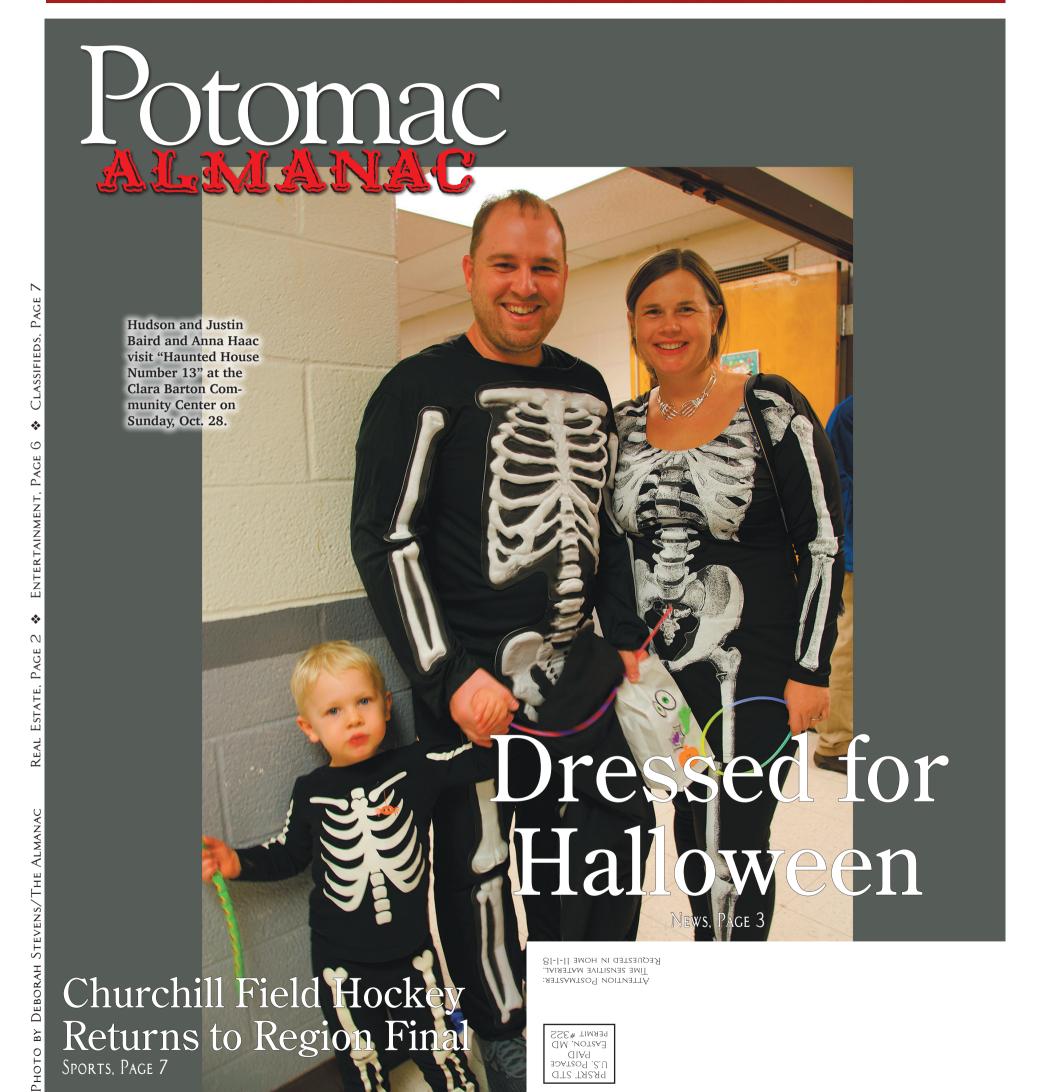
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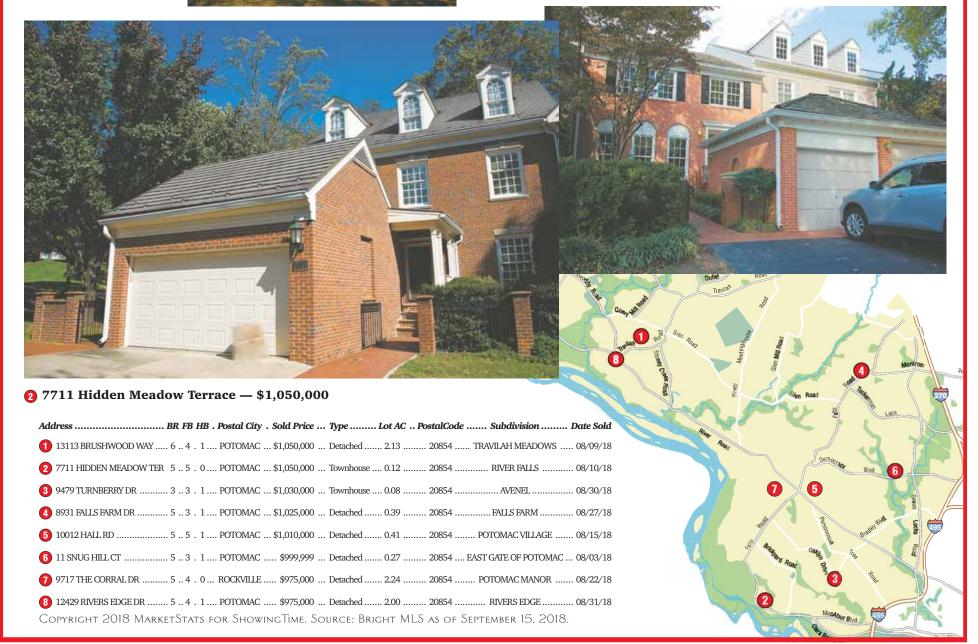
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## News



Haunted House Number 13

This year's Haunted House at the Clara Barton Community Center offered witches and zombies haunting visitors.



Jahan and Simon Gueits at the community center on Sunday, Oct. 28.

# Inside Politics

Bob Levey writes "Larry Felder, Candidate."

By Susan Belford The Almanac

ontgomery County midterm elections are foremost in the minds of most Potomac residents as they prepare to head for their November polling sites. For more than a year, households have been inundated with media ads that characterize

the many candidates running for office. Each candidate continually promises to improve residents' lives, produce legislation to affect positive change within the state and communities — and to maintain honesty, ethics and transparency at



Levey

all times (while they point out the lack of qualifications demonstrated by their opponents). But how and why are they running for office? What is the political process that determines whether they will be selected for their party's nomination? What do candidates do to win or lose an election?

This political process is the impetus for a new novel written by longtime Washington Post columnist Bob Levey. His book tells the story of Larry Felder, a successful Washington journalist who decides to run for Congress as a candidate from Montgomery County. Because of his decision, he abandons his longtime career and enters the world of DC area politics. He looks like a cinch to win — until fate intervenes.

The book is set in Montgomery County in 2006 and, according to Levey, "is a close-up look at big-time newspaper and contemporary Washington-area politics. It captures a man who is ceaselessly loyal to his wife, an invalid, and spotlights a swaggering white-shoe lawyer, a beleaguered editor, a corrupt businessman and a congressional opponent who gets luckier than she ever thought she would. The book is a searching snapshot of how difficult it can be to attain a lifelong dream — and leave others behind."

Levey said, "I started this book 10 years ago. I had been thinking about it for a long time, and once I had made the decision, I wrote the first draft in a week. Over the course of seven to eight years, I edited, revised and self-published it. The book is not autobiographical but Larry Felder is mod-

## Art Meets Nature and News

## As portrayed by local resident.

By Peggy McEwan The Almanac

otomac artist Nimi Trehan draws inspiration for her paintings from everything around her. Nature, architecture, literature, classical paintings, even news and politics all find their way into her work.

She recently had a show in her home studio, showing almost 80 paintings displaying her ideas in vivid color palette and an abstract style.

"Color is the common denominator, but you have to look underneath the surface," Trehan said

Bold color and subtle message are on view in Dichotomy, two paintings: Chaotic Order and Orderly Chaos.

Drawing of life in her native India and her years in the Washington, D.C. area, Trehan painted Chaotic Order in stirring oranges and reds with sweeping strokes and a jumble of items. Orderly Chaos is more peaceful, using cool blues and greens and orderly architectural elements.

Here is what she says about the meaning of the Dichotomy: "The series Dichotomy is a visual expression of my observations of the opposing forces in New Delhi and Washington, D.C., the two most powerful capitals of the world that I have lived in.

"New Delhi is a dichotomy of people, the glitter of the urban center and the dust of the unkempt slums. There is the chaos of blaring traffic, regular power grid failures and erratic monsoons. Extreme materialism and intense spiritually abide side by side in the capital's culture. In spite of the sensory



Potomac artist Nimi Trehan stands before two paintings inspired by a visit to Luray Caverns.

overload, there is a sense of order, an underlying structure to the city's madness.

"Around Washington, D.C., I witness political chaos within architectural orders, construction and deconstruction, as well as 'ritz and glitz' amongst impoverished neighborhoods. As Lamia Zia wrote: '... amidst the magnificent buildings and robust debates on poverty alleviation, homeless veterans still slept on the sweltering pavement framed by clinically decorated foliage, out of sight, out of mind."

Longtime friend and art lover Geeta Oberoi Tholan helped Trehan organize her Oct. 19 show and is one of her greatest fans.

"I'm just an enthusiast," Tholan said. "I admire her as a person and I respect her talent."

Trehan said she has painted since child-



Artist Nimi Trehan's painting of the Scream on display in her Potomac home studio and gallery.

hood but sold her first works in her 20s while visiting her sister in Chicago.

"When a painting sells it motivates one to do more," she said. "It's a validation, you feel valued."

Trehan spent her career as an interior designer.

About 10 years ago she retired, she said, and now likes to spend about five hours a day painting.

She considers herself a life-long learner and takes classes at the Corcoran, where she also had one of her paintings on exhibit.

Lifelong learning is definitely on display in many of her paintings like the one inspired by reading the autobiography of

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## **OPINION**

## The Good, Bad, and Truly Dreadful

By Ginny Barnes WMCCA President

ou may have noticed our General Meeting night has changed this month from the second Wednesday to the second Thursday of November. We took this extraordinary step in order to honor one of our own at WMCCA. Susanne Lee, frequent president and zoning chair, will be honored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce as 2018 Citizen of the Year. The awards banquet is being held on Nov. 14 and many of

WMCCA our BOD want to be present to attend and honor Susanne. I have the pleasure of presenting her with the award that evening.

As an environmental lawyer, she has guided WMCCA through many a legal tangle at the County, State, and even Federal level. We couldn't be effective without her. It is so good to see those who volunteer skills quietly and consistently over the years rewarded for their contributions.

Meanwhile, WMCCA joined the Montgomery Countryside Alliance (MCA) and other citizen advocates in opposing ZTA 18-03 - Alcohol Distribution Facilities. We asked that the vote be postponed until Park and Planning completed a study in progress on agrotourism which would identify issues to address in the proposal. The Council refused and recently voted to approve it. While billed as an agricultural use, the deception is that breweries and distilleries would only have to grow 1 acre of ingredients on the farmland they occupy and could source the remainder from anywhere else. Each facility can host events up to 50 days per year, with nine that serve more than 300 with no provision for how large the facilities can be. Imagine bicycling in the Agricultural Reserve on a fine weekend when people who have been drinking leave events in their cars and take to the bucolic Rustic Roads.

Perhaps worst of all, the ZTA is silent on mitigating water/septic use for these facilities. Alcohol production is a water intensive process now being sited in an area with a Feder**Next Meeting** 

Brad German, co-chair of Citizens Against Beltway Expansion (CABE), will speak at the West Montgomery County Citizens Association, Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:15 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center.

Gov. Larry Hogan has proposed a Beltway and I-270 widening to make room for four high-cost privatelyowned, for-profit toll lanes (aka Lexus Lanes). A coalition of citizen organizations have joined voices to oppose the project. WMCCA is among the opposition because these Lexus Lanes threaten to cut a destructive swath through neighborhoods, destroy businesses, parklands, and vital stream watersheds causing environmental damage. The daily toll cost to use the additional lanes could reach \$45 a day. A study identifying various alternatives is currently underway. An alternative could be chosen early in 2019 when the Maryland Department of Transportation completes the alternative study. The decision will rest with the Maryland State Legislature and Hogan. For more information, go to www.CABE495.org.

If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. The public is invited.

ally Designated Sole Source Aquifer. All Ag Reserve properties (by design) are on septic, not County sewer. There has been no evaluation of the cumulative impact these facilities could have on rural roads, water quality, and existing farms. This is strictly a way to site event venues and tasting rooms on land preserved for farming — a dreadful precedent. We are still advising concerned citizens to write the Council urging caution and reminding them of our numerous concerns.

#### Update on Ten-Year Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan

By Ken Bawer

On Oct. 2, 2018, the County Council voted 8-1 to approve (G. Leventhal voted against) the Ten-Year Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan. The WMCCA has worked over the last 12 months as a member of the Montgomery Coalition to Stop Sewer Sprawl to improve this Plan — submitting recommended text changes and meeting with County Councilmembers, their staff, and Department of Environmental Protection staff. Getting the Water and Sewer Plan right is im-

portant since pushing sewer service into rural and low-density areas is the top enabler of density and urbanization — and its associated stream and drinking water quality degradation.

The Montgomery Coalition to Stop Sewer Sprawl (consisting of Watts Branch Watershed Alliance, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Conservation Montgomery, and WMCCA) acknowledges and appreciates the improvements in the latest draft Water and Sewer Plan that was approved. Among these improvements are changes we had requested that limit the criteria for septic survey initiation to properties with failed septic systems for which on-site remedies have been exhausted, the ability of property owners to "opt-out" of surveys, and the recognition that septic system repairs may include an improved maintenance schedule or the use of practices compatible with onsite systems. A septic survey is a method by which whole areas can be switched from septic to sewer systems. Before now, a survey could be started by DEP with no objective criteria to justify it as was done in the Glen Hills area — both the South Overlea Drive and North Potomac Highland septic surveys. However, we still find major problems in the latest draft approved on Oct. 2. Among these are the criteria by which additional properties may be added to a survey once it has been initiated by a failure. As written, it still encourages sewer sprawl by allowing open-ended inclusion of additional properties to a survey once it has been initiated by a property with an actual failure. Plus, it continues to allow the open-ended recommendation of sewer category changes for properties with fully-functioning septic systems. We continue to request that these problems be fixed. We sincerely appreciate the attention and efforts of staff and Councilmembers in responding to some of our concerns and making some of the changes we requested. We see clear improvements to the Water and Sewer Plan. Going forward, we will continue to seek the additional changes to the Plan that we have requested. This will enable us to continue to build on the progress represented in the current version of the Water and Sewer Plan.

## POTOMAC COMMUNITY CENTER

PHOTO BY PEGGY McEwan/The Almanac

#### Early Voting

Potomac Community Recreation Center on Falls Road is a Montgomery County early voting site. Early voting continues from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. until Thursday, Nov. 1.

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## Acts of Domestic Terrorism

On Oct. 29, the Montgomery County Council issued the following statement on the tragic mass shooting that took place in the Jewish neighborhood of Squirrel Hill in Pittsburgh on Saturday and the shooting of two innocent bystanders in Kentucky at a Kroger grocery store on Sunday.

n Saturday morning, our nation endured another horrific and senseless tragedy driven by hate when 11 people lost their lives and six more were wounded by a gunman during Shabbat services at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. We send our condolences to the victims, their family members, and the entire Jewish community. In the midst of our grief, we must also all recommit ourselves to stamp out anti-Semitism and to continue the fight for gun control.

We remember the victims who lost their lives at the Tree of Life Synagogue: Joyce Fienberg, 75; Richard Gottfried, 65; Rose Mallinger, 97; Jerry Rabinowitz, 66; Cecil Rosenthal, 59; David Rosenthal, 54; Bernice Simon, 84; Sylvan Simon, 86; Daniel Stein, 71; Melvin Wax, 88; and Irving Younger 69. We stand united with our Jewish friends, relatives, and residents yesterday, today, and always.

We also mourn the loss of Maurice Stallard and Vickie Jones, who were shot outside a Jeffersontown Kroger grocery store in Kentucky on Sunday. We are sickened by yet another act of senseless violence.

On Sunday, another gunman attempted to enter a predominantly African American church in Kentucky, and when he couldn't gain entry, he moved to a nearby Kroger grocery store where he gunned down two innocent bystanders, Stallard and Jones.

We cannot allow our places of worship to become places of fear. We are committed to working to help protect all our houses of worship and our residents from these horrific acts of violence and domestic terrorism.

#### News

## Levey's 'Larry Felder, Candidate'

From Page 3

eled after a long-time congressman from Montgomery County. I believe the local readers will thoroughly enjoy the references to places they know — Montgomery Mall, Dunkin Donuts (there used to be one located in Montgomery Mall a long time ago,) Suburban Hospital, familiar sights in Chevy Chase, Bethesda and Potomac."

Levey began his journalism career at the age of 6 when "I launched the late, lamented Levey's News (circulation: 1). I served as editor, publisher, columnist, and crayon-er. My mother still has copies for the curious." Raised in the Bronx, he left New York City to attend the University of Chicago, graduating with an English degree and lots of experience editing the student newspaper. His first professional job was as a cub reporter for the Albuquerque Tribune.

While visiting Washington D.C., he applied for a job with the Washington Post where he remained for 36 years. In June, 1981, he began writing his daily column, Bob Levey's Washington. His Send Kids to Camp Campaign, reports of incidents in the local community — and comments on his own open-heart surgery, attempts to golf and/or garden made him a friend and confidante to all. He welcomed phone calls and

Larry Felder,

emails and was a willing listener to all who shared their tales with him.

After his first child was born, Levey and his wife were affected by the "one salary" plight of many new parents, so he decided to moonlight at a local radio station. His career in radio and TV has been long; he worked for seven local radio stations and four local TV stations as a commentator and talk show host. He has taught journalism at three local universities, is a life master and regional champion at Tournament Bridge, and still plays competitive slowpitch softball. He is married to historian Jane Freundel Levey and they have two children.

"Larry Felder Candidate' is a celebration of journalism and of Montgomery County," said Levey. "It is a positive book and it was meant to be. No one dies, goes broke or gets murdered. It's a true to life snapshot of a candidate's world."

"Larry Felder, Candidate" is available on Amazon.com for \$20 or a signed copy can be purchased directly from Bob Levey by emailing him at boblevey@comcast.net.

#### Art Meets Nature and News

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Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani social activist, and a group of paintings with political messages.

Not all Trehan's work has deep meaning. Her paintings of nature offer peace and tranquility and the opportunity to meditate on beauty.

In addition to her paintings, Trehan works on commission, creating works for

individual homes and offices.

For November she is participating in a show, "Wonders of the Universe" at the Viviana Puello Gallery, 1791 Amsterdam Ave., N.Y. The exhibit runs Nov. 9 through Dec. 2, with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9.

To see Trehan's work closer to home make an appointment to visit her studio by emailing Nimitrehan100@gmail.com.

#### BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

#### FRIDAY-WEDNESDAY/NOV. 2-14

Warm Clothing Drive. Carderock Springs
Elementary School is holding a Warm Clothing
Drive to benefit the students of Watkins Mill
Elementary School. The cold winter months are
quickly approaching and these students are in
need of warm outerwear and basic warm
clothing necessities. There will be a collection
bin in the school lobby to place the following
new or gently used (laundered) items through
Nov. 14: winter coats, winter hats, scarves,
gloves, mittens, snow pants, snow boots, pants
or leggings, long sleeve shirts, sweaters/
sweatshirts and socks. Email
laurafarrell10@hotmail.com for more.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 10

Scouting for Food. Starting Nov. 3, Scouts will post reminder flyers to homes throughout area, then return to collect non-perishable food items that will nourish the area's hungry on Nov. 10. Scouting for Food is held every fall prior to Thanksgiving. Local food banks rely on it to stock their shelves for the upcoming holiday months, when food demands are the greatest.

Items in highest demand include: canned protein (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter); soups and stews (beef stew, chili, meat-based soups); 100 percent fruit juices (all sizes); grains (pasta, whole grain pasta, rice, brown rice, boxed macaroni and cheese); cereals (multi-grain, low sugar cereals, oatmeal); canned vegetables; canned fruits; condiments; and hygiene products (diapers, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste). Visit www.ncacbsa.org for more.

#### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

#### **West Montgomery County Citizens**

**Association.** Second Wednesday, 7:15-9 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Attend the general meeting. See www.wmcca.org.

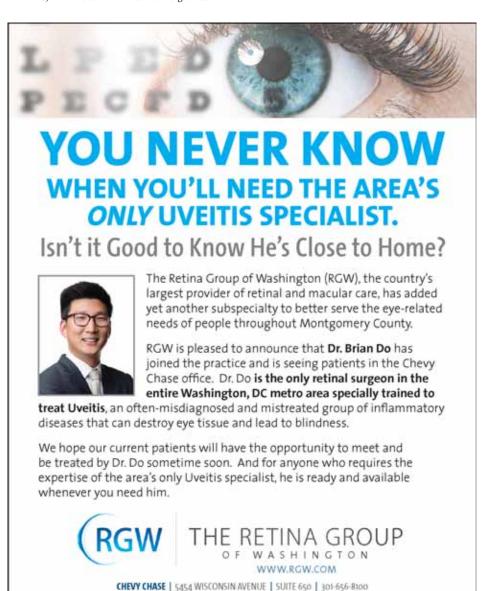
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#### **ONGOING**

**Art Exhibit: Paintings and** 

**Sculpture.** Through Nov. 3, gallery hours at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Gallery B presents the October exhibit, a group show by Nihal Kececi of Gallery NK, featuring work by Nadia Arditti, Claudia Cappelle, Gulten Imamoglu, Nihal Kececi and Eric Westbrook. Visit www.bethesda.org.

Exhibit: "Places We Find." Through Nov. 4, gallery hours at Photoworks Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The exhibit highlights how common places can become a source of surprise and discovery through the photographer's lens. Visit glenechophotoworks.org.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 1

Music Storytime for Toddlers.

10:30 a.m. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Free. Recommended for ages 3 through 5. Contact Cindy Gil at 240-777-0690.

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 2

**Four Exhibits in Five Galleries** 

Reception. 6-9 p.m. At Artists & Makers Studios 1, 11810 Parklawn Dr., Suite 210, Rockville. Featuring four exhibits at two locations which will open First Friday festivities between 6-9 p.m. on Nov. 2 and will showcase resident artists' open studios for browsing as well – leading into Open Studio Weekend, 12-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.artistsandmakersstudios.com.

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 2-4

Ethnic Food Festival and Bazaar. Friday 12-8 p.m.; Saturday 11-7 p.m.; Sunday 12-4 p.m. At St. Mark

p.m.; Sunday 12-4 p.m. At St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Road, Bethesda. The annual St. Mark Orthodox Church Food Festival & Bazaar is known for its delicious Russian and other Eastern European food specialties. Lucky draw room, grand raffle table, and guided church tours. Visit stmarkoca.org/foodfestival-bazaar/

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Dulcimer Music. 12:30-3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Live music by the Mountain Dulcimers of Northern Virginia. Visitors can try playing. The programs at Great Falls Tavern are free, but there is an entrance fee to the park of \$10 per single vehicle (subject to change). Call 301-767-3714.

Pianist Sofya Gulyak. 8 p.m. at
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masterpieces as part of the 2018-19
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Series. Free, with donations welcome
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www.westmorelanducc.org/.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 4

Friendship Circle Holiday

**Boutique.** 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. At Beverly Farms Elementary School, 8501 Postoak Road, Potomac. Free to enter. Featuring over 25 vendors ranging from makeup to clothing plus a silent auction. Friendship Circle supports individuals with special needs and their families by providing recreational, social and educational programming.

programming.

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At the
Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park,
7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.
Introductory Waltz Workshop from
2:45-3:30 p.m. Featuring the band
Trio con Brio. This band will provide
a mix of folk waltzes with a few other
couple dances, including Hambo,
Schottische, Swing, Tango, and
Polka. Admission is \$13, \$5 for fulltime students with student ID. No
partner required. Visit
www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

#### MONDAY/NOV. 5

Songwriting Contest Deadline. The

Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District announces the fifth annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards. Also includes a young songwriter category. Visit www.bethesda.org or call 301-215-6660.

#### TUESDAY/NOV. 6

Read to a Dog. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. School-age children, especially beginners, are invited to practice reading aloud in short (10-15 minute) semi-private sessions with a certified therapy dog. First-come, first-served. No registration required; no younger siblings. Free. Call 240-777-0694.

#### **NOV. 6-DEC. 2**

Art Exhibit: Abstract Artist Werner

**Drewes.** Gallery hours at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. The show, 100th Year Anniversary of the Bauhaus; Werner Drewes (1899-1985) will feature works on paper including gouaches, woodcuts, etchings and collages. The show includes pieces that have not yet been seen and that were created by Drewes's in 1935-1955 and in the 1980s. The exhibit runs Nov. 6-Dec. 2. An opening reception will be held

Friday, Nov. 9, 6-8:30 p.m. Lectures are scheduled Saturday, Nov. 10 and 17, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.bethesda.org.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 8

Intelligent Lives Film. 7-9 p.m. At Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac, in the Blair Family Center for the Arts. Main Street will host a screening of Dan Habib's new film, Intelligent Lives, which follows the lives of three adults with intellectual disabilities and challenges common perceptions of intelligence. Cost: \$25. Groups of 11 or more pay \$20 per ticket. Contact info@mainstreetconnect.org to request group rate. Visit the website: https://mainstreetconnect.org/

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 9

Opening Reception: Werner

event/intelligent-lives/

**Drewes.** 6-8:30 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. The show, 100th Year Anniversary of the Bauhaus; Werner Drewes (1899-1985) will feature works on paper including gouaches, woodcuts, etchings and collages. The show includes pieces that have not yet been seen and that were created by Drewes's in 1935-1955 and in the 1980s. The exhibit runs Nov. 6-Dec. 2. Lectures are scheduled Saturday, Nov. 10 and 17, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.bethesda.org.

Washington Conservatory Concert Series. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland

Congregational UCC Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Violinist James Buswell will be performing Bach to Kodály: works for solo violin and collaborations with Pressenda Chamber Players cellist Tobias Werner and pianist Read Gainsford. Free, with donations welcome at the door. Audience members are invited to a post-concert Wine & Words in the church social hall, a fun and informal question and answer session with the musician with complimentary beverages. Call 301-320-2770 or visit www.washingtonconservatory.org/ html/concerts.htm.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 10

Annual Bazaar. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ingleside at King Farm, 701 King Farm Blvd., Rockville. Ingleside at King Farm is hosting its 6th Annual Bazaar. Find baked goods, crafts and more. Free admission. Call 301-330-1297 with questions.

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#### Sports



Churchill's Alex Sperling, right, and Wootton's Grace Henschel compete for the ball during Monday's playoff game at Churchill High

## Churchill Returns to Region Final

#### Bulldogs beat Wootton in double overtime.

By Jon Roetman The Almanac

or nearly 80 minutes, a pair of field hockey rivals struggled to move the ball on the slow-playing grass surface at Churchill High School, with both teams failing to capitalize on limited scoring opportunities.

Then, with Churchill and Wootton less than 2 minutes away from having their seasons decided by a shootout — Churchill head coach Cay Miller was already deciding on a shootout lineup — the Bulldogs executed in familiar fashion to earn a return trip to the 4A South region championship game.

Churchill senior captain Alex Sperling scored the game-winning goal with less than 2 minutes remaining in the second overtime period and the Bulldogs defeated the Patriots 1-0 in the 4A South semifinals on Oct. 29 in Potomac.

Junior captain Lucia Alem dribbled along the endline and crossed the ball in front of the goal — something Churchill has been working on in practice. Sperling was there to finish the job, with her goal earning Churchill a third consecutive trip to the 4A South final.

The Bulldogs will take on Walter Johnson for the region championship at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at Walter Johnson High School, the game's pre-determined site. As the higher seed, Churchill will be considered the home team.

"I saw an opportunity," Alem said. "I saw players looking to see where the ball was. I saw an opening."

Sperling was there to capitalize.

"We have been practicing passing the ball from endline to stroke," Sperling said. "I sprinted over there and when the ball came I said, 'Oh my God.""

Scoring chances were at a premium on Monday, as both teams had difficulty advancing the ball on the grass surface. During the teams' regular season meeting on Oct. 8 on Wootton's turf field, each side scored a pair of goals in regulation before the Bulldogs won in a shootout.

In Monday's playoff game, Churchill held a 7-2 advantage in penalty corners. Wootton did not earn a corner in the second half or overtime.

On turf, players hit the ball and "hope to see where it goes," Alem said. "Here, you have to look for bounces. It's more about control and more of a skill game."

Wednesday's region championship game will be played on turf at Walter Johnson High School.

Monday's victory was the latest in a successful three-year run for Churchill. The Bulldogs have won each of the last two region championships, and in 2016 they advanced to the state final.

The victory over Wootton improved Churchill's 2018 record to 13-1. The Bulldogs' lone defeat came against Blake, a 3-1 loss in the regular season finale on Oct. 18. Prior to falling to Blake, Churchill had not lost a regular season game since 2015. However, the loss, Miller agreed, could be beneficial for the Bulldogs.

"We had a regular season streak and put unnecessary pressure on ourselves," Miller said. "It's a relief to start fresh, with no expectations from previous teams."

If Churchill wins a third consecutive region title, the Bulldogs will face the winner of Dulaney and Old Mill in the state semifinals on Nov. 5 at Paint Branch High School.

An opportunity made possible by Monday's double-overtime victory over

"I was really, really tired," Sperling said. "I don't want my last game to be on my (home) field.

"There were 2 minutes left, I had to keep pushing. I would rather be in pain than



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#### As It So **Happens**



#### By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I sit and attempt to write next week's column, I do so on Saturday, Oct. 27. Aside from being my close friend, Cheryl's, birthday, and the day before my brother, Richard's, birthday, it is a date (the 27th), to invoke our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that "will live in infamy." It is the date that Team Lourie, such as it is: my wife, Dina; my brother, Richard; and yours truly, met my oncologist for the first time to learn what my previous week's "malignant" biopsy actually meant.

What it meant was that I was officially a cancer patient. Specifically, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, patient, and one given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis to boot, at age 54 and a half. Not a guarantee, mind you, but definitely a kick in the stomach. Not literally of course, but hearing such terrible, unexpected news, it certainly took our breath

After we all regained our composure, we tried to sort out what we had just heard and ask some intelligent questions (quite a challenge at that moment, I

It was difficult because cancer was a subject with which Team Lourie had zero personal experience, having had no immediate family history other than my mother's very treatable skin cancer. As such, in talking with the oncologist, we were all at a disadvantage. In addition to never having met, neither did we know exactly what we were to be discussing until we sat in the doctor's office.

Talk about ill-prepared (pun intended).

Throw in the shock value of what we were hearing - for the first time (akin to that of a neutron bomb since we were still standing; sitting, actually), we were very nearly blown away and having difficulty processing what we were hearing: "13 months to two years," out of the blue, basically.

We might have understood "the macro," to steal one of my brother's favorite expressions, but we were having a little trouble grasping "the micro" – meaning

Certainly we were clear that my life going forward was going to be different, but we had no idea, really, what we were all in for, collectively. Though a sort of handbook called "The Five Questions" was provided to us, it was hardly a GPS that guided you step by step. At that point, you stumble and stammer and don't exactly know what to ask next.

Nowadays, a new professional certification has evolved called a "nurse navigator." This person is assigned to help you maneuver through the cancer/twilight zone of tests, treatments and appointments that you have just entered: labs, scans, infusion schedule, and oncology appointments; plus miscellaneous other secondary-type activities/appointments/procedures (aromatherapist, acupuncturist, nutritionist, pulmonologist, nephrologist, internal medicine doctor, thoracic surgeon, ophthalmologist, urologist, dermatologist, psychologist, pharmacist) and a few others that 'chemo-brain" - a recently confirmed side effect of chemotherapy - has likely caused me to forget.

It's no wonder new cancer patients begin to melt down even before the first beam of radiation has been focused and/or the first dose of chemotherapy has been infused.

And not that I need reminding, but the 27th does seem to focus a "confinement beam" ("Star Trek") of sorts on what I've been doing and why and how much longer I'm likely to be doing it. And that, of course, is the rub, because in the cancer business, there are very few guarantees, any of which is constantly rubbing you in various directions. Directions which cause you to ebb and flow and bob and weave and try to hang on for dear life. Because so far as most of us know, this life is pretty dear and we kind of think we want to hang on to it for awhile.

And I'm one of the lucky ones, a survivor, that is. Many of my fellow "diagnosees" have not been nearly as fortunate as I have been. Ten years, come Feb. 20, 2019, the anniversary of the actual date when m Internal Medicine doctor called me to tell me the results of the previous week's biopsy. I remember where I was and what I was doing when I received that call.

That I'll never forget.

That was my Dec. 7, 1941.

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