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Unbridling a Capital Campaign

Potomac Horse Center kicks off fundraising effort to upgrade facilities.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN
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Set on 41.7 acres in North Potomac, Potomac Horse Center is fields, stables, riding rings, and a teaching facility unique to Montgomery County.

The bucolic setting, which also includes miles of horse trails, is located along Quince Orchard Road and is also bordered by DuFief Mill Road but walking around the facility is like being miles away from the housing developments surrounding it.

The location is one of its advantages according to Shailla Cardon, who has been riding at the center for more than 30 years.

Its reputation drew her to the center when she moved to North Potomac in 1982, she said.

"I was thrilled to be coming here," she said. "Potomac Horse Center was a big deal, an Olympic training center, the best of the best."

It still is, she said.

But, according to General Manager Renee Terselic, it's time for a major facelift of the facility.

"What happens is the facility is



Riders demonstrate their skills during a horse show at Potomac Horse Center Sunday.

PHOTOS BY PEGGY MCEWAN/THE ALMANAC

over 50 years old and is in disrepair," she said. First on her must-have list is a new roof for the New School arena, she said, then she mentioned other needs ranging from repairing drainage in the fields, purchasing new bleachers, updating bathrooms and the main

office, and repairing the perimeter fencing.

"You need to keep the horses in," she said.

The center was started in late 1962 by Frederic C. Harting, who wanted a place for him and his family to ride. He also had the dream of establishing a world class riding academy in the mode of British riding schools.

His vision became a reality and many riders have trained there. The center includes boarding facilities for staff and students. In the 1960s and 1970s, it was the largest riding school in the United States, according to the Horse Center brochure.

Harting sold the property to Montgomery County in the early 1980s. It was leased by Elizabeth Madlener and operated as Maryland Horse Center until 1992 when Paul J. Novograd, of New York, took over.

"His family had the horses that were used in Central Park," Cardon said.

The Novograd family leases Potomac Horse Center from Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The business arrangement includes paying rent to Park and Planning plus a portion of profits, Nancy Novograd said.

Both organizations pay some of the capital improvements, but more is needed according to a letter on the Horse Center's Facebook page.

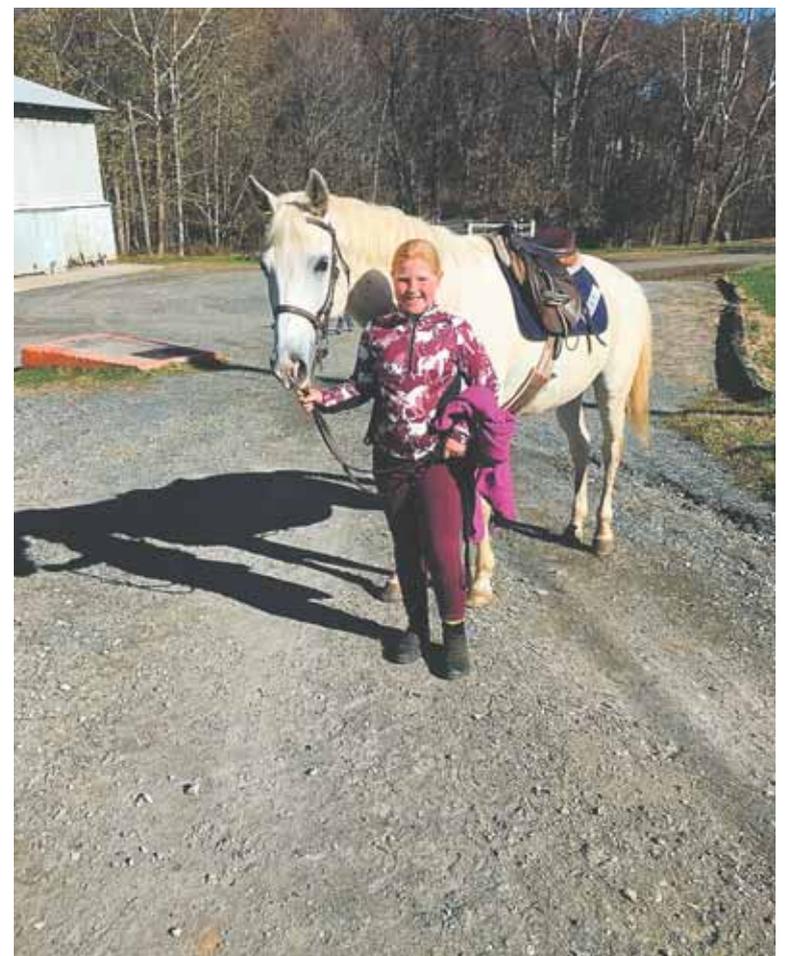
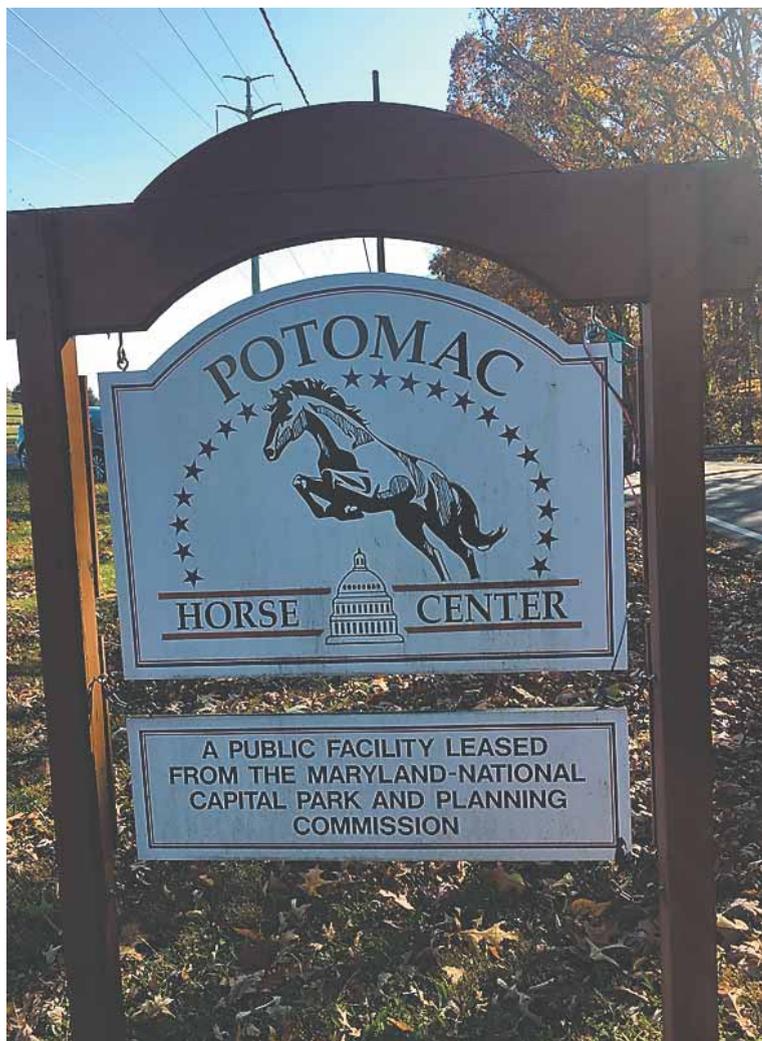
"These capital needs are not merely cosmetic," the Facebook

post said. "The 50-plus year old facility needs material upgrades that cannot be funded by the business of the Potomac Horse Center. Unless these repairs and improvements are made, the future of this crown jewel of the Maryland horse industry is uncertain at best. There

are many potential uses for the 48 acres of our prime land in Montgomery County, including recreational facilities for soccer, football, baseball and other sports. And with the approval of major development plans on the property across Quince Orchard Road, these pressures will only increase.

"In short, if investments are not made in the Potomac Horse Center soon, PHC will become just a fond memory for you and the thousands of alumni and other horse enthusiast who love this special place. Help us demonstrate that access to riding is a valued part of the fabric of Montgomery County. Just as forward-thinking leaders preserved the agricultural tradition of the county, we are tasked with preserving the county's famed riding tradition by sustaining this 'gateway' site for future generations of riders."

With that plea, the Potomac Horse Center started its capital campaign. The current goal is to raise \$1 million in five years, Terselic said. To donate, visit www.potomachorse.com. Donations are handled by the Montgomery Parks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Katie Jacobsen walks Geronimo, her favorite horse, to cool him down after being ridden at Potomac Horse Center Sunday.

Meet the County Executive-Elect

Marc Elrich plans Thursday meeting in Potomac.

BY PEGGY MCEWAN
THE ALMANAC

Marc Elrich, newly elected Montgomery County Executive, wants residents to know that he is ready to hear from them.

"My doors are open," he said during his acceptance speech on election night. "I actually want to talk to people."

To that end he has set up a number of listening sessions.

The first will be in Potomac on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Cabin John Middle School, 10701 Gainsborough Road.

"... I have scheduled listening sessions to hear from residents; of course, I will not be able to respond to all of the suggestions and comments, but it is the beginning of what I hope will be an ongoing conversation with our residents," Elrich wrote in a post-election letter to supporters.

In his acceptance speech Nov. 6, Elrich, 69, thanked his supporters for the role they played



Elrich

in the election and reminded them of a few of his goals for the county he will lead for the next four years.

One of those goals, one he admits he will not attain, is to reduce greenhouse emissions in the county to zero by 2035. It's too ambitious, he admitted, but setting a reachable goal means there is an endpoint and he is not willing to create an end to his plan to lead the way to environmental sustainability.

"If the climate situation in this county is not a fricking emergency, I don't know what is," he said.

Another of Elrich's goals is closing the achievement gap in education. It is an "emergency" and "unacceptable," he said.

His multi-faceted solution to the problem begins with a higher minimum wage in order to create more stable households. As a former elementary school teacher, Elrich draws a direct connection between staple home life and students' ability to focus on school work.

Other issues he mentioned during that election night speech were creating a more effi-

cient, effective county government; growing small businesses — "We need to grow the economy from the bottom as well as the top," he said — and building a Bus Rapid Transit system which will move people to and from work faster and in a more environmentally sustainable way.

Elrich takes office Dec. 3, replacing Isiah Leggett, who served as county executive for 12 years.

He comes to the top job with years of experience in local government. He spent 19 years as a member of the Takoma Park City Council and served on the Montgomery County Council from 2006 until the present.

Elrich's schedule of listening sessions other than Thursday's at Cabin John Middle School are:

- ❖ Saturday, Nov. 17, 3-4:30 p.m. at Kingsview Middle School, 18909 Kingsview Road, Germantown;

- ❖ Thursday, Nov. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. at Olney Elementary School, 3401 Queen Mary Drive, Olney;

- ❖ Saturday, Dec. 1, 3-4:30 p.m. at Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Road, Takoma Park. For more information visit www.elrichtransition.com.

Problem with Medical Waste in Recycling

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and its Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) has been discovering an increase in medical waste being placed in curbside recycling bins by residents. These materials are not acceptable in the county's recycling program and DSWS is reminding residents that their medical suppliers can provide the best methods of disposal of medical waste items.

Medical waste items may contaminate an entire bin of acceptable recyclable materials and, if collected, pose danger to the health and safety of the employees that collect recycling from single-family homes and townhomes. These items also endanger employees that process and sort materials at the county's Recycling Center in Derwood.

Examples of medical waste items that have been found inappropriately mixed in with recyclable materials at the Recycling Center include plastic intravenous fluid (IV) bags, plastic respirator and medical equipment tubing, CPAP masks and syringes (including sharps used for injections and plastic syringes used for flushing IV lines). These items should never be placed into blue recycling bins for recycling collection.

While many items for medical use at home may be made of plastic, they are most likely contaminated with blood, bodily fluids or other infectious materials — all of which pose significant health risks to others.

If a county contractor that collects recycling notices medical waste in a curbside bin, the contractor is instructed to not collect any of the recyclables in the bin and to leave a tag explaining why the materials were not col-

lected.

Residents who receive home health care services and who are unsure of how to properly dispose of medical waste are encouraged to contact their physician's office, local hospital, home health care provider or other supplier of medical products for information on proper disposal of medical waste materials.

One example of proper disposal of medical waste used at home involves programs for items such as syringes. In addition to the medical items, those programs also provide patients with containers to allow for the safe disposal of waste materials. Used syringes are placed

in a rigid plastic container, the cap or lid of the disposal container is then placed back on it and then the container is taped securely shut. The secured container is then to be placed in the regular household trash bag or trash container.

Secured containers of syringes should never be placed into recycling bins, even if the empty container may have previously been recyclable by itself. For a complete list of items that can be recycled in the County's recycling program, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling or call Montgomery County's Customer Service Center at 311 (out-of-County: 240-777-0311). The TTY number is MD Relay 711.

Learn about Home Sharing

Montgomery County residents can learn more about home sharing by attending a community conversation scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 15, 12 - 1:30 p.m., at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, Room B, 4805

Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. The county is considering a program to match homeowners who may feel their home is too big or costly to maintain with renters facing rising rents. RSVP to events@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-1131.

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

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 14

Warm Clothing Drive. Through Wednesday, Nov. 14, 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.

Community Conversation. 2-3:30 p.m., at North Potomac Community Recreation Center, 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville. Montgomery County

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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.

THURSDAY/NOV. 15

Community Conversation. Noon-1:30 p.m., at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, Room B, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda. Montgomery County residents can learn more about home sharing by attending one of the community conversations scheduled in November. To gather input toward designing an effective home-sharing program, the County invites residents to share their thoughts and ideas. Refreshments will be served. Residents should RSVP their preferred location to events@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-1131.

TUESDAY/NOV. 20

Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship & Service Project. 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. The Potomac Area Interfaith Communities will hold their third annual Thanksgiving Service. People of many different religions will gather to give thanks to God for all of creation, especially humankind. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. The worship portion of the evening will be followed by a service project benefitting Catholic Charities' Dorothy Day Program and Interfaith Works Women's Shelter. Please contact any participating community for more information. Call St. Francis Episcopal Church at 301-365-2055.

TUESDAY/NOV. 27

Public Hearings. 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 public hearings on the following amendment and special appropriations:
 ♦ Amendment to FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and special appropriation to FY19 Capital Budget, Department of General Services - \$3,267,000 for Salt Storage Facility. Source: GO Bonds.
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Franchisee of the Year

Steve Lorberbaum, owner of Assisting Hands Home Care, was recognized as the owner of the year during the association network meeting in Washington, D.C.



He was named 2018 Franchisee of the Year during the International Franchise Association's (IFA) annual Franchise Action Network meeting in Washington, D.C.

Lorberbaum opened Assisting Hands in September 2014 upon realizing the demand for caregiving services after managing the care of his parents.

Licensed as a Residential Service Agency by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Assisting Hands of Potomac

serves Montgomery County, Maryland including Potomac, North Potomac, Bethesda, North Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Gaithersburg, Olney, Germantown, and beyond. The office is at 4853 Cordell Avenue, Suite PH-10A, in Bethesda.

“I greatly enjoy the work we do in serving our community and in providing peace of mind and stress relief to our clients and their families,” said Lorberbaum. “It is truly an honor to be trusted by our clients to come into their homes and help brighten their day.”

For more information, visit www.assistinghands.com/37/maryland/potomac/.

Gecui Named Manager

Crina Gecui has been named manager of the Weichert, Realtors' Potomac sales office. Gecui has 18 years of experience in real estate sales, management and luxury branding.



Gecui's real estate knowledge extends beyond just buying and selling homes.

For the past eight years, she has owned a successful remodeling business. With her Maryland Class A contractor license and Virginia Class A builder license, Gecui's knowledge of home construction

and materials is an added benefit for clients and team members alike.

Gecui also has a background in corporate training, computer technologies, banking and finance. A resident of Montgomery County since 1997, Gecui has been married for 20 years and has a 13-year-old son. She enjoys traveling, gardening, photography and the beach. Weichert's Potomac office is located at 7821 Tuckerman Lane; call 301-718-4100. See www.weichert.com.

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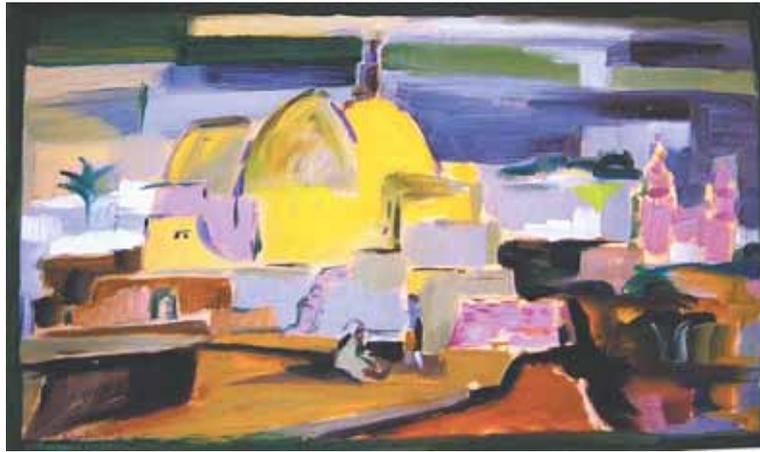
Art Exhibit: Abstract Artist Werner Drewes. Through Dec. 2, gallery hours at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. The show, 100th Year Anniversary of the Bauhaus; Werner Drewes (1899-1985) will feature works on paper including gouaches, woodcuts, etchings and collages. The show includes pieces that have not yet been seen and that were created by Drewes's in 1935-1955 and in the 1980s. A lecture is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 17, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.bethesda.org.

Photoslam: The Exhibit. Through Dec. 9, Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.; Sundays, 1-8 p.m. at Photoworks Gallery, at Glen Echo Park. Photoworks Gallery presents their annual Photoslam Exhibit which showcases the work of the winners of Photoworks eighth Photo Slam at Bus Boys and Poets, Washington, D.C. Photoworks offers photography classes for all ages. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Teen Writers' Club. Tuesdays through May 28, 2019, 6:30-8 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Teens (13-18) with a passion for writing are invited to join the Teen Writers' Club. Learn and practice new writing techniques, share your work, and learn how to critique other works with author Neal Gillen. Free. Email acsagillen@aol.com.

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Werner Drewes at Gallery B

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 through Dec. 2, gallery hours at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. A lecture is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 17, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.bethesda.org.

Thursdays, 7:30-11 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive, Bethesda. Circle and line dances from Eastern Europe. Lesson at 7:30, followed by requests. Glen Echo Folkdancers welcome beginners of all ages; no partner needed. Wear comfortable shoes. \$7. Call 301-466-3018 or visit www.dancingplanetproductions.com.

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. capitalblues.org

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.

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. www.glenechopark.org, 301-634-2222.

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. www.glenechopark.org, 301-634-2222.

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

THURSDAY/NOV 15

"75 Years of Montgomery County History." 7-9 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Matthew Logan, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, agrees with William Shakespeare that "What's Past is

Prologue" as he illuminates "75 Years of Montgomery County History," to Potomac Community Village members and guests. Email info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org or call 240-221-1370.

FRIDAY/NOV 16

Korouh Taie, Magician. 8 p.m. at Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Magic, comedy and mentalism collide to create spellbinding entertainment. Ages 15 & up. \$20, \$18 (students 15-21). Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/arts-on-the-green or call 301-258-6394.

SATURDAY/NOV 17

Turkeypalooza. 10:30 a.m. at Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Explore Thanksgiving with this interactive production that encourages children ages 3 and up to count, read, move and solve problems. \$15. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/arts-on-the-green or call 301-258-6394.

Lecture: Werner Drewes. 4-6 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. Visit www.bethesda.org.

Photoslam: Reception and Gallery Talk. 5-7 p.m. at Photoworks Gallery, at Glen Echo Park. Photoworks Gallery presents their annual Photoslam Exhibit which

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Washington Balalaika Concert. 8 p.m. at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, Rockville. Hear the largest Russian folk orchestra in the United States, with 55 members on stage, with a musical repertoire replicating a typical Russian winter. One of the musical selections, 'Russian Winter,' is a medley of folk songs about the troika, a traditional Russian sleigh pulled by three horses. 'Woolen Boots,' featuring WBS Concertmaster Andrei Saveliev portrays 'Valenki' the traditional winter Russian footwear made from thick felted wool. Visit www.balalaika.org.

Choral Celebration of Leonard Bernstein. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale, led by Artistic Director Stan Engbreton, perform favorites from West Side Story, Candide and Mass, three of Leonard Bernstein's most famous works. The evening also features the Strathmore Children's Chorus, Metropolitan Opera star soprano Danielle Talamantes and tenor Brian Cheney. In addition, there will be a free pre-concert lecture with Associate Conductor Victoria Gau (6:45-7:15 p.m.) and a Color the Music Exhibit featuring artwork by Montgomery County students. Tickets \$30-\$76; free for those age 7-17. Visit nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-581-5100 for tickets, including free child tickets.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 17-18
Mayfield Market. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Connelly School of the Holy Child, 9029 Bradley Blvd., Potomac. Holy Child hosts a festive shopping atmosphere to start the holiday season. With more than 60 vendors selling jewelry, clothing, home décor, hostess and children's gifts, personalized items, holiday decorations, and more. Visit www.holychild.org/mayfield-market.

SUNDAY/NOV. 18
Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Introductory Waltz Workshop from 3:30-6 p.m. Featuring the ensemble Fyre playing a mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission is \$13, \$5 for full-time students with student ID. No partner required. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 20
Read to a Dog. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Every first and third Tuesday of the month, school-age children, especially beginners learning to read and those who want to improve their confidence in reading skills, 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.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 21
DIY Acorn Marble Necklaces. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Join in for a relaxing afternoon learning to take



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Part of the offerings at the Fiber Art Show and Sale

Fiber Art Sale

Handcrafted wearable art, gifts, jewelry, yarn, fabric and more by Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Bargain tables include gallery-quality items plus artists' overstock of equipment, supplies, books. Saturday, Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Free. Call 703-548-0935 or visit fiberartsale.wix.com/fallfibersale

real acorn caps and turn them into jewelry and decorations. All supplies will be provided. Open to teens and school children 8 years of age and older. Children under 8 years will need a parent/caregiver. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Free. Call 240-777-0690 or visit www.folmc.org/potomac-chapter.

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NOV. 24-DEC. 9

A Christmas Story. At Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Wanting only a BB gun, young Ralph's Christmas happiness is thwarted at every turn by adults concerned that "he'll shoot his eye out." Based on the Jean Shepherd movie of the same name. In Partnership with Rockville Little Theater. Ages 7 and older. \$20, \$18 (students 15-21) and \$12 (youth). Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/arts-on-the-green or call 301-258-6394.

TUESDAY/NOV. 27

Basic Asian Brush Painting for Kids (S.T.E.A.M.). 5 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Experience the art of brush-and-ink painting. This class introduces the basics of the traditional Asian ink and brush stroke painting. Registration is required. Recommended for children 8 years and above. Children under 8 years will need a parent/caregiver. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Free. Visit www.folmc.org/potomac-chapter.

FRIDAY/DEC. 7

National Philharmonic Presents Holiday Pops. 7:30 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore. The National Philharmonic presents a holiday pops concert, a new family holiday tradition, on Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm at the Music Center at Strathmore. The Philharmonic is performing this concert in partnership with the USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore (USO-Metro). Philharmonic Associate Conductor Victoria Gau conducts actress/soprano Iyona Black and members of the National Philharmonic Chorale. Tickets start from \$18. Call 301-581-5100 or visit nationalphilharmonic.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 8

Live Music: Rufus Wainwright. 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Wainwright commemorates the 20th anniversary of his debut by performing material from Rufus Wainwright and Poses. Opener Rachel Eckroth here evokes the aura of the late David Bowie, experimental rockers Can and perhaps a lost David Lynch soundtrack. Tickets start at \$39. Visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/FEB. 21 2019

Poetry Contest Deadline. The Gaithersburg Book Festival will be celebrating its 10th anniversary, and is hosting a poetry contest for high-schoolers in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. To participate in the poetry contest, students must be enrolled in grades 9-12 at a public or private school, or be in a homeschool program, for the 2018-19 school year. First- and second-place winners receive \$250 and \$100, respectively. This contest replaces the previous short story contest. Details can be found in the Festival website at gaithersburgbookfestival.org/gbf-programs/poetry-contest. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 21, 2019. Visit www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org.

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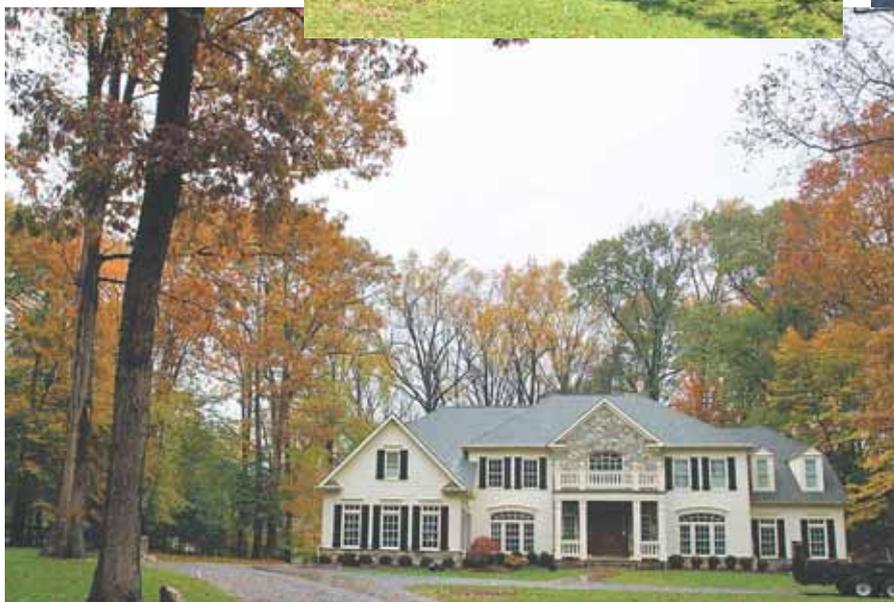
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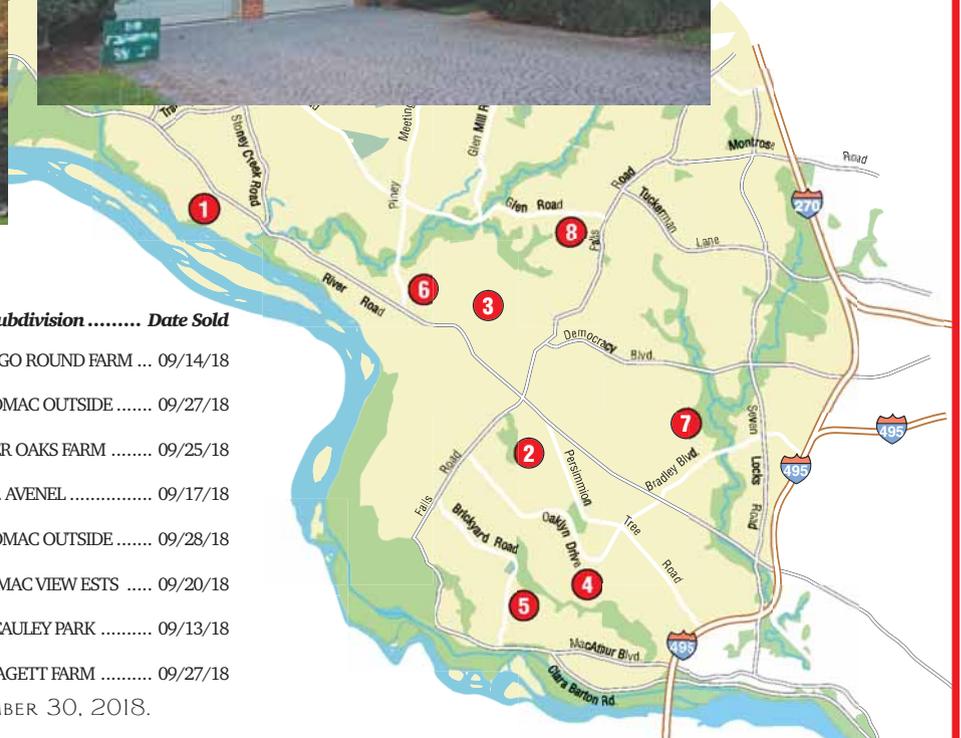
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Lighting Up the Season

Event teams young patients with designers and artists.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Some of the area's most talented tastemakers are donating their time and creativity to benefit a local hospital. From feathers and yarn to seashells and tree branches, local interior designers and artists are creating holiday trees, mantel and table displays, wreaths, menorahs and artwork for the second annual Light Up the Season fundraising event for Children's National Medical Center on Dec. 16.

Designers were paired with children who are patients at Children's. Throughout the creative process, the artistic creations unfolded as the patient-designer relationships grew. "Our design was inspired by the warmth of the holiday season, the onset of winter, and the magical imagination of 7-year-old Johnny our patient ...," said Jeff Akseizer of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria. "In our interview with him, his mind exploded with all the colors, textures, and characters he loves to see at the holiday season, his favorite being the Grinch."

Akseizer is creating a holiday tree with designer Jamie Brown, also with Akseizer Design Group. "Johnny is a true inspiration," said Brown. "He plays wheelchair basketball and sled hockey. We took much of the spirit from our interview with him and plugged it into our creative minds to come up with something that would surely wow."

The holiday decor will be created to reflect the personality and spirit of each child. "My patient artist, Savannah, inspired my wreath design for this year's event," said designer Mary Biletnikoff. "She is a sweet, 6-year-old girl who loves to draw, make snow angels and snowmen she celebrates Christmas and loves Christmas lights," she said. "My wreath is named 'Savannah the Snow Girl' and is a modern day take on the traditional snowman. I chose this theme because girls need to grow up knowing that they are strong, kind, smart and creative just like my patient artist."

"My patient partner loves fun, color and sparkle, so we created a vibrant wreath that reflects her personality," said Wendy Danziger of Danziger Design in Bethesda.

From traditional colors to hues that stretch the imagination, ideas for creating festive designs will abound at year's event, says Biletnikoff. "I hope that visitors will be inspired to incorporate some fun and lightheartedness in their own home," she said. "If you are decorating for the holidays, I want people to consider elements that make them smile and maybe even chuckle. Design is about incorporating what you like, not what you think you should have."

"When decorating for the holidays, let your imagination take over and don't be afraid to combine elements that may at first seem unlikely companions," said Sarah Hayes of Sarah Hayes Design, who created a console table display with her 17-year-old patient. "And, as Caoilinn and I would both agree, the more twinkle lights, the merrier."

"Also, make decorations together with and for your children so they can be a part of the fun," added Biletnikoff.

Offering hints at what awaits those who visit the

displays, Ashley Greer of Atelier Ashley Flowers in Alexandria said, "I have teamed up with a sweet ... patient to create a classic, woodlands-inspired holiday tree Along with my crew of talented volunteers, we've designed dozens of handmade wreaths that will adorn the tree along with beautiful glass and felt ornaments This tree will bring our theme — Over the River and Through the Woods — to life."

"We're inspired by our É patient partner who loves horses, unicorns, magic, pink, and purple," added Rachel and Charles Gang of Helen Olivia Flowers, also in Alexandria. "She lives in the country with her family so being outdoors is a part of her life. We're incorporating nature, plants, and pastel colors into our enchanted design."

Metallic animals, feathers and other natural elements are what designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors and Marika Meyer Textiles in Bethesda is using to create a safari-themed tree. "We'll incorporate some my Marika Meyer Textiles to create the garland and tree skirt using a custom colorway," she said. "It will be a festive and fun way to celebrate the holidays."

Other designers participating in Light Up the Season who are in the area include Lauren and David Liess of Lauren Liess in Great Falls, Wendy Danziger of Danziger Design in Potomac, and Sascha Roth of Urban Country in Bethesda.

All of the holiday trees, mantelpieces, wreaths, menorahs and artwork on display will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Children's National. Light Up The Season will be on Sunday, Dec. 16, from 12-4 p.m. at Four Seasons Hotel Washington, D.C. Family activities include holiday cookie decorating, ornament making, musical performances and visits from Santa. Tickets for the event are \$50 per child 16 and under, \$85 per adult for the family and \$250 per family of four (two adults and two children 16 and under).

For more information, including how to purchase tickets and how to be a sponsor, go to childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason or email lightuptheseasondc@gmail.com.



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A mixture of dark red and white flowers along with holiday greenery and black and white ribbon are elements that designer Mary Biletnikoff will use to create a wreath for Light Up the Season.



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Marika Meyer Textiles will be used to create the garland and tree skirt for a holiday tree that Meyer is designing for Light Up the Season.

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Walt Whitman To Present the Musical 'Pippin'

A journey seeking happiness and significance.

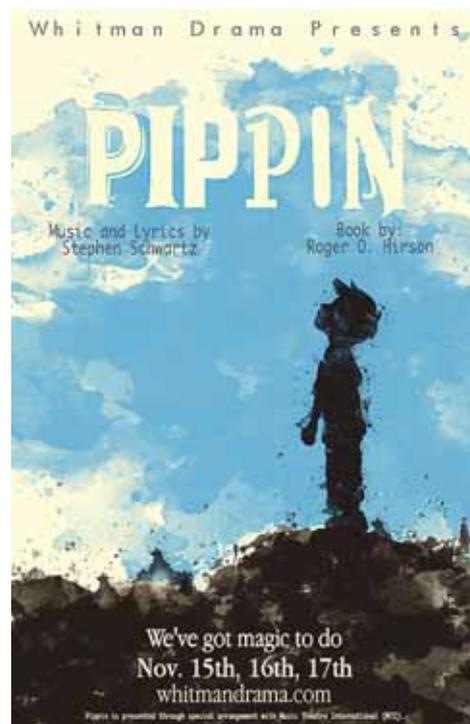
BY SUSAN BELFORD
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Pippin is a young prince who seeks passion and adventure in his life, yet who also searches for answers to the more important question, "How do I find the secret to a meaningful life?"

He is looking for a loving relationship, a path to follow to change the world, and way to find fulfillment. He is on a quest to prove that "some lives are meant to be extraordinary" — and to find his true self along the way.

When asked "Why 'Pippin, why now?" director and choreographer Randy Snight says, "This is the perfect musical for teenagers to perform and see. It deals with the questions students think about all the time — how can I find happiness and lead a significant life through the choices I make?" Pippin is a musical by four-time Grammy winner, three-time Oscar winner Stephen Schwartz. It boasts a melodious sound-track and delightful characters. The play debuted in 1972 on Broadway and its 2013 revival won four Tony Awards, one for Best Revival.

"Pippin" at Whitman High School is a must-see for its vitality, choreography and evocative message. "Everything on the stage in the creation of 200 kids and four adults," says Snight. "We have an amazing array of talent with the actors, singers and dancers. The behind-the-scenes support is also essential. We are fortunate to have the ge-



nus of the technical crew including our lighting and sound technicians, as well as the talented students who build the set and manage the stage during the performance. Equally important are the orchestra and musical support, the publicity and everyone who helps us to produce this play."

Snight is making his Whitman High School directing debut — arriving with a vast amount of experience in the musical theatre arena. The fifth-generation Washingtonian studied with the Musical Theatre Center (formerly Adventure Theatre MTC,) graduated from the Blake High School Performing Arts program, and studied at Winthrop University in South Carolina where he was delighted to have the oppor-

tunity to choreograph, write, direct, and act.

He has studied dance for many years and has performed at the Kennedy Center, the Washington National Opera, the Synetic Theatre in Arlington and in community theatre. He has always loved the play "Pippin" and is pleased to be able to share his love of it with Whitman students and audiences.

The assistant director for "Pippin" is Allie O'Connor, assistant choreographer is Lily James, vocal director is Paige Rammelkamp and instrumental director is Terry Alvey. Stage Manager Luka Byrne oversees the set, lighting and sound from the planning stage on and during the play. "I manage the calling cues, set changes, lighting, and more," he says. "I make certain that everything during the performance runs smoothly."

The cast is made up of 35 actors and actresses. They are: Alex Aronie, Alex Dobbins, Allie O'Connor, Anna Kulbashny, Ari Goodfriend (Pippin), Bella Brody, Ben London (Charlemagne), Callia Chuang, Caroline Itzkoff, Caroline Liu, Delaney Taff, Eli Blanks (Lewis), Emily Deutchman, Emily Mayo, Eva Ginns (Bertha), Fenna Oliphant-Linden, Fiona Smith (Catherine), Gabe Caraballo, Hailee Swiggett, Isabella McDonald, Jackie Aronie, Joseph Kaplan, Kat Gorlenko, Kate Wayman, Kira Gandolfo (Fastrada), Lara Nobleman, Matthew Millin (Leading Player), Rachel Chen, Sam Nickerson, Sam Tarlov, Sammy Strent, Sunny Basau, Vera

Zhong, and Zachary Lawrence (Theo).

Millin who plays the part of Leading Player is enjoying his character because he "has so much power and intensity. I find him challenging to play because it's hard to figure out exactly how he thinks and why he acts as he does. I've had to think about it a lot before rehearsals." Millin is a junior and has performed in many theatrical performances at

Whitman and also at Imagination Stage.

Pippin's stepmother Fastrada is played by senior Kira Gandolfo. "When playing this part, I have to be very animated and ma-

nipulative," she says. "I have to act older, so I adjusted how I walk, hold myself and talk. It took me some time to figure out how to make myself into a credible older person." She feels the best part of Whitman Drama is the community of friends she has made. "It's such a social activity and also a team. We are all challenging ourselves to be the best — on and off stage. Performing is my life and the main reason I enjoy it so much is the people in the production. I think our bond shows when we are in the performance. We are close and have each other's backs at all times."

"Pippin" will be performed Thursday, Nov. 15 through Saturday evening, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 online at www.whitmandrama.com/pippin or at the door prior to the performance.

Suspect Charged with Home Invasion, Kidnapping

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Department — Major Crimes Division have charged 39-year-old Robert Dove with the home invasion of a Potomac residence



Dove

and the kidnapping of its female resident.

Investigators determined that on Oct. 14 at approximately 4 p.m., an 80-year-old resident of a home located on Stable Way in Potomac answered a knock on her front door. At the door was a male, later identified as Dove, who stated that he was there to inspect the roof. The victim, thinking that it was odd that someone would inspect the roof on a Sunday, began to question his legitimacy. Dove shoved the victim and entered the home.

Police say he produced a knife and demanded money and jewelry. The victim gave Dove cash and a piece of jewelry.

Dove then told the victim he wanted her to drive to an ATM and get more money.

The victim engaged Dove in conversation. Dove told the victim his name and stated that he was currently participating in a pre-release program. He explained that he had left the center and not returned as required so he would be wanted by the police for leaving the program.

Not knowing how she was going to get out of the situation, the victim suggested that the two go for a drive in her vehicle. Dove agreed and before leaving the home, placed the necklace he had taken from the victim on a table. Dove instructed the victim to drive to a farm in Poolesville as he explained that he was from that area and wanted to show her a farm where he used to hunt.

After driving to the farm, the victim told Dove that she was hungry and wanted to eat. The victim later explained to investigators that she wanted to get to a place where she was around other people. Dove suggested that they go to a restaurant lo-

cated in Poolesville. Dove knew numerous patrons at the restaurant and he introduced the victim as his "friend." During the investigation, the victim explained that she was worried if she escaped from Dove and she was able to call police, that Dove would get out of jail at some point and hurt her or ask someone to hurt her.

Once Dove and the victim finished their meals, Dove suggested that the two return to the victim's residence. Fearing what actions Dove might take at the home, the victim said that she would pay the bill for Dove to stay at a hotel.

The victim drove to a hotel on Rockville Pike and paid for Dove to stay in a room for three nights. Dove told the victim to drive straight home and to call him once she got there. The victim drove to a friend's home and told the friend what had occurred. The friend urged the victim to call police but the victim was fearful that if she called police and Dove found out that he would hurt her. The victim also thought it was possible that Dove might turn himself into authori-

ties because she had encouraged him to do so throughout the day.

During the time that Dove was with the victim, a warrant was issued for his arrest for second-degree escape for violating his pre-release agreement. On Oct. 15, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office received a tip that Dove was staying at a hotel in Rockville. Sheriff deputies located Dove at a hotel — the hotel where the victim had paid the bill for Dove — and took him into custody.

In the afternoon of Oct. 15, the Police Department received a call from the 80-year-old victim reporting what had occurred.

Detectives developed Dove as a suspect and determined that Dove had lived at the victim's address prior to the victim living there. Dove was interviewed by detectives and confessed to the home invasion and kidnapping of the victim. He was charged with home invasion, armed robbery, first-degree assault, and kidnapping.

Police Seek Public's Help

Detectives investigate burglary at Potomac Farm Market.

Detectives from the 2nd District Investigative Section continue to investigate a burglary of the Potomac Farm Market and are asking for the public's help in identifying the two suspects.

On Sept. 16, officers responded to the Potomac Farm Market located at 9035 Congressional Parkway for the report of a burglary that occurred overnight.

Business video surveillance captured two male suspects enter the property at approximately 1:17 a.m. on Sept. 16. The suspects forced entry into at least one shed and stole items from the property to include farm equipment and fuel. Video surveillance also captured the suspects' white SUV.

Anyone with information about these two suspects or this burglary is asked to call the 2nd District Investigative Section at 240-773-6710. Those who wish to remain



One of the burglary suspects.

anonymous may call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477). Crime Solvers will pay a cash reward of up to \$10,000 for information provided to them that leads to an arrest in this case.

Watch County's Thanksgiving Parade

The Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade is set to march down the streets of Silver Spring on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon.

This year's parade features over 110 marching units, including college and high school marching bands; glittering Thanksgiving and Christmas floats; balloons; theatrical performances by the Maryland Youth Ballet, Princess Mhoon Dance Institute, and Adventure Theatre-MTC; a baton twirler and drummers, South American musical groups; 12-foot inflatables, including a turkey, a dinosaur and a penguin; motorcycles and horse-mounted police; pageant winners; fire engines; antique cars; performing dogs and rescue animal groups; Capitol Klowns and more.

The only Thanksgiving parade in the region, the parade route travels from Ellsworth Drive and Fenton Street, south on Georgia Avenue to Silver Spring Avenue.

ABC7 Meteorologist Brian Van de Graaff and ABC7 Anchor Julie Wright are emceeing the parade, which will be broadcast live at 10 a.m. on NewsChannel 8. The parade will be rebroadcast several times on Thanks-

giving Day.

The parade also offers a place to take family holiday photos. Right next to the ice rink, families can take their photos with inflatables, including a turkey, a penguin, "Frozen's" Elsa, and with Hanukkah and Christmas décor. All parade selfies marked with the hashtag #MoCoThanksParade will be broadcast on the jumbotron at Ellsworth and Fenton along the parade route.

The Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade is always looking for volunteers to serve as elves and pilgrims on floats, reindeer, and penguins in the parade. The parade needs volunteers, aged 13 and older, to dress up in costume, to serve as unit leaders, and to be inflatable and balloon handlers. The hours for volunteers are from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (volunteers need to be present the entire six hours) on Saturday, Nov. 17. Volunteers can register on the parade website at www.silverspringdowntown.com/montgomery-county-thanksgiving-parade/Volunteering.

The parade will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 240-777-0311.

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Airing of a Grievance



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now that I'm back to every-three-week-chemotherapy infusions, getting through the "holiday" season becomes very tricky. One week delay due to unacceptable lab results can have a cascade effect on one's ability to spread any cheer.

And given that I'm scheduled to be infused rather aggressively, a direct result of tumor growth indicated on my most recent CT scan, delaying an infusion to accommodate my non-chemotherapy schedule seems like a non starter. After all, we're trying to keep me alive here.

Therefore, it seems counter-intuitive almost to push my treatment ahead one or two weeks just so I can enjoy a Thanksgiving turkey.

In the scheme of things, enjoying a meal pales in comparison to enjoying a life. And shrinking and/or stabilizing tumors trumps mashed potatoes and gravy. Missing a festive occasion/not being able to taste/eat anything is much less important than beating back my sworn enemy: cancer.

However, considering the unpredictability of my actually-receiving-chemotherapy on the two scheduled infusion dates before Christmas: 11/16/18 and 12/7/18, and the effect of rescheduling one or the other by one or two weeks, depending on lab results, gives pre-holiday chemotherapy infusions a bad name and an even worse connotation.

The patient (in this context, me), is either damned if you do (side effects) and/or damned if you don't (tumor growth, potentially). I need way more than a Festivus miracle.

To invoke Tiny Tim, I need to tiptoe through the tulips, so to speak; to have my chemotherapy infusions allow me to eat/satiate my meals, travel when necessary without having to double-back for chemotherapy (yes, my infusion center is open on Friday, Nov. 23, as well as the day before Christmas and the day after, with their schedule repeating itself for New Year's) and navigate an already challenging five-week turn of events. To be capped off by a Jan. 2 CT scan followed up by a Jan. 11 face-to-face appointment with my oncologist to discuss the results of the January scan.

I can hardly wait. Although I have to, and of course, think about the what-if constantly.

Nearly two months of scheduling twists and turns impacting one's quality of life during the most stressful time of the year: Thanksgiving through New Year's followed by learning one's fate: stay the course or as Yogi Berra said: "Come to the fork in the road and take it." And if I do take it (Immunotherapy), it won't simply be the road less traveled, it will be the road never traveled – by me. Although many other cancer patients have blazed the trail, the prospect of yours truly blazing the next trail (line) scares me, hopefully not to death.

It might not be so bad – and extremely personal, if my best friend's wife hadn't succumbed to her lung cancer within a year or so after being prescribed one of the drugs that my oncologist and I have discussed if my next scan continues to show tumor growth.

I get so emotional at the mere mention of the drug that I can't even pronounce it through my tears. So my oncologist knows my preference and he's content to respect my wishes especially considering that according to his experiences, the drugs are fairly similar in their effect/success.

And since mind definitely matters, keeping me in a positive frame of mind is the goal. But I'm getting way ahead of myself here; it's only November. This discussion won't occur for almost nine weeks, Jan. 11, 2019.

The only problem is, the next nine weeks present challenges unlike any similar period during the year. Throw in a few lab tests, a couple of chemotherapy infusions, a diagnostic scan and a few weeks to wait for all of it to shake out and what you're left with is your life hanging in the balance and death rearing its ugly head.

"Cancer sucks" – especially during the holidays.

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