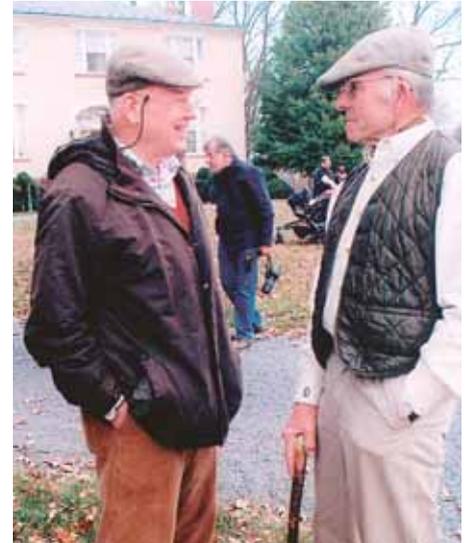


Potomac professional huntsman Brian Kiely is surrounded by the Potomac Hunt pack of American foxhounds while he listens to a traditional Thanksgiving Day prayer read by 92-year-old hunt member Robert Hanson.

read the prayer, written by him and his son, Tim, asking for blessings on all: horses, hounds, riders "and the farmers on whose lands the hunt rides."

Following the blessing and a few words of welcome from the host, Knight Kiplinger, and from Vicki Crawford, jr.MFH, grounded

with a knee injury caused from tripping over a big picnic bag she had left on her kitchen floor (the message here, bag it!) "Skip" Crawford, surrounded by the pack of lemon and white American foxhounds and huntsman Kiely, emphasized, "Well, I guess it's time to go."



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Knight Kiplinger, left, must have heard a good story from Jack Louth of Cedar View Farm, Potomac. Louth was among those who stayed to the end to see hounds, horses and hunters leave the meet, hopefully, for a good chase.

Huntsman Kiely was as anxious as the hounds were to get things underway and it was a lovely sight to see the entire pack move on with him out into the Kiplinger's fields and "over the meadows and through the woods," but, not to grandmother's place.

SEE THE CAMARADERIE, PAGE 5

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WHC Sisterhood Holiday Boutique Celebrates 30 Years

Annual event supports national and local charities.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Since 1986, the WHC Sisterhood Holiday Boutique has provided area residents with the opportunity to discover “one-of-a-kind” gifts or personal treasures, to meet and greet old friends, to have lunch or dinner at the Café (or better yet, to take home brisket and kugel) or bid on Silent Auction items.

The women of the Sisterhood, with 650 members, dedicate their time and energy to plan and work for months to make these three days a success. The Sisterhood’s mission is to support a host of national and local charities which includes Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters (BRAWS), Brain Cancer Research, Meals on Wheels, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and more.

The WHC Sisterhood Holiday Boutique will be held on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 at the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center, 11810 Falls Road, Potomac. Admission is free. The hours are Sunday, Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 5 from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The WHC Sisterhood Boutique is one of Potomac’s most-anticipated shopping venues each year. With new vendors displaying their items and more than 50 altogether, the show is an ideal shopping destination. Shoppers can choose among the extensive jewelry collections, children and women’s clothing and accessories, home decor gifts, food items and more.

Some of the vendors are All Things Olive, Alexandra Beth Designs, Artfully Designs, Barbie B., Susan Koehn Designs, The Supreme Court Historical Society, Swirl, Beaded Heartz, Create-a-Plaque, Dreams to Your Door, Heat and Fury, Gemini Jewelry, Fine Foutas, Fancy Pants, Ivivva Bethesda, My Big Finds, Secrets of Fashion — and

more.

Many of the vendors bring the joy of family to their business. Mother and daughter Bonnie and April Wardlaw — owner of the Popcorn Queens — will be selling their nine varieties of handcrafted gourmet caramel popcorn. Some of their flavors include Bourbon Pecan, Buttered Rum, Cinnamon Apple, Classic Caramel and Salted. Their gift baskets would make the perfect gift for that popcorn lover or movie buff.

Faye Mendelsohn of Faye Mendelsohn Cosmetics, Inc. is a lifelong participant of the WHC Holiday Boutique. Since 1986, shoppers look forward to seeing vendors come back annually and Mendelsohn is no exception.

Both men and women come to the boutique in search of sports-related gifts. Laura Chvotkin of Create-A-Plaque spends hours putting up and taking down her extensive collection of sports memorabilia, most of which are not available in local stores.

WHC Sisterhood President Sandy Nesbit explained that for the past 30 years, the WHC Sisterhood Holiday Boutique is an event people of all ages look forward to year after year: “Mothers who used to push babies in their strollers are pushing their grandchildren.

Loyal volunteers, shoppers and vendors look forward to this boutique because it is bustling with camaraderie as well as exciting new gifts to give others and sometimes



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

This year’s WHC Sisterhood Boutique marks its 30th year.

ourselves.

The Sisterhood women run our Café each year so the shoppers and vendors have a place to relax and catch up with friends they haven’t seen in years. As you enter the building, please check out our beautiful Sisterhood Gift Shop which will be filled with new and unique Judaica to enhance your home

throughout the year or give as engagement, wedding or house gifts to friends and family. Hanukkah is just around the corner so don’t forget to check out our fabulous array of candles and chanukiot from all over the world.”

The perfect gift might also be found at SEE SISTERHOOD HOLIDAY, PAGE 9



Some of the offerings at a previous WHC Sisterhood Holiday Boutique.



The Café at a previous WHC Sisterhood Holiday Boutique.

Coat Drive for the Needy Share the gift of warmth this holiday season.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

A local charity is joining forces with an area music center to help ensure that Montgomery County’s neediest residents are warm this winter. Interfaith Works is a Montgomery County-based social service organization with a mission of providing service to the economically vulnerable. Together with Strathmore, a cultural and

artistic venue, it’s hosting an annual “Share the Warmth” coat drive.

Gently used or new coats in all sizes – adults, children and infants – are welcomed, as well as additional cold- weather gear, such as hats and mittens. Strathmore will collect the items at all Music Center concerts through Dec. 23.

Strathmore patrons donating coats will receive a \$10 voucher per donated coat, which can be applied to future Strathmore-presented performances and events in the

2016-2017 season. Donations will be accepted one hour prior to Music Center concerts, and also during regular business hours in the lobby of the Music Center at Strathmore.

Groups, organizations and individual members of the community can also hold mini-coat drives and deliver the donations to the Interfaith Clothing Center in Rockville.

Last year, the drive yielded more than 400 coats to help the families who shop for free

Details

The Interfaith Clothing Center
751 Twinbrook Parkway
Rockville
www.iworksmc.org/interfaith-clothing-center/

at the Interfaith Clothing Center. The center serves more than 12,000 income-qualified residents, including 5,600 children, annually.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

The Secret to Successful Buying

There's an old secret to buying a new home that Realtors® have known for years. Don't buy the most expensive property in the community. This secret is a tactic that's been tested and proven over time, and if you follow it while shopping for your dream home, you'll be investing in both your home and your future possibilities for its resale value. While it's appealing to buy a home in a well-established community full of modern homes and meticulously maintained lawns, what happens to that neighborhood in a soft market? What would the ramifications be for your home, valued highest in the neighborhood, is suddenly flanked on all sides by a slew of lesser-valued homes? What happens is this: your perfectly maintained home will be undermined, despite its state-of-the-art amenities, its sleek, modern kitchen and its impressive whirlpool tubs. Your ability to sell your home will be compromised by its proximity to a number of lesser-priced homes, while those same homes will benefit from their proximity to your home. In a market evaluation, this phenomenon is called the negative effect. As a home buyer, it's incredibly important to be informed and educated in home value trends and the real estate market, especially in light of the turbulence of recent years. Every home is an investment, so make sure you engage the services of a professional Realtor® to help you make an informed, well-planned decision and don't forget to keep the secret of successful buying in mind as you tour your potential dream home.

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GIFT IDEAS

Craft Show Offers Gift Possibilities

The Clara Barton Holiday

Craft Show, on Sunday, Dec. 4, will display pottery, woodwork, glass, things to eat, things to wear, and things to read — all sold by the local artists, artisans, and authors who made them. The free event is held 1-5 p.m. at the Clara Barton Community Recreation Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John.

Visit www.friendsbcc.org for more information.



Fused glass cheeseboard by Shirley Hendel.



Dot Proctor with her art.



Customer Debbie Lange, a Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center board member, and crafter Nancy Russo who has knitted items at a previous craft show.



Dale Feurer shows customers her necklace.



Dot Proctor's artwork



Lynda Slayen with her table of fused glass and beaded jewelry.



Jewelry created by Dale Feurer.

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OUT AND ABOUT

The Camaraderie of Hunters, Horses and Hounds

FROM PAGE 2

There was no “grandmother” out there and apparently all the foxes were busy eating turkey.

A very few hours after the Meet, Crawford was back at home, his horse unsaddled. “There was just no scent,” he said. The ground, from an unusual lack of rain, was apparently so dry, the horses feet kicked up a lot of dust. Scenting was almost impossible. The huntsman took the pack through fields and woods to no avail.

At least, it was a nice, cool day for a ride, prior to Potomac foxhunters heading back to their trailers and a Thanksgiving dinner at home.

REMINISCING

Knight Kiplinger, who inherited the family home where he grew up, talked with friends who remained a while after the hunters and hounds were gone. He indicated how much the Thanksgiving Day Meet meant to his late father, Austin, who died at age 97 a year ago, just before the 2015 Meet.

“Kip,” as he was known to a multitude of friends, “rode until his mid-80’s,” his son mentioned. “Dad had nine lives,” he said, recalling the time his dad was riding a “green” (young) horse he was trying out for fox hunting. “When hounds came out of the woods, the horse spooked, throwing Dad



Bob Hanson, always prepared to tell a good story, obviously had one for Lyne Morgan.

on the ground and then inadvertently stepped on him repeatedly. He was taken to an intensive care unit, at a hospital, where he stayed for a week. His jaw was broken in two places and they wired it to-



Seated, Louise Kinney, 92, came from her home in Baton Rouge, La., to be with her family for Thanksgiving dinner and the Potomac Hunt meet at the Kiplinger’s “Montevideo.” To her left is grandson Lt. Robert Hoffmann, U.S.A; her son, Tom Hoffmann, grandchildren, Hallorann (Haley), Richard Hoffmann and Mrs. Kinney’s daughter, Melane Hoffmann, who has been hunting with Potomac for over 20 years. Lt. Hoffmann, now stationed at Ft. Benning (GA) Army Base, rode his pony in a Thanksgiving Day Meet, Nov. 8, 2000, at “Montevideo.”

gether. He never hunted after that but rode casually until his mid-80’s, Knight said.

Another reluctant to leave, was Rex Reed, who, with his two children, Liam, 11, and Clare, 6, extended their stay as long as pos-

sible before he confessed he’d better get home.

“I have a turkey to fry,” he said. It was known that wife, Denise, was home cooking. SEE AT THANKSGIVING. PAGE 10

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ONGOING

2016 Inaugural Video Art

Exhibition. 5-7 p.m. at Glen Echo Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Photoworks showcases a group of female visual artists who use video to reveal the personal, the intimate and the artistic. Desires, dreams and fears are all visually explored in Photoworks' Inaugural Video Competition and Exhibition, curated by Na'ama Batya Lewin. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

Artomatic Arts Spectacular. Various times through Friday, Dec. 9 at 12435 Park Potomac Ave., Floors 5 and 6. Thursdays, noon-10 p.m.; Fridays: noon-midnight; Saturdays, noon-midnight; Sunday, noon - 6 p.m. Free admission, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.artomatic.org.

"Dialogue: A Visual

Conversation." Through Jan. 5. Gallery hours at the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. "A Visual Conversation" is a collection of visual arts - paintings, photographs, digital images and more - resulting from an unusual collaboration between professional artists in the Washington area, and artists receiving mental health treatment from Cornerstone Montgomery. Free. Visit www.personalvisionsgallery.org.

Club Friday. Through March 17, 7-9 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Children grades 3-6 are invited to participate in games, crafts, movies, sports and more. Membership fee is \$88. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec.

Children's Storytime. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda. Listen to employees read children's stories. Free. Visit www.store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.

VisArts Cocktails and Canvas Class. at VisArts in the Painting & Drawing Studio, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Price \$40. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas for more.

Thang Ta. Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts, 1525 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear. \$25. Visit www.dancesidra.org.

Weekly Blues Dance. Thursdays 8:15-11:30 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents rotating DJs and instructors with beginner workshop 8:15-9 p.m., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. Visit capitalblues.org for more.

Weekly Swing Dance. Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight. The DC Lindy Exchange presents a swing dance with live music in the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Beginner swing dance lesson at 8 p.m., followed by dancing. Admission \$16-\$18, age 17 and under \$12. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays, 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and

intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga. For just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

Contra and Square Dance. Fridays and Sundays 7-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The evening can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contra and Square dances are taught, no partner necessary. Lessons at 7 p.m., followed by the called dance with live music at 7:30. \$13 for nonmembers, \$10 for FSGW members, \$5 ages 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

Late Night Comedy. Fridays (open mic night) and Saturdays (established comedians) at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny's is open 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.BennysBarGrill.com.

Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. Visit www.pgip.org for more.

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-alongs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

Live Music & Dancing. Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. in Margery's Lounge, Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Dance to the music of Barry Gurley. Call 301-983-8838 or visit www.popovers.com for more.

Chocolate Factory Tours. Fridays and Saturdays, 2-5:45 p.m. at SPAGnVOLA Chocolatier, 360 Main St., Gaithersburg. Take a short tour of The Truffle Factory facilities. Free. Visit www.spagnvola.com.

Glen Echo Park Films. Saturdays and Sundays. Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Films about the Park's history are shown on rotation in the lobby. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SilverWorks Studio & Gallery. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition, as well as sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. Free. Visit www.silverworksglenechopark.com.

Art Glass Center at Glen Echo. All day Wednesdays; Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Art Glass Center, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Ongoing exhibitions feature work of resident artists. Sculpture, vessels, functional art and jewelry for sale. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org for more.

Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery. Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery presents free exhibitions of emerging artists' work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is also for sale. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com for more.

Acoustic Open Mic. Wednesdays, 7-11 p.m. at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane. Everyone welcome to perform. Wine bottles are 50



Handel's Messiah

National Philharmonic Performs Handel's Messiah Dec. 17-18 at the The National Philharmonic Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

"An Evening with The Mavericks: Sleigh Bells Ring Out!" Doors open at 7 p.m. and show is at 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. \$41-\$86. www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/the-mavericks

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Snow on Snow. 7:30 p.m. at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The Thirteen, the all-star professional choir, will celebrate the story of Christmas through English-language works from the 15th century through the present day. Tickets are \$25/\$20 for general/students at the door; \$20/\$15 in advance. Visit www.bradleyhillschurch.org for more.

Winter Wonderland. 1-4 p.m. at Veterans Park, located at the corner of Norfolk and Woodmont avenues. Ice sculpting presentation followed by choral performances from local school groups. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Arrival of St. Nicholas. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 10033 River Road. Saint Nicholas will tell his story, enjoy cello music, lunch followed by crafts and advent wreath making workshop. The event is to encourage children to follow St. Nicholas by helping someone in need. Children may bring toiletries to be given to Stepping Stones Shelter. \$15 per family which includes lunch and wreath-making materials. Age appropriate for 4-12 year olds. 301-365-2055 or 301-299-4296

43rd annual RRUUC Bazaar and Silent Auction. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at 6301 River Road. The bazaar sells high quality, gently used goods donated by members and friends of the congregation. 301-229-0400

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Clara Barton Holiday Craft Show. 1-5 p.m. at Clara Barton Community Recreation Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. browse pottery, woodwork, glass, things to eat, things to wear, things to read, all sold by

the local artists, artisans, and authors who made them. Free. Visit www.friendsbcc.org for more.

FRIDAY/DEC. 9

Rescue Squad's Holiday Dance Party. 7-11 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. Rescue Squad's Holiday Dance Party Fundraiser with The Fabulous Hubcaps is a fundraiser for the B-CC Rescue Squad. \$30 and dinner is available for an additional \$10. 240-876-1532 www.bccrs.org

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 17-18

National Philharmonic Performs Handel's Messiah. Times vary at The National Philharmonic Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Hear Handel as the National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform his most beloved oratorio, the Messiah. Led by Artistic Director Stan Engbreton, the concert will feature the National Philharmonic's nearly 200 voice all-volunteer Chorale, as well as soloists Danielle Talamantes (soprano); Magdalena Wór (mezzo-soprano); Matthew Smith (tenor); and Christophèren Nomura (baritone). Visit www.strathmore.org.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/DEC. 21-23

Moscow Ballet's Russian Nutcracker. 8 p.m. at The Music Center at Strathmore Concert Hall, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. CityDance students perform in Moscow Ballet's Russian Nutcracker. Visit www.strathmore.org.

THROUGH JAN. 1

Brookside's Garden of Lights. Various times at 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. There will be more than one million colorful lights shaped into hand-crafted, original art forms of flowers, animals and other natural elements. The gardens will be open every night through Jan. 1, except for Dec. 24 and 25. Admission is \$25 per car/van Sunday-Thursday and \$30 per car/van Friday-Saturday. www.montgomeryparks.org/

percent off. Visit www.bennysbargrill.com.

Potomac Games Group. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. The world is in the midst of a Golden Age of new board and card games for players of all ages. Free. Contact event host Randy Hoffman at 412-

983-5411 or wrandyhoffman@gmail.com for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Art Explorers Open Studio. Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Candy Corner Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Art

activities for parents and children. Activities change weekly and there is no pre-registration; \$10 per child. Visit www.glenechopark.org/saturday-art-explorers for more.

Ceramic Classes. Various dates and times. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St, Rockville. An opportunity to try the new ceramic workshops. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/ceramics

ENTERTAINMENT

for a list of class dates, times.

THROUGH NOVEMBER

ArcLight's Best of the Best Film Festival.

Times vary at the ArcLight, Westfield Montgomery, 7101 Democracy Blvd. Best Of The Best will feature works from a variety of filmmakers such as Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Ridley Scott, and Stanley Kubrick. Call 240-762-4000.

NOV. 25-DEC. 31

Winter Lights Festival. Sunday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 6-10 p.m. at Seneca Creek Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg. Winter Lights is a 3.5-mile drive through a holiday light show at Seneca Creek Park with more than 360 illuminated displays. Additional events include Wine Under the Lights, Run Under the Lights, Leashes 'n' Lights, and, S'More Lights & Trolley Rides. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/special-events/winter-lights-festival.

NOV. 30-DEC. 4

Cadence Art Show. Wednesday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E. Artwork by Damon Arhos, Kristine DeNinno and Clare Winslow. A public reception for the exhibition will be held on Friday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m.

THURSDAY/DEC. 1

Bob Stout Concert. 7-11 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Sing along or dance the night away. 301-983-8838 or popovers.com

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"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." At St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 8804 Postoak Road, Potomac. This new production will make use of a magician and scenic designs to highlight the fantasy and transformation that are central to this classic story. \$19.50. 301-634-2270 or www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org.

Terry Lee Ryan. 7-11 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. 301-983-8838 or popovers.com

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SUNDAY/DEC. 4

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p.m. at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. H. L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Congregation Beth El and Congregation Har Shalom present "Walk Humbly with Your God: Jewish Wisdom in Song," a concert of Jewish music celebrating the timeless values of justice, kindness, humility, and spirit. Free. 212-678-8950, tohopkins@jtsa.edu

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Tom Saputo. 7-10:30 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. He brings the piano to life. 301-983-8838 or popovers.com

TUESDAY/DEC. 6

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THURSDAY/DEC. 8

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Rescue Squad's Holiday Dance Party. 7-11 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. Rescue Squad's Holiday Dance Party Fundraiser with The Fabulous Hubcaps is a fundraiser for the B-CC Rescue Squad. \$30 and dinner is available for an additional \$10. 240-876-1532 www.bccrs.org

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SATURDAY/DEC. 17

National Philharmonic Performs Handel's Messiah. 8 p.m. at The National Philharmonic Music Center at Strathmore 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Hear Handel as the National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform his most beloved oratorio, the Messiah. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Gala Art Exhibition and Auction. 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Beth Shalom Congregation, 11825 Seven Locks Road. \$20/person or \$36/couple. www.bethsholom.org

SUNDAY/DEC. 18

National Philharmonic Performs Handel's Messiah. 3 p.m. Times vary at The National Philharmonic Music Center at Strathmore 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Hear Handel as the National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform his most beloved oratorio, the Messiah. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Tom Saputo. 7-10:30 p.m. at Margery's Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. He brings the piano to life. 301-983-8838 or popovers.com

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/DEC. 21-23

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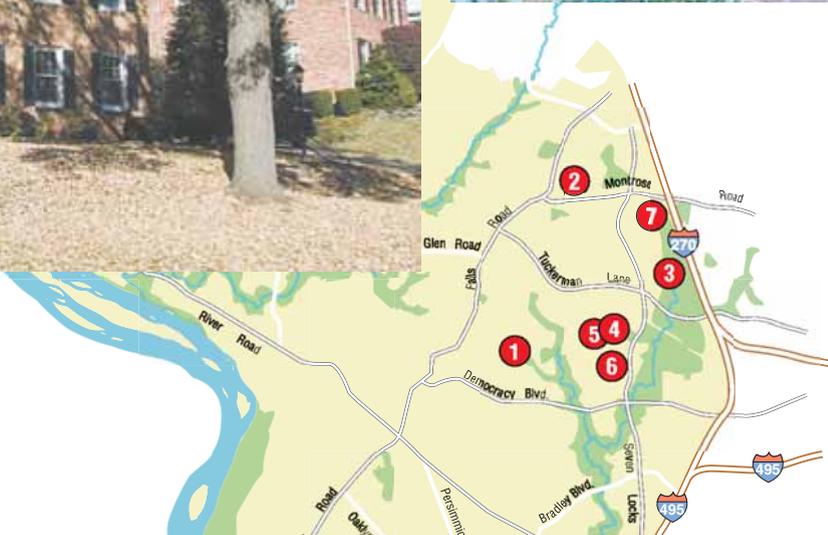
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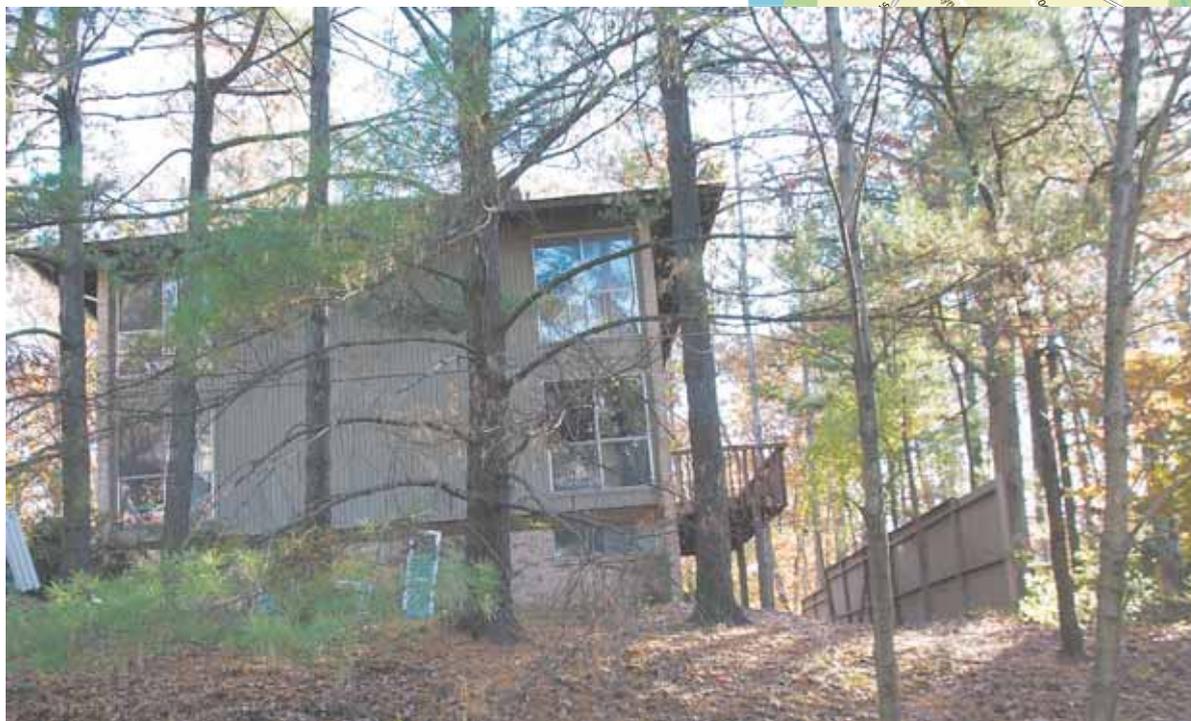
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Sisterhood Holiday Boutique Celebrates 30 Years

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the Silent Auction which offers restaurant and entertainment certificates, personal service items, and sporting tickets. Businesses throughout the D.C. area and vendors contribute items to this three-day auction which opens at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 and closes at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

New this year is a raffle for a Hamilton Ex-

perience. Enter to win two house seats to the most sought after show on Broadway, "Hamilton," a two-night stay in New York City's Park Central Hotel and transportation to and from NYC by transporter, Royal Traveler. Drawing for this package will be at 6 p.m., Dec. 6. No need to be present to win and tickets can be purchased online at www.WHCsisterhood.org/Sisterhood. All proceeds go directly to the many charities Sister-

hood supports both locally and around the world.

As WHC Sisterhood member Michelle Citren said, "Working on this boutique with the rest of the Sisterhood gives you a good feeling. We have a wonderful multigenerational group of women who return year after year to make this boutique happen. It's amazing to realize what a difference we can make in our community — and in our world."

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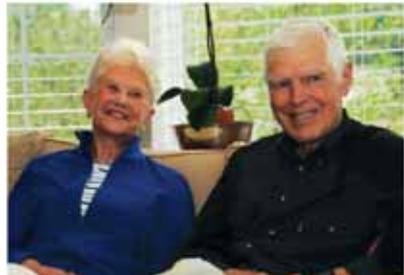
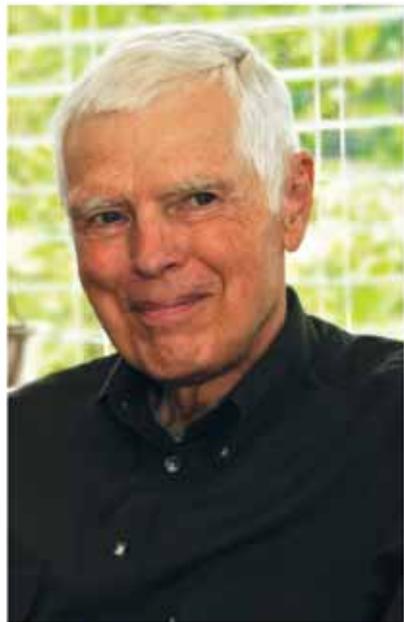
Adaptable design allows you to make temporary adjustments and plan for future needs. Adaptable features are those that can be adjusted easily, in a short period of time, by unskilled labor without involving structural or finished material changes.

Some examples: Grab bar reinforcements can allow grab bars to be secured into place without opening the existing walls. Removable base cabinets can be unscrewed from adjacent cabinets and slipped out when needed. Counter tops and closet rods can be placed on adjustable supports rather than fixed to allow for adjustments.



Russ Glickman, founder of Glickman Design Build, is a Master Certified Remodeler and Certified Aging in Place Specialist. The award-winning Glickman Design Build team has completed

thousands of general remodeling and accessible design projects in the Metro DC area and is passionate about the work they do. Their work has been featured in a variety of publications. Visit GlickmanDesignBuild.com or call 301.444.4663 to learn more.



After a career in the Federal Reserve and the US Treasury, Bruce MacLaury was asked to head the Brookings Institution, in Washington, DC. He served as its president for eighteen years. It was during this time that he began serving on the Ingleside Board, a position that enabled him to help shape the growth of the organization. He and his wife, Ginny, are now themselves enjoying life at Ingleside at King Farm.



Ingleside at King Farm is a CARF accredited, not-for-profit, continuing care retirement community.



Ingleside at King Farm is expanding with the proposed building of 125 new independent living apartments, 32 private assisted living memory support suites, and a Center for Healthy Living subject to approval by the Maryland Department of Aging.

An economist explains addition.

Bruce MacLaury has first-hand knowledge of Ingleside, its history and its remarkable growth. "I was privileged to serve on the Ingleside Board when Ingleside was built 7 years ago. So I know that high standards of performance and quality service are essential priorities within the organization. Now with the **Gardenside** addition, Ingleside at King Farm is expanding its amenities for current residents while anticipating the lifestyle needs of future generations."

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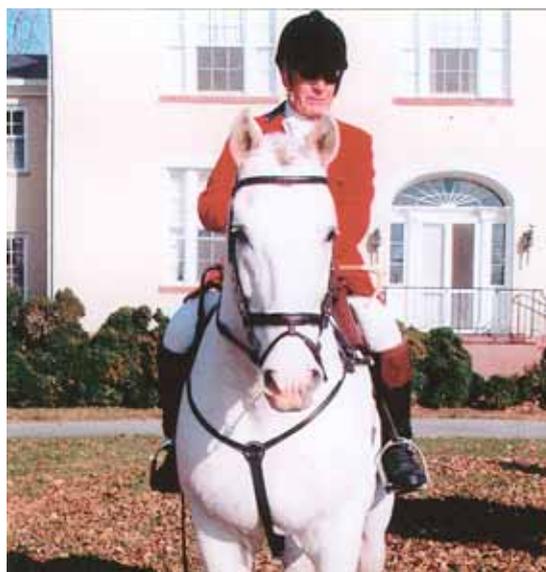
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OUT AND ABOUT



Nate Kiplinger, 2, held by his grandfather, Knight, looks toward something his grandmother, Anne, is pointing to, quite possibly hounds and horses moving off toward adjacent fields. Nate saw his first hunt meet Thanksgiving Day, 2015.



Waiting for action while astride, "Conor," his 15-year-old stallion, jt.MFH "Skip" Crawford gazes out toward the open fields of "Montevideo," the Kiplinger home where Thanksgiving Day Potomac Hunt meets have become a tradition.

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At Thanksgiving Day Potomac Hunt

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ing. Most unusual was the information Rex shared concerning a 1957 Allis Chalmers tractor he has. "I put it on Facebook last night. I checked this morning and nine people are coming to see it. Two wanted to come this morning," he said. No way. Not with that turkey he wanted to fry.

Also reluctant to leave, Bob Hanson, always pre-

pared with a joke to tell, had one he shared concerning gold earrings. Teasing, (here we go again) he asked, "Do you know what those big golden earrings that pirates wear cost? "Buccaneer," he said, answering his own question. Not to be outwitted, and besides it was time for all to leave for home, another reply was offered, "Why not buck-an-ear?"

Turkey was calling.

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❖ Thursday, Dec. 1, from 2-4 p.m., at Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg.

Volunteers are needed to **assist sexual assault, domestic violence victims, and their families** through the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP) of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Interviews are currently being conducted for a December 2016 training session. 240-777-1355 or www.montgomerycountymd.gov/vasap.

DONATE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
Donations are being accepted for **InterPLAY**, a nonprofit organization

of adult musicians who have cognitive disabilities. They are mentored by professional and amateur musicians, high school seniors, and others. The orchestra performs year-round at Strathmore (check www.interplayOrchestra.org). Whitman High School junior Lucas Polack is in charge of this project, and he in need of guitars, violas, cellos, basses, flutes, clarinets, marimbas, electronic keyboards and percussion instruments. However, all donations are greatly appreciated. Contact lucasmusicaldrive@gmail.com or 240-506-4390.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 14

Deadline for Applications.

Montgomery County is looking for applicants to fill 12 vacancies on the Commission on Aging. 240-777-2528 or www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/index.html

FRIDAY/DEC. 16

Entry Deadline. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee announce the call for nominations for the 2017 Annual Humanitarian Award and the Children of the Dream Awards presented at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. The annual tribute and musical celebration will be held at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. The theme for this year's program is "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights.

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Not Hardly, I Knew You



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not about me, at first. My oncology nurse of almost seven years, a person with whom I had much in common and who, quite frankly, probably saved my life back in August of '13 when I showed up at my regularly scheduled chemotherapy infusion with an oxygen level of 85. This ultimately led to a week-long stay in Holy Cross Hospital to solve the problem which was that 4.7 liters of fluid had accumulated in my lungs, a not uncommon occurrence for lung cancer patients. It became quite clear after our first few infusions together that we were well suited. To say that I would be looking forward to my infusions because of Ron's hands-on care and concern — and depth of our relationship might be a bit naïve (let's face it, I didn't want to be there at all; certainly not as a patient, although I'd be happy to visit/support a friend, family member of fellow cancer patient). But I will admit to this: I never dreaded it because invariably Ron lifted my spirits through his schtick and excellent intentions.

When I walked into the Infusion Center two Fridays ago and walked over to my bar-colouner, I didn't see Ron so I joked aloud "where's Ron? Maybe I'll get some decent service today?" Another nurse (all of whom I know) quickly responded and said "Ron's not here." "Oh," I said, thinking nothing of it. "You mean because it's Veteran's Day?" "No," she said. "He's gone. He took early retirement." "Wow," I said. "Is he OKAY? Is his family OKAY?" I stammered. What few additional inquiries I made to the other nurses about when he left, his last day, what he's doing now, if he's moving, etc., were all met with a sincere "I don't know."

As I waited for my chemotherapy to be mixed/prepared (as you may or may not know, chemotherapy is not exactly off the shelf. Oh, sure, it's on a shelf but not ready for prime time until the patient actually arrives and his vitals are taken and then, presumably along with one's pre-chemotherapy lab work results, communicated to the patient's oncologist for assessment and if satisfactory on to the on-site pharmacy for the actual preparation), I thought about the effect Ron's departure would have on his patients. I imagine, they were similar to many of the ones I was having.

When I mentioned this likely effect to another of the oncology nurses, (and you get to know and are treated by all of the nurses staffing the Center, but generally there is one nurse to whom you are assigned), she explained/understood how caring for oncology patients in an Infusion Center is much different than caring for a patient in a hospital where you might see the patient for a few days and then never again. In an Infusion Center, you might see the same patient for years (for me, it will be eight years, come March 2017), she said. As such, she added, you develop relationships, friendships, much more so than a typical patient/acquaintance you have in a hospital experience.

If I were to calculate how many times I've seen Ron at The Infusion Center over the past seven-plus years, I would guess upwards of 90. And we talked plenty during those 90 visits, and not always about cancer. In fact, it was almost always about life. It was never morbid, it was always merrier. He was a humorous breath of fresh air in an environment/set of circumstances where the breath — so to speak, can occasionally be stale and hard to take. I don't want to say/want to think: what about me? But if I were to allow it for one minute, one column, I would say what my brother, Richard often says after he hears a good report from my oncologist about me: "If he's happy, then I'm happy." Well, if Ron's happy then I suppose I'm happy, believe it or not.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Association Honors Dimas Chavez



Chavez

Dimas Chavez of Potomac was honored as one of three Eastern New Mexico University Foundation and Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumni last month. Chavez (BA 60) distinguished himself over the course of his career

at the following organizations: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Chavez served as the employee relations manager at LANL from 1975-80 and as assistant to the director from 1980-83. After his post at LANL, the NSF tapped him to work as a program manager and special assistant to the director from 1983-87.

From the late 1980s to 2000, he held numerous posts at the DOS. First, the DOS appointed Chavez as a branch chief for the Security Countermeasures Program from 1987-89, where he led the implementation of the inaugural overseas Radio-Frequency Shielding Program designed to protect the sensitive, electronic information of overseas U.S. posts. Second, Chavez served as the inaugural branch chief for the Construction Accreditation Program from 1989-97. Third, he held the post as senior security inspector for the Moscow Oversight Team as the lead physical and technical security inspector during the construction of the New Moscow Embassy Compound during the last three years of the 20th century.

In 2000, Chavez transitioned from the DOS to the CIA and served the CIA for the first decade of the 21st century. His posts included senior technical and physical security officer from 2000-03 and director of Marine Security and Liaison Inspection Division from 2003-07. In these roles, he built upon the expertise he developed at DOS by overseeing the technical, security and infrastructural integrity of various, critical overseas facilities essential to U.S. intelligence efforts.

Chavez remains active in retirement and penned his life story in his 2014 autobiography "On My Own," which is available through Los Alamos National Museum and Amazon.

Norwood To Add Pre-K Class

Norwood School, an independent, coeducational school in Bethesda, will add its first pre-kindergarten class beginning in September of 2017. The addition of pre-kindergarten marks the first grade-level expansion since the school transitioned from sixth grade to eighth grade in 1998. Norwood currently serves approximately 440 students in grades K-8.

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- ANY SUB, SANDWICH OR WRAP*
- CHOICE OF ONE:
 - SMALL TOSSED SALAD
 - CUP OF SOUP
 - SMALL FRIES
- SMALL FOUNTAIN DRINK

*For veal parmigiana or tuna steak add one dollar.

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Additional charge for priced condiments.
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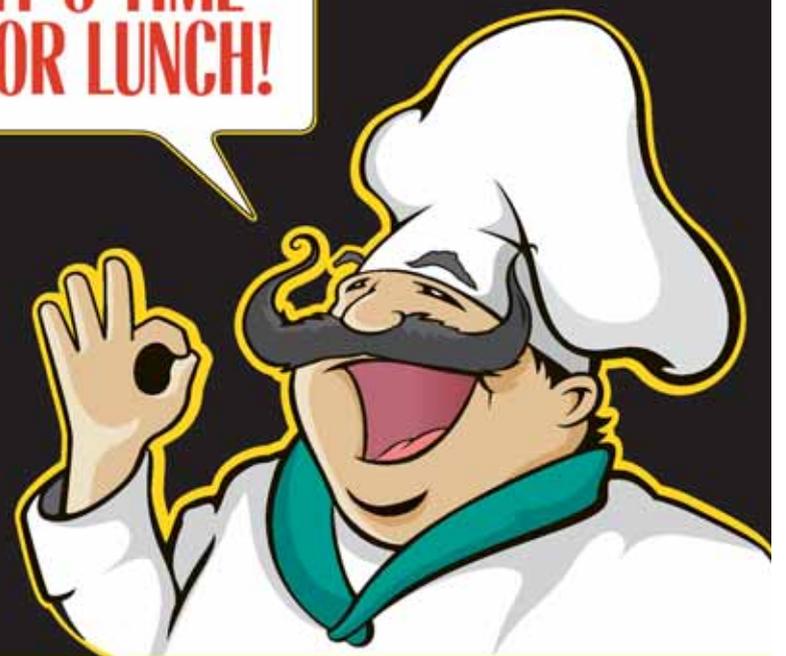
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