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Tiny House Nation came to Potomac in search of tiny horses. They found what they were looking for at Squeals on Wheels mobile petting zoo in Potomac.

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Scott and Marianne will be featured on Tiny House Nation with tiny horses from Squeals on Wheels mobile petting zoo in Potomac.



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The film crew along with Scott and Marianne, Jill and John Phillips, their daughter Raquel and Saint Bernard Brandy on Monday, March 21 in Potomac.

Tiny Horse Challenge for Tiny House Nation

Filming for the TV series Tiny House Nation came to Potomac this week in search of tiny horses. Specifically, they came to the Potomac home of Jill and John Phillips who own Squeals on Wheels petting zoo, and dozens of tiny animals. The show, Tiny House Nation, focuses on families looking to downsize into spaces of about 500 square feet or less, not a size house one is likely to find in Potomac. Scott and Marianne are a young couple currently living in Arlington and building a tiny house of about 300 square feet down in Fredericksburg. They are working with builder Kris Angstadt of Tiny House Building Company. Both Scott and Marianne grew up in horseracing towns and are now looking to build a tiny house that reminds them of their hometown roots in its aesthetic.

"During the 'tiny challenge' we filmed today over at the Squeals on Wheels property, the idea was to teach the couple a lesson in understanding the transition that tiny living is going to be," said the show's producer. "Although this was an exaggerated

exercise, the idea nonetheless was to take two people who may have been attending races and participating in the culture of derby for many years and now instead have them go through what it takes to actually get these horses ready for show by cleaning and grooming them.

Since this is a tiny house we figured why not run them through this with miniature or 'tiny horses' since after all it is supposed to be more fun than actual work. Just as they may have been researching tiny houses for a long time now and planning how the space will work for them, physically moving into a tiny space is still going to take some adjusting and learning.

"The tiny challenges are meant to be a fun relatable way to teach these homeowners that there will be a transition in going tiny and that may be something they're overlooking a bit, but our hosts and our team try to do the best job in predicting what their biggest problem areas are going to be and coming up with solutions before they even get their new tiny house."

New episodes of the series start Saturday,



Filming an episode of Tiny House Nation at the Potomac home of Jill and John Phillips.

March 26 on the FYI channel at 9 p.m.
Visit www.fyi.tv/shows/tiny-house-na

tion. For more on Squeals on Wheels, visit <http://squealsonwheels.us>.

Private Schools: When Leaving Unexpectedly

Spring is time to commit to one's school of choice.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

When Ashley and Clark Leonard enrolled their son in a local independent school, they were excited about the prospect of him thriving in a new, smaller academic environment. He left his local public school after what the Leonards described as a "bullying situation." How-

ever, mid-way through the year at his new school, the family decided that the private school was not a good fit.

"He just wasn't happy, so we decided to take him out," said Ashley, who lives in Bethesda, Md. "But we lost about \$30,000."

Now that the application period for most independent schools is over and acceptance letters have been disbursed, the next step in the process, for those fortunate enough to have been admitted, is making a commitment to one's school of choice. This often requires that parents shell out a hefty deposit and sign a contract, agreeing, among other things, to pay tuition for the upcoming school year.

However, some families may face changes

in their financial situation and can no longer afford the tuition. Other families may relocate during the school year or have a child who becomes ill and is no longer able to attend school. Or, like the Leonards, a family may simply decide the school is no longer a good fit.

Many parents are surprised to learn that even if their circumstances change, their financial commitment to pay full tuition remains. The reason for this policy is largely budgetary. "Most schools require a contract and a deposit because the separation of a student does not materially decrease the expenses of the school since staff, services, and provisions are contracted for the year in advance," said Mary Herridge, director

of Enrollment Management for The Madeira School in McLean.

While making the decision to commit as methodically as possible is the best option for avoiding financial loss, there are circumstances that arise which are beyond one's control. For these instances, many schools offer parents a safety net option.

"We offer tuition insurance and recommend that families purchase the plan as protection," said Herridge.

"If a family's financial situation changes, it is in everyone's best interests to work together to find a reasonable solution," said Mark H. Sklarow, CEO,

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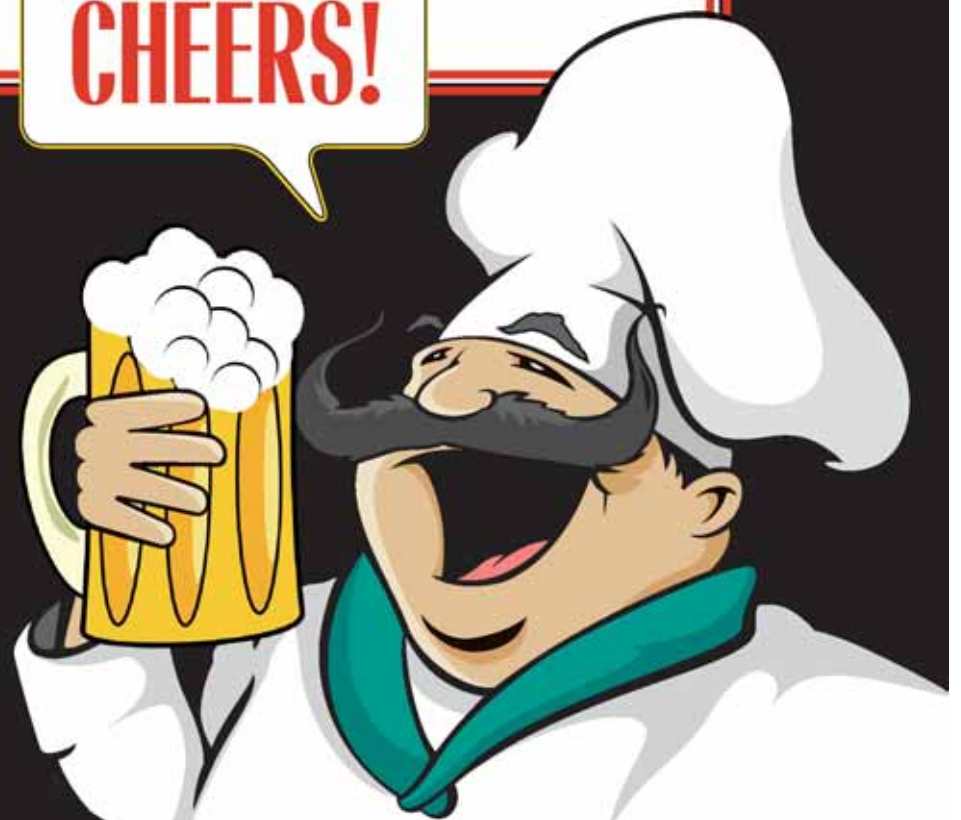
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PEOPLE

In the Kitchen With Terri

Local cooking school offers classes in preparing elegant and seasonal meals.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRI CARR

Terri Carr teaches a class in her Potomac kitchen.

Creamy gruyere cheese flows through a box grater followed by long shards of russet potatoes. Both are piled on a platter. The potatoes gain a deep crunch after sizzling in hot oil, the cheese melts on top of the potato crust and the concoction is topped with grassy, deeply green asparagus. Such is the beginning of an asparagus frittata at Terri's Table.

"With fresh ingredients and a few techniques you can have a nice, seasonal meal and it won't take an entire day to make," said Terri Carr, the founder and proprietor

of Terri's Table, a cooking school that Carr runs out of her Potomac home.

For Carr, time spent in the kitchen is less about employing complex gastronomy skills in search of culinary excellence, and more about using fresh seasonal ingredients to create elegant, boldly flavored dishes with minimal fuss. During her classes, she teaches that healthy fare with complex tastes can be accessible to anyone, and that time spent in the kitchen is about creating memories and enjoying the company of friends.

"I'm not training people to be chefs," said

Carr. "I want them to be good home cooks."

In order to understand the philosophy on which her cooking school is based, one must first understand the origins of her culinary love affair. It didn't begin in a food-oriented family or at the hands of a doting grandmother with an arsenal of treasured recipes.

"When I went out on my own, I didn't even know how to make coffee," said Carr.

It was an encounter with a woman she simply calls "Helen" that lead to weekly cooking classes in Los Angeles, where Carr and friends would gather in the kitchen of

Helen's cottage. They learned to whirl, saute and braise simple ingredients, transforming them into dishes full of nuanced flavors.

"Much of what we did was French cooking, and I still use her recipes," said Carr, who has taken cooking classes in Italy and France as well as locally at L'Academie de Cuisine.

Carr now uses that model as she invites groups of students into her light-filled Potomac kitchen, an expansive space that she remodeled and updated with professional grade appliances, such as a Wolf

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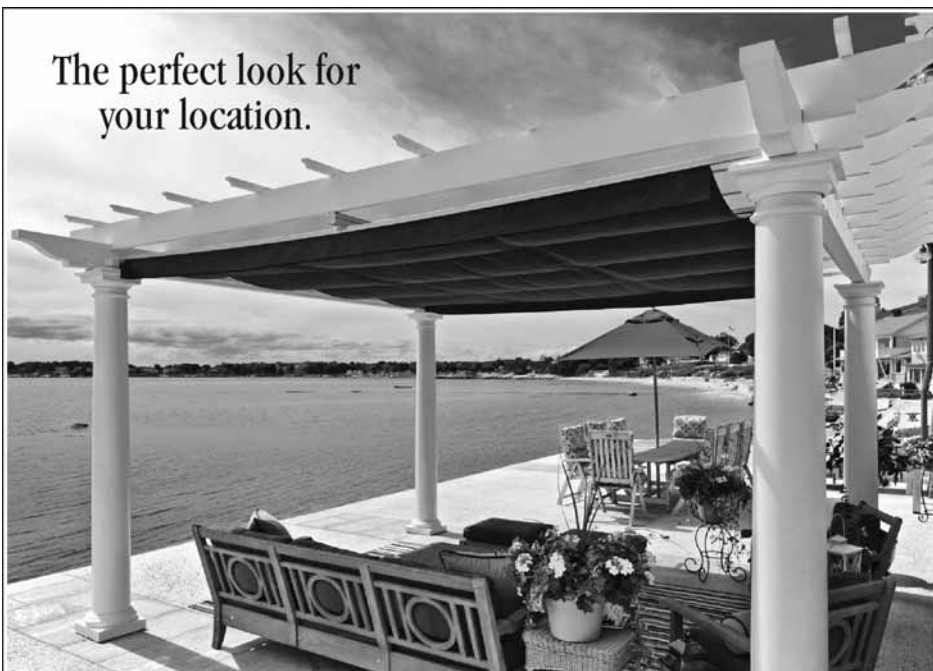


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ONGOING

Art Exhibit: "Fields of Inquiry."

Through March 27, 12-6 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. "Fields of Inquiry" brings together the work of three artists working the space of imagination: Mei Mei Chang, Pat Goslee, and Kathryn McDonnell. Free. Call 301-634-2222.

"City Scapes." Through April 2, Gallery hours at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. "City Scapes" explores the beauty and fragility of urban life through the lenses of members of The North Bethesda Camera Club. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit: You and Me, You and I. Through April 10, gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Artist Calla Thompson examines culture through visual art. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org for more.

"Rendering the Spirit: The Personal Image in Alternative Media." Gallery hours at Glen Echo Photoworks, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. This exhibit will highlight the work of 12 photographers and artists currently working with alternative photographic processes. Free. Visit www.glenechphotoworks.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Cranes in Motion." Through April 24, gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. As an artist and filmmaker, Cathy Cook is inspired by nature. "Cranes in Motion" aims to promote public interest, awareness, and appreciation of crane culture through a multifaceted portrayal of the natural history of this species. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org for more.

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.storelocator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.

Adult Single Night. Saturdays, 9 p.m. 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.

VisArts Cocktails and Canvas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



"Candlestick Butte," by Erik Larsen was created using Platinum Palladium Print with Gum Bichromate.

'Rendering the Spirit'

This exhibit will highlight the work of 12 photographers and artists currently working with alternative photographic processes. "Rendering The Spirit: The Personal Image in Alternative Media" is on display at Glen Echo Photoworks, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo through April 11. Free. Visit www.glenechphotoworks.org for more.



"Planting Rice" is a polymer photogravure created by Barbara Maloney.

combo. Drop-in only. Visit www.pgip.org for more.

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too).

Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

SATURDAY/ MARCH 26

Loston Harris Concert. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. A jazz pianist performs. Tickets are \$35-45. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 30

Adventures with Raptors. 4 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Experience up close and personal various birds of prey, such as hawks, owls, and vultures, and discover their behavior and adaptations in our natural world. Free. Call 240-777-0690.

MARCH 31-APRIL 9

"Idle Playthings" and "Crimes of Fashion." Various times at Gunston Theatre One, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. First, in "Crimes of Fashion," superheroes fight fashion designers bent on world domination. Then, a group of toys come to life and team up to save a family-owned toy store in "Idle Playthings." Silver Spring-based Inclusive Theatre Companies are directed by trained theatre professionals and feature actors who have intellectual disabilities or learning disabilities, or are on the autism spectrum. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$5 for ArtStream students. Visit www.art-stream.org for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 1

Pianist Edvinas Minkstimas. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Minkstimas will perform a program including Davidsbündler, op. 6 by Robert Schumann, Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 by Franz Liszt, Sonata in a minor, Op. 164 by

Franz Schubert. The program will conclude with Tarantella from "Annees de Pelerinage" by Liszt. Following the concert, the audience is invited to a wine reception with Minkstimas in the lower-level Social Hall of the church. Free. Visit www.washingtonconservatory.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 1-2

St. Francis Thrift Sale. 8 a.m. -4 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday at 10033 River Road, Potomac. Call Church office- 301-365-2055 or Carol Jarvis- 301-299-4296.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 1-3

Broadway Bios. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. A local community theatre company presents an original musical revue. Tickets are \$12 for children, \$15 for seniors, \$20 for adults. Visit www.fedesp.com/nihblt.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Wines & Equines. 6 p.m. at Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac. Days End Farm Horse Rescue, a nationally recognized non-profit equine rescue and rehabilitation organization, is hosting its "Wines & Equines" event, featuring wine sampling and paired dinner, live and silent auction, live music. Tickets are \$80. Visit www.defhr.org for more.

Lord Nelson Mass. 8 p.m. at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass." The concert will feature the National Philharmonic's nearly 200 voice chorale, as well as soloists Danielle Talamantes (soprano); Magdalena Wór (mezzo-soprano); Robert Baker (tenor); and Kevin Deas (baritone). Tickets start at \$29, free for children 7-17. Visit www.nationalphilharmonic.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 2-3

Open Studio Weekend: A Festival of the Arts. 12-5 p.m. at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave. Rockville. Over 70 artists create work in studios at Washington ArtWorks in sculpture, painting, glass, fibers, jewelry, photography, and more. Visitors can shop, watch demos, and network. Also find a variety of food trucks and live music. Free. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Panel Talk with Artists, Scientists, and Conservationists. 2 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St. Discussion of artist Cathy Cook's "Cranes in Motions". Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org for more.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-3:30 p.m. lesson, 3:30-6 p.m. dance at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The ensemble Devine Comedy plays a mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.waltztimesdances.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 5

Book Club: "The Language of Flowers." 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. Women of St. Francis Episcopal Church Book Club will meet to discuss "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Free. Call Church office- 301-365-2055.

APRIL 5-MAY 7

Art Exhibit: "Intimate Landscapes." Tuesday-Saturday 12-6 p.m. at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Lorian Signori paints landscapes based on Maryland's hills and waters. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 7

Great Decisions: The Future of Kurdistan. 12:30-2 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Kurdistan, a mountainous region made up of parts of Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Armenia and Syria, is home to one of the largest ethnic groups in West Asia, the Kurds. Kurds are known to the West mainly for their small, oil-rich autonomous region in northern Iraq called Iraqi Kurdistan, one of the closest allies of the U.S. and a bulwark against the expansion of the Islamic State. What does the success of Iraqi Kurdistan mean for Kurds in the surrounding

Easter

FRIDAY/MARCH 25

Annual Egg Hunt. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane, Rockville. Search for real eggs, then dye and decorate them. Participate in other activities as well. For ages 2-12. Tickets are \$8 per child. Register at www.activemontgomery.org for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Bird Egg-stravaganza. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Woodend Nature Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase. Participants will search for eggs around the grounds of Woodend, along with learning more about their natural surroundings. Afterwards, the children will cash in their eggs for prizes, participate in crafts, and enjoy other nature themed activities. Tickets are \$10 for children, free for adults. Visit www.anshome.org/birdegg.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 26-27

St. James' Episcopal Church Easter Services. 7:30 p.m. Saturday "The Great Easter Vigil," 9 a.m. service at 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Attend a family Eucharist at 9 a.m., Easter egg hunt at 10:15 a.m. or Festival Holy Eucharist with brass, choir, and bell. Visit www.stjamespotomac.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Easter at Bethesda Row. All day at 4950 Elm St., Bethesda. Find brunch specials, gifts, and more. Free. Visit www.bethesdarow.com/events.

region? Free. Call 240-777-0690.
Sip & Bend. 7-9 p.m. at Pike & Rose – The Mind and Body Studio at Sport & Health, 11594 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda. All levels yoga class and wine. Free. Visit www.pikeandrose.com for more.
Roomful of Blues. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Blues band will perform. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 8

Art Reception: "Intimate Landscapes." 6-9 p.m. at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Lorian Signori paints landscapes based on Maryland's hills and waters. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.
An Evening With Molly Ringwald. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. Teen idol-turned-jazz-singer Molly Ringwald perform with her quartet. Tickets are \$35-45. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.org for more.
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 "mystery night" and participate in a scavenger hunt. Admission is \$5. Visit www.activemontgomery.org and use code #11953 to register.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 8-10

Broadway Bios. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. A local community theatre company presents an original musical revue. Tickets are \$12 for children, \$15 for seniors, \$20 for adults. Visit www.fedesp.com/nihblt.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Flight of Fancy. 6:30-10:30 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Join VisArts for our signature fundraising event, Flight of Fancy, a participatory art experience featuring painting, aerial performance, live music, food and drinks. Proceeds from the evening support our philanthropic programs such as artist stipends, inclusion classes, and camp scholarships. Tickets are \$85 until March 15, \$105 after that. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org or call

301-315-8200.
Library After Dark. 7:30 p.m. at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Library After Dark is held in celebration of National Library Week to recognize the library staff, volunteers, donor and community leaders. Tickets are \$75. Visit www.folmc.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Discussion: "The Language of Flowers." 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. Free. Call 301-299-4296.
Art Demonstration: "Intimate Landscapes." 6-9 p.m. at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Lorian Signori paints landscapes based on Maryland's hills and waters. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 17

Waltz Dance. 2:45-3:30 p.m. lesson, 3:30-6 p.m. dance at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The ensemble Rosinace plays a mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.waltztimesdances.org for more.

APRIL 18-24

Bethesda Row Restaurant Week. At 4950 Elm St., Bethesda. Bethesda row restaurants offer lunch and dinner specials. Visit www.bethesdarow.com/events.

FRIDAY/APRIL 29

Movie Screening: "The Martian." 7-9 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Watch the film starring Matt Damon. Tickets are \$5, adults only. Register in person at the center or at ActiveMontgomery.org under course #17744.

SATURDAY/APRIL 30

Gardening Expo. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. Find information on how to make the most of gardening. Also find activities for children. Free. Visit www.extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/montgomerycounty-master-gardeners.

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by **Michael Matese**

The Changing Face of the Luxury Home

The economic changes and housing meltdown of the last decade means that there's a whole new set of attitudes prevailing in the luxury home market. "McMansions", once en vogue, are a thing of the past. No longer is square footage the standard in defining a luxury home—today's luxury homeowner trends towards smaller spaces whose amenities are tailored to suit a variety of hobbies, individual needs, lifestyles and values, as well as placing convenience and function at a premium. Home ownership attitudes have also changed across the board. Susanne Tauke, president of New American Homes, believes "The number of luxury buyers is definitely down. Those who are in the market today are not as interested in the investment value of their homes as they were a few years ago. Today's buyers expect to live in their homes for longer periods of time and have no illusions about making a 'killing' on the resale." What does this mean for luxury home sellers? It means that the luxury home sales market is catering to a new kind of buyer—one who still asks for top-notch luxury, but in a modern way. Some important elements to consider in the modern luxury homes market include:

- Community amenities. What else does your property offer? Golf courses, marinas, community fitness centers and tennis courts are all draws for "lifestyle luxury buyers"
- Personalized Home Amenities. From bathroom spas to boat slips, bedroom kitchens to porte cocheres and garage car lifts, discriminating luxury buyers are looking for rooms that make the most of the square footage available, rather than square footage that defines the quality of luxury available in the home.
- Distinctive Styling. Luxury buyers are in the market for a one-of-a-kind living space, not a "cookie cutter" mansion like all the others on the block. Take the time to spend with an architect and make sure there's a distinctive element that sets your home apart from other like it.
- Automation. Whether it's the lights or heating/cooling system, the security system, the entertainment center or the kitchen appliances, automatic controls are making a splash in luxury home buying.
- Outdoor Space. The square footage outside is becoming as important as the square footage inside! Lanais, screened-in porches, infinity windows and walled off gardens connecting to master bedrooms are ever-increasingly popular options that give luxury homes a distinctive flair.
- Jack & Jill Bathrooms. The "his and hers" bathroom layout is not only practical, but one that is hotly trending nowadays. Oversized master bathrooms are passé; today's modern emphasis is on individual grooming areas—not to mention the settling once and for all of the argument regarding the proper way to squeeze the toothpaste tube!
- Easy Maintenance. From floors and countertops to exteriors and landscaping—less is more. Luxury homeowners today don't want have to employ a small army to maintain their home. Low-key is the ultimate luxury!
- Flexibility of Space. Can the rooms in your home do double-duty? Compound rooms, or rooms that connect to one another, are a fantastic way to make a floor plan unique, functional and luxurious. Kitchen bedrooms, libraries with attached baths or master bedrooms that open into smaller entertaining areas are all sure-fire ways to make your home's blueprint singular and memorable.
- Casual Planning. Formal dining rooms aren't advantageous to today's modern lifestyle, so why include rooms whose function is limited in your layout? The more casual and comfortable the design of the rooms appears, the more interest your buyer will have in making it their own.

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PEOPLE

In the Kitchen with Terri

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cooktop and a Sub-Zero refrigerator.

Appertifs like roasted, salted almonds and mimosas await students arriving for a lesson in Carr's kitchen. Her classes are themed and coordinated with the seasons. She's revealed the magic of creating fragrant and herbaceous lamb for Easter or moist and flavorful turkey at Thanksgiving. Carr is now in the midst of showing students how to cook with the bounty of spring: think creamy risotto with asparagus and green peas.

"She's very adept at interspersing special techniques and interesting stories about the food that we're cooking," said Martha Corvell, who has taken several classes from Carr and plans to celebrate her birthday with another lesson for herself and a group of friends. "She's a great hostess, and she has one of the most lovely homes and it's warm and inviting."

Covell is not a not a novice in the kitchen, but finds a wealth of knowledge at Carr's hands.

"I take her classes, not because I don't know

how to cook, but because you always learn new techniques," said Covell. "In each class there are people with different skill levels, but you always learn something."

Along her culinary journey, Carr gave her son a childhood of savory memories.

"My fondest experiences in my life typically revolve around being in the kitchen with my mother," said Nick Phelps, Carr's son, who founded From the Farmer, a company offering home delivery of fresh seasonal produce. "It's been a fun part of my life and has driven me to care so much and be so passionate about food."

Even when he returned home from college, Phelps, now 29, said, familiar food aromas always welcomed him home.

"Every time I came home after being away at college, he first thing I noticed when I walked in was the smell of roasted chicken with roasted root vegetables — it's my comfort food, my soul food, if you will," he said. "I know I'm home when I can smell the roast chicken."

For more information on Carr's classes, visit www.terristabledc.com.



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Terri Carr pulls an asparagus frittata out of the oven.

Private Schools: When Leaving Unexpectedly

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Independent Educational Consultants Association.

"The school wants to make the situation work as much as the parent do, so the parents should immediately reach out to the school officials to see what can be done. Often times

a school will temporarily reduce the fee, hoping that the family's situation will improve."

The same advice holds true, says Sklarow in the event of an academic or behavioral issue: The first action should be a meeting with school officials. "They hope to retain the student and will work closely with families to find

the necessary support, in most cases," he said. "Of course, if the school judges there to be a danger to a child or fellow student, the help offer will be to assist with an outplacement." An independent educational consultant may be helpful in case a therapeutic or intense learning disability option is needed.

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POTHOLE REPAIR

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Work with Victims of Sexual Assault. Volunteers are needed to assist sexual assault victims and their families through the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP) of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Interviews are currently being conducted for a spring 2016 training session. Volunteers provide 24-hour crisis counseling and companion services at Montgomery County hospitals and police stations for victims of rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Bi-lingual volunteers are encouraged to apply. All potential volunteers must attend a training program. Call the Montgomery County Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program at

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FIRST LEGO State Champions

"Organized Kaos," a team of nine students, aged 10 to 13, won the **FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Maryland State Championships** held at the **UMBC campus** on **March 5**. **Organized Kaos** won the **1st Place Champions Award** from over 400 Maryland teams and are one of four teams invited to represent the United States at the **Open European Championship** in the **Canary Islands, Spain** from **May 4-7**. Teams are judged on four components: mastery of the hardware and software design of an autonomous robot; creating an innovative solution to solve problems associated with solving this year's theme, **Trash Trek**; **FIRST** core values; and the performance of their autonomous robot. **Organized Kaos** is comprised of **Rohan Dewan, Kevin Franklin, Abhiram Kidambi, Arjun Oberoi, Lara Ojha, Rohan Ojha, Anika Seth, Devasena Sitaram of Potomac, and Mihil Sreenilayam**. The team is coached by **Pankaj Oberoi and Jaspreet Seth**. See <http://organized-kaos.weebly.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/OrganizedKaosFLL>.

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"It's Enough Already, K.B."



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

...as my mother used to say (the initials represent my first and middle names). But is it? The context to which I refer is chemotherapy. After seven years of being infused every three weeks, most recently every four weeks, is it indeed "enough already?" At some point, if I understand my predicament/precipice correctly, the chemotherapy stops working – and then a new protocol begins. What will be treating forward, we rarely discuss. My oncologist prefers not to consider scenarios. Generally speaking, I know what awaits. The question is: is it worth the wait and/or worth the quality of life issues likely to impact?

Perhaps it's time to give my body a rest from toxic chemicals and allow it to heal itself through a combination of anything and everything except chemotherapy: diet/nutrition, exercise, Essential Oils, yoga, I.V. vitamin C therapy, oxygen therapy, cannabis oil, coffee enemas/detoxification, acupuncture, aromatherapy, and on and on and on? Unfortunately, many of these alternatives are not found in the oncologist's standard issue handbook. Presumably, they're aware of many of the non-traditional/non-Western options, but without getting into or even understanding the/their issues, it might not be in their best interests to color outside the conventional cancer-treatment lines. Ergo, as cancer patients, not only must we advocate, we must anticipate and ruminate outside the protocols to try and find some light in an otherwise extremely dark place.

But there is lots of light out there. I'm living proof of that, and I am not alone (I have five cats so I'm never alone). More to the point though, I know of many people who have died from lung cancer since I was diagnosed and "prognosed:" "13 months to two years" in early 2009. Many others, however, are living longer than ever before. Whether it's the luck of the non-Irish (in my case) or lifestyle choices or unexpectedly positive responses to standard treatment protocols, success stories are easy to find. Not only is there hope, there is research and dollars supporting it all. Granted, a lung cancer diagnosis is hardly joy to the world, but neither is it the lost/underfunded/under-researched cause it used to be.

And with the evolution in the cancer-treatment world, I can't help wondering (and listening and reading too; and you know who you are) if it's the right time to get off the horse upon which I've been riding so successfully for seven-plus years now and leap – with faith, into the wild blue yonder and hopefully live longer and prosper more, naturally. I have to admit, in spite of hearing the echoes of one of my mother's favorite sayings, the thought of changing horses in midstream scares the heck out of me. I can't get the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" expression out of my head. And as the conflict in my head continues, it becomes a bit more difficult to turn my back on the status quo. Still, if I don't consider thoroughly the past, present and future and my respective place in them, I may regret the omission and be damned if I don't.

Nevertheless, surviving seven years post a "terminal" diagnosis, is hardly cause for concern. In fact, it's cause to celebrate. Even so, I just wish I knew where to go from here: straight on through (hopefully not to the other side) or deviate from the norm that has kept me around in such fine form. Sometimes, I feel like "Bob's Big Boy." I don't know whether to stay or go...

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

Churchill Baseball Falls to Damascus

The Churchill baseball team dropped its season opener against Damascus, 11-3, on Wednesday in Potomac.

The Bulldogs will travel to face rival Wootton at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23. Churchill will return home at noon on Tuesday, March 29 to take on Gaithersburg.

Churchill Boys' Lax to Open Season Vs. The Heights

The Churchill boys' lacrosse team will open the 2016 season at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 against The Heights School in Potomac.

Churchill has won three of the last four 4A/3A West region championships, and last year made it to the state championship game for the first time in program history. The Bulldogs defeated Dulaney in the state semifinals, but lost to Howard in the final.

Churchill graduated four-year starter Louis Dubick, who finished his career as Maryland's all-time leader in points, goals and assists. He is now a freshman on the University of Maryland men's lacrosse team.

This year's team is led by captains Austin LaBorwit (senior, midfield), Markus Hurd (senior, goalie), Ryan Sorkin (senior, midfield), Cristian Edwards (senior, de-

fense) and Spencer Knife (junior, attack).

Sophomore midfielder Reed Moshyedi will also play a key role for the Bulldogs.

Churchill will compete at a tournament in Bel Air High School on April 2. The Bulldogs will travel to face Springbrook at 7:15 p.m. on April 4. Churchill's home opener is on April 6 against Poolesville.

Churchill Girls' Lax to Face Fallston

The Churchill girls' lacrosse team will open its season at home against Fallston at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23.

The Bulldogs will return to action April 4, with a home game against Springbrook.

Whitman Baseball Beats Seneca Valley

The Whitman baseball team blanked Seneca Valley 10-0 in five innings on March 21 to open the 2016 season.

Sean Cook earned the win on the mound, throwing a three-hit shutout. He struck out eight and did not walk a batter.

Noah Clement went 1-for-2 with a home run and four RBIs for the Vikings. Noah Abramowitz also hit a home run for Whitman.

Sean Hannegan finished 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Eric Wayman and Danny Mills also had two hits.

Whitman will host Poolesville at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23.



Sophomore midfielder Reed Moshyedi, seen last season, and the Churchill boys' lacrosse team will open the 2016 season against The Heights on Wednesday, March 23.

Junior attackman Spencer Knife, seen last season, is a captain for the Churchill boys' lacrosse team.

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THROUGH APRIL 18

Tax Preparation Assistance. The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program is providing free tax preparation assistance. This service is available to low-to-moderate income taxpayers who live or work in Montgomery County. Special attention is given to those 60 years or older. Taxes are prepared at more than 20 different locations across Montgomery County and an

appointment is required. Schedule an appointment at
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SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Amateur Radio Classes. 9 a.m.-noon at Science Center, room SC 463, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. The Montgomery Amateur Radio Club is offering a free amateur radio technician class for six Saturday mornings from through May 7. Free. Register at www.marclub.org/mweb/education/classes/index.html. Contact David Bern, W2LNX, at education@marclub.org or 240-242-5660.

MONDAY/APRIL 4

50+ Employment Expo. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Marriott North Bethesda Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville. The Jewish Council for the Aging will hold the 50+ Employment Expo with employers, community resources, a technology center to assist with job searches and online applications, resume reviewing rooms, job club networking, and seminars. Free parking and easy access via White Flint Metro station. No pre-registration for job seekers. Call 301-255-4209 or email mgordon@Accessjca.org for more.

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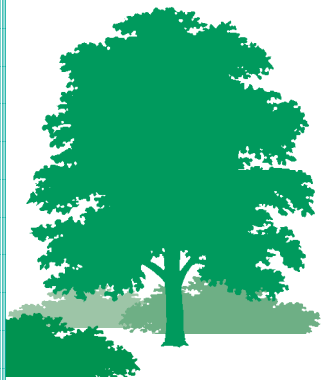
Public Hearing. 1:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 6-16 Regarding definitions for the Room Rental and Transient Tax. Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can sign up at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html or 240-777-7803. The deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 4.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

Job Search Training for Seniors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. JCA's Career Gateway Program can help hone a resume, polish networking and interviewing

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Self-Defense for Women. 7-9 p.m. at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave. Rockville. The Montgomery County Commission for Women will offer a Self-Defense Workshop for Women. \$10. Space is limited, register at <http://bit.ly/1UCXdXZ> for more. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/ or call 240-777-8333.

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