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Starting New School Year

Fifth graders Lauren Rah, Hannah Roberts, and Alexandra Turner raise the flags at Bells Mill Elementary School on Monday, Aug. 27, the first day of classes.

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NEWS

Potomac's Got Talent

Potomac Community Center gears up for its
flagship events to start new school year.

The Potomac Community Center will kickoff the new with Potomac's Got Talent, a new talent show to be held in conjunction with the Potomac Family Fun Fest on Friday, Sept. 28.

The Potomac Community Center is looking for individuals and groups to show off their talents (singers, bands, musicians, anything) and compete for prizes. See www.potomacsgottalent.com to sign up and describe your act.

Call the Potomac Community Center at 240-777-6960. Space is limited.

FAMILY FUN FEST is open to the entire community — members, non-members and families with youth or adults of all ages.

The event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 28 from 4-9 p.m.

In addition to the Potomac's Got Talent event and music from Electric Entertainment, Family Fun Fest at the Community Center includes carnival rides, an obstacle course and wrecking ball, the Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo, music from Electric Entertainment and the Potomac's Got Talent event.

The Potomac Community Center is located at 11315 Falls Road.

CLUB FRIDAY begins its 22nd year at the Community Center on Oct. 5, 2012.

Activities for students in third through sixth grades include basketball, Bingo, dances, ping pong, gym hockey, soccer, crafts, movies and special theme nights.

The weekly event runs Fridays from 7-9 p.m. The center will open the snack bar at 6:30 p.m.

Club Friday runs through March 15, 2013, but will not meet on Oct. 19, Nov. 23, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. The cost is \$85, which includes guest passes.

Online registration begins 9 a.m. on Aug. 30. The Community Center recommends this method of registration to confirm enrollment in the program.

AFTER HOURS meets the first Friday of every month from 9:15 to 11 p.m., and also runs through March 1, 2013.

The program is available for sixth through eighth grade students. Online registration begins Aug. 30 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 for six sessions.

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Back to School

School buses unload students on the first day back to school.



Fifth graders Laila Wasi and Genesis Via talk about what they expect on the first day of school.



First grader Lester Cheng displays a positive attitude on the first day of school.



Sophia Sanai (3rd grade) talks about her first day at Bells Mill. Last year she went to St. Bart's.



Gerald Williams (2nd grade) and his sister Cyrilia Williams (5th grade) wait for the school doors to open at Bells Mill Elementary School. Cyrilia is very happy with her new backpack.

Stay to Grow (Restrictions Apply)

Brickyard farm allowed to operate through growing season.
Next step: court in September.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Organic farmer Nick Maravell is farming along Brickyard Road on an expired lease.

Schools Superintendent Joshua P. Starr made parameters clear in a letter he sent to Maravell on Aug. 17.

"Possession of the Brickyard Road property has reverted to the Montgomery County Board of Education as the result of the Circuit Court's ruling on Aug. 14, 2012, which stayed the effect of the Board's lease to the Montgomery County government," Starr wrote. "Although Nick's Organic Farm has no right to use or occupy the property, and although the Board is under no legal obligation of any kind to permit Nick's Organic Farm to be on the property, the Board ... will permit you to enter the property solely for the limited purpose of carrying for or harvesting existing crops."

The letter suggests that Maravell

must stop the Brickyard Educational Farm his daughter operates on the land.

"You or any other employee of Nick's Organic Farm may not enter the property at any time for any other purpose, and you may not allow visitors to enter the property, without the prior express written consent of the Montgomery County Board of Education," wrote Starr.

SEVEN SPEAKERS testified in support of the Brickyard Educational Farm during open comment period last Thursday, Aug. 23 during the regularly scheduled Montgomery County School Board meeting in Rockville.

"Montgomery County could be a leader" in environmental education, nutrition, and the connection between farms with the food we eat, said Naomi Bloch of Potomac. "Keep Montgomery County as one of the top educational systems in the country."

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Superintendent's Words

"Dear Mr. Maravell:

"I am writing to inform you that possession of the Brickyard Road property has reverted to the Montgomery County Board of Education as the result of the Circuit Court's ruling on Aug. 14, 2012, which stayed the effect of the Board's lease to the Montgomery County government. Even if the judge had not granted the stay, the license to operate given to Nick's Organic Farm, LLC by the county expired on Aug. 15, 2012. Therefore, Nick's Organic Farm, LLC, has no right to occupy or use the Brickyard Road property.

"Although Nick's Organic Farm has no right to use or occupy the property, and although the Board is under no legal obligation of any kind to permit Nick's Organic Farm to be on the property, the Board, subject to reservation of its rights below, will permit you to enter the property solely for the limited purpose of caring for or harvesting existing crops. You or any other employee of Nick's Organic Farm

may not enter the property at any time for any other purpose, and you may not allow visitors to enter the property, without the prior express written consent of the Montgomery County Board of Education.

Further, the Board of Education will assume no liability for or to any person, whether an employee of Nick's Organic Farm or otherwise, who is on the property. Once existing crops are harvested, neither you nor Nick's Organic Farm will have any right to enter the property for any reason.

"The Board of Education will further address the status of the property in the near future and reserves the right at any time to revoke permission to enter the property for any purpose or to impose further conditions on further use of this property by Nick's Organic Farm."

Joshua P. Starr, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Aug. 17, 2012

— COMPILED BY KEN MOORE

First Day of School

"We know how special ... opening day is," said Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Joshua P. Starr.

During a Board of Education meeting last Thursday, Aug 23 in Rockville, Starr discussed the preparation necessary to have schools ready for opening day.

"Some of that work is visible — you see the buildings — some of that work is invisible. Everybody pitches in," Starr said.

For example, approximately 800 new teachers were hired during the summer, 14.8 tons of equipment were delivered to schools to get ready for opening day, and 13,000 pounds of supplies were distributed to families in need, according to a short film presented during last Thursday's meeting.

"There is lots and lots and lots of activity involved in getting ready for opening day," said MCPS Chief Operating Officer Larry Bowers. "By the time children go to school on Monday, schools will be ready to go."

Montgomery's Gold

Katie Ledecky, the women's 800-meter freestyle gold medal Olympian, and Bethesda's Scott Parsons will be honored by Montgomery County Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Ledecky attends Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart and was the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic team, according to the Team USA website.

She won the gold medal over defending Olympic champion Rebecca Adlington of Great Britain (bronze) and Mireia Belmonte Garcia, of Spain (silver) and 2008 bronze medalist Lotte Friis of Denmark. Montgomery County Isiah Leggett will present certificates to Ledecky and men's slalom kayaker Scott Parsons at a reception honoring the 2012 Montgomery County Olympians. The county is scheduled to hold the event at the County Executive's Conference Room in the Executive Office Building on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 4 p.m.

"I had a great experience in London and so much fun," Parsons wrote on his facebook page on Aug. 13.

Parsons, 33, lives in Bethesda, and according to Team USA, his family took kayak lessons at the YMCA. Parsons finished first in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials before this summer's Olympics. He placed 6th at Athens in 2004 and was the 2004 USA Canoe/Kayak Male Athlete of the Year.

David Banks, who graduated from Winston Churchill High School in 2001 and played basketball and track, competed in London on the men's eight-boat rowing team. Banks, 29, began rowing while attending Stanford University. He has been on the U.S. national rowing team four years, according to U.W. Rowing.

Julie Zetlin, 21, a rhythmic gymnast, was the solo American competitor in rhythmic dancing.

Banks and Zetlin were unable to attend the Montgomery County ceremony, according to Montgomery County press release.

Ledecky started swimming at 6 years old at Palisades, off Seven Locks Road. She swims two and a half to five hours a day, swimming 8,000 meters a day, according to USA Swimming.

— KEN MOORE

Flora Singer Elementary

Flora M. Singer Elementary School opened Monday, Aug. 27 on Hayden Drive in Silver Spring.

Flora M. Singer was a Holocaust survivor, Potomac resident and former teacher at Cabin John Middle and Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein and Walt Whitman high schools.

The Board of Education made its decision to name a school after Singer on May 8, 2012.

"The first word is overwhelmed," said Sandra Singer Landsman, Flora Singer's daughter. "Needless to say, our entire family humbled and delighted."

The school will serve the Einstein High School area.

Flora M. Singer's parents fled their homeland in Romania in the 1920s to escape rising anti-Semitism, settling in Belgium. Singer and her family were forced underground when Nazi Ger

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'Taste' Benefits Adoptions Together

Annual event seeks to further "forever families" mission.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

On Saturday evening, Sept. 8, guests will have the opportunity to change a child's life by attending the "Taste of Potomac" to support the organization, Adoptions Together. This event offers a one-of-a-kind chance to taste delectable dishes from every restaurant in Potomac and bid on items in both the silent auction and the live auction — all to help children find "forever families."

The event will honor the achievements of NBC4 Washington anchor Barbara Harrison and Renette Oklewicz, director of the Freddie Mac Foundation. Both are champions of "Wednesday's Child," the TV program which informs viewers of children who are in foster care and who need permanent, loving adoptive families. The Wizard's play-by-play announcer Steve Buckhantz will emcee the event.

Twenty-two years ago, Adoptions Together was just a vision to Janice Goldwater. As a social worker in Montgomery County, she saw the need for an organization to find adoptive families for hard-to-place children. She founded the non-profit adoption agency to conquer the challenge of finding permanent homes for children regardless of their age, race or health issues. Since 1990, the organization has found "forever families" for more than 3,000 children.

"Today, there are 5,000 children in the D.C. metropolitan area who are living in temporary care, waiting to be adopted. We need to make their dreams come true," Goldwater said.

In addition to providing quality child placement services, the organization also offers life-time counseling for families, adopted children, birth parents and foster families.

Debbie Schick has served on the board of directors for many years. She applauds the commitment of Adoptions Together: "Janice does not turn any child away, whether they are medically or physically challenged or have been in the foster care system for years. The funds raised at this event go directly to help families adopt children."

The Adoptions Together Agency offers a full spectrum of family support services. Their guiding principle is "no child in need of a family will be turned away and families will have the support and guidance they need to thrive." They facilitate both na-



Janice Goldwater, founder of Adoptions Together.

tional and international adoptions including children from Russian and China. The organization is also involved in training area professionals including school counselors and therapists. Additionally, they focus on pre-adoptive counseling to help both the child and the families to prepare for their new relationship as a permanent family.

Taste of Potomac will take place at the Potomac Falls home of Judy and Stuart Sebring from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The outdoor event will feature fare from more than 25 local restaurants including Hunter's Inn, River Falls Tavern, Founding Farmers, Potomac Pizza, The Irish Inn, Seasons 52, Tally Ho, Cava Mezza, and more. Music will be provided by DJ Extreme — and there will be room for dancing. Skinny Girl cocktails, frozen mango margaritas and wine donated by Total Wine will round out the selection of beverages. Committee member Randi Schweitzer of Potomac said, "I am excited to be a part of such a wonderful, meaningful event. I'm glad to be able to support Adoptions Together. This organization truly makes a difference by placing so many children with loving families."

One of the highlights of the evening will be the live and silent auction items. According to Schick, "This year, the auction items are better than ever before." They include tickets to "Late Night with David Letterman," "Dr. Phil," "Live! with Kelly" and more, golf outings at Congressional Country Club, Four Streams Golf Course, TPC at Avenel and Manor Country Club, and trips to the Ritz Carlton at Amelia Island, Fla., Lowes Resort at Universal Orlando — and even one to Hotel Le Bristol in Paris, France. Tickets to the Redskins, Nationals, Wizards as well as spa packages will also be auctioned.

The cost is \$125 per ticket (\$150 at the door). To RSVP, register or donate, go to www.adoptions-together.org/TasteofPotomac.aspx. Premier and Corporate Sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact Margo Devine at 301-439-2900 or through email mdevine@adoptions-together.org.



Judy Sebring and Justine Polk.

Brickyard Farm Allowed To Operate through Growing Season

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Dolores Milmo, of the Audubon Naturalist Society, called it ironic to celebrate the county's new farmers pilot program to lease land to new farmers in the Agricultural Reserve earlier this month while the county prepares to give up the 20 organic acres on Brickyard Road.

"One of the missions is to protect agricultural land," said Milmo. She called the Brickyard Road site a "real gift" to Montgomery County that can be better used for numerous purposes, including education of students.

Ben Joseph, a second year college student, interned on the farm this summer. "The biggest joy," he said, was to share the enthusiasm the children had for tending to the beets, peppers, fennel and tomatoes. He would hear children say, "I want to be a farmer when I grow up."

The School Board did not discuss the issue, although Patricia O'Neill questioned whether some farm activities were in violation for the zoning in Potomac. "I would like to get clarification on that issue," she said.

MARAVELLE'S ATTORNEY James L. Parsons successfully asked the Circuit Court of Montgomery County to permit Maravell to stay on the land while legal challenges are pending.

"All we are asking is for the decision to

be stayed. Legal merits are to be decided another day," said Parsons.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has certified the farm as organic, which it has been since 1986.

"It is appropriate to stay the decision until I hear arguments for judicial review," Judge Robert A. Greenberg said, during the Aug. 14 hearing in Circuit Court. "I don't find the issues raised by the petitioner to be frivolous."

"I'm concerned that permitting the lease to proceed at this point when there is a possibility that it can be voided in the future, that's not a prudent act," Greenberg said. "It would be, in my opinion, impossible to unscramble that egg."

Maravell has leased the property from Montgomery County Public Schools for more than 30 years, operating an organic farm.

The Brickyard Coalition and West Montgomery County Citizens Association filed a Freedom of Information lawsuit in Montgomery County Circuit Court last November.

In March 2011, neighbors and civic organizations in Potomac learned that County

Executive Leggett had already decided to take control of the 20-acre school property on Brickyard Road to turn it over to a private organization for development into soccer fields.

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— Judge Robert A. Greenberg

The civic organizations say that the county violated the public's right to have access to information about the government's affairs concerning the conversion of Brickyard Road farm site into soccer fields.

Less than an hour after Greenberg issued a stay Tuesday, Aug. 14, Judge Ronald B. Rubin admonished the county in a different courtroom for failing to comply with the court-ordered Freedom of Information Request.

Rubin put the county on a specific timetable to execute the freedom of information request. "My goal is to get it done, my

goal is to get the county to get it done," he said.

Court hearings on both cases are scheduled during the next month.

EFFORTS TO SAVE the farm also got a boost from Gov. Martin O'Malley, who wrote County Executive Leggett and Board of Education President Shirley Brandman on Sunday Aug. 12.

"I believe we are about to make a big mistake," O'Malley wrote.

"On policy grounds, there are significant and compelling reasons to preserve this farm for the benefit of the children of Montgomery County," O'Malley wrote.

In his letter, O'Malley suggested the mission of the newly established Brickyard Road Educational Farm shows promise for what the farm could mean for students.

"Rather than moving our State backwards through this destructive policy choice, Montgomery County can and should be a leader," said O'Malley. "The vital connection between our farms, the food we eat, and our children's future has never been more important than it is right now."

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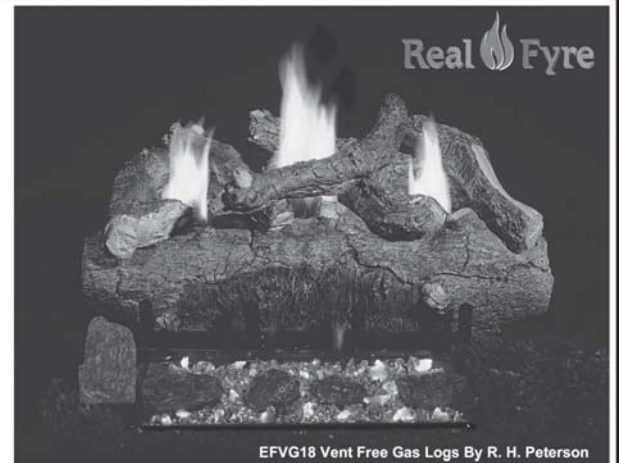
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many annexed Belgium in 1940.

Singer's memoir, "Flora: I Was But a Child," was published in June 2007. The book brought together stories and memories that Singer used throughout her life to teach about the history of the Holocaust. "She felt compelled to share all that she experienced and witnessed," said her husband Jack Singer at a Potomac Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony in 2007 when Flora Singer was named Potomac's Citizen of the Year.

Safety Tips

Fire Chief Richard Bowers of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service issued his own back to school safety report, available online at www.mcfrs.blogspot.com.

"Be on the look-out for kids at intersections and in roadways," said Bowers. "Drivers are reminded to put their cell phones down and refrain from talking or texting while driving."

Bowers reminds motorists that they are required to stop when red lights on school buses are flashing. Speeding in a school zone can incur a fine up to \$1,000 and five points on a license. Passing a school bus with flashing red lights can incur a fine of \$570 and three points on one's license.

Tips for drivers, include:

- ❖ Taking extra time when making a right turn on a red light — a dangerous situation for pedestrians.
- ❖ Slowing down in residential neighborhoods and around schools. Motorists should be alert for student pedestrians when backing cars out of driveways or garages.
- ❖ Expecting delays near schools and to plan ahead.
- ❖ Being alert for bus routes that change each year. Many children are traveling on a bus for the first time.

Parents are reminded to:

- ❖ Assess and be realistic about children's pedestrian skills. Consider whether a child is ready to walk to school or to wait for the bus without adult supervision.
- ❖ Teach children to cross the street at corners and to use traffic signals and cross walks.
- ❖ Teach children who ride bikes to schools to obey the rules of the road and to wear a helmet.
- ❖ Make sure a child knows his or her phone number and address, the work phone number for parents, and when to call 911 for emergencies.

Under Maryland law 5-901, children under eight years old are not allowed to be in a dwelling, building, enclosure or motor vehicle out of sight of the person in charge, according to Bowers, unless the person in charge provides a reliable person at least 13 years old to remain with the child.

Honoring Fallen Ranger

The Margaret Anderson Memorial 5K and walk is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8 on the C&O Canal's towpath, from Antietam Campground to the Rumsey Bridge near Shepherdstown, W.Va., at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Proceeds will be donated to Margaret Anderson's family for the care of her two young daughters.

Anderson was a law enforcement park ranger stationed in the Palisades District of C&O Canal National Historical Park from 2004 to 2008. She was shot to death New Year's Day 2012 when she confronted a 24-year-old man who didn't stop at a vehicle inspection station to check for snow tires and chains at Mount Rainier National Park. At that time, park rangers didn't know that the assailant had shot four other people and was attempting to elude law enforcement when Anderson confronted him.

Pre-registration costs \$20 and is available on the Canal Trust website: <http://www.CanalTrust.org/MargaretAndersonMemorial5K>.

The race will begin at 9 a.m.

Parking and registration packet pickup will take place from 7—8:30 a.m. at Ferry Hill Plantation in Sharpsburg, Md. Participants will be shuttled to the Antietam Campground (C&O Canal mile post 69.4). An after-event gathering will take place at the conclusion of the race at Ferry Hill. For more information, contact Race Director Tom Shantz at 304-676-3257.

— KEN MOORE

BUSINESS



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Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Orange Leaf Yogurt. The children with him are Olivia Beach, 9, Evan Beach, 6, and Leah Falk, 8.

New Orange Leaf Draws Crowd

Ribbon-cutting ceremony welcomes Orange Leaf to Cabin John.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

"Awesome," said Jacob Fienberg. "The swirl is just so creamy and good," said Jack Feldman as he licks his spoon. "It doesn't really taste like yogurt. It tastes like ice cream," said Max Miller. "The birthday cake tastes just like a real birthday cake," said Jacob's sister Lindsay Fienberg. Jake Schuman and his cousin Andrew Prosen's favorite flavors are orange, brownie batter, birthday cake and cookies and cream. They love topping their yogurt with Swedish fish, gummies, oreos and fresh fruit.

The new Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt restaurant is a hit with the younger set, but the parents are also raving. "This yogurt is so good. The orange tastes exactly like the creamsicles from my childhood," parent Shari Schuman said. Another parent, Pam Feldman, said, "This is just what Potomac needed. It's healthy and it really tastes wonderful. The fresh fruit is a nice feature too."

Inside Potomac's Cabin John Mall, the shoppers all seem to have one thing in common — they are all discovering the many flavors of delicious yogurt offered by the newly opened Orange Leaf Frozen

Yogurt. The self-serve restaurant features large containers to enable the customer to taste-test from 16 different flavors of frozen yogurt. The next step is to choose from among 32 toppings and then on to the syrups. When the magical concoction has been created, the container is weighed and then the fun begins — enjoying the results.

Orange Leaf is a new business venture by partners Ted Sears of Potomac, TJ Tedesco of Bethesda, and Scott Flipse of Washington, D.C. The three friends decided to follow their entrepreneurial spirits and joined forces to open their first Orange Leaf franchise several weeks ago. They will be opening their second store later in the year. County Executive Ike Leggett welcomed the new business venture to Montgomery County at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 27.

"We are very pleased that we could come into the Cabin John Mall. The community and mall store managers and owners have been extremely helpful and welcoming — and business has already exceeded our expectations," Tedesco said.

The flavors of yogurt have creative names and captions. Cookies and Cream is titled "A Cookie Tuxedo," the Red Velvet Wedding Cake flavor states: "Being guilty never tasted so good," and the lactose-free pineapple is captioned, "Don't let the spikes fool you — it's tasty." All the yogurts, except the lactose-free, are made with skim milk, and allergen information is posted on the wall.

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Rebecca Sacks, 1 1/2, Lilah Sacks, 3, and Noah Sacks enjoy yogurt with their mother, Lisa Landsman Sacks.



From left: Jacob Fienberg, Lindsay Fienberg, Jack Feldman and Max Miller enjoy Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt.

PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

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Welcoming Orange Leaf

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"We have lactose-free, sugar-free and every yogurt is low fat," said Sears. "Our toppings include strawberries, mango, papaya, honeydew melon, papaya, coconut, kiwi, nuts, chocolate brownies, candy and more — everything is freshly cut each day. For customers who have nut allergies, we have a separate mobile unit with toppings and spoons that have never touched a nut."

The store will host birthday parties and is available to cater parties, festivals, sporting events and other off-site events. The owners would also like to develop relationships with schools, businesses and organizations. Additionally, they are looking for a school to partner with to design and paint a permanent mural on their wall. For more information, send an e-mail to olcabinjohnmall@gmail.com.

Flipse expressed another goal of the owners: "We want to help the community by giving back. We have already created 10 jobs and are looking to hire more employees, and we would like to partner with local charities and organizations by donating part of our profits to their fundraising causes on specific days." The owners are involved with the "Build Haiti Foundation" and expect to host an event to raise funds for this important cause.

The shop is offering a standing 10 per-



The interior of the Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt.

cent discount to anyone who likes them on their Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/OrangeLeafCabinJohnMall> and to returning customers who return to the store. They also give employees of Cabin John Mall a discount. Orange Leaf is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sunday when they close at 8 p.m.

In the adjacent Cabin John Shopping Center, five more new tenants have recently opened or will be opening soon. Leila Fine Gifts & Jewels opened in June. The Grilled Oyster, China Jade Bistro, Benny's Bar & Grill and a Pet Valu store will open in the coming months.

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Whitman Continues Quarterback Transition

McGowan to start against Wootton, Morton could see time.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

The Whitman football team will enter its season opener with a new quarterback for the second consecutive season when the Vikings take the field against Wootton at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31.

After Henry Kuhn, a pocket passer and three-year starter, played his final season in 2010, Michael Flack, a converted receiver, took over at quarterback in 2011, bringing a running style to the position. Now head coach Jim Kuhn has his choice between an athlete and a game manager for the 2012 campaign — a decision that could change throughout the season.

Junior Zac Morton and senior captain Kevin McGowan spent time at quarterback during the preseason. Both could see time during the regular season, but McGowan will start against Wootton, while Morton lines up at running back, according to Kuhn.

“Zac is a tremendous athlete, so whether he plays quarterback or whether he plays running back, he’s going to be on the field on offense,” Kuhn said. “He’s probably our best skill guy. He brings the most weapons to the table, definitely. Kevin is just a really savvy, smart football player. He’s really wise; he’s a really smart kid. He controls the game better. Zac is an athlete; Kevin is going to run the game. It’s just kind of a difference in personality in what we want to be.”

Whitman graduated most of its starters on offense, so coaches have spent a lot of time teaching scheme and technique during the off season. While the Vikings are an offense in transition, Morton figures to be a threat once he touches the ball, whether he’s taking snaps or taking hand-offs.

“It’s always going to be frustrating when you start from the beginning,” Morton said in regard to the Vikings’ offense, “but I think with the guys we have, they’re



Whitman junior Zac Morton will start at running back against Wootton, but could see time at quarterback this season.

smart enough to realize what they have to do and I think we can get out there and be fine.”

While Morton is Whitman’s top offensive threat, senior captains Mark Hunley (right tackle) and Nicholas Sobczyk (right guard) anchor the offensive line.

On Defense, senior end Joe Granger should be an impact player on the line, along with Hunley and Sobczyk. Junior safety Nicholas Newsham, senior cornerback Justin Knighton and senior outside linebacker Billy Lee will also notable defenders.

After the Wootton game, Whitman will play back-to-back road games against Churchill (Sept. 7) and Kennedy (Sept. 14) before returning home to face Springbrook (Sept. 21) and Bethesda-Chevy Chase (Sept. 29).

SPORTS BRIEF

Football Openers

The Churchill football team will open its 2012 season on the road against Kennedy at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31. The Bulldogs’ home opener is Sept. 7 against Whitman.

Churchill finished 10-2 last season, losing to Quince Orchard in the region championship game.

Bullis will open its season on the road against St. Mary’s Ryken at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31. After a road game against Bishop Ireton on Sept. 8, the Bulldogs will host St. Mary’s on Sept. 14.

Bullis finished 9-1 in 2011, winning the first outright IAC title in school history.



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Whitman senior Kevin McGowan will open the 2012 season as the Vikings’ starting quarterback.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Rachel Frances Klein of Potomac

MILITARY NOTES

Air Force Airman Wayne R. Galery Jr. graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Galery is the son of John Todd Jr. of Hyattsville.

He is a 2005 graduate of McLean School of Maryland, Potomac.

Army Reserve Pfc. Benjamin G. Widdes has graduated from basic com-

graduated from Clemson University Aug. 10, with a bachelor of arts in political science. Klein was among 752 students who received degrees at the summer graduation ceremony at Littlejohn Coliseum.

bat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Widdes is the son of Steve and Tal Widdes of Potomac. He is a 2009 graduate of McLean School of Maryland, Potomac.

Navy Seaman Daniel P. Tardiff, a 2007 graduate of Bullis School, Potomac recently completed U.S. Navy Basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

“He’s probably our best skill guy. He brings the most weapons to the table, definitely.”

— Whitman football coach Jim Kuhn about Zac Morton

News



Jade Billows in the Cabin John Shopping Center has closed.

Jade Billows Closes

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

I was crying as I ate my last salt and pepper shrimp right before Jade Billows closed," lamented Potomac's Debbie Goldberg. Other residents say Jade Billows had the best Chinese food they ever ate — and they will sorely miss the shrimp fried rice, chicken chow mein, schetzwan string beans, Mongolian beef, shrimp in lobster sauce — and a host of other Chinese specialties.

Residents of Potomac have enjoyed Jade Billows, located in the Cabin John Shopping Center for 20 years.

Owned by Rickie Lee and Lily Wong, the restaurant was the place to go for authentic Chinese cuisine. Jade Billows was known and appreciated for the high quality and freshness of their meat, seafood and vegetable dishes —

and the generous portions. The family also owns the Far East Restaurant in Rockville.

"We closed the restaurant for several reasons," said Wong. "Our lease needed to be renewed and the owners wanted to increase the rents. This coupled with rising food costs, increased operating expenses and the cut back in diners brought on by the recession made it difficult to continue. I've worked in the restaurant business for more than 30 years and I think I needed a break." Wong is not certain what lies ahead for them.

"We also experienced diners cutting back on their orders. People are not willing to pay for good quality Chinese food — they seem to think it should be less expensive than other restaurants, even though we provided food with high quality ingredients," said Wong. "Right now I'm enjoying not working 12 hour days."

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Back to School Event. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free community service event with educational, safety, and fun hands-on activities. At Potomac Place, at intersection of River and Fall roads. Call Arlene Elling at 301-479-4117.

Beth Shalom Library. 9:15 p.m. Grand opening with Avrom Bendavid-Val, author of "The Heavens are Empty" as the guest speaker. Light refreshments and a tour, and Selichot will begin at 11 p.m. Email library@bethshalom.org for more information.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Back to Shul Picnic. noon to 3 p.m. Join the community-wide celebration, meet friends and neighbors at the Men's Club-sponsored BBQ. Enjoy games and activities for children of all ages. Watch the Redskins season kick-off on the big screen. Latest art exhibit and Synagogue tours are also available. Free. Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. Call 301-299-7087, ext. 320 or email membershipoutreach@harshalom.org. Visit www.harshalom.org

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

Techno Luxury

The homebuyer of today is definitely concerned with keeping up—not with the Joneses, perhaps, but with the ever-changing face of technology. A fully appointed den or media room used to be an important selling point in a home—today, these things are de rigueur, standard in nearly every home on the market. In order to increase the market appeal of your home and be competitive with other homes of comparable structure, size and amenities for sale in your area, the new key selling point of a property is the home office. Once a rarity, the home office has evolved into the home's hub and center of operation and activity, often controlling every technological amenity of the house from one room. Modern home automation systems link lighting, heating and air conditioning systems, as well as audio-visual equipment, security systems and the scheduling of television, recording systems, stereo equipment and lighting fixtures. The modern home office isn't just for business professionals, technological connoisseurs, or the higher-earning set, either. Today's home technology features are high-end home amenities that are available across a wide range of budgets, turning an average home into an above-average home when it hits the market, giving tech-savvy dwellings a competitive market edge. Take a look at your home's wiring, routing and see what simple upgrades you could implement that would simplify your day-to-day living while you're in the home, and that could add top-dollar value to your home when it comes time to put it on the market. Ask yourself: Is your home techno-ready?

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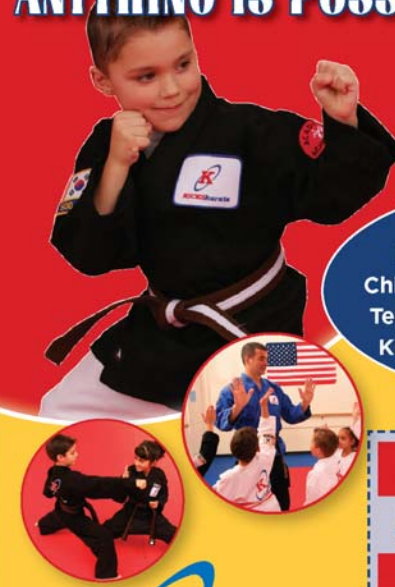
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Diagnosed But Not Sick

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Or so I tell myself – and others, as often as the opportunity presents itself. It's a distinction with which I can live, a distinction with which I'm comfortable, and a distinction which enables me to live my life as normally as possible; which when one considers my diagnosis: NSCLC (non-small cell lung cancer) and the original, terminal prognosis – received back in Feb. 2009: "13 months to two years," and my age when all this stuff hit the figurative fan: 54, it's no wonder I assimilate such delusions and don't give them a second thought. (The first thought: premature death, is bad enough.)

But it does take a little convincing. And it's not to say that having cancer isn't an excuse/explanation for me acting a certain way and/or requiring certain things (not exactly accommodations). Because it is. As much as I don't want having cancer to seep into my thoughts and/or actions, it is impossible to prevent it from doing so (and you regular readers know how much I try). Its reality has a life of its own, whereby it almost creates new instincts in how I think and feel and react, instincts that I am aware of when they happen, but not quite predisposed to prevent their appearance/occurrence. Being diagnosed with a terminal disease at age 54 and a half tends to narrow your vision and unleash – occasionally – the beast which resides within, a beast with which you're likely well acquainted but not particularly proud.

As much as I'm able to minimize the damage, collateral or otherwise, from these cancer-driven behaviors (see how easy it is to place blame), I still maintain that these behaviors are not because I'm sick, but rather because I'm diagnosed. My feeling is, once I start using/invoking sickness as an explanation, it might become a slippery slope. And once I've begun using and in turn becoming increasingly comfortable with the cause of, and description for, my inappropriate and selfish words and deeds, then the cancer has indeed won; and as a direct result, sooner rather than later these columns will cease as I will have permanently desisted.

I imagine these words probably sound like mind games, and too little too late at that. However, it's been my experience that being diagnosed with a terminal disease leads to an awful lot of self doubt, recrimination, insecurity, fear, anxiety, stress and non-stop introspection and deals you don't ever want to make with the devil. Ergo, any little thing I can do – or think, or tell myself – repeatedly, is what I have to do. I suppose it's a bastardized version of the power of positive thinking, or the act of a desperate man. Either way, I'm still alive and rationalizing my behavior.

If my not calling a spade a spade enables me to deal the cards with which I've been dealt a little bit longer, and I'm not cheating anybody but death in the process, then I will continue to do so. Having/being diagnosed with cancer/a terminal disease is neither fun nor funny; however, unless I find some humor or wishful thinking in how I approach this situation, I don't suppose I'll be approaching it much longer. To me, it's always been mind over matter, and even though these matters are rather serious, I still don't mind.

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

Trawick Prize Presents 2012 Finalists

\$14,000 in prizes will be awarded during September exhibit.

The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District and the Bethesda Urban Partnership will unveil the work of the finalists for The Trawick Prize: Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards in a group exhibition taking place Sept. 1-29, 2012. Eight finalists have been selected and their work will be featured at Gallery B, located at 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E.

The 2012 Trawick Prize finalists are: Lillian Bayley Hoover, Baltimore; David D'Orio, Mt. Rainier, Md.; Skye Gilkerson, Baltimore; Dean Kessmann, Washington, D.C.; Nate Larson, Baltimore; Joshua Wade Smith, Baltimore; Szczepaniak, Potomac, and Hannah Walsh, Richmond

The award-winners will be announced on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2012. The first place winner will be awarded \$10,000; second place will be honored with \$2,000 and third place will be awarded \$1,000. A "young" artist whose birth date is after April 6, 1982 may also be awarded \$1,000.

The public opening reception will be held Friday, Sept. 14 from 6-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Bethesda Art Walk. Gallery hours for the duration of the exhibit are Wednesday through Saturday, noon-6 p.m.

The 2012 Trawick Prize jury includes Dawn Gavin, Associate Professor in Drawing and Foundations at the University of Maryland, College Park; B. Kelly Gordon, Associate Curator at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.; and N. Elizabeth Schlatter, Deputy Director and Curator of Exhibitions at the University of Richmond Museums, Virginia.

The Trawick Prize was established in 2003 by Carol Trawick, a longtime community activist in downtown Bethesda. She is the past Chair of both the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District and Bethesda Urban Partnership, and also the Founder of the Bethesda Painting Awards. In 2007, Trawick founded the Jim and Carol Trawick Foundation to assist health and human services and arts non-profits in Montgomery County.

The Trawick Prize is one of the first regional competitions and largest prizes to annually honor visual artists. To date, The Trawick Prize has awarded \$126,000 in prize monies and has exhibited the work of more than 100 regional artists. Previous Best in Show recipients include Richard Clever, 2003; David Page,

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CALENDAR

performances by Alan Bennett and Bruce Hartley, along with Poole's BBQ sandwiches. Visit pbhta.org or call 301-762-7214.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 2

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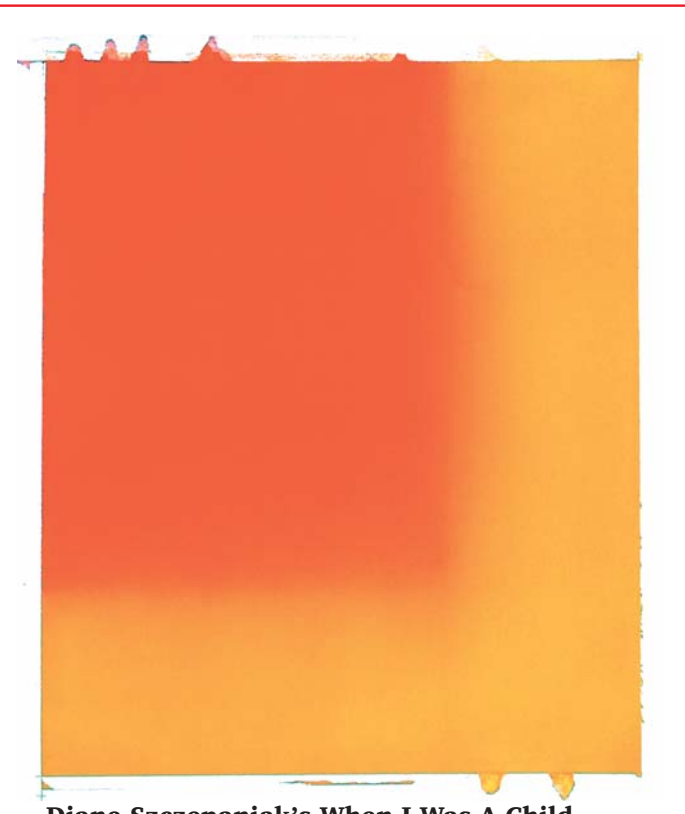
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SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Potomac Library. 10101 Glenolden Dr. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most hardbacks \$1 and paperbacks \$.50. Look for the large collection of children's books and tapes.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Voices of the River. Noon-2 p.m. Join Judy Welles, author of Cabin John, as she explains the history of the Potomac River and C&O canal community and the mystery behind Cabin John. At River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr. Contact Anne Sundermann at sundermann@potomac.org.



Diane Szczepaniak's When I Was A Child. Potomac Finalist

Diane Szczepaniak earned a Master's degree in art education from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Kentucky University. Her work has been shown in group exhibitions including SCULPTURE NOW 2012 at Pepco Edison Place Gallery in Washington, D.C., and InLiquid Benefit Auction in Philadelphia, among others and in many solo exhibitions. She was named a semi-finalist for Baltimore's Sondheim Prize in 2011 and received an Individual Artist Award in Visual Arts: Sculpture from the Maryland State Arts Council in 2009.

2004; Jiha Moon, 2005; James Rieck, 2006; Jo Smail, 2007; Maggie Michael, 2008; Rene Trevino, 2009; Sara Pomerance, 2010 and Mia Feuer, 2011.

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