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### OBITUARY

### Harry Hodges Semmes, Jr.

arry Hodges Semmes, Jr., 94, died of Alzheimer's on July 6, 2014 at Buckingham's Choice where he had moved after 50 years of living in Potomac.

The long-time resident, who founded and operated Semmes & Co. from 1960-2002, was active in the community as Master of the Potomac Hunt Club, 1973 to 1979; board member emeritus at Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity which established a H.H. Semmes volunteer award in his honor, and founding member of St. Francis Church in Potomac. He led the drive to install bells in the church steeple.

He was born in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 1, 1919. He served as First Lieutenant, Cavalry Tank Unit Commander, Marshall and Mariana islands, He was wounded in Saipan, June 1944. He received the Distinguished Service Cross in the Asiatic Pacific Theater and two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and the Naval Presidential Unit Citation. His military service ended September 1945.

He was a passionate horseman. He and his horse Suncastle were the leading point-to-point rider in the Seven Corners series in 1966 and awarded the Martini Rossi Trophy. A service and interment was held at St. Francis Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, Montgomery County, 9110 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

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#### **PARKING**

CashKevs has informed the county that the system is being permanently discontinued. Owners may continue to use their keys until the loaded balance is zero and/or turn in their key to receive the \$15 refundable deposit and any remaining value stored on the key. Turn-in locations are the Bethesda parking sales store (4720 Cheltenham Drive, inside the Cheltenham garage) and the Silver Spring parking sales store at 809 Ellsworth Avenue (inside Town Square garage). Alternatives include pay-by-phone, smart meter debit card, and for on-street meters in Bethesda, a credit card.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 5

### Grief and Healing Discussion.

6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Join a drop-in discussion about grief and healing for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

#### MONDAY/AUG. 11

Grief Expression through Art. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. A twosession workshop (Aug. 11 and 18) for anyone grieving the death of a loved one, no art experience needed. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 14

**Grieving Workshop for Men.** 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. A threesession workshop (Aug. 14, 21 and 28) about picking up the pieces through grieving led by men for men. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to

### THURSDAY/AUG. 21

### Grief and Healing Discussion.

1:30-3 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Join a drop-in discussion about grief and healing for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

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# Churchill Turf Field Booted Ahead

Private money to pay for field in exchange for "priority access;" Montgomery Soccer challenges the decision.

> By Ken Moore The Almanac

inston Churchill's future artificial turf stadium field has a green light, despite ongoing challenge and controversy.

On Monday, July 28, the County Council's Education Committee recommended approval of \$1.3 million for installation of the field, expected to be completed by spring of 2015. The money will come from a private sports club and Churchill boosters. The private funds allow for the construction of the new field without waiting for the county construction process.

"The Wootton High School project ... is very similar in structure to the Churchill High School proposal which was the first MCPS artificial turf stadium field project not in conjunction with already planned construction," according to Council staff.

The full County Council is expected to officially approve the resolution Tuesday, July 29, after the Almanac's presstime.

"Given the shortage of playing fields avail-

able in the county and the constant demand for use of our school fields, the artificial turf of the stadium field is a solution that will provide safer playing conditions for Montgomery County Public School students while allowing many hours of community use," according to Joshua P. Starr, superintendent of schools.

"It's our responsibility to make sure we provide a number of fields for our kids," said Council President Craig Rice, during Monday's one hour hearing in Rockville.

**PREFERRED USE OF THE FIELD** was awarded to Bethesda Lacrosse/Potomac Soccer Association.

The Board of Education chose the proposal from Bethesda Lacrosse/Potomac Soccer, rejecting a proposal from Montgomery Soccer Inc., which has also submitted failed proposals for preferred use of fields at Richard Montgomery and Gaithersburg High School.

Bethesda Lacrosse/Potomac Soccer Association will pay \$1.05 million for initial construction in return for 1,000 hours of preferred use per year for the next 10 years,

### MSI Seeks 'Transparency, Fairness' in Legal Challenge

From Montgomery Soccer Inc. letter to County Council dated July 22, 2014:

"MSI has been prejudiced and harmed by the failure of the Board [of Education] to follow its own administrative regulations and procedures, the irregularities in the process by which the decisions were made ... and the conflict of interest in the award of the Churchill Request for Proposal.

"This, however, is an extremely important decision that impacts the lives of all children who reside in Montgomery County. MSI takes seriously its commitment to the youth of the county and strongly believes that transparency, fairness and

after Churchill's teams are finished for the day. That's about 20 hours a week on average.

Churchill's Booster Club has committed to contribute \$250,000 to the project.

Artificial turf fields have already been constructed at high schools including Wootton, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Blair, Paint Branch and Gaithersburg, as well as Bullis.

Montgomery Soccer Inc. has filed a legal challenge to the Churchill decision in Montgomery County Circuit Court and the State Board of Education.

"MSI has been prejudiced and harmed by the failure of the Board [of Education] to follow its own administrative regulations and procedures, the irregularities in the compliance with the rules are fundamental to the process by which the non-school use of athletic fields are to be decided by local government authorities. The Board of Education has utterly failed to follow that process and MSI has, regrettably, been obligated to seek the formal review process including judicial review. In this circumstance, MSI urges that the Council take no action which would further consummate the improper action that has already been taken by the Board of Education."

Doug Schuessler,
 MSI Executive Director

process by which the decisions were made," writes MSI Executive Director Doug Schuessler in a letter to County Council about the legal challenge. "MSI urges that the Council take no action which would further consummate the improper action that has already been taken by the Board of Education."

That did not stop the Council's education committee from moving forward.

"The Council should not step into the role of arbiter of the merits of this protest," according to Essie McGuire, senior legislative analyst. "If the Council decides that the overall structure of the proposal to use private contributions in return for a preferred use agreement to construct the turf field at

SEE CHURCHILL TURF, PAGE 7

# Hamelburg Selected for Diller 'Tikkun Olam' Award

# Teen launched "Operation 18,000."

By Susan Belford The Almanac

ikkun Olam" is a Hebrew phrase which means "Repair ing the World." The concept suggests that all share in the responsibility to heal, repair and transform the world.

Potomac's Katie Hamelburg has adopted the phrase as her mantra and is on a fast-track to inspiring other teens to become involved in volunteerism to make their communities, nation and world a better place for all. The 19-yearold University of Maryland sophomore, majoring in Jewish studies and social justice, developed a project to repair the world by inspiring fellow teen members of the United Synagogue Youth to perform 18,000 hours of volunteer service in one year. Not only did 600 teens step up to the challenge, but they met and exceeded their goal by volunteering 32,686 hours during the first year more than doubling their impact.

Hamelburg, daughter of Jamie and

Mark Hamelburg, was recently named the recipient of the Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Award which honors teens who have permanently impacted their communities, nation or the world. Hamelburg and 14 other award recipients each received a \$36,000 award for their "exceptional leadership and commitment to social good. The teens have provided unique solutions to pressing social issues by developing projects that support public health, equality, education, environmental sustainability, and engagement opportunities for their peers." Hamelburg will travel to San Francisco to receive her award. She plans to give part of it to charity and use the rest toward her college ex-

When asked how she came up with "Operation 18,000" Hamelburg said, "I saw a video of Michelle Obama challenging graduates to volunteer and work for social justice. The First Lady said, 'Success isn't about how much money you make, it's about what you do for other people.' That speech started the wheels turning and I decided that the USY needed a grand-scale volunteering initiative. Eighteen means 'life' in Judaism and is an important number in my faith – thus 18,000 hours. I wanted to create something that would be a stretch – but doable."

Hamelburg developed an online platform

that utilized a matching algorithm for joining teens across North America to available volunteer opportunities in their local communities. She established a database for measuring, tracking and publicizing their collective efforts. The teens volunteered in a variety of community service sites — some helped the victims of Hurricane Sandy, others volunteered at nursing homes, cleaned up parks, worked in shelters, tutored children or helped the homeless. The teens recorded their efforts by writing a description of their service, the number of hours, where they were from and other important data which Hamelburg collected and then analyzed.

"Some kids chose to volunteer 30 hours a week – or 25 hours a month – or even 1 hour a every other week," she said. "The importance of my project is that they are doing some community service which is better than doing none at all. They are also learning that if we each do a little towards a goal, collectively we will make an incredible difference." Next year, her successor is planning to triple the volunteer hours: "Operation 54,000" is the goal.

The Diller Teen Tikkum Olam Awards have given nearly \$2 million to 55 Jewish teens who are tackling global issues and creating lasting change. The Diller Family



**Katie Hamelburg** 

Foundation is the vision of Helen Diller, from the San Francisco Bay Area. Teens are nominated and selected annually. The criteria is "someone who has shown significant initiative and leadership in creating and leading a new project that embodies the values of Tikkum Olam (repairing the world) in some way." Visit www.dillerteenawards.org.

DAYS OF SUMMER!

# Sunflowers for Wildlife Acres of flowers attract photographers now, mourning doves next and hunters in September.

he peak bloom of 25 acres of sunflowers off River Road is past, but the fading flowers will leave seeds that attract songbirds and other wildlife for some time to come. Goldfinches and Indigo Buntings are visible by the the dozen as the sunflower seeds mature. The staff of the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Service planted the sunflowers in five 5-acre plots at McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area off River Road near Hughes Hollow Road. McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area is 2,000 acres providing habitat for a great diversity of wildlife species including deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, more than 200 species of songbirds, and numerous reptiles and amphibians, according to the Wildlife and Heritage Service.

"Planting of sunflowers is a wildlife habitat management technique implemented to attract mourning doves and other wildlife, including numerous species of songbirds that feed on sunflower seeds," said Ken D'Loughy of the Wildlife and Heritage Service. "As the sunflower seeds mature they will not be harvested, but are left to provide food for wildlife. These sunflower fields will draw many dove hunting enthusiasts starting on Sept. 1 of this year to hunt this very challenging game bird."

See http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Publiclands/central/mckeebeshers.asp.



Hundreds of visitors armed only with cameras came to McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management area in the last couple of weeks to shoot photo of the spectacular



McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management area is open to hunting, and the seeds will attract mourning doves for the hunting season which begins Sept. 1.



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Bees explore the bending flowers.

The 25-acres of sunflowers will go to seed. providing food for birds and other creatures. Emma **Dixon examines** one of the sunflowers.



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### FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Nomination Deadline. The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights is accepting nominations for its Human Rights Hall of Fame. This year's theme is advancing new strategies for human and civil rights. Nominations should be individuals, living or deceased, whose ongoing work, service and contributions have had a positive effect on human and civil rights in the county. Nomination forms are available online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov or by calling the Office of Human Rights at 240-777-8456.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 26

First Day of School. Montgomery County Public Schools. Visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org. Hospice Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Learn about grieving mindfully, for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT 3

Applications Due. The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications for a position on the County Planning Board. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 3. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov for more.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Journaling and Grief Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. A two-session workshop (Sept. 4 and 11) focusing on the use of journaling as a technique to address grief. Led by Hospice professional counselors. Participants must plan to attend both sessions. Free and open to all Montgomery County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

Grief and Healing Discussion. 6:30-8 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive,

Rockville. Join a drop-in discussion about grief and healing for anyone mourning the death of a loved one. Free and open to all Montgomer County residents, registration required. Call 301-921-4400 to register.

### **PUBLIC INPUT WANTED**

Bethesda Downtown Plan. What does the ideal Bethesda look like? While it develops the Bethesda Downtown Plan, the county planning department is asking residents to take a survey on what sort of streets, gathering spaces and landscaping are best for each of the Bethesda neighborhoods. Survey results will help to inform the department's staff as they develop recommendations for the Bethesda Downtown Plan. This is not a scientific survey; it is for information-gathering purposes only. Participate online at www.montgomeryplanning.org/ community/bethesda\_downtown/vsurvey.shtm.

Bethesda Farm Women's Cooperative Market. The market, which has been at its current location at 7155 Wisconsin Ave. since the Great Depression, is taking a survey to find out from its customers how it can be even better; e.g., different vendors, different hours of operation. Visit www.farmwomensmarket.com/ customer-survey.html.

### **GUIDE DOG FOSTERS NEEDED**

Guiding Eyes for the Blind - Montgomery Region is looking for volunteers to foster and train future guide dogs. Volunteers will foster a specially bred guide dog for 14 months, attend bi-monthly training classes, and teach the pup house manners, people skills and socialization within the community. . Contact Margie Coccodrilli at 301-869-2216 or gebraiser@comcast.net or visit www.guidingeyes-md.org.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

Adult Bereavement Groups. Dates and times vary depending on group members. Hospice Care, 518 S. Fredrick Ave. Gaithersburg. Peer driven support groups in those in need of support. Free. Contact Penny Gladhill at 301-990-8904, or Pennyg@hospicecaring.org

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# New Era at Local School

# Matthew Gould tapped as head of Norwood School.

By Marilyn Campbell The Almanac

hen the 2014-2015 school year opens in a few weeks, Norwood School will have a new leader at the helm. The Board of Trustees for the Bethesda school named Matthew A.

Gould, Ph.D., as the new head of school earlier this month. Gould replaces Richard T. Ewing Jr., who retired from Norwood after 35 years.

"Having grown up in the D.C. area and worked in various schools for the past 25 years, I was well aware of Norwood's reputation as one of the largest and finest kindergarten-through-eighth grade schools in the country," said Gould. "I was impressed with Norwood's deep commitment and passion for educating the whole child in a joyful, nurturing and challenging learning environment. It was important for me to be in a school community that puts children at the center of everything."

Norwood teachers are optimis-

tic about having a leader who shares the school community's philosophy, values and vision: "I'm struck not only by his intuitive understanding of Norwood's spirit and values, but by the energy and creativity he brings to his new role," said Carole Freret, a middle school English teacher. "He exemplifies the very things he values in us."

"I look forward to having Matthew visit my class-

"I look forward to having Matthew visit my classroom, observe my teaching, provide feedback and help me grow as a professional," said science teacher Claudia Sorenson. "His passion for educating young children and his dedication to outstanding teaching

are infectious."

In fact, Gould is already immersing himself in the community. "I have spent the summer meeting one on one with every teacher and staff member, every board member and many parents," he said.

"I'm naturally very hands-on and will be out of my office more than in it," he continued. "Interacting with students and teachers on a daily basis is a huge goal of mine. Every child will know me and interact with me, and I will know them – their interests, hobbies, favorite books, their pets' names, what makes them tick."

Gould plans to make himself

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Matthew A. Gould, Ph.D., is the new head of Norwood School.

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# Potomac REAL ESTATE

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# May, 2014 Sales from \$1,000,000 to \$1,100,000

In May 2014, 58 Potomac Homes sold between \$2.585,000-\$515,000.





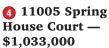
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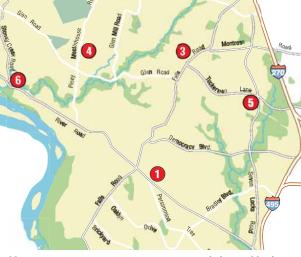


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# Churchill Turf War Continues

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Churchill is good public policy, the Council should approve the appropriation without waiting for the resolution of the protest. The State Board and the Courts will ultimately decide the merits of the protest."

"Whatever the outcome, I want to make sure the field is there for our children," said Council President Craig Rice.

"It's not up to the Council to decide if there are merits to that court case or not," said Phil Andrews. "I do think artificial turf has more benefits than drawbacks"

**COCONUT FIBER AND CORK** are being considered as a more environmentally safe alternative to crumb rubber, according to Council documents. There have been concerns about environmental and health impacts of recycled rubber artificial fields.

"In its extensive discussions of artificial turf, the Council has consistently expressed interest in the availability and suitability of infill materials other than crumb rubber, and has asked staff to continue to monitor ongoing developments in the technology of these materials," according to Council documents.

The Council expects the Board of Education to obtain bids for both tradition crumb rubber fields and alternate organic materials.

"The Board expressed its preference that an alternate infill material be used," according to Council and Board of Education documents.

The Board will make bids for both, in order "to then make a better decision with more complete information about whether the organic material is a better investment," according to Council staff.

The Council required the Board of Education to report its findings so the Council can examine the results before the school board offers a contract for field installation and before construction begins at

### Centers for Disease Control on Artificial Turf

http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/artificialturf.htm "Tests by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) of artificial turf playing fields in that state found these fields contain potentially unhealthy levels of lead dust. The initial tests were conducted on a limited number of playing fields. ... "Some of the fields with elevated lead in either dust and/or turf fiber samples were weathered and visibly dusty. Fields that are old, that are used frequently, and that are exposed to the weather break down into dust as the turf fibers are worn or demonstrate progressive signs of weathering, including fibers that are abraded, faded or broken. ... "The risk for harmful lead exposure is low from new fields with elevated lead levels in their turf fibers because the turf fibers are still intact and the lead is unlikely to be available for harmful exposures to occur. As the turf ages and weathers, lead is released in dust that could then be ingested or inhaled, and the risk for harmful exposure increases. If exposures do occur, CDC currently does not know how much lead the body will absorb; however, if enough lead is absorbed, it can cause neurological development symptoms (e.g., deficits in IQ). Additional tests are being performed by NJDHSS to help us better understand the absorption of lead from these products."

Churchill.

The Council's Education Committee requested Monday that it also receive: "information about the preferred use partnership agreements; research on the performance, durability and cost effectiveness of alternate infill materials, including cork and coconut fibers; information on maintenance practices at MCPS and other entities with artificial turf fields, and well as information on the performance of MCPS and other fields within the projected lifespan of the field material."

The Council urged James Song, MCPS Department of Facilities Management, to work with the community to minimize noise and traffic impacts.

"Our goal is to be as neighborhood friendly as possible," said Andrews.

Song said use of the field will stop at 10 p.m.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Literacy Council of

Montgomery County will hold information sessions for volunteers interested in helping adults learn to read, write, or speak English on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Once volunteers have completed the information session, they can select a two-part training session that fits

their schedules. No foreign language skills are necessary. Tutors work one-on-one or with small groups, and typically meet with students in libraries or community centers at mutually convenient times. Call 301-610-0030, email info@literacycouncilmcmd.org or

info@literacycouncilmcmd.org or visit www.literacycouncilmcmd.org. The National Institute of Health is

The National Institute of Health is seeking summer housing for

several Native American students who will work in NIH laboratories for approximately 8-10 weeks. Each student is responsible for his/her own meals and will have passes for bus and Metro. The students are not expected to pay rent. Those who are interested in hosting a student for all or part of the summer can contact Rita Devine at 301-594-9562 or rita.devine@nih.gov.

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by Michael Matese

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# **SPORTS**

# Whitman's Hatch Pursuing College Basketball Dream

### Rising junior feels "infinitely better" than during freshman year.

arie Hatch was one of the 2012-13 Whitman girls basketball team's best players as a freshman prior to a shoulder injury that forced her to miss a large portion of the season. The following year, Hatch earned all-division honors and led the Vikings in scoring, helping the team win 20 consecutive games.

Now a rising junior, Hatch feels much improved mentally and physically as she chases her dream of playing college basketball. She recently participated in a Q&A via email.

### Q: What kind of basketball-related activities have you done this summer?

Hatch: I have been doing a lot of training for basketball, like strength and agility and summer league, as well as AAU.

### Q: Do you have any interest in playing college basketball?

Hatch: I would really love to play college basketball and am currently pursuing that dream.

### Q: You're entering your junior year. How do you feel now as a basketball player compared to when you were a freshman?

Hatch: I feel infinitely better now than as a freshman. Physically, I am much stronger, faster, and quicker thanks to intense offseason training. I have a lot more confidence and am more mentally sharp/ can deal with challenges or setbacks better.

Q: You suffered a shoulder injury during your freshman year that caused you to miss much of the season. How did that injury, and the work it took to return, affect you as a basketball player?

### SCHOOL NOTES

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester at Washington University in St. Louis: Nicholas Carroll Kovacs, William Chase Kovacs, Justin Christian Muste, Kimberly Michelle Plumer, Robert Walter Shorr, Matthew Daly Wilson, Jamie Ann Youngentob, Vincent Mark Abad-Santos, Christopher Scott Campbell, Victor Z. Irony, Sarah Mae Ettinger and Andy Lu Lee.

Michael Kennedy, Jaclyn Lambergman, Jimena Lazarte and Andres Ro were named to the dean's list at Salisbury University.

Bo Miller and Rachel Holden were named to the dean's list at Miami University.

Mary Katherine Virostek, Alexander Violagis, Christina Miller, Casey Gordon and Patricia Duvall received degrees from Miami University during spring commencement exercises in May 2014.

Eliana Foltin and Hadas S. Bernstein were named to the dean's list at Binghamton University.

Joshua Reback graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in electrical engineering and a minor in computer science.

Hatch: If anything, the shoulder injury led to me being more resilient. Not being able to play for so long reminded me just how much I love the game.

### Q: At what age did you start playing basketball?

Hatch: I started playing basketball at the age of 5.

### Q: Whitman won 20 games in a row last season before losing to Kennedy in the sectional final. How would you describe the way you felt after the Kennedy loss?

Hatch: Well, obviously, I felt very disappointed because we had beaten Kennedy in the regular season and knew we were capable of doing so again. There was also frustration that I had let my team down with a less-than-stellar performance.

### Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Hatch: I really like Bob Marley because his songs have nice soothing beats and they just put me in a good mood.

### Q: What is your favorite food?

Hatch: My favorite food would probably be gnocchi with red sauce and a little cheese.

### Q: What is your favorite hobby outside of basketball?

Hatch: I like cooking and hiking in addition to bas-

### O: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro

Hatch: My family sometimes goes to St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands and I have gone to California.

### Q: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?

Hatch: I am kind of a pro sports fan, but college basketball and football are better, in my opinion. My favorite pro basketball team is the OKC Thunder, especially Kevin Durant. I also like the Chicago Bulls. win 20 consecutive games during the 2013-14 season.

Marie Hatch helped the Whitman girls basketball team

# Surfer Bethany Hamilton Shares Her Story

ourth Presbyterian School welcomed professional surfer Bethany Hamilton to campus in the spring. Hamilton became well known after she lost

her left arm to a shark attack while surfing at the age of 13. Just one month later, she was back in the water pursuing her passion of surfing, and just over a year later won her first national title. In 2007 she turned pro and has since competed in a number of Association of Surfing Professionals and World Tour Events. In March, she won the Surf N Sea Pipeline Women's Pro held in Oahu, Hawaii.

Hamilton shared her story in her 2004 autobiography "Soul Surfer," and seven years later her book was made into a movie of the same name.

Accompanied by her husband Adam, Hamilton spoke to Fourth School's Kindergarten through 8th grade classes. She shared about what her life is like now and also took questions from numerous students. That evening, she was the special guest speaker at the school's spring gala held



"Soul Surfer" star Bethany Hamilton visits Fourth Presbyterian School.

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# New Era at Norwood

"I love being a part

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accessible to parents as well, getting to know them and listening to the goals they've set for their children. "Norwood is very much a family school, so one of my top priorities is getting to know the families

here," he said. "I love being around people, so I'll be everywhere – shaking hands with children when they arrive in the morning, visiting classes, going to games, and attending school events."

Gould, who grew up in Chevy Chase, received his doctorate in education from the University of Chicago. Most recently, he spent the last 10 years as the head of Community School in St. Louis. Gould began his career in education as an elementary school teacher at Newtown Friends School in Pennsylvania.

His experience leading a school similar to Norwood and his child-centered approach to education and decision-making were attributes that made Gould attractive to the Norwood community.

"He is a warm and caring educational leader who models Norwood's motto that 'how you lead your life matters,' and who will inspire and lead Norwood into the next chapter of its history," said Calvin C.

LaRoche, chair of the Board of Trustees and a Norwood parent. "He will ensure that Norwood continues to be a school where children grow, succeed, and are challenged in a happy, nurturing and supportive environment."

That child-centered approach to education, an

approach that recognizes each student's strengths, was one of the factors that led to Gould's decision to accept the position as head of school at Norwood.

"While I am greatly impressed with the high standards and level of rigor at Norwood, I am most impressed not to see it on the faces of the students," he said. "Norwood teachers do a great job of masking the rigor of its program by creating a happy learning environment and nurturing a love for learning.

Creating a safe and nurturing environment leads to rigor in a healthy way.

When children feel loved and safe, they are willing to put themselves out there, try harder and take risks."

After a summer of planning, Gould is looking forward to the new school year. "I can't wait for the students to arrive in September," he said. "I'm ready."





### Can of Creativity

Stella (left) and Sofia Harms play with the Creativity Can on July 26 at the Toy Castle on Seven Locks Road. The toy was created by two mothers who have given away 80,000 cans nationwide to spark children's creativity and bring awareness to parents about the importance of creativity at home.

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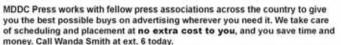


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## "CanSir"



### By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When it comes to being a cancer patient, even more so a multi-year cancer survivor, I have always erred on the side of caution. And by caution, I mean being respectful to the disease, courteous of its comings and goings, mindful of its potential damage and afraid of its intangibles. And by intangibles, I mean the unexplained and the inexplicable, and most fearfully, its power and unpredictability. Therefore, my behavior toward it has been intended to be as polite as possible; never to be perceived - in any way imaginable – as arrogant, presumptuous, in control, all-knowing and most especially,

My philosophy has been to remain as positive as I could, never buying into the generally unfavorable statistical models, while taking any success I've had as much in stride as humanly possible. Moreover, to the extent these successes have prolonged my life - and of course they have, considering the original "13 month to 2 year" prognosis I was given back in late February, 2009 – I still want to maintain a low profile and never boast or speak loudly, and never confidently, about the amazing good fortune I've experienced since I was diagnosed as "terminal" five years and exactly five-months-to-the-day ago (27th of the month). I've always worried that the reason I've survived is that somebody (some entity) somewhere made a mistake in their accounting and skipped over my name, sort of like a reverse typo. Irrational I suppose; nevertheless, I see no advantage in rocking the boat and/or bringing any attention to the fact that yours truly is still very much alive; flying under the radar is my preferred route.

Granted, I do write about this fact and I do bring attention to it, but not out of any need for self-aggrandizement. I do it because if I didn't, I'd probably be much less able to endure under my circumstances. Apparently, the need to express myself publicly is too overwhelming to deny. And thanks to my Publisher, Mary Kimm, I have had and continue to have the means, motivation and opportunity to do so/share my feelings about life as a cancer patient/survivor; hardly a crime. But never have I written any words because I matter in the discussion; rather because the subject (cancer) matters. And since I've been able to do so in a relatively quiet, honest and positive manner never intending to be the story, only the storyteller - my life, my pursuit has continued.

Certainly I realize, as an originallycharacterized-as-terminal cancer patient, that I'm up against an immovable object, generally speaking; still, statistics do have a margin of error, and human beings do have an immeasurable desire to live. Yet living to one's ripe old age is hardly guaranteed, as I've learned all too well. Accordingly, as you regular readers know, I've made many changes in my life, incorporating a variety of anti-cancer remedies into my daily routine, and so far, so great. What you may not have known, however, is how I've actually lived my life while changing. I have done so by always being rateful for the gift of life I have received and reverential to the powers that be. What I've done, I could not have done alone and elevating myself would seem to be the definition of counter-productive.

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- Painting for Younger Artists. Saturdays, through Aug. 9. 9-10:30 a.m. VisArts, 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville. Instructed by Ping Shen. \$240. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org for more
- Art Classes. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays noon-4 p.m. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2273 or visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org.
- Glassworks. Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Glassworks is the area's first glass school. Classes are taught year-round for both new and advanced students. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2280 or visit www.innervisionglassworks.com.
- Photoworks. A resource for both student and professional photographers to develop their talents through classes, workshops, and exhibitions. Open Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays 1-8 p.m., and during all scheduled classes and workshops. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2274 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.
- **Art Explorers Open Studio.** Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Candy Corner at Glen Echo. Art activities for parents and children. Activities change weekly and there is no preregistration; \$10 per child. Vist www.glenechopark.org/saturday-art-explorers.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 30

An Introduction to Water Gardening. 1-2:30 p.m. at Visitors Center Adult Classroom at

Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave. Wheaton. Brookside Gardens is holding a course on water gardening with step by step instructions and local resources. Fee: \$6, FOBG: \$5. Course #270601. Registration required at www.ParkPASS.org. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

**Live music.** 7 p.m. Gudelsky Concert Pavilion, the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The Chuck Brown All Star Go-Go Band plays funk and soul as part of the Strathmore Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. Visit www.strathmore.org for more info.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 31

Asanga Domask/Serendib Dance in Rhythm of Lanka. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Strathmore Backyard Theater, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The Strathmore Backvard Theater for Children presents a performance by a new dance company dedicated to Sri Lankan traditional and folk dance. \$8. Visit www.strathmore.org/ education/currentprograms.asp.

### WEDNESDAYS-SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

Great Falls Tavern, Mule-Drawn Canal Boat **Rides.** 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Boat rides along the historic C&O Canal. Visit www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/great-fallscanal-boat-rides.htm

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Riley's Rumble Half-Marathon. A half marathon through rural Montgomery County for experienced runners. Visit www.mcrrc.org for

#### SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Waltz Dance. 2:45-6 p.m. Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Waltz Time presents a beginning waltz lesson from 2:45-3:30 p.m., followed by an afternoon of waltzes and other couples dances to live music. No partner is required. Admission is \$10. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 5

2014 National Night Out. For a list of times and locations, visit www.mymcpnews.com/2014/07/25/2014-national-night-out-events/. Call the Police Public Information Office at 240-773-5030 for more.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

Live music. 7 p.m. at the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion, the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Vocalist and guitarist Cathy Ponton King performs as part of the Strathmore Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

### THURSDAY/AUG. 7

Dance Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Bethesda's Veterans Park. Levi Stephens, country crossover. Sponsored by Bethesda Urban Partnership. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org/bethesda/summerconcert-series for more.

### FRIDAY-THURSDAY/AUG.8-16

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. Come help celebrate Montgomery County's agricultural heritage. Check website for specific times and schedules. Visit www.mcagfair.com for more.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 10

**Ballroom Dance.** 3-6 p.m. Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Join the Hot Society Orchestra of Washington for an afternoon of dancing, featuring music and dances from the '20s, '30s and '40s. No partner or prior experience needed. Admission: \$14/ \$5 age 12 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

Live music. 7 p.m. at the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion, the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Uke Fest: Marcy and Cathy, along with James Hill, Casey MacGill, Mark Nelson, Stu Fuchs, Maureen Andary and Victoria Vox perform as part of Strathmore's Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. Visit www.strathmore.org for more

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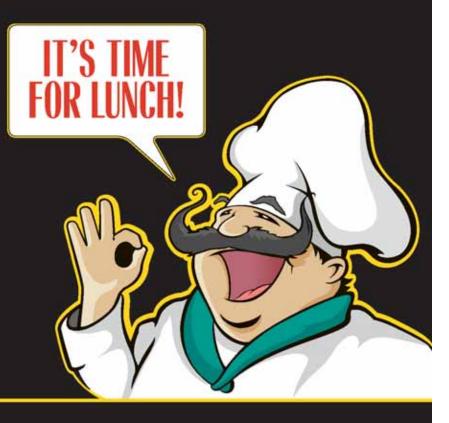
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