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Al and Frances Broadhurst, long time Potomac United Methodist Church members, serve up homemade strawberry desserts, at a past festival.

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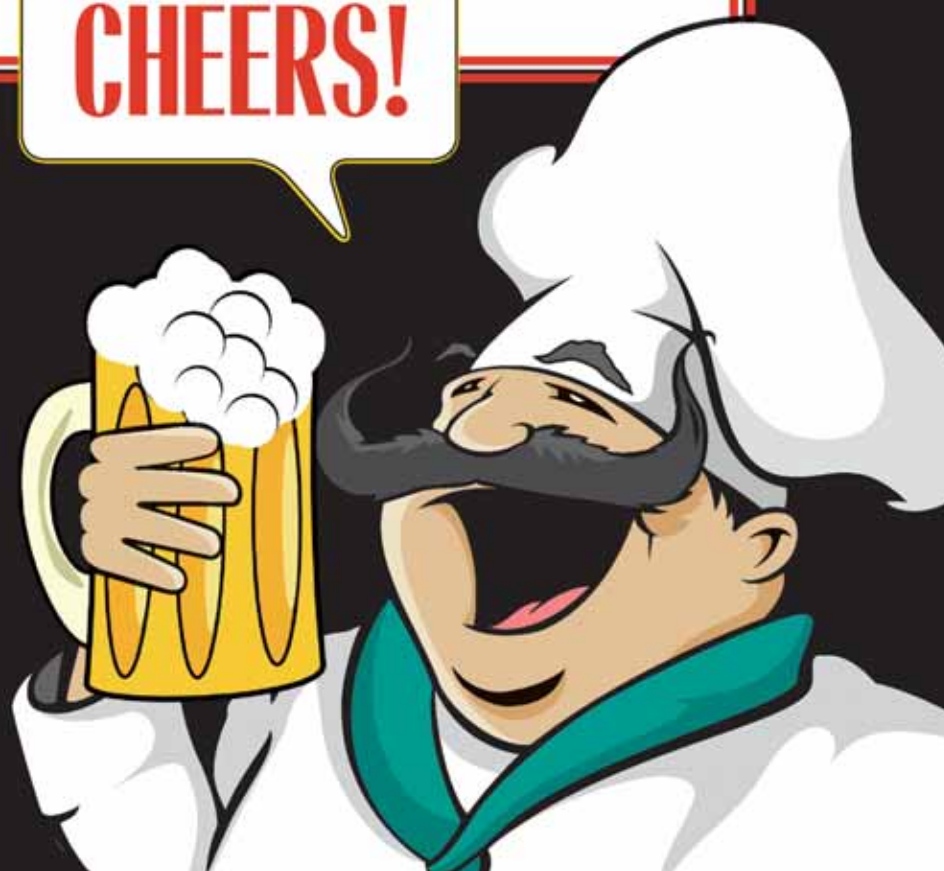
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Strawberry Festival Returns Saturday

Potomac United Methodist Church hosts 24th annual event.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The Strawberry Festival is back. The Potomac United Methodist Church event features the some of the best chocolate-covered strawberries one will ever taste as well as an opportunity to spend a day shopping for one-of-a-kind items at the boutique, searching through Home Treasures for that perfect piece for one's home, or sampling the home-baked goodies from the bake sale.

Lines form early to enter the doors of the Potomac United Methodist Church's education building on Falls Road. Each year, more than 1,000 eager shoppers and hungry people can't wait to snatch up bargains and savor the homemade strawberry shortcake. In addition to shopping, the free festival is a family event. Fun games are held for children while parents shop. Favorite lunch items — hotdogs, hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches — are served.

The festival was founded 24 years ago by Potomac United Methodist Church member Judith Dubowy who is also the creator of the homemade shortcake with hand-whipped cream — her own secret recipe. Dubowy is moving south this year and her daughter Jennifer is taking on the task of strawberry desserts.

In addition to the delectable strawberry



Potomac United Methodist Church has held the Strawberry Festival for 24 years.

shortcake, chocolate lovers vie for Becky Queen's chocolate-dipped strawberries. "I use stemmed presentation berries," she said. "Lots of people want to take them home to save for later — but I tell people to buy and eat them as quickly as possible." The proceeds of the Strawberry Festival — usually about \$25,000 — support over 20 local charities as well as the mission work of the church. Some of the organizations that receive donations include For the Love of Children, St. Joseph's House, Montgomery Ave. Women's Shelter, Reese's Rainbow, Manna Food Center, PEP (Parent Encour-

agement Program), A Wider Circle and SHARE Girl Scouts.

Two members of the Potomac United Methodist Church Women's Group, Candice Siegenthaler and Vickie Cooper, are co-chairing the event for the third year.

"The Strawberry Festival is an event driven by the women's group of the church and supported in many ways by the men and youth groups — Potomac Glen Day School lets us use their school rooms and let's not forget the Boy Scouts too," Siegenthaler said. "We are fortunate to have dedicated friends, family and our church



Becky Queen makes chocolate-dipped strawberries, which sell out year after year at the Potomac United Methodist Church Strawberry Festival.

members. Many of the women involved with the festival have worked tirelessly on it year over year, like Judith and former chair, Renee Antosh, and now a fresh infusion of leaders and volunteers are stepping up to make the festival happen this year and to help continue its success year after year.

The Silent Auction rooms always draw a crowd. Bidding gets intense as shoppers vie for restaurant gift certificates, sports tickets, home décor items, special gift baskets that children will enjoy and more. Visitors can bid on golf lessons with a top-rated pro;

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Author Shares Work at Potomac Public Library

Hannah Barnaby discusses her young adult novel "Wonder Show" on May 17.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
THE ALMANAC

Many young children and teens dream of running away. Hannah Barnaby's new young adult novel, "Wonder Show," follows a young girl named Portia Remini as she runs away from her children's home and joins the Mosco's Traveling Wonder Show in an effort to find her father.

On May 17, she will discuss the "Wonder Show" and the carnival and circus acts that were her inspiration during an author talk at Potomac Public Library at 1:30 p.m.

While working as a children's book editor for Houghton Mifflin Publishing in Boston, she was chosen for the Children's Writer-in-Residence program sponsored by the Boston Public Library's in 2004. The



Barnaby

grant required her to use material from the library's special collection.

"As I started looking around, I found that they had a lot of material on circus history. And I've always been interested in circuses and carnivals," she said.

The Boston Public Library's grant enabled her to transition from being an editor to an author.

The "Wonder Show" is a historical novel set during the Depression in 1931, a time when many smaller circuses were facing financial decline.

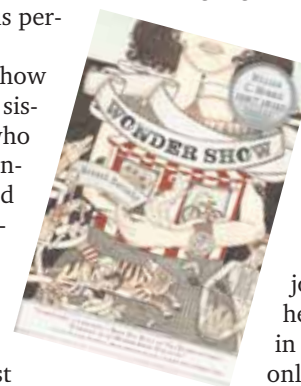
"The main character, Portia, is struggling

but so is everyone else in the novel," she said.

As with many historical novels, Barnaby said she learned much more about circuses than she could ever include in the novel. She became familiar with a lot of the older carnivals and circus performers.

One of her favorite sideshow performers were the Hilton sisters — Daisy and Violet — who were "very strong willed" conjoined twins who performed on the vaudeville and carnival circuit.

"We often think about Paris and Nicky Hilton when we hear the Hilton sisters, but these were the first Hilton sisters. They were one of the earliest performers who took their manager to court and sued for their independence. In a sense, they had to look out for each other because they had no choice," she said.



Barnaby was so inspired by the Hilton sisters that she based the conjoined twins in her novel on them.

Besides the sideshow performers, the novel also includes some of the carnival language she came across in her research.

"Wonder Show" includes a theme common to many young adult novels: identity. Some other themes include being in the minority or the majority and finding out what is normal depending on the circumstances.

"When the main character joins up with the circus, she finds herself in a situation where she is in the minority because she is the only 'normal' character or person there," she said.

Writing the "Wonder Show" began when she received the grant in 2004 and finished when the hardcover version was

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Wedding in the Park

A wedding party explores Glen Echo Park on May 10. Heather and Mike Bonsiero are ready to be married at the park. She is from New Jersey, he is from Baltimore, and they are going to live in Arlington, Va.



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Heather and Mike Bonsiero.

How Pepco Sale Could Affect Reliability

BY ROGER BERLINER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 1

The other night at my local Giant, a gentleman came up to me and said: "Councilmember Berliner, you really need to put something out on the sale of Pepco. People don't really understand what is happening." Got it. Here it goes.

As you know, Exelon Corporation announced last week its intention to purchase Pepco for \$6.8 billion.

What is less understood is that this transaction must be approved by our state electricity regulators on the Maryland Public Service Commission. Our state regulators must find that the sale to Exelon is in the public interest — not Exelon's interest, not Pepco's interest, our interest.

So, first, who is Exelon? One of the largest energy players in the country; the largest operator of nuclear power plants; and owners of a number of large utilities, including, ComEd in Chicago (its home), Baltimore Gas & Electric that it bought a few years ago, and PECO Energy in Philadelphia.

Most analysts agree that what drove this deal is that Exelon's nuclear power plants are struggling to compete with low cost natural gas in the competitive, unregulated wholesale power markets, and that they were eager to get the "stable" earnings and cash flow that characterize regulated distribution utilities like Pepco. The purchase also makes geographic sense given their Philadelphia and Baltimore presence.

Mergers like this are increasingly common in the utility world. Bigger generally means more access to capital in the financial markets, and access to capital is needed given the substantial investments that are needed. And boy, do we know firsthand what happens when investments aren't made.

I don't have statistics at my fingertips in this



moment regarding Exelon's reliability, but I would say that Exelon has a decent reputation in the utility world for being forward thinking; the reliability of BG&E is certainly better than Pepco's; and it will have the financial strength to do what

needs to be done to provide us with a much higher quality of service. And much, of course, needs to be done!

What happens next you ask? Well, once formal "filings" are made (and they haven't been made yet), the proposed sale will be reviewed by a host of state and federal regulatory bodies, including the Maryland Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, where I worked once upon a time.

Insofar as the deal cannot happen without our state regulators' blessing, it gives our state — and our residents I hope — significant leverage.

And from my perspective, that leverage must be used to require significant ratepayer benefits as a condition of the deal.

I don't need to tell you how long all of us have suffered from unreliable service — not after five years in a row of lowest quartile performance.

Our state regulators should, among other things, insist on binding commitments by Exelon to provide service that ranks in the very top quartile nationally. And soon. We have waited long enough.

That is why on Tuesday I introduced a resolution — co-sponsored Councilmembers Andrews, Branson, Elrich, Leventhal, Navarro, and Riemer — that calls upon the Commission to do precisely that: 1) to use the full breadth of their authority on our behalf, 2) to require

Exelon to get to top quartile in three years, and 3) to tie their cost recovery with performance, not promises. Certainly our county will be at the table fighting for us as a result of legislation that I sponsored years ago.

Bottom line — I think if our state uses its leverage wisely, we can obtain significant ratepayer benefits out of this deal ... and we should. The future should be brighter ... literally.

Hope this helps you have a better understanding of one of the most important issues affecting our quality of life in Montgomery County.

Vandals Arrested

Two juvenile suspects, age 16 and age 17, were arrested last week by Montgomery County Police and charged with three incidents of vandalism that occurred between April 18-21:

❖ Montgomery Child Care Association, 11614 Seven Locks Road — a swastika and "All Jews Burn" was drawn on two buses.

❖ Young Israel of Potomac, 11618 Seven Locks Road — a swastika was drawn on the synagogue sign.

❖ Residence in 11100 block of Old Coach Road — "SS" and a swastika were drawn on the windshield of a vehicle.

In addition, the suspects are believed to be responsible for a number of the other vandalism incidents that occurred last month.

During the course of the investigation, 1st District detectives were able to obtain surveillance video depicting the suspects in these incidents. With the help of a School Resource Officer, the suspects were identified as students at a local high school.

Strawberry Festival Returns

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a limo for that special night out — or check out the special items donated by Strawberry Festival vendors.

And then there is shopping. Antosh, who coordinates the vendor section said, “Our vendors exhibit everything from hand-made jewelry, to linens direct from France. Some of the vendors we will feature are Noto Jewelry, Elan Indique, Lookalikes Jewelry, Queen Bee, Indigo Moon Clothing, Joesph Ribkoff Clothing, Sassy Touch Designs, Stella and Dot Jewelry, Sharon Newell custom jewelry as well as pen and ink drawings of your home, Iris Grundler Pottery, ‘That’s Glassic’ fused glass — and much more. This year, we are very proud to introduce a new category of vendors unique to the Strawberry Festival — entrepreneurs who will be debuting their products and services to our shoppers. ‘Contained Beauty’ combines container design with product placement of plants as an approach to small gardens. These are designed for those who are ‘downsizing,’ who have small yards or who currently live in apartments or condos. ‘Fields of Bags’ offers bags and carry items for home storage and everyday solutions for organizing any space. ‘Lay-N-Go, LLC’

is a new company that provides innovational storage items for play, travel and life.”

In addition to new articles, the Chic Boutique offers “gently used” clothing for women and children and the “Home Treasures” section features home furnishings as well as estate sale pieces. There will also be value-priced sporting items, toys, books and DVDs.

Cooper and Siegenthaler are proud to chair the event — but feel they could not do it without support. “It literally takes hundreds of volunteers from our congregation to plan and carry out the festival,” Cooper said. “It is a lot of work and the preparation begins early in the year. We do it year after year because it brings us together as a congregation, allows us to reach out to the community, and every dollar we raise goes to charities serving the needs of women and children in our local community. It’s a very worthy cause and a really fun day. We hope to see everyone there this Saturday, May 17.”

The Potomac United Methodist Church Strawberry Festival will be held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 S. Glen Road, Potomac. To learn more go to www.potomac-umc.org.

Author Discusses ‘Wonder Show’

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released in 2012. A paperback version was released in October 2013.

During the eight years it took to complete the “Wonder Show,” Barnaby went through a number of life-changing events.

“While I was writing the novel, I got married, had kids and relocated twice. Because the writing of this book spans many different parts of my life, my point of view changed a lot when I was writing it,” she said.

Her advice for first time or young authors is to understand that even great writers get rejected.

“If you give up the first time you get a rejection letter then you’ll never get anywhere. You just have to keep going,” she said.

In addition, she also advises novice writers to “get as many books into your brain as you can when you are young because then you’ll have a lot to draw from when you sit down to write.”

OBITUARIES

Denise Marie Schaefer

Denise Marie Schaefer, 38, died suddenly on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Beloved wife of Geoffrey Schaefer; mother of Hailey and Katelyn Schaefer; daughter of John and Marcia Wilson; sister of Stephanie and Jessica Wilson; granddaughter of Nancy Gordon; niece of Alan (Betsy) Gordon and Susan Dorrow; daughter-in-law of Harry and Nanci Schaefer; sister-in-law of Greg (Robin) and Aaron Schaefer.

She was a counselor at Magruder High School; her husband is an English teacher at Walt Whitman High School. Whitman High School is setting up an account to collect contributions for a range of expenses from pre-school to summer camp to establishing a college fund. Donations may be sent to Alan Goodwin, principal, with checks made out to Walt Whitman High School. On the memo line, write “Schaefer Support.”

Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, on Sunday, May 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Funeral Service will be held at Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church, 801 University Blvd., West, Silver Spring, on Monday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Elizabeth Hazlett Scott

Elizabeth Hazlett Scott, 86, of Chambersburg, Pa., formerly a long-time resident of Potomac, died May 10, 2014 to begin her journey to join the love of her life, Richard U. Scott, and her son, Timothy Powell Scott.

The daughter of the late Edward E. and Elizabeth Yates Hazlett, she is survived by her daughter, Polly and her partner Carl Black, of Chambersburg, Pa., and her son, Peter D. Scott and his wife, Cheryl, of Uganda.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Timothy Powell Scott Sampson, Lauren Elizabeth Sampson, and Nicole Lettenmaier-Scott. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854. Services will be held at a later date at the church.

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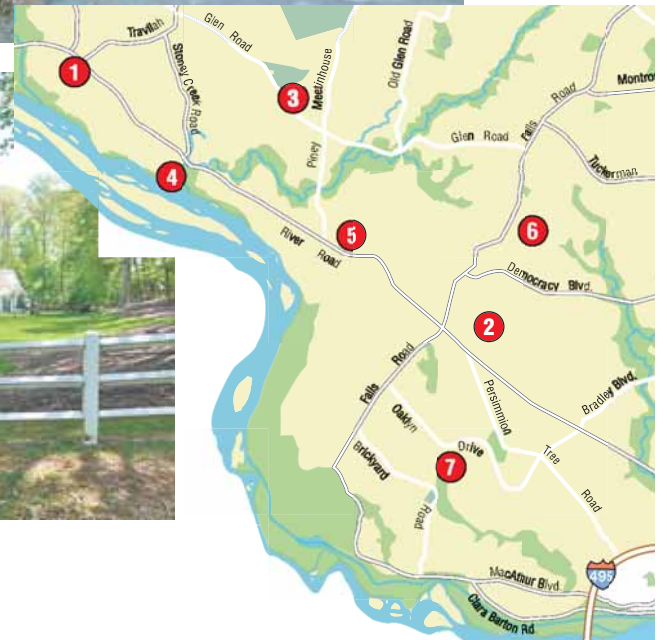
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Outdoor Entertaining

Local style gurus offer tips for alfresco soirees

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

The mild temperatures that usher in late spring and early summer beckon many outdoors for alfresco parties. Whether held on a patio, deck or veranda, the necessary logistics for coordinating even a simple gathering can be daunting.

Local tastemakers have unveiled the latest in elegant accessories, colorful furnishings and creative strategies for transforming a simple outdoor party into a chic and elegant endeavor. From serveware and centerpieces to lighting and cushions, style gurus explain how you can keep your cool while hosting a warm weather event.

"We love using our indoor-outdoor rugs as the starting point for decorating outdoor spaces," said Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, Va. "We have a huge selection of patterns and colors from Dash & Albert that are perfect for grounding your space and creating an area to entertain."

Marrying comfort and style in outdoor seating can transform virtually any space into a festive oasis, say designers. Sunbrella fabrics are the ideal textile for upholstered furniture and throw pillows, says O'Shields.

Outdoor pillows by Elaine Smith are the top choice of interior designer and home furnishings boutique owner Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria, Va. She says that the cushions are polished enough to adorn a home's interior, but hefty enough to withstand exterior elements. "The pillows have grommets and embellishments, but are machine washable and can sit outside," said Sanchez. "Something like that can do a lot to spiff up the same old furniture and set a tone for a festive environment."



PHOTO COURTESY OF VICTORIA SANCHEZ

Outdoor pillows such as these by Elaine Smith are the top choice of interior designer and home furnishings boutique owner Victoria Sanchez who says that the cushions are polished enough to adorn a home's interior, but hefty enough to withstand exterior elements.



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

When guests arrive and see fresh flowers, it signals to them that the event is special and festive, says Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

When it comes to place settings and serveware, resist the urge to bring indoor dinnerware outside, eschew the disposable varieties, and instead opt for dinnerware made of melamine. "It is perfect for outdoor entertaining because it's durable and won't break if dropped," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke, Va. "A bright serving tray or bowl adds some fun to outdoor dining."

Whether from one's own garden or a favorite florist, no smartly dressed table is complete without fresh foliage. "Flowers go without saying," said Sanchez. "They add color, and when your guests walk in and see fresh flowers, it signals to them that the

event is special and festive."

To create bouquets with bursts of vibrant summer colors, Evelyn Kinville of The Behnke Florist Shop in Potomac recommends graceful blossoms like lisianthus, iris, hydrangea and godetia. "These can all be used together. Godetia is very pretty and comes in cherry red, salmon and fuchsia," said Kinville.

When choosing a color scheme, try going back to the basics. "It goes back to color theory — stay with a color wheel," said Sanchez. "Opposites sides of the color wheel are always safe, like orange and blue."

Use lighting to create ambience. "Candles make great outdoor accessories, especially

if you are entertaining at night," said Thomas. "Hang a few votive lanterns from nearby trees or use a row of smaller lanterns as a centerpiece on the table. Even placing a few tea lights on the table creates a warm glow."

Cold libations and melodies wafting through the air are summer soirée essentials. "For entertaining, it's always fun to have great music and refreshments which are fun to serve in buckets filled with ice and drinks," said O'Shields.

When in doubt, opt for understated décor. "Keep it simple and colorful," says Sanchez. "No one knows what you forgot. They only see what is there."



Cold beverages are summer soirée essentials. "For entertaining, it's always fun to have ... refreshments which are fun to serve in buckets filled with ice and drinks," says Ann O'Shields.



Brightly hued, fresh flowers add a pop of color to outdoor table décor.

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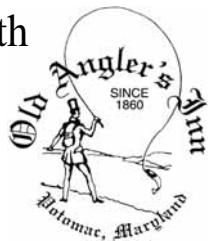
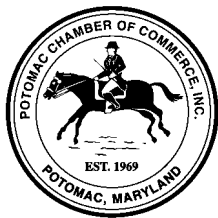
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ONGOING

Children's Theater. Imagination Stage presents "Cinderella: The Remix" through May 25 at the Lerner Family Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Best for ages 5-10. In this version, Cinderella dreams of becoming a hip-hop DJ. Tickets start at \$10. Visit www.imaginationstage.org or call 301-280-1660.

Children's Theater. Through May 25 at the Adventure Theatre at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Adventure Theatre MTC at Glen Echo Park presents The Jungle Book with Mowgli the man-cub, Baloo the bear, Bagheera the panther and ShereKhan the tiger. Visit www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org for showtimes.

Photography Exhibit. Sam Abell: Window on the World, through June 1 at the Partnership Office Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. National Geographic photographer Sam Abell's photographs from around the world. On display Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Photography Exhibit. Photoworks faculty members exhibit their work to celebrate 40 years. Through June 1 at the Stone Tower Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Open to view Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222.

Theater Recital. This spring's productions, featuring students in grades 4-11, are all directed by practicing professional theatre artists. Performances will be in The Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theatre at Imagination Stage. Tickets are \$10 per person, and may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660.

- ❖ "Godspell" (Musical Theatre Conservatory) will run Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 18 at 6 p.m.
- ❖ "Interface" (Speak Out On Stage Ensemble) will be performed on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 1 at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Landscaping Class. 4-7 p.m., in the Visitors Center Adult Classroom, Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Learn how conservation-based landscaping techniques can beautify your yard and neighborhood, restore native habitats, help improve the environment, and save you time and money. Course #272350. \$15 FOBG: \$12. Visit www.parkpass.org or www.brooksidegardens.org, or call 301-962-1451.

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. Gary and the Groove play rock and oldies. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Bike to Work Day. During the morning and evening commute across the region. There are 10 pit stops in the area in Bethesda, Rockville and Friendship Heights. Cyclists are encouraged to register online. Free t-shirts will be distributed at pit stops to some 14,000 registered participants. Learn more and register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

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Student Art Exhibition. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Geneva Day School, 11931 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Display of student art with various art techniques and themes. Contact the school at 301-340-7704.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Garden Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Brookside Gardens Conservatory, 1500 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Visit some of the most inspiring private gardens of Montgomery County at the height of gardening season. Course #272152. \$20 All-garden pass, \$5/garden if paid at the door. Visit parkpass.org, www.brooksidegardens.org, contact leslie.mcdermott@montgomeryparks.org, or call 301-962-1451.

Strawberry Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 South Glen Road. Net proceeds support more than 20 local charities. Admission is free admission, plenty of parking. Vendor alley, silent auction, bake sale, home treasures, chic boutique, kids' game room, lunch items and famous strawberry desserts. Call 301-299-9383 or email frontdesk@potomac-umc.org.

Author Discussion. 1:30 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Hannah Barnaby will discuss her young adult novel "Wonder Show." Call 240-777-0690 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library.

Cabin John Ice Spring Show. 6:30 p.m. Cabin John Ice Rink, 10610 Westlake Drive, Rockville. Figure skaters perform at annual show. Free. Visit www.cabinjohnice.com.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Janiva Magness will preview new songs to support the Child Welfare League of America and the Foster Care Alumni of America. Doors open at 7 p.m. for dining area seating including dinner, 8 p.m. for theater seating including a cocktail. \$45 theater seats, \$75-125 dining area. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com or call 240-330-4500.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 17-18

Art Exhibit. Noon-5 p.m. at the Yellow Barn Studio Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. "Inspired by Nature" art by Adriana Jaramillo, including landscapes from the south of France, the Bahamas and Colombia. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Montgomery's Got Talent. 1-4 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Contest for seniors to perform acting, singing, dancing and comedy. The winner will be offered an opportunity to open a show at Bethesda Blues & Jazz for national performer. Raffle prizes available. Seniors can also receive information on available county benefits and services. Doors open at noon. Tickets \$5, visit www.montgomerysgottalent.com or call 301-275-7460.

Benefit Concert. 4 p.m. at Concord-St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 5910 Goldsboro Road, Bethesda. Lyric Tenor Jesse Holt, Jr. sings classical, operetta, and sacred

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Fundraiser. 6 p.m. at Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda. Jewish Social Service Agency will hold its largest annual fundraiser, Gala 2014 – Family Ties. This year's Gala, co-chaired by Ellie and Michael Flyer and Laurie and David Flyer, will feature guest speaker Goldie Hawn. The evening supports the agency's broad range of services and programs for children, adults, families, seniors and individuals with disabilities of all faiths throughout metro DC. Visit www.jssa.org/gala.

Run for the Animals. 8-10 a.m. at Wheaton Regional Park, 2000 Shorefield Road, Silver Spring. Hosted by Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary, run a 5K or enjoy a fun 1-mile walk. Proceeds benefit Poplar Spring. There will be food, prizes, raffles and more. Tickets are \$25-\$30. Visit www.animalsanctuary.org or poplarspring.kintera.org for more.

Garden Tour. 2-3 p.m. at McCrillis House, 6910 Greentree Road, Bethesda. McCrillis Gardens is a naturalistic strolling garden, offering shady woodland walks and splashes of color in spring. Course #270655. Visit www.parkpass.org or www.brooksidegardens.org, or call 301-962-1451.

MONDAY/MAY 19-FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Art Show. In the Visitor's Center, Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. The Brookside Gardens Visitors Center exhibitions showcase mixed media paintings by the Washington Metropolitan Artists' Society. Free. Visit www.brooksidegardens.org or call 301-962-1400.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at Ted's 355 Diner, 895 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, singer-songwriters. \$15 in advance, \$18 at door. Visit www.focusmusic.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 22

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. Squeeze Bayou plays Cajun. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

SATURDAY-MONDAY/MAY 24-26

Rockville Hometown Holidays. In Rockville Town Square. Taste of Rockville, Memorial Day Parade, free music performances and children's activities. Visit www.Rockvillemd.gov/HTH.

Art Exhibit. Noon-5 p.m. at the Yellow Barn Studio Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Art by Ellie Tanno. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 25

Garden Tour. 2-3 p.m. at McCrillis House, 6910 Greentree Road, Bethesda. McCrillis Gardens is a naturalistic strolling garden, offering shady woodland walks and splashes of color in spring. Course #270656. Visit www.parkpass.org or www.brooksidegardens.org, or call 301-962-1451.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Waltz workshop 2:45-3:30, dance 3:30-6 with Swallowtail playing. \$10. No partner required. Visit www.WaltzTimeDances.org or call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222.

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Kindergarten Orientation. Sessions will take place through May 30, for children who will enter kindergarten in the 2014-2015 school year. During orientation, parents and students will meet the school principal, kindergarten teachers and other staff members. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014 can be enrolled in kindergarten. Parents can call their home school or the Division of Early Childhood Programs and Services at 301-230-0691. montgomeryschoolsmd.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Vote by Mail. Voting by mail for Montgomery County's primary elections begins. Visit www.777vote.org or call 240-777-VOTE.

Potomac Community Village Meeting. 7:15 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Dan Kulund, orthopedic surgeon, will present "Robust Walking: Making the Best Exercise Even Better." More at www.potomaccommunityvillage.org, info@potomaccommunityvillage.org or 240-221-1370.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Business Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at the Maryland Women's Business Center office, 95 Monroe St., Rockville. Business plan fundamentals for childcare center directors. \$10. Contact the center at 301-315-8096, info@marylandwbc.org, or www.marylandwbc.org/rwbc-workshops-seminars.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Language School Fair. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Somerset Elementary School cafeteria, 5811 Warwick Place, Somerset. European Union Language Fair with 12 languages taught in Saturday Schools in the area. Visit www.saturday-schools.org/eu-language-fair.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Chamber of Commerce. 4-6:30 p.m. at the Old Angler's Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Networking with the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, bring business cards. \$10 members, \$15 nonmembers. Refreshments provided, cash bar available. RSVP by May 16 to Jennifer@potomacpizza.com or 301-299-2170.

Parent Loss Support Group. 6:30-8 p.m. at Bethesda United Church of Christ, 10010 Fernwood Road, Bethesda. For adults who have experienced the death of one or both parents, a six-week group (May 20-June 24) led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Registration required, call 301-921-4400.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

Business Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at the Maryland Women's Business Center office, 95 Monroe St., Rockville. Develop a marketing plan. \$25. Contact the center at 301-315-8096, info@marylandwbc.org, or www.marylandwbc.org/rwbc-workshops-seminars.

Evening Grief Support Group. 6:30-8 p.m. at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center (Montgomery General Hospital) 18101 Prince Philip Drive, Olney. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one, the group is led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Wednesdays May 21-June 25. Registration required, call 301-921-4400.

Loss of a Child Support Group. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville. For parents grieving the death of a child of any age, a six-week (May 21-June 25) group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Registration required, call 301-921-4400.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Business Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at the Maryland Women's Business Center office, 95 Monroe St., Rockville. Managing time, stress and a business. \$15. Contact the center at 301-315-8096, info@marylandwbc.org, or www.marylandwbc.org/rwbc-workshops-seminars.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Autism Night Out. 6-8 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy, 9710 Great Seneca Highway, Rockville. Police will demonstrate specialized equipment and answer questions, caregivers can develop a 911 "script" with police help. Call 301-840-2788 or email Laurie.Reyes@montgomerycountymd.gov or Tara.Wimmer@montgomerycountymd.gov.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

The Evolution of Luxury

At the beginning of the 20th century, "luxury living" was defined by indoor plumbing and electricity. The dawn of the 21st century often sees homes with more bathrooms than there are bedrooms—the concept of "luxury homes" has evolved and flourished. Today's 'must haves' are items that hadn't even entered the consciousness of home builders even a century ago, while their "luxury" standards are the things we now consider common efficiencies. Whether building or remodeling, today's home owners are thinking "green" and buying "Smart" homes. Components such as eco friendly building/renovations materials, energy saving innovations in everything from water dispensers to solar panels are more prevalent than ever today. Bathrooms with spa features that are built to conserve water, solar heating and smart appliances that cook well but save energy are making their way into homes every day. Hidden storage, televisions that can be put away to show, bathrooms that are more like spas, with their steam showers and heated floors are coming more and more to the forefront of home design and renovation. When you're looking for a new home or a vacation hideaway, let your REALTOR® know exactly what you're looking for and she can make sure that all of your 'favorite things' are just waiting for you.

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Still Curious, But Maybe Not Dying

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Although one never knows, especially if that one is living in “cancerville.” And by “cancerville” I mean, euphemistically speaking, anywhere where one of us diagnosed with cancer is living. Living being the operative word. Still, as my column from a few weeks ago entitled, “Dying With Curiosity” discussed, cancer patients are often besieged by their subconscious, changing fact into fiction and manipulating feelings into inevitabilities. If only there was a switch to turn off the mind games that don’t exactly mind their “man-ners” or “women-ers” for that fact, I’d flick it in a second. Cancer creates physical problems – as we all know, but I have to tell you, it’s the mental problems that can be just as deadly.

It was in this column that I attempted to flesh out why I was – at this particular point in my cancer career – thanking people, people I had never previously thanked and people who quite frankly needed thanking. But was I thanking them (“I Thought You Were a Goner” and “Thanks, Coach”) because it was the proper thing to do, or was it my subconscious cashing a check that I had not realized needed to be written – if you know what I mean? And if you don’t, to clarify: did my subconscious know something that my conscious mind had yet to find out? Was I in fact getting things in order before it was too late?

Conversely (oddly enough), my columns published over the most recent two weeks were what we call non-cancer columns: “Father and Son ‘Twogether’” and “A Tale of Two Seasons,” as if a didn’t have a cancer thought on my mind, subconsciously or otherwise, that needed to be written. No feelings – or facts for that matter, about cancer that one might interpret as creepy or curiously prophetic, given the terminal diagnosis with which I live every day. No. Just normal, everyday-type minutiae that those familiar with my first 10 years of columns published in this space (I guess we’ll call them pre-cancer columns now), are likely familiar. Topics ranging from the mundane to the ridiculous, as if I didn’t have a care in the world; certainly not a cancer care, that’s for sure.

And so it dawned on me: were these two columns (“Father and Son ‘Twogether’” and “A Tale of Two Seasons”) examples of my subconscious mind once again exerting its power over my conscious mind and providing fodder for non-cancer columns because it could? Or was this my subconscious mind telling me to relax and not think so much, especially about the two “thank-you” columns: “I Thought You Were A Goner” and “Thanks, Coach”? Either way, it seemed to me an odd juxtaposition of material over a 4-week period: two columns that contemplated death (sort of) and two other columns which contemplated nothing, really, certainly not death, anyway.

The upshot of which has been to unburden me a little bit, to make me a little less focused on the presumptive path that lies ahead and instead direct me onto an alternative route, one that features more future and less past. I’d like to think I can live like that; I just hope my subconscious mind has no more to say about it.

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

SPORTS



Churchill's Matt Moshyed scored two goals against Walter Johnson on Monday.



Louis Dubick (32) scored three goals for Churchill during the Bulldogs' 6-4 victory over Walter Johnson on Monday in the 4A/3A West Section I final in Potomac.

Defense Propels Churchill to Region Final

Bulldogs goalkeeper Gloger totals 13 saves against WJ.

By JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

With a third consecutive 4A/3A West region championship game appearance on the line, the Churchill boys' lacrosse team matched its lowest offensive output of the season, managing just six goals against Walter Johnson.

But thanks in part to 13 saves by goalkeeper Matt Gloger, the Bulldogs punched their ticket to the region final with what head coach Jeff Fritz called “the best performance we’ve had, defensively, in years.”

Louis Dubick's goal late in the first quarter gave Churchill a lead it wouldn't relinquish and the Bulldogs defeated Walter Johnson 6-4 on Monday in the 4A/3A West Section I final at Churchill High School. The Bulldogs will travel to face Section II champion Wootton in the region final at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Derek Altobello's goal gave Churchill a 4-1 lead with 10:25 remaining in the fourth quarter. Walter Johnson cut the Bulldog lead to one with a pair of man-up goals in the next five-plus minutes, but Dubick responded with two late insurance goals for Churchill.

What does it feel like to have a shot at winning a third consecutive region championship?

“Like nothing,” said Dubick, a University of Maryland commit. “We expect it. That’s the tradition here. We expect to win. As you saw today, we didn’t give our best effort.



Marshall Rhodes and the Churchill boys' lacrosse team defeated Walter Johnson 6-4 on Monday.

We’re just looking to get back and give [Wootton] a run. They haven’t been in a close game, so we’re looking to go to their home field and test them.”

While Dubick led Churchill with three goals and Matt Moshyed finished with two, the story of the night was the Bulldogs’ de-

scored a man-up goal with 8:15 remaining in the fourth quarter, cutting the Churchill lead to 4-2. Mark Murpha found the net with 5:22 remaining, pulling WJ within one at 4-3, but the Bulldogs held on for the win.

How did Churchill produce the program’s best defensive performance in years?

“We manned-up and took away the dominant hand and tried to force them where we wanted them to go and tried to force them into taking the shots that we wanted them to take,” Fritz said, “which led to some easy opportunities for our goalie.”

Fritz praised the effort of Gloger, and long-poles David Kushner, Robbie Simonds, Christian Edwards and Joey Sorkin.

“[Defensively], I think that was one of our best games this year,” Gloger said. “We slid well to the ball and we got a lot of big stops — big saves for me, big stops for the D.”

Moshyed scored the game’s first goal with 9:57 remaining in the opening quarter. After WJ responded, Dubick scored to give Churchill a 2-1 advantage with 1:04 left in the quarter and the Bulldogs led for the remainder of the contest.

Churchill (13-3) will face Wootton (16-0) in Wednesday’s region final after the undefeated Patriots beat Quince Orchard 25-9 in the Section II final on Monday night. Wootton defeated Churchill 14-6 during the

regular season on April 26. “We just need to come to play,” Fritz said. “We played them ... a couple weeks ago [and] I honestly did not have the team ready to play. They beat us in transition, they beat us in hustle to the ball, they just took it to us in every

way. “I hope they think that we’re that poor. I thought we couldn’t play any worse and they played pretty much lights out. Hopefully they think we’re not that good.”

“We expect it. That’s the tradition here. We expect to win. As you saw today, we didn’t give our best effort. We’re just looking to get back and give [Wootton] a run. They haven’t been in a close game, so we’re looking to go to their home field and test them.”

— Churchill’s Louis Dubick

fense. After allowing a goal to Walter Johnson’s Sam Quick with 2 minutes remaining in the opening quarter, the Bulldogs kept the Wildcats off the scoreboard for nearly 30 minutes, until Andy Weissman

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