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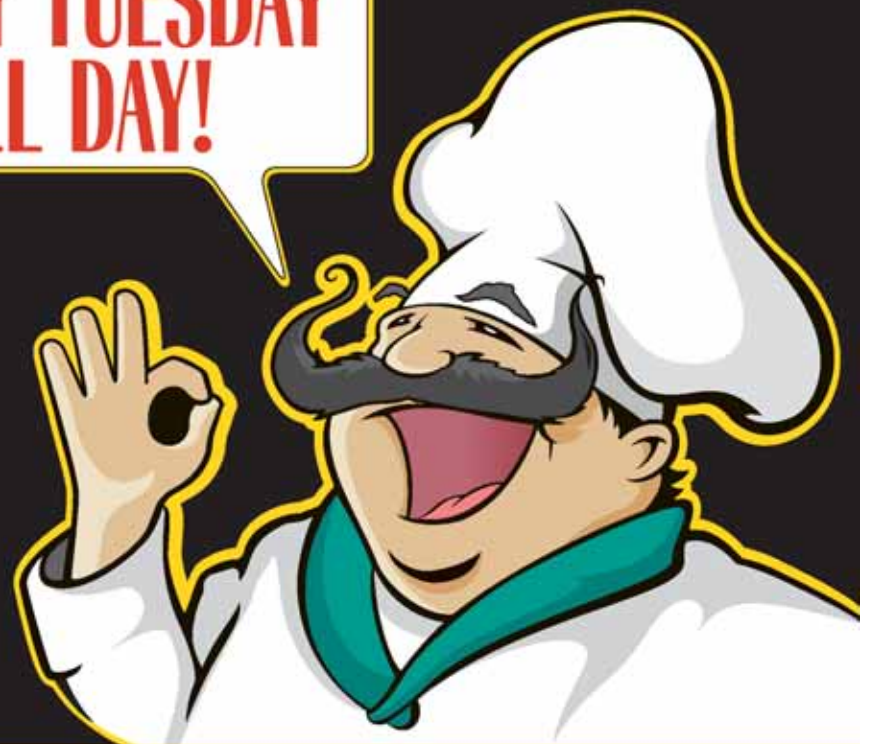
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Santi Canedo and his Labradoodle Rock.



Ted Sears and his dog Hazel.

Dogs Rule — the Pool

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The dog days of summer hopefully ended last week with hot steamy days touching the 100 degree mark.

Everyone was sweltering, air conditioners were running full blast — and all hoped for a break in the heat.

The dog days took on new meaning Sunday when Potomac Swim & Tennis Club on Oaklyn Drive in Potomac held its annual Dog Swim to finish out the 2016 summer season. Dogs cavorted around the pool, some jumping in and loving every minute of their swim while others stayed as far away from the pool as possible — or simply adopted a stance and just barked. All the dogs were off leash and chased one another, jumped in the water and ran around. There were no “Dog Olympics” for swimming, diving or chasing a ball in the water — but some of the dogs clearly loved the dip in the pool — and might have enjoyed a bit of competition too.

Kathy and Ginny Sorley were not certain how Kathy’s dog Bella would take

to the water and Bill Poulin was also unsure — saying that his dog Teddy had never participated in a dog swim before. However, to Maxx, the three-year-old lab of Christopher and Vanessa Hahn, the dip in the pool was routine; Maxx swam in the Avenel pool at their Dog Swim last Sunday. Maxx was the first dog to dive in — and delighted in swimming in the pool the entire time. He fetched balls and swam with his new bestie Bosa, Tina Heard’s nine-month-old lab. Their delight was infectious as more dogs joined them in this joyful celebration of the end of summertime.

“Maxx has been coming to Potomac Swim & Tennis Club ever since he was a puppy,” Vanessa Hahn said. “He is always around during tennis matches. We bring him up here and throw the ball for him and he loves playing here. He’s kind of the mascot. He really loves swimming in the pool.”

Ted Sears brought his five-year-old Bassett Hound, Hazel. Unlike the labs, Hazel does not favor water sports. Instead, Sears said they call her “The Sergeant” because she likes to bark, telling everyone that “she is totally in charge.”



Kathy Sorley with her dog Bella.



Maxx and Bosa enjoying their swim in the pool.

Park After Dark

Annual event raises funds for C&O park.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

The sounds of a fire will crackle in the night, dance music will float through the air, the buzz of laughter and conversation will be heard and lights flickering around the Historic Tavern will turn Potomac’s C&O Park into a magical place on Saturday, Sept. 17, for the annual Park After Dark fundraiser.

The evening will include cuisine by Corcoran Caterers, live music for dancing by the River Run Band, the presentation of awards, a silent and live auction, a Centennial Birthday Cake — and more. Park After Dark is the only event of its kind held in the natural splendor of Potomac’s Great Falls Park. The party will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m.

“We are really excited to be partnering with the National Park Service to celebrate their Centennial,” said Robin Zanotti, president of the C&O Canal Trust. “Our theme for Park After Dark will depict 1916 when NPS began and will celebrate all they have accomplished these past 100 years — and will set the stage for the next 100 years.”

Zanotti explained that the evening will feature reproductions of NPS uniforms throughout the 100 years, timelines displaying the growth of the NPS as well as the date when each national park was added to the NPS. “We will also be serving Old Fashions — the drink of the early 1900s,” she said. The evening’s emcee will be Topper Shutt, chief meteorologist of WUSA Channel 9.

This year’s silent auction will feature four court-level seats to the Washington Wizards, tickets to the National Christmas Tree Lighting, a Fighter Jet Simulator Experience, Canal photography by Roy Sewall and Lee Goodwin, a Canal painting by Argo author Tony Mendez, weekend getaway packages to Georgetown, Shepherdstown, Boonsboro, Hancock, Williamsport, and Cumberland, gift baskets and more. Dan Pereles will serve as auctioneer for a live auction to benefit the C&O Trust’s Swains Lockhouse at Lock 21 rehabilitation. This familiar Lockhouse — a popular C&O Canal access spot in Potomac — has fallen into disrepair. The C&O Canal Trust and the C&O Canal National Historical Park recognized



TURNER PHOTOGRAPHY

Park After Dark party-goers get to meet the canal mules.

that without their help, this iconic building would be lost.

The Lockhouse has been the home of the Swain family since 1909. This family has a storied history of long service to the canal. Early generations of Swains helped build the canal and many captained and raised their families on the canal boats. When the family was chosen to serve as lockkeepers, they moved into Lockhouse 21 and, as one lock keeper retired, he passed down the responsibilities of the lockkeeping job to other family members. This family also ran the Swain’s Lock boat and canoe concession until 2006. Members of the Swain family still reside in Montgomery County.

Ben Helwig, C&O National Park Service’s Partnerships coordinator, explains that the Swain lockhouse is the first lockhouse to be used for dual purposes — both as a Canal Quarters for spending the night and as a canal educational facility.

“The C&O NPS could not do all the meaningful things we do without the support of the Trust — both the volunteer support and the monetary support,” he said. “The programs that have been established and managed by the Canal Trust — Canal Pride, Canal Quarters, Canal Discovery and Canal Towns are just amazing. Other national parks have historic hotels — but as far as the reuse and rehabilitation of these historic buildings — the Trust has won many historic preservation awards.”

The evening will honor REI with the Centennial Award, Mark Stover with the Stewardship Award, and William “Bud” Cline and Dell Pillers/Cline with the Volunteer Service Award.

The attire for the evening is “Canal Chic” and the evening may even include a visit by the canal mules. Tickets for this evening can be purchased at <http://www.canaltrust.org/park-after-dark/>. Tickets for this rain or shine event are \$175 per person; \$125 of the \$175 ticket price is tax-deductible.



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The tent at last year’s Park After Dark event at twilight.



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NEWS



River Falls Doggie Swim

The pool was filled during
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Doggie Swim this weekend.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Rabies Vaccine Clinic. 8-10:30 a.m.
at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road,
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Benefitting Adoptions Together

Cooking up Taste In Potomac.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Taste In Potomac, an evening of sampling delectable dishes from local restaurants, wine tastings, entertainment and camaraderie, is an opportunity to support Adoptions Together (AT), an organization that changes lives by creating forever families. Every attendee helps give a child the chance to have a loving and caring family for life.

"Twenty years ago, Adoptions Together brought together my son and me, allowing us to create our family," said Marc Blumenstein. "During these 20 years, AT surrounded our family with enough love and support to last a lifetime. How lucky are we?"

The Taste In Potomac will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 6:30-11:30 p.m. The event was previously held at the Bindeman Suburban Center, but this year it will be held at the Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive in Potomac. ABC News Anchor and Avenel resident Leon Harris will emcee the event and the philanthropic support honorees will be Robert Collins of the Collins Investment Group, David Trone of Total Wine & More, and Judy Sebring, long-time Adoptions Together board member and host committee member. "There's is nothing more important to me than helping to ensure that every child has a



forever home," Sebring said. "I am so humbled to be honored at this year's event. For 23 years it has been my greatest pleasure and honor to work to reach the goals of Adoptions Together in their quest to find forever homes for children in need."

For more than 25 years, Adoptions Together has touched lives by giving children the loving, nurturing families that they deserve. After the family is created, the organization serves as a resource and life-long support by providing counseling, education, and family activities. The motto of Adoptions Together is "Every Child, Every Family, Every Step of the Way."

When Janice Goldwater founded AT, she wanted "to conquer the challenge of finding permanent homes for children regardless of their age, race or health issues." Over the years, AT has made her dream a reality — and the organization has changed the lives of more than 6,000 children and their families.

More than 38 restaurants will be dishing up mouth-watering fare including Cava Grill and Mezze Restaurants, CRAVE Bethesda, Hunter's Bar and Grill, Old Angler's Inn, Wild Tomato, Lahinch, Irish Inn at Glen Echo, The Oyster Grill, Season's 52, Caked Up, Tally Ho, MIX, The Market at River Falls, Potomac Grocer, Potomac Pizza, Fortune Garden, Gregario's, Sugo Cicchetti and Potomac Village Deli.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at <https://www.adoptionstogether.org/events/tasteinpotomac/> or call 301-439-2900 for more information. One can also email mdevine@adoptionstogether.org.

A Gatsby Weekend

From jazz to storytelling.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Jay Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan, and the glorious, decadent Roaring Twenties described in F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel "The Great Gatsby" will come alive on Friday, Sept. 23 at the Potomac Library. The event, beginning at 4 p.m. will include jazz music from the Gatsby era, storytelling, readings from the book and a viewing of the movie.

This special Gatsby weekend will be highlighted by a musical performance by Christiana Drapkin, a jazz vocalist who has been performing in New York City and along the east coast for 20 years. She now makes her home in Washington D.C. She will be performing a part of a quintet, reading portions of "The Great Gatsby" and telling stories about the evolution of jazz and the 1920's culture.

In his novel, Fitzgerald depicts the economic prosperity of the 1920s, the flapper culture, the bootlegging and the organized crime of that era.

On Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m., the Potomac Library will show the movie, "The Great Gatsby" starring Mira Sorvino, Toby Stevens and Paul Rudd. Since F. Scott Fitzgerald was born on Sept. 24, 1896, a birthday celebration may also be in order for the Gatsby weekend.

"This 'Gatsby' weekend has an interesting and provocative theme," said Tina Rawhouser, manager of the Potomac Library. "We are hoping that Potomac readers will enjoy going back in time to the Roaring Twenties and refreshing their memories of 'Gatsby' and the other writings of F. Scott Fitzgerald. Friday would make an entertaining 'date-night' when people can attend the Christiana Drapkin musical performance at 4 p.m. and then head out to dinner. On Saturday, attendees might enjoy lunch and then come to the library to enjoy the movie."



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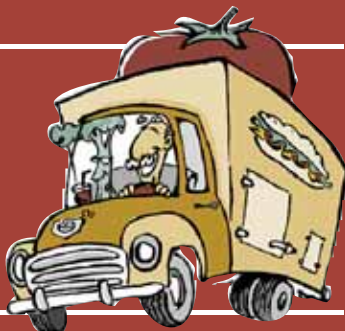
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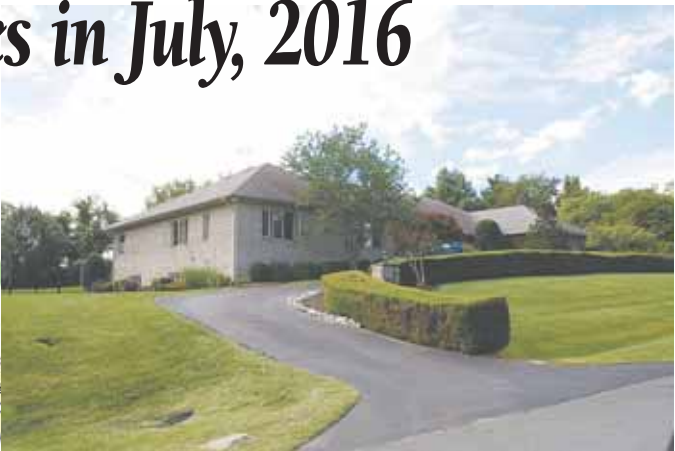
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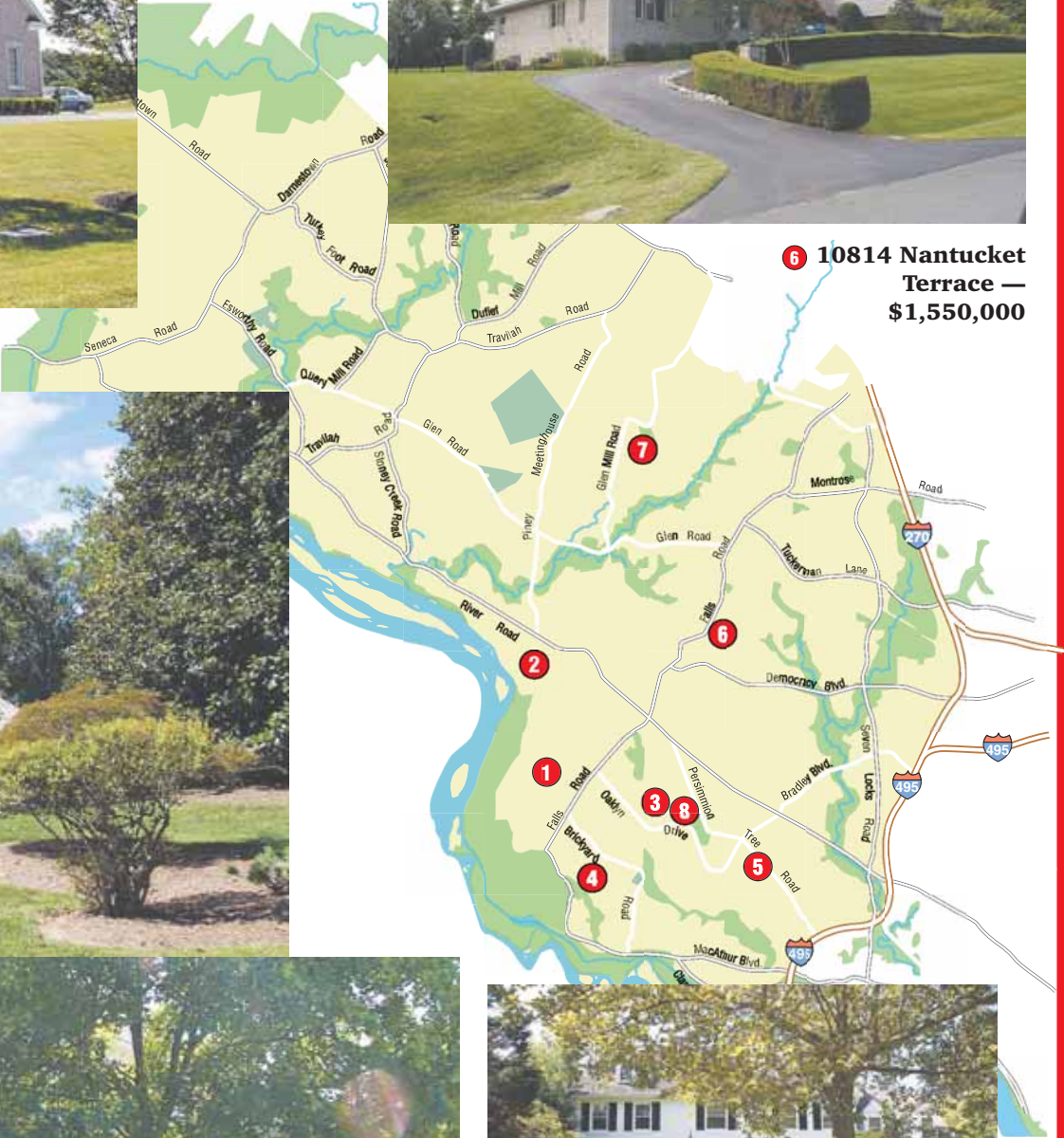
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Comfort Zone

Local furniture maker combines style and comfort

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

John W. Smith treks through a maze of sleek chairs and stately sofas in a large, sunlit showroom tucked in an industrial warehouse center in Fairfax, Va. He pauses at a dining chair, upholstered in beige linen and framed with espresso hardwood.

"Feel how smooth that is," he said, running his fingers along the wooden edge of the seat. "If you're at a sitting at the table for three, there's no sharp edge against the back of your calves."

Dubbed the "three-hour dinner party" chair, the Etesian is part of the Willem Smith Furnitureworks collection. Pieces ranging from the brown, leather San Luis, a streamlined version of a traditional wing chair, to the Francisco Metro Swivel, a petite recliner, to the Canapé sofa, fill the showroom.

"The comfort of the pieces sells them, but it doesn't look like big, over-stuffed furniture," said interior designer Lowell Wade of Interior Motives in Alexandria, Va.

Like many furniture makers, Smith strives to marry style and comfort. He's taken that commitment to a new level, however, creating and patenting his own seating mechanism to ensure comfort. Named piErgonom, it's a device that attaches the seat back to



PHOTO BY DEB STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

Interior designer Anne Walker used Willem Smith Quintana Swivel Chairs in Dreamer Apricot Leather to add a pop of color to a neutral palette in this Potomac home.

the seat cushion, preventing slippage and offering back support. Beauty and style matter to Smith, but in his liberal view of aesthetics, beauty springs from not only the physical appeal, but also the way a piece feels and functions.

"Comfort is the final element that determines whether the chair or sofa is a success," said Smith, a Great Falls father of four teenage daughters. "We sweat all of the details and are completely consumed by making all of our seating more comfortable."

Smith says that he is committed to minimizing his company's impact on the environment. His practices include using non-

endangered hardwoods. All of the springs incorporated into the cushions of his seats are made from recycled steel. Most of the furniture and fabrics used are made in the United States. Buyers can choose from a range of textiles and finishes, including leathers and fabrics, which are displayed in the showroom.

Born and raised on a farm in Ontario, Canada, Smith left a career in banking to spend more time with his then-young family. He also itched to find creativity in his life. His pieces, which not only include seating, but also tables, cabinets and other wood works, are a blend of contemporary lines and classic styles.

Smith credits a talented team of what he calls "style leaders" with the aesthetics of his goods. "I have no illusions that I'm Yves St. Laurent and I wouldn't pretend to have an affinity for style," he said. "There is a difference between design and style. Design is the engineering, construction, materials and performance, and that's my focus."

Before hitting the market, for example, each piece undergoes a careful inspection by Smith and his business partner John "JB" Behrens.

"We know all of our pieces intimately," said Behrens. "The designs essentially come out of a collaborative process. We think about furniture logically and practically and

we obsess over comfort."

A combination of versatility and comfort drew Potomac-based interior designer Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design to Willem Smith furniture during a recent home redesign.

"All of their pieces are incredibly beautiful. They combine this very clever combination of Old World and classic style with innovation," said Walker. "The greatest strength is the comfort of their pieces. They take painstaking details. You can tell the first time you sit on one of their products that they are extremely comfortable."

Smith's wife, Mary, helps with marketing and other tasks. "The clear differentiator for the furniture is the attention to comfort and functionality," she said. "There is a lot of furniture out there that may look good, but isn't functional. A lot of the public doesn't realize it. That's the fun of the marketing piece: educating others about this great solution for people. Like before there was Starbucks people didn't realize they were drinking bad coffee all them time."

This attention to detail attracts clients ranging from furniture-seeking homeowners to interior designers on a mission to create a showplace.

Locally, Peet's Coffee & Tea selected Willem Smith's Rio Java chair for the lounge area of its coffee shops.

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ONGOING

Photoworks: “Earth, Water, and Air.” Through Sept. 25, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Photoworks Gallery – Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Three artists, Leslie Kiefer, Rebecca Clews, and Caroline Minchew, explore the elements via photography. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more.

Canal Boat Excursions. April-Oct., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Go on a 19th-century mule-drawn canal boat excursion. Hear tales of what life was like for the families who lived and worked on the canal. Tickets are \$8 for adults (ages 16-61), \$6 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$5 for children (ages 4-15). Call 301-767-3714 for more.

Laughter Fitness Classes. Sept. 20-Nov. 1, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Class includes, laughter, breathing, chair yoga and Bollywood dance for balance. Registration is \$59 for seven lessons. Visit www.dance2health.com or call 301.299.3334 for more.

Art Exhibit: “Contrasts.” Through Oct. 8, gallery hours at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. “Contrasts,” featuring the work of artists Jane Callen and Janet Wittenberg, explores the role of contrasting elements in art – and life. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.

Accepting Submissions: Bethesda Songwriting Contest. Through Nov. 4. The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District announces the third annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards. The adjudicated competition is seeking the best, up-and-coming, local songwriters and will award one talented songwriter a Grand Prize of \$10,000. Visit www.bethesda.org to apply.

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.

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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.

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Art Explorers Open Studio. Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Candy Corner Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Art activities for parents and children. Activities change weekly and there is no pre-registration; \$10 per child. Visit www.glenechopark.org/saturday-art-explorers for more.

Ceramic Classes. Various dates and times. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St, Rockville. An opportunity to try the new ceramic workshops. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/ceramics for a list of class dates, times.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 16-18

Intervention. Noon-4 p.m. at Hilton Washington DC/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville. An annual convention in Maryland celebrating science fiction, fantasy, pop culture, and the art that surrounds them. Meet guests from Star Trek, Doctor Who, Farscape, and more. \$65. Visit interventioncon.com/aboutcontact/contact.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Case Remodeling Seminar. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Case Bethesda Design Studio, 4701 Sangamore Road, Bethesda. Case Design/Remodeling experts will help participants gain insight into the latest trends and different levels of kitchen and bath remodeling, as well as project timeframes and budgeting. Free. Visit www.casedesign.com for more.

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Woodbine Road, Woodbine. Find DEFHR alumni horses returning to compete in the Rescue Makeover competition, food, music, vendors, and more. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Visit www.defhr.org for more.

Perfect Pairings. 1-5 p.m. at Bethesda Row, 4950 Elm St. Take an educational wine tour at nine Bethesda Row restaurants and sample 20+ wines from around the world, all paired with signature tapas-style dishes at each stop along the way. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.bethesdarow.com for more.

Park After Dark. 6 p.m. at C&O Canal National Historical Park – Great Falls Tavern, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Attendees enjoy live music, food, libations, live and silent auction items, a campfire and more. This year is the National Park Service’s 100th year. Take a look back at the past 100 years, and a look forward towards the Park’s future. Tickets are \$175. Visit www.parkafterdark.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-18

Brian Ganz. 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The National Philharmonic kicks off its 12th anniversary at The Music Center at Strathmore with renditions of some of Ludwig van Beethoven’s most popular works, led by Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski, featuring Brian Ganz on the piano. Tickets are \$28-88. Visit www.nationalphilharmonic.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Rockville Town Center, 30 Maryland Ave., Rockville. This walk, in conjunction with 200 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit www.afsp.org for more.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-3:30 p.m. workshop, 3:30-6 p.m. dance at Glen Echo Park – Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Some Assembly will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.waltztimedances.org for more.

“Great Names” Lecture Series: Aviva Kempner. 3-5 p.m. at Bethesda Jewish Congregation, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. A child of a Holocaust survivor and a U.S. Army



‘Contrasts’ Features Glass Art

“Contrasts,” featuring the work of artists Jane Callen and Janet Wittenberg at the Waverly Street Gallery, explores the role of contrasting elements in art – and life. Even the media themselves represent contrasting glass forms: Callen works in hot glass from the furnace, Wittenberg primarily uses the kiln to form her glass art. Exhibit hangs through Oct. 8 at 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.

“Trail of Tears” by Janet Wittenberg

officer, Kempner was born in Berlin, Germany after World War II. This legacy inspired her to produce and co-write “Partisans of Vilna” and executive produce the 1989 Grammy-award nominated record “Partisans of Vilna: The Songs of World War II Jewish Resistance.” She is the founder of the Washington Jewish Film Festival, and continues to lecture about cinema and write film criticism. Following Kempner’s presentation there will be Q&A session and an opportunity to meet her. Free. call 301-469-8636, email admin@bethesdajewish.org or visit www.bethesdajewish.org.

library/branches/potomac.html.
Back to School Bash. 4-6 p.m. at Scotland Neighborhood Community Center, 7700 Scotland Drive, Potomac. Games, prizes, music and food. Free. Call 301-983-4455.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 23-25

Saints Peter & Paul Annual Bazaar. 4-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 12-7 p.m. Sunday at Saints Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac. Free to attend. Visit www.peterpaulpotomac.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Great Gatsby Viewing Party. 2 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Celebrate F. Scott Fitzgerald’s birthday. Free. www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/potomac.html.

How’d You Do That? 2-4 p.m. at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. In this artist’s talk, Grace E. Peterson will show examples and explain some of the techniques that she has used over the years. She will show products and supplies that she uses to achieve the textures and brilliant colors so often seen in her work. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

Cabin John Kids Run. 9-10 a.m. at Cabin John Regional Park. Sunday, Sept. 15. A mile run, half-mile run and quarter mile young run is offered. Registration is race-day only. Free for runners 18 and under. See

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F.E.A.S.T. at VisArts 2016. 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Continuing in the spirit of sustainable creative practices that define, reflect on, and stimulate action in the community, F.E.A.S.T. at VisArts 2016 (Funding Emerging Artists with Sustainable Tactics) features proposals on the theme "Future Framers: Envisioning

Rockville in 2040." An international picnic of food prepared by local Rockville chefs will be served on the Rooftop at VisArts. Artists and thinkers will present their project proposals to the gathering of ticket holders who will vote for a winning project. An immediate grant from a portion of the ticket price will be awarded to the winner. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org for more.

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary Open House. 1-5 p.m. at 15200 Mount Nebo Road, Poolesville. An educational and entertaining afternoon with a live band, silent auction, delicious vegan food and drinks, speakers, clowns and face

painting for the kids, and an opportunity to visit with the Sanctuary's many rescued residents. The event will be held rain or shine. For the safety of the animals, no dogs please. Free. Visit www.facebook.com/PoplarSpringAnimal/ for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

Hispanic Festival. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville. Hispanic Festival is an annual celebration which includes entertainment and food. Tickets are \$15 for seniors. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Rescue Day 2016. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. Fire and rescue activities and displays for all ages. Free. Visit www.bccrs.org for more.

Taste of Bethesda. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. along Norfolk, St. Elmo, Cordell, Del Ray, and Auburn avenues. Local restaurants and entertainment come together for the 26th Annual Taste of Bethesda. Admission to the festival is free, taste tickets are sold in bundles of four for \$5. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

Taste in Potomac. 6:30-11:30 p.m. at Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge

Drive, Potomac. The Taste in Potomac is a community event that raises funds to help children in foster care find adoptive families. Tickets are \$175. Visit www.adoptiontogether.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

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



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by Michael Matese

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Shore About One Thing



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"Want to get away?" No. Not usually. I'm more of a home body than I am an away-from-home-body. But occasionally, even I have the urge to get up and go. And now that I've come up with a system to safely transport the 50 pills-plus I ingest daily, I feel less constrained by my previous limitations (how does one pack up/plan for travelling with 20-plus bottles of pills worth an estimated \$200? In a car? OKAY. But on a plane? If I do carry them on, are that many bottles/type of content even allowed? Do I carry on a day's worth and pack the rest? Would a note from my oncologist help? If I checked my luggage instead, what if the luggage gets lost?). So I'm now using bank envelopes (the kind used by the drive-through tellers) to segregate my a.m. and p.m. pills. As James Whitmore (as Brooks) in "Shawshank Redemption" said to Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) about distributing the library books to the inmates: "Easy peasy. Japaneasy." In effect, no fuss, no muss. As a result, I feel as if I've regained some control over my life (always a good thing for a cancer patient).

Ergo, I am now sitting poolside in New Jersey at my wife, Dina's, cousin's beach house. My pills are "enveloped" in our bedroom, my alkaline water (another transportation problem which I have not yet solved) is "galloned" in the fridge and my usual and customary anxiety is back home in Maryland. And if there's one thing a cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy needs, it's relief, maybe even relocation from all that is usual and customary. Not that you ever forget — for one second, your diagnosis/original prognosis/abbreviated life expectancy, but it "sure beats Bermuda off season" as the old adage rationalizes.

So, even though I'm not exactly fat and happy, neither am I skinny and miserable. And for a cancer patient originally characterized as "terminal" (by my oncologist), not being 'skinny and miserable' is all it's cracked up to be and I mean that sincerely and serenely. And though I'm not yelling "Serenity Now" at the top of my lungs to reduce stress as Frank Costanza was advised to do and did, on a long-ago Seinfeld episode, I am feeling "unencumbered" (to quote one of my father's favorite words) and can't help wondering: what took me so long?

But I know what took me so long. Me, myself and I; that's who, and my commitment to maintaining my pill regimen/consumption — for fear of upsetting my emotional apple cart. Other than the regular/recurring infusions I've experienced over the past seven-plus years, the second most constant anti-cancer routine I've embraced has been my non-prescription supplements (most recently adding Chinese wormwood and Indian ashwagandha, while dropping N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine). For all I know, my unexpected survival has had as much to do with my pills as it has had to do with my chemotherapy? Finding a way after all these years to maintain this status quo might hopefully/presumably allow me to live longer and prosper and perhaps enhance my life, maybe even extend it. Besides, "I'm too young to die. Too handsome. Well, too young, anyway."

I realize I may be making a mountain out of a mole hill here. Nevertheless, when the adversary is cancer, specifically a heretofore incurable form of cancer: non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, any port in this storm is much appreciated. For the moment it seems, finally, I am ready, willing and able to continue the fight away from home - should the opportunity present itself.

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Making Biking Easier in the Park

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The program, which originated in a rural area of the C&O Canal National Historical Park in Williamsport, was expanded and adapted for Great Falls, which enjoys over 5 million visitors annually. Currently in its fourth season of operation, the Great Falls Bike Loaner Program is coordinated by Founder and Chief Bike Mechanic, Ric Jackson and operated solely by volunteers, who have logged over 6,000 volunteer hours and many hundreds of Student Service Learning hours. In addition, the program has trained dozens of volunteers as bike mechanics, and logged thousands of hours in bike repair and maintenance. All of the program's bicycles are donated by the public and are inspected and maintained by trained mechanics.

The program operates from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays year-



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Alexis and Ana Tungcod

round, weather permitting (generally from April through November, or until the towpath

becomes too muddy).

The Bike Loaner Program accepts financial donations to help



Julie Steinberg, Ashish Mazumder, and Susan Soileau

sustain the program and purchase parts and supplies needed to maintain the fleet of bicycles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciates Guide's Cover

To the Editor:

I was very happy to see this year's Newcomers & Community Guide's cover photo of the trail riders and their beautiful mounts on the C & O Canal towpath. The greater Potomac community has long been known for its equestrian heritage along with its fantastic natural surface trail system that is available to all by either horseback riding or by hiking. This is most certainly something that those new to the area should be made aware of. Thank you for highlighting this.

Rita D.S. Beck

Potomac Bridle and Hiking Trails Association



Stephen and Elinor Odell

really all-hands-on-deck since Stephen and Elinor had planned for their reception to be in our backyard. Just think of Father-of-the-Bride, and you get the picture.

We have enjoyed living in Potomac Falls for 20 years and raising our kids here as well. Our four sons were all involved with Troop 773. Our girls had jobs at Imaginarium, and the boys worked at Chicken Out. We just never thought we would do a wedding in our backyard. But we did!

If I could think of just one vendor who went "above and beyond," serving us the most, it would be Petals and Plants in Potomac. We could not have done it without them. We decided to go



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The backyard Potomac wedding in July.

and pay a visit — four weeks — before the wedding.

Elinor, now my daughter-in-law, was planning this wedding from Sweden. She arrived this past summer after her nursing school was complete. We were completely overwhelmed and in denial at that moment. But then we met Linda, Richard and Kelly at Petals and Plants. We could see they had so many creative ideas and a desire to know Elinor and what she wanted for her wedding. They created the draping for the interior of the bridal tent. All the centerpieces and flower arrangements were their creation and were done with excellent flourish. They kindly loaned us a couple of mili-

tary statues for the entrance to our home.

No detail was left undone. Elinor's desire for romance and elegance were captured perfectly as she had hoped and even the backdrop for the sweetheart table was decorated with planters. Petals and Plants did not disappoint, and I really don't think anyone else could have created such a whimsical and breathtaking event within a reasonable budget with respect for our wishes.

Congratulations to these head-over-heels newlyweds ... our son and our darling new daughter-in-law!

Dabney Odell
Potomac

Praising 'Above And Beyond' Service

To the Editor:

My son, Stephen and his beautiful fiancée, Elinor, became husband and wife on a hot, gorgeous, unforgettable July day in Potomac. Our whole family was involved with the preparations; and it was

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