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Michael Herman, president of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, Environmental Education on the Potomac, and Lori Arguelles, executive director of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, speak at the 25th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup.

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NEWS

2.61 Mile Bike Path Improvements

The county will soon begin construction of an eight-foot wide, 2.61-mile bike path along MacArthur Boulevard between I-495 and Oberlin Avenue. The county's Department of Transportation estimates that the project will be completed in one year.

The county's DOT, Division of Transportation Engineering will resurface roadways, install retaining walls, driveways, underpass lighting, and conduct upgrades to the existing drain system and landscaping.

THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

Work will be done weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and there will be lane closures for periods of time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. throughout the project.

Accessible pedestrian routes will be provided and access to all side streets and driveways will be maintained at all times.

For more information, send an email to mcdot.dte.construction@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7220.

Firearm Safety Act

Gov. Martin O'Malley applauded Sen. Brian Frosh and Del. Kathleen Dumais for efforts that helped lead to Maryland passing SB 281 - The Firearm Safety Act of 2013. The legislation, which passed in the first week of April 2013, addresses gun safety and violence prevention in Maryland.

"With today's vote, Maryland has chosen to enact a comprehensive, common sense approach to licensing and gun safety, a ban on the sale of military-style

assault weapons and high capacity magazines, and meaningful improvements to mental health treatment and data-sharing – striking a balance between protecting the safety of law enforcement and our children, and respecting the traditions of hunters and law-abiding citizens to purchase handguns for self-protection," said O'Malley.

"We appreciate the hard work of Senate President Miller, Speaker Busch, floor leaders Senator Brian Frosh and Delegate Kathleen Dumais, and members of the General Assembly. Together, with a strong coalition of advocates, and the people of Maryland who overwhelmingly support policies to reduce gun violence, we've chosen to take action by advancing the strategies that work to save lives."

The legislation includes a ban on assault weapons; a limit on the capacity of a magazine from 20 to 10 rounds; fingerprint licensing requirements on future handgun purchases; and restrictions on possession of firearms and ammunition by persons prohibited by prior criminal offenses and mental health disqualifications, according to state officials. The legislation also provides a comprehensive approach to safeguarding mental health and making improvements to services to ensure that individuals are not deterred from seeking treatment, but those identified as dangerous are prohibited from possessing firearms, according to officials. The plan includes information sharing among federal and state partners for background checks, improving mental health services in Maryland, and establishing a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene-led Task Force to Improve Continuity of Care for Individuals in the Community

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Cleaning Up the River

Hundreds turn out to collect trash, recover recyclables.

Volunteers on Saturday, April 6 removed trash at 600 sites throughout the Potomac watershed during the Alice Ferguson Foundation's 2013 Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.

The Potomac Conservancy organized volunteer efforts at the River Center at Lock 8, Fletcher's Boathouse and Theodore Roosevelt Island. Approximately 200 volunteers at Potomac Conservancy's three sites collected 3,000 pounds of trash, 700 pounds of recyclable items.

Saturday was the 25th anniversary of the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.

Final numbers from all of the cleanup sites are still being tallied by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. In 2012, volunteers collected 263 tons of trash was collected, 1,566 tires, 185,300 recyclable bottles, 31,450 plastic bags, and 37,600 cigarette butts.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation was established in 1954 with the mission to connect people to the natural world, sustainable agricultural practices and the cultural heritage of their local watershed through education, stewardship and advocacy.

See www.potomaccleanup.org or www.fergusonfoundation.org/ Montgomery County continues to celebrate Earth Month with events throughout April. See www.MontgomeryServes.org/earthday-2013. Events include:

SATURDAYS, APRIL 13 AND 27
Montgomery Parks Annual Garlic Mustard



Mary R. Bradford, director of Montgomery County Department of Parks, speaks at the 25th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup.

Pull. Help remove one of the fastest spreading, non-native, invasive weeds. See www.WeedWarrior.org or call 301-495-2504.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13.
Montgomery County Road Runners Club Rock Creek Trail Cleanup. 9 a.m. to noon. Cleanup Rock Creek Trail, the Matthew Henson



Michael Herman and Lori Arguelles hold a shoe and a computer found during cleanup day in the parks.

Trail and feeder paths as well as dry feeder streams, roadways, playgrounds and the Lake Needwood area. For more information go to www.mcrrc.org or call 301-933-2919.

sites along the Anacostia Watershed. See www.anacostiaws.org/earthday2013 or call 301-699-6204.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20.
Montgomery Parks Cabin John Trail Workday. 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Improve the Cabin John Natural Surface Trail. Repair eroded tread surfaces, stabilize drainage issues, build new trails and bridges. See www.MontgomeryTrails.org or call 301-495-2504.
Anacostia Watershed Society Cleanup. 9 a.m. to noon. Take part at 20 different cleanup

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
WSSC Invasive Weed Removal. 9 a.m. to noon. Get rid of kudzu and other weeds so the trees and wildlife can thrive. See www.wsscwater.com or call 301-206-8233.

For a guide to living a green life in Montgomery County year round, check out www.MyGreenMontgomery.org.

— KEN MOORE

'Peter Pan' Takes Flight at Winston Churchill

Performance opens April 19.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Peter, Pan, Wendy, John, Tinker Bell, the Lost Boys, Tiger Lily and definitely the notably evil Captain Hook will be journeying by air and sea to the Winston Churchill High School auditorium on Friday, April 19 through Sunday, April 21.

The WCHS Drama department is presenting an above and beyond production of "Peter Pan" complete with Peter, Wendy and John soaring through the air, Indians performing native dances, lost boys who don't want to grow up — and the magic of Tinker Bell flitting in and out of scenes. The play is filled with singing, dancing, pirates, crocodiles, Nana the Nursemaid Dog and more.

Freshman Alison Regan is thrilled to be playing the lead role of Peter Pan. "The biggest challenge is capturing the essence of what he really is — a little boy who loves adventure," she said. "I love the music from this show because many of the songs really



Winston Churchill High School students rehearse for "Peter Pan."

define who he is. 'I Don't Want to Grow Up' proclaims his identity. He learns a lot from Wendy, but he never does want to become

an adult — and that's part of the magic." She has enjoyed making new friends and realizing how much support the rest of the



PHOTO BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

cast — as well as the staff — give her. "The energy of the show is amazing — and we are all able to capture that energy from one another." Regan, previously a gymnast has no fear of flying in this show. "I can't wait to try the apparatus. Flying will be very exciting — and a first for me."

Director and Drama Teacher Lynda Scionti said, "The best part of this musical for me is work-

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

Contemporary Luxury Kitchen Trends

The luxury home market is one that is dynamic and always changing at a quick pace to meet the unique needs of its clients. Over the past decade, the trend of defining what makes luxury has shifted dramatically—once, an abundance of square footage was the primary aspect of defining a property as a luxury home. Today, the market and clientele have adjusted their needs, wants and long-term goals when purchasing luxury real estate. The new definition of luxury home places more emphasis on the ease, comfort, convenience and magnificence of the home's details, features and amenities, rather than the space that they take up. One such paradigm shift happens in the kitchens of luxury homes, with a trend towards the creation of a professional, modern atmosphere in the comfort of one's own home on the rise in popularity. For the coming year, here are a few simple upgrades that can take any luxury home's kitchen to the next level, enticing prospective owners, indulging the current residents of the home and adding to the home's long-term value over time.

Refrigerator Plus!

- Surprisingly low in added cost, refrigerators with built-in television or internet installations are both eye-catching and functional and available at national home improvement and electronics retailers. LG Electronics, whose 15-inch LCD door television and an Internet refrigerator retails at around \$3,150, allows entertainment and web access during mealtimes, cooking times or midnight snacking.

Triple Door Refrigerators

- This type of refrigerator combines the best elements of the two most popular refrigerator styles, incorporating traditional French doors on the top and a large, deep one-drawer pull-out freezer on the bottom. This streamlining of styles allows easy access to the items used most frequently and provides handy storage to lesser used items without sacrificing prime fridge real estate.

Food Prep Sink

- Not just for professional kitchens anymore! The addition of an extra sink doesn't automatically mean the usage of precious counter space, either—and in a larger kitchen, an additional sink can actually maximize the work flow, encouraging more cooks to lend a hand in the kitchen. Additionally, this set-up is ideal for cooks who prefer to clean as they go, as it allows a dedicated sink for preparation and a dedicated sink for washing up.

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Mental Health System.

On gun safety, the O'Malley-Brown Administration's plan:

- ❖ bans the sale of military-style assault weapons;
- ❖ limits magazine capacity to 10 rounds (previous limit was 20);
- ❖ requires licensing, fingerprinting, and safety training to purchase a handgun;
- ❖ makes it a crime to use armor-piercing bullets in a crime of violence;
- ❖ requires reporting to law enforcement of lost or stolen firearms;
- ❖ bars persons who receive probation before judgment for violent crimes from possessing firearms;
- ❖ establishes a single automated gun application process between gun dealers and the Maryland State Police; and
- ❖ prohibits persons who cannot lawfully possess firearms from possessing ammunition.

On mental health, the O'Malley-Brown Administration's plan:

- ❖ creates safeguards to keep guns away from people who may be dangerous to themselves or others due to mental illness;
 - ❖ facilitates unprecedented levels of information sharing among federal and state partners for background checks;
 - ❖ improves mental health services in Maryland;
 - ❖ establishes a Center for Excellence on Early Intervention for serious mental illness;
 - ❖ expands Maryland's Crisis Intervention Teams, Crisis Response Services, and Mental Health First Aid; and
 - ❖ establishes a Department of Health and Mental Hygiene-led Task Force to Improve Continuity of Care for Individuals in the Community Mental Health System.
- On school safety, the O'Malley-Brown Administration's plan:
- ❖ dedicates \$25 million of school construction dollars for school security enhancements;
 - ❖ establishes a Maryland Center for School Safety; and
 - ❖ ensures that the Maryland State Department of Education will work with the State Police to review all school district emergency plans to identify and address any gaps."

New Zoning Ordinance?

The County Council's Planning Housing and Economic Development committee began a review Friday, April 5 of the County Zoning Ordinance, a formal process started with the Planning Board in 2008.



Family Dance At Glen Echo

Dancers take to the dance floor during the family dance held last month above the post office in the Glen Echo Town Hall.

From left: Donna Hunt, caller; Ralph Gordon, bass; Joe Dezarn, fiddle, and Liz Donaldson, piano, perfor.



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The process could lead to the county's first major rewrite of its Zoning Ordinance in 36 years, according to county officials.

The Planning Board sought to streamline and simplify all aspects of the document, improve the organization, update provisions to reflect the changing development climate with a greater emphasis on infill development, create predictability in standards, and promote "green" land use policies, according to county officials. The current code of more than 1,200 pages is

viewed as antiquated and difficult to use. The number of zones, for example, has nearly tripled, from 41 in 1977 to the current 120. Public hearings will be scheduled during the next few months, and the Council's PHED committee will meet many Friday meetings over the next few months to discuss the proposed rewrite. See <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/zoning/documents.shtml> for the latest version.

Whitman's 50th Anniversary Concert

Walt Whitman High School is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

"A Celebration of 50 Years of Walt Whitman High School with Music," is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, at 7 p.m. in the Whitman Auditorium.

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Whitman choral or instrumental music alumni are invited to participate in the concert; rehearsals with brunches and social gatherings are planned for the Saturday event.

Music alumni can sign up to participate by submitting the Google Form, found at the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XYKwmkGybNMZB22EZJvs2DtDSTOUwlGw4-JITSIPJs/viewform>

Information for participants, including concert and rehearsal updates, can be found on the Walt Whitman Alumni Concert Facebook Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/191785370961991/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Interested alumni who do not have a Facebook account can send inquiries to concert chair, Francesca Slesinger, at fpslesinger@gmail.com.

The concert will be open to the entire Whitman community. Details, including program and ticket information, will be announced shortly through neighborhood listservs, Whitnet announcements, and area publications.

Inaugural Poet

Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco is scheduled to speak at the Rockville Memorial Library on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Blanco's family emigrated from Cuba to Spain, moved to New York City, and then settled in Florida where he was raised and educated. Blanco's fourth book, a bilingual triptych of poems submitted for President Barack Obama's inauguration is scheduled to be released on May 6.

Blanco, the first Latino and the first openly gay



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Hoppy Easter

This larger-than-life Easter Bunny has appeared in the Village every Easter since 1978. It's Dr. Thomas Garvey, who bought the costume for a neighborhood Easter egg hunt and egg decorating contest on Gary Road — and has worn it every year since.

poet laureate for the presidential inauguration, will present a program of readings. Montgomery County Council President Nancy Navarro is honorary chair of the event. Call 240-777-0020 or visit www.folmc.org.

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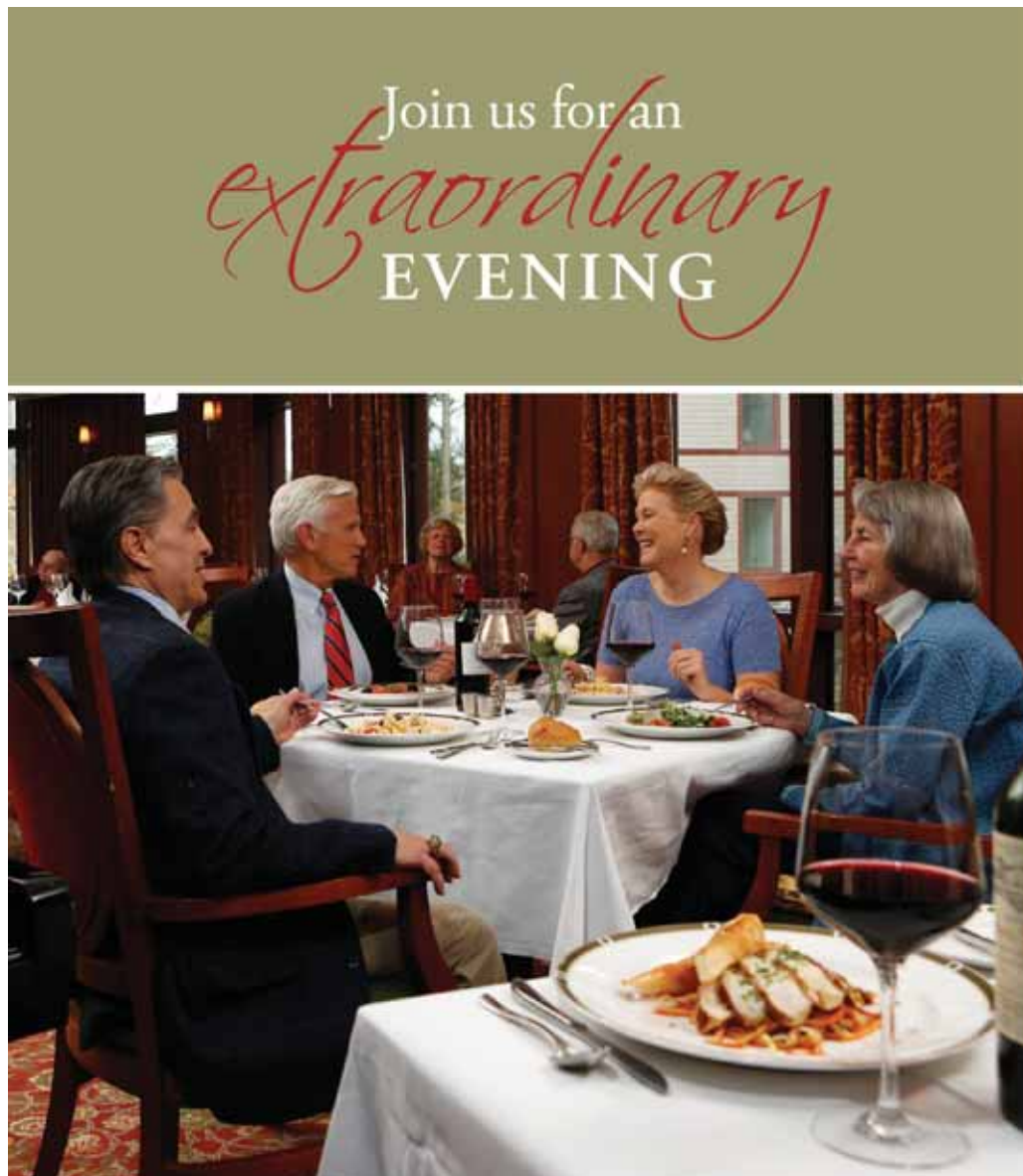


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'Peter Pan' Takes Flight at Winston Churchill

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ing with the Churchill students. They are all wonderful and work incredibly hard to make this production perfect. This production enthusiastically embraces the magic of childhood. The boy who never grew up is the child in all of us who is youth, joy and freedom. Childhood magic is revealed through the contrast between a world dominated by time (the London nursery) and Neverland — a timeless place where one can never grow old.

"The other childhood magic is the amazement of flight. WCHS's production will be assisted by the professional flyers to bring the magic of Peter Pan to life."

More than 100 student singers, dancers, actors, musicians and technicians will be part of the production. Besides Scionti, musical direction is by Kris Sanz, vocal direction by Carlos Barillo, choreography by Barillo, Scionti, Amanda Lotwin and Amy Dalrymple and production design by students Evan Cook, Steven Miller and Emily Potter working under the direction of Scott Selman.

"Peter Pan' is extremely challenging technically because it is a fantasy show," said Steven Miller, technical director of lighting de-



Student Director of Lighting Design Steven Miller

sign. "The colors are extremely important and building a fantasy world requires a lot of textures and creativity to make it super-dynamic. We have platforms that move and the most complicated side lighting system that we have ever developed. It's going to be extremely dramatic and very magical."

Alex Bankier is starring as Captain Hook: "It's been a challenge portraying the emotions of Captain Hook. I have to be mean, energetic, angry, and sullen — and, of course, incredibly wicked. It's been a lot of fun portraying such



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Alison Regan and Alex Bankier will play Peter Pan and Captain Hook.

a malicious individual."

Juniors Amy Dalrymple (Tiger Lily) and Eliana Rabinovitz (Wendy) have found that they are enjoying learning from their director, Scionti. Dalrymple has found it difficult to play a fierce warrior, since it's not her normal personality, while Rabinovitz has found that the character of Wendy hits closer to home — that she is a bit like the character of Wendy. Both love being a part of the cast. "Just being around everyone in the play is really special," said Dalrymple.

Details

"Peter Pan" the musical will be presented at the Winston Churchill High School auditorium on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.wchsarts.com or in the lobby box office outside Bish Auditorium, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac. The box office will be open one hour before each performance.

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SATURDAY/MAY 11

Grateful Shred VI. 9 a.m.-noon at Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. Clean out old files and shred them. \$5/box of paper. 240-777-4910.

THURSDAY/JUNE 6

Downtown Lunch and Learn. 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Williams & Connolly, 725 12th St., N.W. Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt will discuss some of the historic controversies that Jews argued passionately about and how they were debated and resolved. Free, lunch included. RSVP to bperlmutter@bnaitzedek.org.

JUNE 17 THROUGH AUG. 9

Social Skills Summer Camp. Children in grades 1 through 6 can attend camp and learn friendly behaviors, working as a team, anger management and more. Held by the Jewish Social Service Agency and the McLean School of Maryland. All potential campers will be interviewed to make sure the camp is appropriate for their needs. Visit www.summeredge.org/ for more.

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ONGOING

Montgomery County Master Gardeners will be providing free, walk-in "Ask A Master Gardener" plant clinics on Saturdays at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. from April through September. County residents may bring their full and intact plant and insect samples, garden problems and/or questions and get free answers or advice. For further information call the Master Gardener Plant Helpline: 301-590-9650, weekday mornings or send e-mail to mgmont@umd.edu.

Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share valuable information, caregiving tips and concerns throughout the Alzheimer's journey. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 703-359-4440 or 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nca.

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Fenton Street Market. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays May through Oct. The market is located in downtown Silver Spring at One Veterans Plaza, intersection of Fenton and Ellsworth streets.

Members Wanted. The Potomac Area Newcomers Club is a group of more than 200 women who have moved to the Potomac area. The club offers bridge, mah jong, book groups, golf, luncheons and museum trips as a way to help newcomers and current residents form new friendships, expand horizons and take advantage of opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area. Visit www.potomacnewcomers.com

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THOUGH MAY 24

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density research and includes balance and weight training. Volunteers lead the program and there is no charge to participants. Activities include demonstrating the exercises, encouraging and assisting participants, and ensuring a safe and clutter-free environment. Volunteer leaders receive a full day of free training, as well as periodic refresher training classes, ongoing support and supervision by master trainers. Bone Builders is sponsored by Montgomery County's RSVP program and Aging and Disability Services, part of the Department of Health and Human Services. For more information about upcoming

instructor training, contact Dawn Praske at 240-777-3043 or dawn.praske@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Bethesda Urban Partnership is looking for volunteers to help assist with various local festivals including Taste of Bethesda in Oct. E-mail info@bethesda.org.

CANTER-Mid Atlantic to open a racehorse rehabilitation program with donations from Delaware Park and the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association earmarked to serve Delaware Park trainers and owners. To find an ex-race horse, volunteer, or make a donation, visit www.canterusa.org/midatlantic.

To become a volunteer **Bike Patrol member** on the C&O Canal, contact Norman Liebow at

liebow@comcast.net or 301-714-2218.

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to assist its blood collections staff at blood drives and blood donor centers. Call the American Red Cross Volunteer Office at 1-800-272-0094, ext. 1, or e-mail karloff@usa.redcross.org.

Volunteers are needed to assist sexual assault victims and their families through the **Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program** of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. To schedule an interview visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/vasap or 240-777-1355.

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3. no longer owned or known



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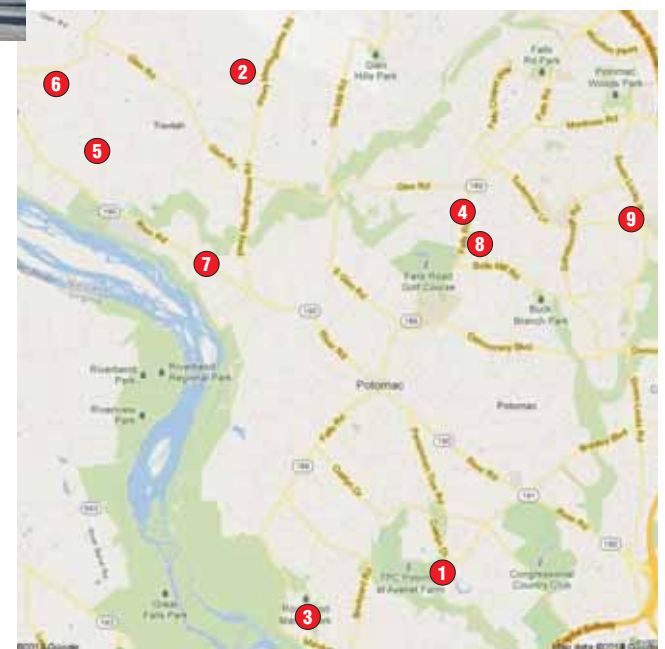
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The shower walls in this bathroom, which was created by Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., are sheathed with tiles that form a map of Washington's Nationals Park and the team's "W" logo. The shower curtain is custom-made and emblazoned with a "Go Nats" design.

PHOTOS BY
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Play Ball Nats fans design a tribute to their favorite team — in their bathroom.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

When two Bethesda, homeowners decided to update their tiny master bathroom, they opted to create a whimsical tribute to one of their favorite sports teams. Just in time for the start of baseball season, the couple turned their bathroom into a "stadium" that pays tribute to the Washington Nationals.

The designers who created the fanciful lavatory said the project put their creative acumen to the test. "The biggest design challenge was incorporating the inherent fun that comes in a themed design with the sophistication appropriate for a master bathroom," said T.J. Monahan, general manager of online remodeling at Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

The shower walls are sheathed with tiles that form a map of Nationals Park and the team's "W" logo. The shower curtain is custom-made and emblazoned with a "Go Nats" design.

"The stadium tiles in the shower were easy since they were the same thickness as the surrounding tile. The floor tile was a challenge as it is different thicknesses," said Loren Sanders, project manager, Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

The green glass tile on the bathroom floor simulates the look of grass, while tile cut to resemble home plate and batters' boxes sits in front of the vanity.



The green glass tile on the bathroom floor simulates the look of grass, while tile cut to resemble home plate and batters' boxes sits in front of the vanity. T.J. Monahan of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., said the flooring presented a design challenge.



Washington Nationals baseball memorabilia line the master bathroom shelves of two of the team's biggest fans.

"We used a custom blended mosaic tile for the floor, and a mixture of stock tile and custom ceramic tile in the shower," Monahan explained.

The owners purchased baseball bats, including one that Nationals second baseman Danny Espinosa broke during a game, to hang on the bathroom's walls.

Creating this bathroom may have cost about 25 percent more than remodel of a similar-sized bathroom, but the homeowners say the love they have for the game and their home team makes the higher price tag worthwhile.



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2013 DC Design House Unveiled

Annual event raises money for Children's National Medical Center.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

About two dozen of the area's leading interior designers will show off their creations while also helping a local charity during the 6th Annual DC Design House. The Washington, D.C., Design House is an annual event during which the area's top tastemakers collaborate to design a home and raise money for Children's National Medical Center. The home is open to the public from April 14 until May 12.

The designer selection process is competitive and an invitation to design one of the home's rooms is considered one of the most elite in the industry.

Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown, of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, were tapped to design the loft-media room. "It's exciting to be part of such a wonderful cause and to share in the creation of a design house with such talented designers," said Brown.

"We were able to work with the children of Children's National Medical Center to create a black and white art wall featuring their works," Akseizer added.

Andrea Houck, of A. Houck Designs in Arlington, designed the French modern bar and a side hall. She found the home's new construction and large rooms to be one of the most appealing features.



PHOTO BY ANGIE SECKINGER

Andrea Houck, of A. Houck Designs in Arlington, designed the 2013 DC Design House's bar and side hall. She found the home's new construction and large rooms to be one of the most appealing features.

struction and large rooms to be one of the appealing features. "Inspired by exotic travels that take us away from the everyday, I created a young, fresh, chic French modern bar and side hall that elevate this area of the main floor to its rightful place," she said.

Her space was small, which presented a design challenge. "[It] required extensive renovation to create a transformed space I would want to showcase," said Houck. "I wanted to elevate the bar area to a level that was in keeping with the other first floor rooms of the house."

The designer said the use of varied textures adds to the space's aesthetic allure. "From the crinkle-textured waves of the fabric on the elegant bench to the sleek crispness of the acrylic waterfall console, to the organic beauty of the golden caramel onyx bar top, it's the mix of these materials that I find exciting," Houck said.

Arlington resident Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., created the home's Away Room. "Secluded, calm and serene, that's the essence of the Away Room," she said. "This space gives one the opportunity to write, reflect and escape. There is no sense of time or urgency here."

Claire Schwab, of Claire Schwab Interior Design in Alexandria, was selected to design

Details

The home opens for public tours on April 14. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.dcdesignhouse.com.

the master mezzanine and says her design strategy was influenced by nature. "We wanted that airy, fresh feel — a real retreat for outside the master bedroom," she said. "There was an opportunity to make this space so much more than just a hallway. We began with a serene palette of light and natural tones and gentle blue/greens to create a sophisticated base atmosphere for our design."

The space is narrow, which presented Schwab with her biggest design obstacle. "Narrow spaces can be a challenge, but selecting pieces with appropriate scale, employing thoughtful placement, and highlighting the propitious features of the house kept the feeling luxurious. One of our favorite elements is the antique Chinese Qinghai altar table sourced from a local shop. This piece, along with the fabrics on the ottomans, gives a global intrigue and individuality to the space," she said.

Other features in the home include a marble foyer that leads to formal living and dining rooms complete with fireplaces and bay windows. The home boasts an infinity pool in the backyard, which can be viewed from the kitchen and breakfast room. The third floor loft has skylights, a wet bar and a balcony that offers views of the city's monuments in the distance.

The DC Design House, which is on the market for \$14.9 million, opens for public tours on April 14.

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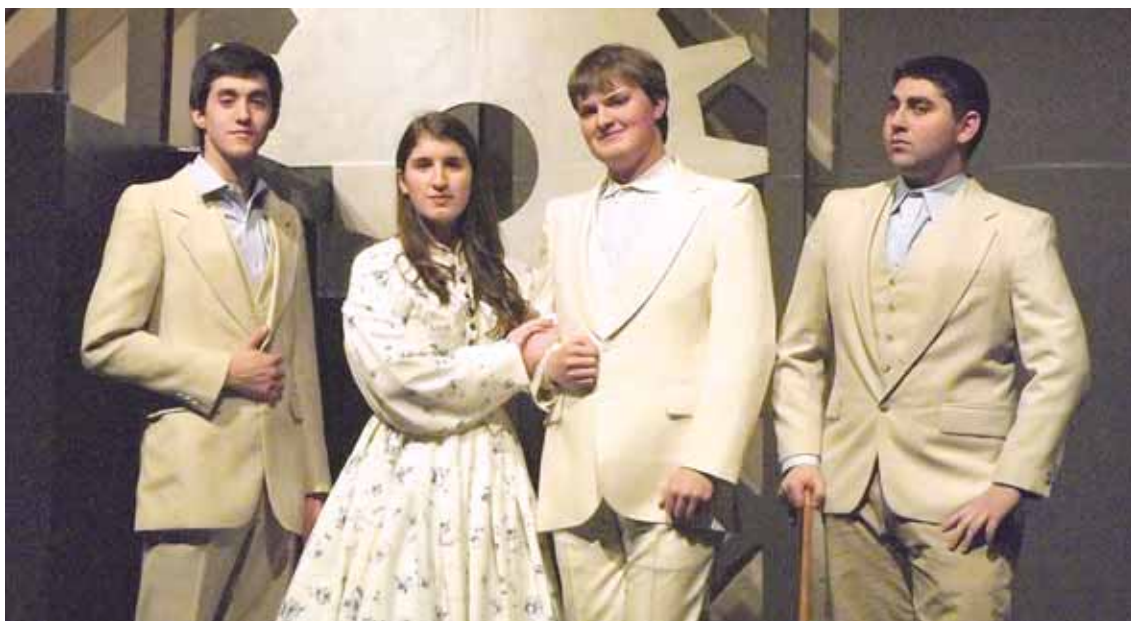
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ENTERTAINMENT



Wootton Theater presents 'Ragtime'

Wootton High School will perform "Ragtime," the Tony-award winning musical. Ragtime is a portrayal of the social issues in America at the turn of the century set to music. The three ensembles—the people of New Rochelle, Immigrants and Harlem—each have a different story to tell. The New Rochelle Ensemble represent a people who do not welcome the change in their society brought on by immigration and racial diversity. The Immigrant Ensemble is comprised of mostly Eastern Europeans working the lowest wage jobs and struggling for rights and opportunities in America. The

Harlem Ensemble is discriminated against most blatantly. They are clearly demonstrated to have a rich culture, society and a tight knit group.

The play incorporates historical figures intertwined with the fictional characters including Emma Goldman, Evelyn Nesbit, Harry Houdini, JP Morgan, and Henry Ford. Ragtime will be performed on April 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and April 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. in the Wootton Center for the Performing Arts auditorium. Strong language. Order tickets at <http://www.schooltix.org/wootton>.

Email community entertainment events to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

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Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me. On the Square: April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17 and Oct. 15.

The Puppet Co. at Glen Echo Park has announced its 2012-2013 season. There are favorite fairytale princesses, and a special guest artist with a bilingual twist. 301-634-5380 or www.thepuppetco.org. **Jack and the Beanstalk**, through April 21, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; **Cinderella**, April 25-June 9, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Art Exhibit. See "Pulse: Art and Medicine" at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Multimedia exhibit investigates medicine as an inspiration for art. Through Saturday, April 13. Visit www.strathmore.org or 301-581-5100.

Exhibit. Through Monday, April 22. See "Adding In, Taking Away" at Gallery Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. Features works by local artists including Pauline Jakobsberg of Potomac. Each of the processes used by these artists requires that they add in — ink, oil, stone, wood — or take it away. Free. 301-299-7087.

Photography Exhibit. See "Mirror to the World 2013" at Photoworks Gallery through April 28 at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Free. 301-634-2274.

Theater Performance. See "James and the Giant Peach" and "The Magic Finger" at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Through May 26. Best for children ages 4-10.

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EARTH DAY 2013

Events. Montgomery County will celebrate Earth Day 2013 throughout April, with a variety of events and volunteer opportunities at numerous locations. See events and opportunities at www.montgomeryserves.org/earth-day-2013. Call the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 10

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Isabelle De Leon, jazz drummer, will perform. She was on the 2012 season of NBC's "America's Got Talent." \$15. Visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 11

Blues Dance. 8:15 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents blues dancing. \$8. Visit www.capitalblues.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 12

Music Performance. Cameron Carpenter will perform on the organ at 8 p.m. at Strathmore. Visit www.strathmore.org or 301-581-5100 for tickets.

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. \$8/online; \$10/door and is good for all three days. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.

Lecture. 5:30-7 p.m. at Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Learn how to understand contemporary oil painting materials. Free. RSVP by e-mailing jjordanbruns@gmail.com. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

Contra Dance. 7-10:30 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Music Glen Echo Open Band. \$10; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org.

Salsa Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight at Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$12. Visit www.oohsalsa.com.

Music. 7:30 p.m. at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Memphis Gold and Bob Israel perform with saxophonist Marshall Keys. \$20. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Organ Performance. 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Cameron Carpenter performs. \$25-\$40. Visit www.strathmore.org.

APRIL 12 THROUGH MAY 12

Art Exhibit. See "Fletcher Mackey: Arc" at the Gibbs Street Gallery. Free. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

Art Exhibit. See "Mixtopias" at the Kaplan Gallery. Free. Visit www.visartscenter.org or call 301-315-8200.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. \$8/online; \$10/door and is good for all three days. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Children ages 0-4 can enjoy shows designed for them. 30 minute running time. \$5/person. Pre-purchases recommended. Visit www.thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Most hardback and large paperback books are \$1.00 and all small paperbacks are only \$.50. All books are donated by the community and are for the benefit of the library.

Managing Dog's Behavior. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 6030 Grosvenor Lane. Get a clearer understanding of when training is needed, and if it is, how to make the training more effective. Visit yourdogsfriend.org/blog/free-

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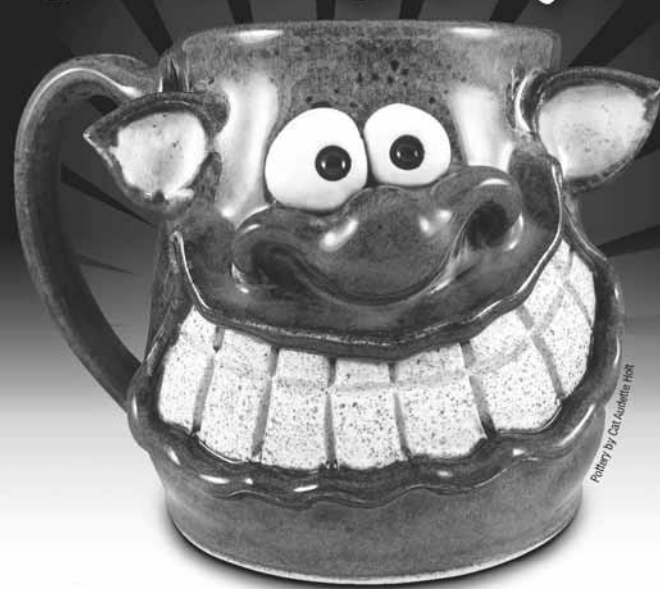


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HomeLifeStyle



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Interior designer Debbie Wiener created a library to house a family's book collection. The room includes comfortable seating for reading.

A Place to Read

Family turns cluttered "catch-all" into elegant library.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

When a family of four, which includes two young daughters, decided to create dedicated reading space in their home, the wanted to blend serenity and style. The couple enlisted the help of interior designer Debbie Wiener of Design Solutions.

"When I first started working with this family, the [room was] builder-beige and housed a diaper changing table, stroller and really was a catch-all to keep the foyer clear," said Wiener, who hosts the "Wiener to the Rescue!" segment on NBC's Steve Harvey Show. "There were no bookcases and no furniture."

Wiener worked with the family to create a library space to house the family's book collection, which also included comfortable seating for reading.

She started by creating shelving.

First off was to design a unit to hold books with a small desktop as well. We made it in walnut and asymmetrical to keep it from looking too serious and traditional," said Wiener, whose company won "Best of Houzz 2013" both in the design and customer service categories.

When it came to a color scheme, Wiener decided to go bold. "The wife and I both wanted to experiment with color, so we added orange walls, red fabric and a red rug," she said.

The family's new library also holds reading chairs in gray leopard print with red contrast piping.

"The room looks totally different and indeed houses all their books with ample seating for reading," said Wiener. "Is it quiet as they wanted? That's beyond my talents!"

PEOPLE



Devon Robinson, 2 years old.



Cooper Glazer (left) and Henry Steinhauser, 2 years old.



Alexa Karen, 2 years old.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

At the Matzah Factory

The children of the Greenzaid Early Childhood Center of B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, partici-

pated in a Matzah Factory last month.

They learned about mitzvah and

each child baked his or her own matzah in preparation for Pass-over.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Joy Suslov has been named to the dean's list at Rider University. Joy is a music education major in the Westminster Choir College.

Daniela Baeza was named to the dean's list at Eckerd College.

The following students made the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology: **Carl Sperling**, a third-year student in RIT's College of Applied Sci-

ence and **Lydia Richards**, a fourth-year student in RIT's E. Philip Saunders College of Business.

Brendan Cass, **Sruti Uppuluri** and **Samuel McClive** have been named to the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Annie Myers and **Carli Needle** were two of 12 winners of the Bethesda Youth Writing Contest. Their essays will be printed in "Washington Parent." The topic was "One Thing I Do Well."

Eliana Foltin received academic honors from the Harpur College of Arts

and Sciences at Binghamton University by making the University's dean's list for the Fall 2012 semester.

Bentley Threat is a recipient of the National Achievement Scholarship worth \$2,500. Bentley is a student at Quince Orchard High School and is interested in the video game design career field.

Amira Collison is a recipient of the National Achievement Scholarship worth \$2,500.

Amira is a student at Winston Churchill High School and is interested in medicine.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

From left are Dayla Cohen, Cantor Marshall Kapell, Michele Levy and Diane Steern. In the background are Yve Dinte and Bonnie Berko.

Celebrating Purim

Purim was celebrated at B'nai Tzedek in Potomac on Saturday, Feb. 23. More than 200 attended, dressed in costume. This year's spiel (Purim Play) which reenacts the Story of Queen Esther, was called "Oh What a Spiel! The Jersey Boys Megillah."

From left are Cantor Marshall Kapell, Michele Levy and Ted Heilweil.



ENTERTAINMENT

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workshops or 301-983-5913.
Exhibit. Noon-5 p.m. at Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Paintings by Kneelam Shaikh. Free. Visit glenechopark.org or 301-371-5593.
Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Live music from Doc Scantlin Palmettos. \$15/adult; \$12/ages 12-17; \$10/age 11 and under. Visit www.americanswing.org.
Music. 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Under the Streetlamp is a quartet that performs Motown to early rock and roll. \$28-\$58. Visit www.strathmore.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 14

Tiger Trot 5k Run/Walk. Holy Child, 9029 Bradley Blvd., is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the fitness and wellness programs at the school as well as the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a moon bounce and face painting, medals and more. Register at www.holychild.org/tigertrot.
Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg. \$8/online; \$10/door and is good for all three days. Visit www.sugarloaforcrafts.com or 800-210-9900.

Exhibit. Noon-5 p.m. at Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. See paintings by Kneelam Shaikh. Free. Visit glenechopark.org or 301-371-5593.
Music. 4 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Maurizio Pollini will perform on the piano. \$38-\$78. Visit www.strathmore.org.

String Festival. 2 p.m. at the University of Maryland Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Dekelbom Hall. Features more than 200 D.C. metro area string students. See the premiere of "Rocktacular." Tickets at www.sagwa.org.

Washington Family Dance. 3-5 p.m. above the Post Office in the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Ave., Glen Echo. The Torch Takers will perform. \$5/person over age 4. No dancing experience necessary. Visit www.fsgw.org.

Ballroom Tea Dance. 3-6 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. All ages welcome. \$14. Visit www.hotsociety.net or glenechopark.org.

Argentine Tango. 6:30-11 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. DJ Rene Davila will mix the music. \$15/person; \$10/dance only. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

Contra Dance. 7-10:30 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur



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Bld. Music by The Latter Day Lizards. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org.

MONDAY/APRIL 15

Music of the Scottish Isles. 7 p.m. or 9 p.m. at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. Julie Fowlis will perform. \$30. Visit www.strathmore.org for tickets.

Ballet. 7:30 p.m. in the Coates Auditorium at the Mondzac Performing Center, 6101 Wilson Lane. See the premiere of "Sometimes, Silence." For tickets visit www.exit12danceco.com.

APRIL 15 THROUGH MAY 27

Art Exhibit. See images of works by William Gudenrath at Partnership Office Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Free. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.glenechopark.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Tiny Tots. 10 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Children ages 0-4 can enjoy shows designed for them. 30 minute running time. \$5/person. Pre-purchases recommended. Visit thepuppetco.org or 301-634-5380.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

Performance. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. See off-Broadway stars Voca People perform. For tickets visit www.strathmore.org or 301-581-5100.

Blues Dance. 8:15 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents blues dancing. \$8. Visit www.capitalblues.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 19

Performance. See "Peter Pan" at 7:30

p.m. at Churchill High School. \$20/adults; \$10/senior, child. Purchase tickets at www.wchsarts.com.

Dancing. Lesson from 8-9 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m.-midnight at Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Meschiya Lake and the Little Big Horns will provide the music. \$20. Visit www.dclx.org or 301-674-0080.

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Contra Dance. 7:30-11:30 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Music by Sligo Creek Stompers. \$10; \$5/17 and under. Visit www.fridaynightdance.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

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Performance. See "Peter Pan" at 7:30 p.m. at Churchill High School. \$20/adults; \$10/senior, child. Purchase tickets at www.wchsarts.com.

Dancing. Lesson from 8-9 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m.-midnight at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Bria Skonberg's Hot Five, Blue Crescent Syncopators, and Boilermaker Jazz Band will provide the music. \$20. Visit www.dclx.org or 301-674-0080.

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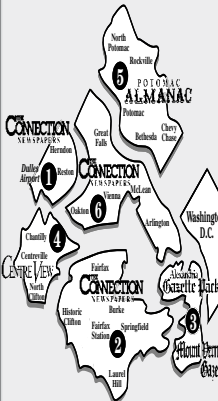
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Asked and Answered



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I think about it enough, I don't want to think about it too much. What's "it?" Cancer. That's what!

Given the undeniable fact (although I try) that I do have cancer – the terminal kind, and therefore have to deal with its all-consuming, underlying, overriding and everywhere-in-between effects, mental and otherwise, there are plenty of times during the day when I'd prefer the subject not be front and center, but rather back and off to the side. At night, too.

Apparently, I can't stop what I think about when I sleep any more than I can control what I think about every night as I lie in bed trying to get to sleep, so I'd sure like to have some moments during the day – when I'm awake and living what appears to be a relatively normal life, when I need not be reminded of the rather unfortunate set of circumstances in which I find myself medically entangled and emotionally wrought.

Though I may have learned long ago that "Da Nile is more than just a river in Egypt," dwelling on the present facts as they are accounted for and on my fate that may very well be accomplished, doesn't seem particularly helpful or beneficial. Pretending, denying, ignoring, deluding, accepting, all add up to the identical emotional toll: wearisome and worrisome, if you let it. Not that one can avoid it entirely (if at all); let's face it, being diagnosed with terminal stage IV lung cancer is hardly the stuff of dreams – more like nightmares. Nevertheless, there are choices to be made.

From my perspective, the high road (and no, I have not been prescribed medical marijuana) means trying to remain positive, where good humor and an even better disposition trumps the low road: negative, depressed, self-indulgent and miserable. Where's the future in that? (Heck, where's the present?) There isn't – in my opinion. If my behavior/attitude causes people to not want to be around me, then I probably won't be around long myself – or with others. But if I can somehow be a semi-breath of fresh air, not a gloomy Gus or a dismal Jimmy, perhaps I've earned, so to speak, the time that has not been promised to me.

Not that this strategy for my survival has been culled from any wise man's book of survival. Hardly. It's simply yours truly using some common sense and what personality and instincts I have, together, to make the best of a bad situation. My thinking is, if I don't lose any of these emotional-type skirmishes, maybe I won't lose the battle royal. Not that I see surviving cancer as a battle of good over evil or might vs. right – or wrong; I still want to act like I've been there, like it's not my first touchdown. Sure I want to win/live, but sometimes, the less said about it, the better. I won't mind really. In fact, as this column has attempted to say, I'd almost prefer it. From my perspective, I see nothing wrong with that! Besides it's very difficult to tell a terminal patient how to live their life. I don't mind if you try, but don't take it personally if you fail. Thanks for your understanding.

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

SPORTS

Churchill Girls' Lax Starts 2-2

The Churchill girls' lacrosse team defeated Paint Branch 20-6 on Monday, improving its record to 2-2.

The victory came three days after the Bulldogs suffered an 18-5 loss to Damascus. According to stats from the Washington Post's website, Rachel Thai-Larsen led Churchill with two goals. Bailey Boyland, Emily Muscarella and Carly Shapiro each had one.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill will host Walter Johnson at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11.

Churchill Boys' Lax Wins First Four

The Churchill boys' lacrosse team defeated Damascus 21-5 on April 4, improving its record to 4-0. The Bulldogs outscored their first four opponents 74-21.

According to stats from the Washington Post's website, Matt Leonard led Churchill with 21 goals through four games, including a season-high seven against Sherwood on April 2. Louis Dubick had 19 goals and 19 assists, including seven and seven against Damascus on April 4.

Churchill faced Paint Branch on Tuesday, after The Almanac's deadline. The Bulldogs will travel to face Walter Johnson at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11.

Whitman Baseball Starts 5-1

The Whitman baseball team defeated Walter Johnson 13-1 in five innings on Monday to improve to 5-1.

Cal Brooks earned the win on the mound, allowing four hits and one earned run in four innings while walking one.

At the plate, Drew Aherne led the way with a 3-for-3 performance, including a double, two runs and two RBIs. Max Steinhorn, and Pat Hisle each had two hits. Hisle had two triples. Dan Duffy hit a home run.

Whitman responded with five consecutive wins after dropping its opener against Poolesville.

The Vikings faced Quince Orchard on Tuesday, after The



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Rachel Thai-Larsen and the Churchill girls' lacrosse team are off to a 2-2 start.

Almanac's deadline. Whitman will travel to face Churchill at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11.

SCHOOLS

School's 8th Graders Debate Gun Control

Touched by the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, the 8th grade at Christ Episcopal School studied gun violence in America and around the world. The early discussions centered around the question of whether there should be a federal law restricting gun ownership.

The 8th grade was divided into two opposing teams and spent two weeks, researching and refining arguments in favor of and against gun restrictions. Their research began at Christ Episcopal School, but included an off campus trip to the Rockville Public Library where they learned how to access credible evidence. In school, the 8th grade learned the art of debate with the help of Virginia Iaquinta, their English and social studies teacher and former lawyer.

Finally, the two groups presented their arguments to a panel of seven judges including administrators, teachers and John Sellinger, a practicing attorney.



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Alden Shipley (center) presents his argument on gun control to members of the 7th grade class and a panel of judges.

Each side presented an argument and the judges, along with the 7th grade, had an opportunity to ask questions.

In the end the team against the resolution for a federal law won by a score of 91-88 based on a detailed scoring matrix.



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