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by Michael Matese

The Porte Cochere

Modern luxury homes are increasingly featuring a new amenity—or rather, they're bringing back an old home feature with a modern twist! The porte-cochere, (literally “coach gate”) is an instantly recognizable home feature that has enjoyed a revival in popularity in recent years. The porte-cochere is best described as a “drop-off garage”, much like the kind you find at resorts or hotels, and they're infinitely useful in that they allow homeowners to arrive and unload safe and dry in inclement weather. Historically, the porte-cochere was created with the horse-drawn carriage in mind; modern porte-cocheres are usually erected near the front doors of the home. So, why the sudden increase in popularity? In many modern luxury homes, the garage and parking area is off-set from the main home construction, which for visiting guests or unloading, parking can be inconvenient, especially if the weather is cold or rainy. A porte-cochere provides the homeowner with a well-situated, handy area to welcome visitors, unload everything from weekly groceries to luggage from your most recent weekend getaway or family vacation, or a sheltered entrance to the home for days where the sun, snow or rain makes parking in the main garage an unappealing prospect. Today's stylish porte-cochere is blended with the home's front exterior, ensuring convenience, safety in inclement weather and adding a distinctive flair to a home's overall appearance, each of which add dollar value to the home's resale price.

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OPINION

In Search of Sound Science

By SUSANNE LEE
WMCCA PRESIDENT

Open Forum

Now more than ever, the application of sound science is critical to decisions impacting our Potomac Sub-region. Last week, Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner, chair of the council's Transportation and Environment Committee, opened the committee's first work session on the proposed Glen Hills Sewer Policy Text Amendment by emphasizing the need for the council to examine carefully the science underlying the use of sewer and septic in low density areas. Glen Hills residents, many of whom are scientists, engineers, and technology specialists, have provided invaluable fact-based analyses throughout the conduct of the Glen Hills study and now on the proposed text amendment.

The week before, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) voted to sign a consent decree that will require a major overhaul, replacement, or perhaps even relocation of the Potomac Water Filtration Plant currently located along the C&O Canal on River Road. For more than 18 years WSSC had been illegally releasing millions of pounds of sediment and other pollutants, including aluminum used as a sediment coagulant, annually into the Potomac. WSSC's actions were a direct result of the plant's inability to deal with increasing amounts of sediment and debris coming from the Watts Branch stream as a result of the enormous development in the City of Rockville and North Potomac, the headwaters of the Watts Branch.

Each year, West Montgomery County Citizens Association (WMCCA) devotes at least one meeting to a more complete discussion of issues it follows and offers the public a chance to bring topics forward which concern them. Through this process, WMCCA has been able to help members with problems such as development proposals, illegal tree cutting, parkland encroachment and Conditional Uses (formerly Special Exceptions). Special guests on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7:15 p.m., will include a representative from the Potomac Community Village and advocates for providing bus transportation to Tobytown. WMCCA directors and committee chairs will cover a range of current WMCCA efforts, including the Glen Hills sewer study, Old Anglers Inn wedding venue, artificial turf playing fields, the Brandywine Senior Living facility, Swains Lock tree cutting, and the proposal for a solar facility on the Brickyard Road school site. As always, the public is invited. The meeting is held at the Potomac Community Center. If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

The headwaters also reach up into Glen Hills, another reason to limit sewer infrastructure expansion there. Implementation of the remedies will require sound science and extensive engineering decisions. A critical element must be addressing the root of the problem—continuing overdevelopment in the Watts Branch headwaters, yet the proposed previously proposed Mid-River intake does nothing to clean up any of the Watts Branch sediment pollution.

More recently, the proposed tree cutting at Swains Lock campground on the C&O Canal raises questions regarding the hard science behind what trees are truly a threat to camper safety. Hopefully USEPA will finally undertake a true scientific study of the health impacts of artificial turf. Finally,

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A house under full renovation on Horseshoe Lane in Potomac was engulfed in fire just before dawn on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Teams of firefighters worked on hotspots in the attic after most of the fire was out.

Fire Strikes Home Under Renovation

A house under full renovation on Horseshoe Lane in Potomac was engulfed in fire just before dawn on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The fire was under control by 7 a.m. but firefighters continued to work on hotspots.

The house was under construction, a full renovation, and appeared to be unoccupied, according to Pete Piringer of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue. There were no injuries.

Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department's Company 30 on Falls Road was the first to arrive, with units from Station 10 on River Road also on the scene.

A news helicopter covering the fire



There were no injuries; the house was unoccupied for renovation, according to Pete Piringer of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue.

made an emergency landing in a field nearby on Brent Road, with both occupants of the helicopter fine, no injury and no crash, according to Piringer.



VIA PETE PIRINGER ON TWITTER

The house was gutted by the fire and suffered partial collapse.

Concert To Launch Book Festival

Annual event starts Thursday.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Blood, Sweat & Tears will perform at the opening night of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington's (JCCGW) annual book festival on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 8:15 p.m. at the AMP by Strathmore in the new Pike and Rose.

At 6:30 p.m., prior to the performance, author Liel Leibovitz will discuss his book about another rock-star legend, Leonard Cohen. In his book, "A Broken Hallelujah: Rock and Roll, Redemption, and the Life of Leonard Cohen," Leibovitz explores how Cohen's timeless voice continues to affect year after year.

Now in its 46th year, the 10-day Lessans Family Annual Book Festival will present 20 local authors, book signings and children's programs throughout the day and evening. This year's festival also features a range of cultural programs, from live music to original theater performed by local actors.

"The exciting thing about this festival is really our focus on storytelling. In the past, we focused solely on Jewish literature. This year, we really expanded to think intentionally about how we as a community tell our story. We are exploring storytelling through music (the opening night and the Air Force Band) and poetry, through experimental original theater with Flying V, and through different types of books from memoirs to fiction," said Jennifer Smith, director of Arts and Culture for the JCCGW.

On Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., The Flying V Local Theater Company will present "The Bleeding Heart Show: A Collection of New Plays inspired by Indie Rock."

This performance features five original plays presented for the first time by local actors. Other programs will include free movie night, a special Veteran's Day performance of the U.S. Air Force Band and a presentation by author and physician Lee Mandel (retired Navy Captain) whose book,



Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt



Liel Leibovitz

"Unlikely Warrior: A Pacifist Rabbi's Journey from the Pulpit to Iwo Jima" provides a look at the life of the first U.S. Marine Corps Jewish chaplain, Roland Gittelsohn.

Six authors presenting at the Book Festival are local residents: Michelle Brafman from Glen Echo; Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, from Potomac; Dion Nissenbaum from Washington, D.C.; Laura Gehl, from Chevy Chase; Erica Brown, from Silver Spring; and Lisa Moses Leff from Washington, D.C.

Weinblatt, founding rabbi of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, has written an accounting of his personal struggle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. In "Living in the Shadow of Death: A Rabbi Copes with Cancer," he weaves together themes of illness and uncertainty with the solace and strength he derives from his spirituality and from Jewish teachings and traditions. Along with a dose of humor, he creates an inspirational account of living from illness to remission.

"My book is a message of encouragement and hope. So many either face cancer, or have family and friends who have cancer, that I hope the message will be one that people will be able to embrace," Weinblatt said.

Tickets can be purchased online at jccgw.org/bookfestival or by calling 301-348-3805.

Most of the presentations will be at the JCCGW, 6125 Montrose Ave., Rockville, with the exception of Chaya Deitsch and Leah Lax whose programs will be held at the Kentlands Art Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, and the opening night, held at AMC Strathmore at Pike and Rose, 11810 Park Avenue, North Bethesda.

Kansas Church To Protest at Churchill

Westboro Baptist Church members from Topeka, Kansas, will be picketing outside Churchill High School during dismissal on Tuesday, Nov. 10, according to Montgomery County Public Schools.

Police have plans in place for assisting in the normal dismissal of students. All students will report to school on Nov. 10;

school officials do not want a counter protest and said the event is not an excuse for missing school.

A flier from the church criticizes the school for having a Gay-Straight Alliance Club. Its members protested outside Walt Whitman High School in April 24, 2009, resulting in a counter protest by Whitman students.

BUSINESS

Casual Apparel Boutique Opens in Bethesda Row

Morley's "best of coastal living."

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Champagne and hors-d'oeuvres flowed on the evening of Oct. 9 at the grand opening of Morley — a new shopping destination in Bethesda

Row. The store is "a luxury lifestyle boutique from Delray Beach, Fla. bringing the best of coastal living and beach chic to the heart of Bethesda."

Morley carries jewelry, handbags and everyday apparel as well as silks, cashmere and elegant chic

attire. The store was launched Aug. 1 by owner Carrie Delafield.

"With three daughters born one year apart (now ages 11, 12 and 13), I wanted to stay at home, instead of leaving every day to practice law," she said. "Thirteen years ago, I started an online baby clothing business and then moved into specialty monogramming. We moved from Darien, Conn. to

Delray Beach, Fla., and I opened Periwinkle and Morley, named for my grandfather — and my mother's maiden name. Both have been very successful and when I wanted a third store, I decided to come to Bethesda. It feels wonderful to be here — and we have had an outstanding response from area women and men who are looking for unique — but truly comfortable and wearable."

Delafield is right at home in the D.C. area, since her mother, Lynn Morley Martin served in the U.S. House of Representatives, from 1980 to 1991 where she became the first woman elected to a congressional leadership post as the vice-chair of the House Republican Conference. In 1991, she was appointed by George H.W. Bush to be the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

Potomac resident Linda Clinch and North Potomac resident Barbara Stewart were among the first to shop at Morley. "I love the periwinkle blue and white wrap that I bought — it's so comfortable," said Clinch.

Stewart purchased a necklace that she has worn with many outfits. "I love that the sales personnel are so warm and friendly and really help you find the perfect thing," she said.

The grand opening featured jewelry designers Lola and Dominique Malortigue, a mother and daughter team who create necklaces from freshwater pearls on premium leather as well as semi-precious and precious stone necklaces. They gather their pearls and gems from around the world and design and create each piece to be unlike any other. They have sold their jewelry in France, the Carib-



PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

Linda Clinch of Potomac holds up one of her favorite blouses at Morley.

bean and the U.S. At least 36 movie stars have purchased their jewelry. "Our jewelry is a family affair. We make everything at home and we try not to resemble any other jewelry on the market," Lola Malortigue said. "We spend a lot of time collecting bone, Indian amulets and antique pieces to add to our jewelry."

"We also provide personal shoppers to help our customers pull together the perfect outfit that they can wear for many occasions — and that includes finding just the right jewelry and handbags to give the outfit a finished appearance," said Delafield. "We want to make everyone comfortable shopping here by providing a warm, welcoming atmosphere and diverse lines of apparel that they won't find anywhere else in the area."

Morley is located at 7114 Bethesda Lane, Bethesda, and the phone number is 301-664-6440. The website is www.morleybethesda.com.

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THROUGH JAN. 8, 2016

Deadline for Entries. The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District is accepting entries from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia filmmakers for the annual Bethesda Film Fest. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 5

Great Decisions: Human Trafficking in the 21st Century. 12:30-2 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Great Decisions, a national program of the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association is sponsored by Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most months there is a guest speaker. The program is free and open to the public; bring a brown bag lunch. A copy of the 2015 Briefing Book is

available at the Information Desk. The book cannot be checked out; it takes about an hour to read the relevant article. Books can be ordered at fpa.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Community Meeting. 9 a.m. at Swain's Lock Hiker-Biker campground. In light of community concerns about planned tree cutting at the Swain's Lock Hiker-Biker campground in Potomac, Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner, who chairs the Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee and represents the affected areas, along with National Park Service Superintendent Kevin Brandt, will be hosting a "community conversation" so residents can learn firsthand why the park service believes action may be required to protect the public at Swain's Lock Hiker-Biker campground, Marsden Tract campground, and Riley's Lockhouse day-use area. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov for more.

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It's Official: The Start of the Fox Hunting Season



Potomac Huntsman Brian Kiely leads the pack to a new covert during the opening meet. Jt. Master Irvin L. "Skip" Crawford follows.


The Potomac Hunt Club hosted its annual Opening Meet on Oct. 31 — the formal start of the fox hunting season. The event included a Stirrup Cup — passing of refreshments — as well as a blessing of the hounds, horses, foxes and riders. Horses and riders were turned out in formal hunt attire including top hats and tails (in some instances) and braided manes.

Jt. Master Vicki Crawford




Retired Huntsman Larry Pitts passes the horn to new huntsman Brian Kiely. Honorary Whipper-in Brian Hagen looks on.

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ONGOING

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

Adult Single Night. Saturdays, 9 p.m. at at Benny’s Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Find a DJ, open dance floor, and other singles. No cover charge. Visit www.bennysbargrill.com.

“Women Chefs: Artists in the Kitchen.” Through Nov. 8, during gallery hours at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Twenty-one visual artists create portraits of 22 female chefs, who will also give cooking demos. Admission to the exhibit is free. Visit www.strathmore.org for more.

“MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans” Traveling Exhibit. Through Nov. 9, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Rockville Public Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. The exhibit is making its way around Maryland through next June to celebrate the military service of Marylanders during the Vietnam War. The exhibit features both current-day and wartime images of 10 or more men and women along with their recollections of incidents from the war, and opportunities for display visitors to craft messages to veterans. Free. Visit www.mpt.org/vietnam.

Lobsterfest. Through Nov. 10. Order live Maine lobsters at \$15 each to benefit the Potomac Kiwanis Club. Pick up lobsters on Nov. 14 at Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road. To order, email Jackie Cronin at PotomacKiwanis@gmail.com or call 301-527-1235.

Heather Harvey Art Exhibit. Through Nov. 15, gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Heather Harvey presents a site-specific work and a paper-based series. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

“Photo Slam: The Exhibition.” Through Nov. 29, gallery hours at Photoworks at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Images from the Photo Slam 2014 by Prescott Moore Lassman, Pablo de Loy, Valerie Makepeace and Tanguy de Carbonnieres will be on display. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Oasis Art Gallery Exhibit. Through Nov. 30 at The Oasis Art Gallery inside Macy’s Home Store at Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7125 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Artists Lieta Gerson and Lindan Silvers will display their work. Free. Visit www.oasisnet.org/washington.

“Originale.” Through Nov. 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. on Sunday at Persiano Gallery and Design Center, 188 Market St., Potomac. Artist Yolanda Prinsloo presents artwork in graphite and paint. Free. Visit www.persianogallery.com for more.

“Project 837, Part 2.” Through Dec. 13, gallery hours at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. An exhibition series intended to start a conversation about the definition of home and homelessness. The

exhibition includes contemporary artists, the public, activists and organizers for workshops, gallery exhibition and symposium. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

“Organic Elements.” Through Jan. 17, during gallery hours at The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. “Organic Elements” is a group exhibition featuring the abstract work of six local artists: Lisa Bohrer, Susan Carey, Maruka Carvajal, Lesley Clarke, Katie Joselow, and Kay Walsh. Free. Visit www.writer.org/programsart-on-view.

Paint Night. 5:30-8 p.m. on first and second Mondays of the month through December at Sweet Frog, 100 Lexington Drive, Silver Spring. Spiritual Unicorn art sponsors a night of painting. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$15 for adults. Visit www.spiritualunicornart.com.

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

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

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

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

Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays, 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga. For just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

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

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

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

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too). Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a

morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-a-longs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 5

Adventurer’s Group.

1-2 p.m. at Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Share your adventures with stories, pictures, videos. Call 240-777-8085 for more.

Pickleball Demonstration. 1-3 p.m. at Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Learn to play pickleball, a cross between tennis and badminton. Call 240-777-8085 for more.

25th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act. 1-3:30 p.m. at Mid-County Community Recreation, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring. Special performance from “Spinny” Johnson (former Globetrotter), arts ‘n’ crafts, DJ and dancing, face painting, sensitivity awareness activities, raffle items, giveaways and more. Visit ActiveMontgomery.org and use course code #9966 to register.

Beyond the House by Sung Min

Lee. 4-5:30 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Sung-Min Lee and her students from VisArts’ Recycled Art class will make a quilted blanket incorporating fabric elements with collage, painting, drawing and other mixed media elements. The public is encouraged to participate. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org

NOV. 5-NOV. 30

Artists & Makers Studios

November Exhibits. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Artists & Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210., Rockville. “These Go To Eleven,” an exhibit featuring the works of 11 metro Washington, DC artists curated by Stephen Boocks, will be displayed in the two main galleries. A second exhibit, “Merry Monuments: A Brighter District” by artist Mary Gallagher Stout will be shown in the new gallery hall. Free. Visit www.artistsandmakersstudios.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 6

The Weight Concert. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. A tribute group for “The Band” performs. Tickets are \$35-45. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com.

Submission Deadline For Bethesda Songwriting Contest.

12 a.m. This competition is seeking local songwriters. The adjudicated contest will award one songwriter a Grand Prize of \$10,000. The award also includes a young songwriter category for which a songwriter younger than 18 will have the chance to win \$2,500. Applicants are invited to submit three original songs. Each song must have lyrics. Instrumental compositions are not accepted. All



PHOTO BY YOUNGHO KANG

Violinist Chen-Yun will perform Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 4 with the National Philharmonic Nov. 28-29. Tickets start at \$29 and are free for children ages 7-17. Visit www.nationalphilharmonic.org.

genres are accepted. Maximum song length is 4:30 min. Visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 6-8

St. Mark Orthodox Church Ethnic

Food Festival and Bazaar. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 12-4 p.m. on Sunday at 7124 River Road, Bethesda. Find Russian and Eastern European foods such as piroghi, piroshki, halupki, blini, pirog, and chicken Kiev. Also peruse baked goods, jewelry, pottery, handcrafted items, icons, religious books & gifts, and more. Free. Visit www.stmarkoca.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Sale.

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Members of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery offer handcrafted, one-of-a-kind wearable art, jewelry, yarn, fabrics, notions and gift items. Bargain tables include gallery-quality items and artists’ overstock of equipment, materials and supplies, books, and more. Free. Email FallFiberArtSale@gmail.com for more.

Cider Days Festival. 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. at Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Learn about cider, apple varieties, and apple history. Sample lesser-known apple types, and try your hand at pressing cider. Tickets are \$7. Visit www.montgomeryparks.org/festivals.

Workshop: Pop-Up Homes by Jenna Wright. 2-3 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Jenna Wright is interested in the notion of the American “dream house” and “cookie cutter” homes in contemporary American communities. During her workshop, visitors will construct paper houses from templates. Over the course of the exhibition this “community” of pop-up homes will grow and expand, creating a site-specific installation. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

Lecture and Book Signing. 2-4 p.m. at The Spanish Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Photographer Jeff Jacobson will discuss his work as part of the Elsie Hull Memorial Lecture Series. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for adults. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Postcard Making: “News From

Home.” 4 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Curators Yeim Bae and Yunjeong Hong will introduce creative ways of making postcards while exploring the concept of “home” with the audience. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

An Evening of Jazz & Theology.

7:30-9:30 p.m. at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Pastor Bill Carter, jazz pianist, will lead a discussion, as well as perform. Free. Visit www.bradleyhillchurch.org.

Washington Saxophone Quartet.

7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7730 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. As part of Emmanuel’s celebration of the 25th Anniversary of their Sanctuary, the Washington Saxophone Quartet will perform classical and contemporary music. Free. Call 301-365-5733 for more.

40th Anniversary Event:

Flamenco, Music, Poetry. 7:30-10 p.m. at The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. The Writer’s Center and Letras Latinas present an evening of Flamenco dance, music, and Spanish and English poetry inspired by Federico Garcia Lorca’s “Theory and Play of the Duende.” Readings by Cacayo Ballesteros and Rod Jellema. Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers and \$10 for members. Visit www.writer.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 7-8

Open Studios Weekend. 12-5 p.m. at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Resident artists working in painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, fibers, glass, and photography open their studio doors. Find food trucks, music, games, and more. Free. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.

Vishwa Rangana. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Citydance Studio Theater At Strathmore, 5301 N. Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. More than 20 Sri Lankan dancers will perform to traditional music. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2260130.

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Portfolio Review. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Photoworks at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Photographer Jeff Jacobson will provide 30-minute, in-depth portfolio reviews for photographers. Thirty minutes is \$150. Visit

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www.glenechophotoworks.org.
Soul Line Dance Party. 2:30-5:30 p.m. at White Oak Senior Center, 1700 April Lane, Silver Spring. Tickets are \$5. Call 240-777-6944.

“Photo Slam: The Exhibition”
Artist Reception and Gallery Talk. 5-7 p.m. at Photoworks at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Celebrate the images from Photo Slam 2014 by Prescott Moore Lassman, Pablo de Loy, Valerie Makepeace and Tanguy de Carbonnieres. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 10

Veterans Day Celebration. 1-3 p.m. at Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Free. Call 240-777-8085 for more.

The Dark Side of Rodgers and Hammerstein. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at White Oak Senior Center, 1700 April Lane, Silver Spring. Explore Rodgers and Hammerstein influence on American musical theater with Julie Kurzava, faculty member at Loyola University. Tickets are \$15. Call 240-777-6944 for more.

Panel Discussion: Beliefs on Death and Dying. 7-9 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville. Hospice Caring, Inc., in conjunction with the Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council and the interfaith community is offering a panel and discussion on grief and dying to promote compassionate understanding of people of different faiths. Free. Visit www.hospicecaring.org for more.

STYX. 8 p.m. at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. STYX gives a benefit

concert for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC). Tickets are \$100-250. Visit www.strathmore.org

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

“Coffee and...” 10-11:30 a.m. at Corner Bakery, 10327 Westlake Drive, Bethesda. Potomac Community Villages’ monthly “Coffee and...” get-together is open to all. Talk about aging in place in one’s own existing homes and neighborhoods. Free to attend. Visit www.potomaccommunityvillage.org for more.

Hugh Masekela Concert. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. Attend a concert given by a Grammy-nominated jazz trumpeter. Tickets are \$35-50. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 13-14

Performance: “Bedroom Without Walls” by Hye Young Kim. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at public space around VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Hye Young Kim explores the possibility that anywhere can serve as someone’s home. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org for more.

David London: “Magic Outside the Box.” 8 p.m. at The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. Magician David London combines magic trick with storytelling, comedy, and puppetry. Tickets are \$25-80. Visit www.MagicOutsideTheBox.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Storm Large Concert. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. Large brings comedy, theater and music

backgrounds to the stage. Tickets are \$30-45. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com.

Potomac After Hours. 9:15-11 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Middle schoolers (6-8th graders) are invited to attend “music night” with karaoke, table tennis, and pool. Admission is \$5. Visit www.activemontgomery.org and use code #11949 to register.

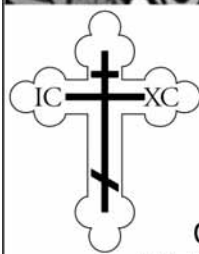
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Potomac Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10101 Glenolden Drive. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Runs most months. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Ingleside at King Farm Annual Bazaar. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ingleside, 701 King Farm Boulevard, Rockville. Ingleside, an assisted living facility, holds a third annual bazaar showcasing the knits, crocheted and sewed work, sweets and baked goods, and other crafts made by residents. Free. Contact Joan Harrison, Bazaar Coordinator, at 301-330-1297 or email at ParJoanie@aol.com.

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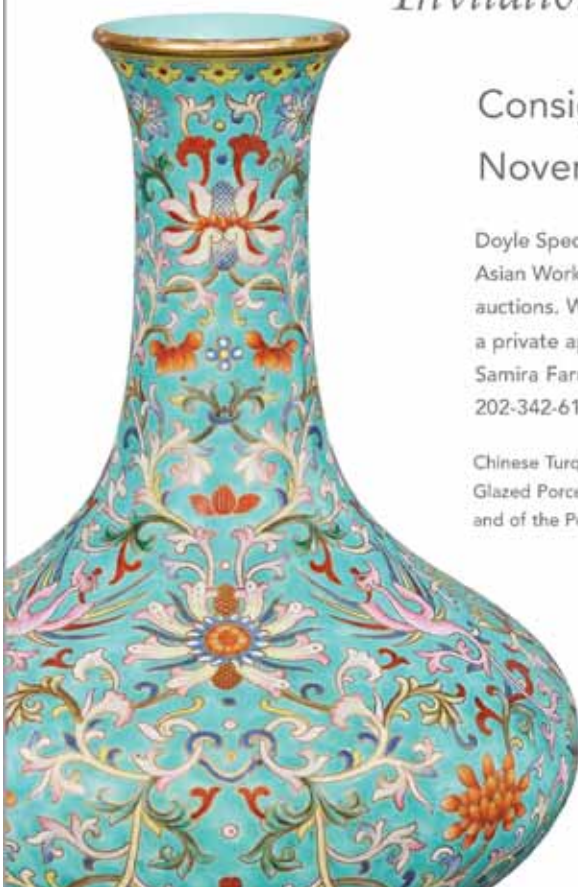
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Coming: Children's Almanac 2015

Get ready to send your submissions soon.

During the last week of each year, The Almanac devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. And even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children's Almanac is a tradition of well over a decade.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of

your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

❖ News stories from school newspapers.

❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and

private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. To be published, we must have first and last name of the student. Please include the student's age and/or grade, school attended and town of residence.

Email submissions for the Children's Almanac to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com.

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Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Friday, Dec. 4.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD or flash drive to Children's Almanac, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 4. The Children's Almanac will publish the week of Dec. 28, 2015.

You can see last year's editions by visiting www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scroll down to Children's Edition.

In Search of Sound Science and Transparency

FROM PAGE 2

we look forward to learning much more about the science and engineering behind the utility-scale solar facility that the Montgomery County School Board is considering for the 20-acre Brickyard School site, formerly Nick Maravell's organic farm.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

BY GINNY BARNES

Swains Lock Tree Cutting: With no public notice, the National Park Service (NPS) recently began the removal of up to 60 trees from the campground at Swains Lock.

Thanks to the quick alert by WMCCA Board member Barbara Brown, citizen activists were able to mobilize and notify appropriate authorities. As a result, the same day cutting began it was halted by C&O Canal National Historical Park (NHP) Superintendent Kevin Brandt who was contacted by Councilmember Roger Berliner.

Nevertheless, eight trees became stumps and 14 more were cut beyond saving. Another 42 are still marked for removal. NPS staff believed the trees pose a danger to campers. However, the trees also serve as a buffer and attenuator of stormwater run-off entering the Potomac River, already severely impacted by sediment pollution.

Councilmember Roger Berliner, who represents the affected areas, along with Superintendent Brandt, will host a "community conversation" on Saturday, Nov. 7, so residents can learn firsthand why NPS believes cutting is necessary to protect the public at Swains Lock campground, Riley's Lockhouse day-use area, and the Marsden Tract campground. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and will start at Swains Lock and move on to the other two sites. The

Marsden Tract campground is just off the towpath near the intersection of Brickyard Road and MacArthur Boulevard.

Brickyard School Site: Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is proposing to build a solar panel farm on the Brickyard site (formally Nick's Organic Farm) and two other school sites, one in Laytonsville and the other in Olney. Notices have been sent out announcing three public meetings to discuss the proposal. The meeting closest for our community is Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at Seven Locks Elementary School in the multipurpose room.

While the proposal appears environmentally beneficial, it still represents an industrial use in a residentially zoned community. The installation of ground mounted photovoltaic systems requires significant infrastructure. There are a lot of questions to be answered about such unanticipated use, so attending the public meeting is vital.

Tobytown Bus Route: We have recently learned that County Executive Isiah Leggett has long promised residents of the historically black community of Tobytown access to public transportation. The route was .00004 percent of the proposed \$5.06B budget for FY16. Yet the mere \$200,000 needed to fulfill his promise was slashed. The RideOn route is critical to connect the rural neighborhoods of River's Edge, Tobytown, and Potomac to the rest of the community.

Many residents do not have cars and need the bus to reach workplaces and shopping. This overlooked neighborhood needs our support. Letters to County Executive Leggett (ike.leggett@montgomerycountymd.gov) and state Del. Aruna Miller (aruna.miller@house.state.md.us) will help obtain much needed and long overdue public transportation service.

ARTIFICIAL TURF (AT) PLAYING FIELDS

BY CAROL VAN DAM FALK

The battle to force the EPA to take a thorough look at the health and safety concerns of artificial turf goes on, and momentum is building. Last week, WJLA ABC 7 aired an in-depth, investigative report on concerns over artificial turf and reports of cancer that may be linked to the toxins in crumb rubber. The reporter pointed out that it's on as many as 12,000 fields nationwide, including more than 50 public school facilities.

The reporter interviewed a U-MD former and professional goalkeeper who said he's trying to move parks, schools, and other facilities away from crumb rubber. Steve Powers told ABC 7: "If it turns out the fields I used to play on, the fields I used to coach on were a factor in me getting cancer, that's a tough pill to swallow." Link to the full story: <http://wjla.com/features/7-on-your-side/do-these-local-athletic-fields-cause-cancer>.

Two weeks ago, the House Committee on Energy & Commerce sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency, requesting answers to 10 questions related to crumb rubber, the agency's knowledge of testing and cancer rates. And now we have come to learn that manuals put out by the synthetic turf council state that fields need regular and likely expensive maintenance — instructions that most school facilities and public parks most likely do not follow.

If you are as concerned as we are about the effects of crumb rubber and want Montgomery County to enforce a full ban on all future artificial turf installations, contact Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, Del. Aruna Miller, and U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen to express your concerns.

Study Correlates Happiness and Good Grades

St. Andrew's students participate in pioneering study.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Some local school children are helping adjust the way educators view school environments. In fact, they received national recognition for their efforts.

Students at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac were part of a study that examined the way happiness affects motivation and academic achievement. It was conducted as a result of a partnership between St. Andrew's Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning and Research Schools International.

"We have been on this journey to dig deep to see how research can reform, inform and validate our work with each student," said Glenn Whitman, director of the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning.

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The study addressed the way happiness affects academic achievement, and school factors that lead to student happiness. Research Schools International researchers Christina Hinton and Lauren Schiller conducted the study and wrote about their findings for Time Magazine.

"Research shows that the best predictor of happiness is not income, gender, religion or even health, but rather relationships," Hinton said in a statement.

"St. Andrew's provides a nurturing community that teaches students to build caring, supportive relationships. There is nothing more essential to students' well-being and happiness than this."

Data collected and

used for the study included surveys from students and feedback from teachers. "When schools talk about their students being happy that might be interpreted by outside communities that the school

is less academically challenging," said Whitman. "That is an initial cultural response that we want to debunk. Our academic program is challenging and relevant. Kids feel happy and motivated when they can connect meaning to what they are learning."

The study revealed that, on average, students who reported be-

ing happier had higher grades. Specifically, a statistically significant correlation was found between happiness and students' GPAs from elementary school through high school. The study also found that the quality of students' relationships with teachers and peers was a good predictor of their happiness.

"It is important that teachers are approachable so that students feel that they can go to them when they're not understanding a concept or for additional support," said child psychologist Stacie Isenberg, Psy.D. "The teacher (can) look at an individual student's way of learning and help them with that in mind."

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— Glenn Whitman, director of the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning, St. Andrew's Episcopal School



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CTTL Student Research Fellows, Zein Haidir and Hope Harrison exchange ideas with Christian Hinton and Lauren Schiller of Research Schools International, Harvard University Graduate School of Education

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Fifteen days; a baker's fortnight. That's how long it took my oncologist to tell me the "good/stable" results from my October 14th PET Scan (my first one in over six and half years, the results from which precipitated a subsequent biopsy which confirmed a malignancy). "Not that there's anything wrong with that." Of course there is. It's hardly a participle that's dangling here. It's my life. And waiting, as they say, is most definitely the hardest part. And though I don't want to look a gift oncologist in the mouth, especially after he's shared such amazing news with me, nevertheless 15 days – and nights – is well above and beyond the call of this patient's duty and/or patience. Heck, God created the universe in less time. Certainly a radiologist and an oncologist can get their facts and assessments straight and inform the patient before everybody needs a day of rest.

You can't imagine (maybe you can) how much compartmentalization and mental gymnastics a cancer patient exercises in an attempt to endure the unendurable: wading in and out of an emotional abyss that confronts all patients who are being treated for a "terminal" disease. Are you living less and dying more – or vice-versa? Will you be a survivor or another victim? Whether it's the inevitability, the lack of control, the helplessness, the disappointment, the reaction of others to your disease/circumstances, the future imperfect, the present tense, the stress, the depression, the fear, the sleepless nights and draggy days; or the general malaise and lack of interest/motivation in much of what mattered pre-diagnosis and seems now to matter somewhat less; generally speaking, cancer kills, and it's difficult to put that in your pipe, whether you smoke it or not.

As I've thought through these last two weeks, I've been reminded of a Three Stooges episode when Curly had to box an opponent against whom he was totally overmatched. While sitting on a stool in his corner of the ring preparing for round one, his knee began twitching uncontrollably. Moe, his quasi-manager, noticed the movement and asked: "What's the matter kid, you nervous?" To which Curly responded: "No. I'm scared."

Since my mid-October scan, my emotions have run a similar gamut; except I've been both nervous and scared. And though I've managed to live my life in relative calm while waiting, it wasn't until I received that call from my oncologist that I realized just how uptight I had been. Accordingly, the release of all my emotional underpinnings and rationalizations which had kept me sane, was almost palpable. I felt deflated – in a great way (unlike the fly-away blimp or Tom Brady, for that fact). I could finally relax and allow my subconscious to take a break and stop holding me together. Granted, the cycle repeats itself in three months when my next scan is scheduled. But that's January's problem.

Right now I am savoring/cherishing/acknowledging/appreciating this moment in October. I can't say it's the most fun I've ever had, but as Jerry Seinfeld might say: it's "something." And "something" is a whole lot better than nothing.

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

SPORTS

Wootton Field Hockey Advances To Region Final

The Wootton field hockey team will face Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the 4A South region final for the third straight season at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Walter Johnson High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wootton defeated Richard Montgomery 2-0 in the Section II final on Nov. 2, improving its record to 13-2. B-CC blanked Walter Johnson 1-0 in the Section I final.

The Patriots will make their fourth consecutive appearance in a region championship game. Wootton won in 2013 and advanced to the state final.

Wootton Football Beats Churchill

The Wootton football team beat rival Churchill 31-12 on Oct. 30.

The victory improved the Patriots' record to 3-6. The Bulldogs dropped to 1-8.

Churchill running back Andrew Zuckerman carried 28 times for 193 yards and a touchdown. Jimmy Rubino led the Bulldogs with 14 tackles.

Wootton will conclude the regular season with a road game against Northwest at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6. Churchill will host Walter Johnson.

Whitman Falls To Quince Orchard

The Whitman football team fell to 3-6 with a 48-18 loss to Quince Orchard on Oct. 30. Whitman quarterback Jack McClelland completed 22 of 47 passes for 212 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted once.

The Vikings will conclude the regular season with a road game against Bethesda-Chevy Chase at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6.

Volleyball Playoffs To Begin

The Churchill, Wootton and Whitman volleyball team will begin postseason play this week.

Wootton is the No. 3 seed in Section II of the 4A West region bracket and will host No. 6 Einstein at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5. Whitman, the No. 5 seed in Section I, will travel to face B-CC at 6 p.m. on Nov. 5.

Churchill earned the No. 1 seed in Section I and received a first-round bye. The Bulldogs will host the winner of B-CC and Whitman at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9.

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