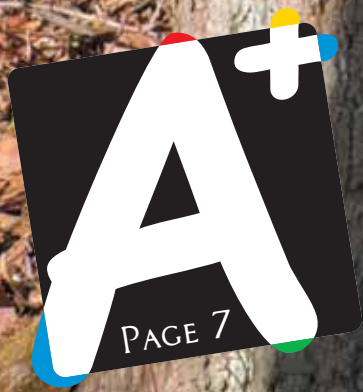


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Jill Lavin demonstrates  
where runaway slaves  
would hide in the hol-  
lowed out tree.

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# Celebrating Potomac's Part in Underground Railroad

**Underground railroad trail and Josiah Henson Park honor courageous African Americans.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

In the 1850s, the citizens of Maryland were divided over the future of slavery in the Union. The topic was highly controversial and many were reticent about expressing their views, since emotions often turned to dangerous wrath when discussing the pros and cons.

Graham Johnson, a docent at the Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville said, "People kept their views concerning slavery to themselves for fear of being hung for helping slaves escape, murdered or run out of the county."

Slaves were considered a necessity by many in Maryland and throughout the South for cultivating wheat and tobacco, performing domestic duties or skilled labor. Slave owners viewed their slaves as property, sources of revenue, status symbols, and important investments.

During the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were 89,000 slaves in Maryland and almost 4 million in the South. Many lived in Montgomery County and surrounding counties. Rockville's Beale family owned 83 slaves; many were set free after slavery was prohibited in 1864. None of the Beale slaves ever ran away, perhaps a clue that they were treated well. However, Josiah Henson, a slave at the North Bethesda Riley Farm and many others did escape to Canada on the Underground Railroad. His log cabin has been preserved as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and stands at 11420 Old Georgetown Road. A slave auction was located in South Rockville and other signs of former slaves are prevalent in the region.

Because Maryland possesses vast forests and numerous waterways for hiding, transportation and directional guidance and an abundance of abolitionists who did not believe in slavery, runaway slaves from the South chose to head to the Pennsylvania border through Maryland. Until the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was passed, as soon as a slave slipped into Pennsylvania, he or she was considered free. However after the Act was passed, "free" states were compelled to return slaves to their states and owners.

Abolitionists realized that an enormous clandestine escape network was required to help the slaves travel to freedom — and that it could only be built through trust and scrutiny of courageous citizens who were dedi-



**The Slave Museum in Sandy Spring.**

cated to ending slavery and freeing the slaves. Neither "underground" nor a "railroad," the informal system provided slaves the opportunity to flee their living conditions to freedom — although that very freedom could also be a difficult path for them to follow and maintain. It is estimated that at its height between 1810 and 1850, nearly 100,000 slaves escaped via the Underground Railroad.

Bethesda, Potomac, Rockville, Olney and Sandy Spring were all sites for the Underground Railroad. Some of these include Glenview (the Rockville Civic Center) which still has the tunnels used by slaves escaping to the McGrath Farm, St. Mary's Catholic Church on Viers Mill Road where underground railroad agents operated and helped slave fugitive Ann Maria Weems escape to freedom in 1854 and many locations in the Sandy Spring area (near Olney.) Sandy Spring was the home of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, who had built the area into a prosperous farming and commercial center. The Friends' Meeting House, erected in 1817, was the center of religious and community life. Even though slavery was not abolished in Maryland until 1864, Maryland Quakers outlawed the owning of slaves by its members in 1777. In Sandy Spring, free blacks were permitted home ownership and were also allowed to organize churches, schools, and an array of social clubs, although such public gatherings were extremely dangerous in this anti-abolitionist county. Local patrols and slave catchers stalked the fields and woods. Quakers and free blacks assisted escaping slaves via the secret "Underground Railroad." It is rumored that the fugitive slave, Dred Scott stayed in the log cabin home of Enoch George Howard while the



**A marker on the Underground Railroad Trail.**

U.S. Supreme Court deliberated whether to send Scott back to his Missouri owner. Montgomery County attorney Montgomery Blair unsuccessfully defended him.

The Underground Railroad in Montgomery County is the topic of many National Park Service (NPS) guided tours and activities. From the first week in April through November, the NPS conducts free guided tours of "The Underground Railroad Experience Trail." This trail commemorates involvement of Montgomery County residents in the Underground Railroad and celebrates the Quaker heritage and traditions of Sandy Spring. The guided hike lasts 2.5 hours and is provided by volunteer "conductors" who lead groups on a simulated Underground Railroad experience covering 2.0 miles from Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park along a wooded, natural surface trail to the historic Sandy Spring, then back to the park. Hikers will learn about various techniques that "freedom seekers" used to elude trackers, find food, and navigate their way North to freedom. The Underground Railroad Experience Trail is part of the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program.

The Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park is open dawn to dusk to the public who would like to take self-guided tours. Parking is available behind the Manor. This 2 mile trail is natural surface and includes interpretive sign markers. Trail stops include Woodlawn Manor and the Stone Barn and the Sandy Spring itself. One half-mile north of the spring is a 300-year-old Champion White Ash tree. The trail activities include hiking and horseback riding but bicycles are not permitted.

Some of the Underground Railroad sites on the trail include the Woodlawn Manor and barn, a Georgian style brick home built around 1800 by the Thomas family who were prominent Quakers. The stone barn was most-likely used as a hiding place for escaping slaves. After resting in the barn, slaves would strike out north through the woods and the brambles, hopefully in a rain storm that would wash away their tracks and make it difficult for dogs to follow their scent.

On the trail is a large hollow tree that



**Woodlawn Manor in Sandy Spring where the Underground Railroad Trail begins. This home was owned by Quakers who helped slaves escape on the Underground Railroad.**

could be used by fugitives as hiding places. The hollow tree could also be used as a cache for food and water provided by friends helping the fugitives. Often boundary stones, bent trees or rocks piled in a certain way could serve as trail markers.

The slaves were faced with many obstacles. Since most could not swim, creeks and rivers were formidable barricades. Sometimes a hidden boat or a kind person would ferry them across the stream. Once they reached the Sandy Spring, they would be provided with fresh water — and a meeting place and trail marker. When they finally arrived at the 300-year-old Champion White Ash Tree, they would know that they were headed in the right direction toward freedom.

Jill Lavin of Potomac recently explored the Underground Railroad Experience Trail. "It was fascinating to me, since I didn't realize that Montgomery County was a part of this historical movement. Walking this trail makes the plight of the slaves so real — I can imagine what it must have been like trying to flee north through corn fields and the woods at night — and hiding out during the day. I also found the Slave Museum and the Sandy Spring Museum very moving and informative," she said.

Another site of Underground Railroad activity and NPS-guided tours is the Josiah Henson Park, located on the historic Isaac Riley Farm in North Bethesda where the Rev. Josiah Henson lived and worked as a slave from 1795 to 1830. This park is a historic resource of local, state, national and international significance because of its association with Reverend Henson, whose 1849 autobiography, "The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave," inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The park is currently open only during a limited number of dates each season. On Feb. 21 and 28 from noon – 4 p.m., the NPS will provide a guided tour "A Walk in Father Henson's Footsteps." This walk will provide an opportunity to retrace the footsteps of Henson from his enslavement to freedom in Canada on the Underground Railroad as well as the chance to explore

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## ‘An Outstanding Human Being’ Friends and family recall Ted Cain.

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT  
THE ALMANAC

**T**heophilus Edmund Cain, known by a host of friends and family as “Ted,” died Monday, Feb. 9 at home in Potomac. He was 94.

Born in Portage, Prince Edward Island, Canada, Ted moved to the Potomac area following his marriage, June 2002, to the former Eleanor McConihe (Elie) Pisarra. He soon became involved in numerous endeavors including Friends of Great Falls Tavern, where he was a board member and project manager for the construction of the new C&O Canal boat, “Charles F. Mercer.” He was also active with the Potomac Theatre Company where he was not only instrumental in set building, but pitched in regularly to usher and help wherever needed.

Ted moved with his parents, the late Mary McKinnon Cain and Edgar Martin Cain, to the United States in 1925. The family lived in Wayland, Mass. where Ted attended elementary and high schools. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, November 1942, and served until October 1945 in a Navy Construction Battalion (Seabees). His awards included



Ted Cain

the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with four stars.

Relating to his service, a Potomac friend, Austin Kiplinger, remarked, “He was in the Seabees in World War II. He

never talked about it much but they did the tough work for the troops. They prepared the way for the allied troops to recapture the territory and return the islands of the South West Pacific.”

Ted also enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1992, volunteering for three years. On the occasion of his resignation from the Coast Guard he received a letter, in part saying, “The principles you have mastered, and your spirit of service also follow you as you leave the Auxiliary.”

Sandwiched between his Navy and Coast Guard services, Ted spent 27 years with the Veterans Administration, first in Brockton, Mass. and later in Washington, D.C., after the family’s move to Silver Spring, where he and his late wife, Martha May Cain, raised five children; Bruce, (Hilton Head, N.C.) Marcia (Greenbelt), Richard and David (Silver Spring) and Marilyn Cain Browning (Columbia, Md.).

Known for his reputation as “Mr. Fixit,” “he never bought anything new because he could always fix what he had,” his wife Elie Cain said.

His ability to fix was apparent in the “Commendation” awarded to Ted upon his retirement in 1980 from the Veteran’s Administration. It read in part, “during his career his performance in positions that included plumber, medical equipment repairer, supervisory electrician, maintenance supervisor and engineering technician have been of the highest caliber. As a result he had been an outstanding ambassador for the administration, demonstrating those qualities that exemplify a superior employee as well as an outstanding human being.”

Ted’s many interests included hours of

motoring in his boat on the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay, and building ship models. He was also particularly fond of his relationship with his grandsons Brandon Cain, Philip and Matthew Browning, granddaughter Dawn Cain Reid, and great-grandson, Harlem Cain. Ted’s seven brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Among the many fond memories he and Elie shared in their 13 years of marriage is one she readily recalled. They were preparing plans for their honeymoon when she learned Ted did not have U.S. citizenship papers. Apparently, his father, in moving to the States, was rather lax in how and where he filed the documents.

“Ted had to prove his American citizenship to me before we went on our honeymoon. I did not want to have to leave him in Panama,” she said. “Fortunately, former U.S. Congresswoman Connie Morella straightened things out in time,” she said.

In the words of the Veterans Administration “Commendation:” He was “An outstanding human being.”

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac.

## Library Lovers Month’ Highlights Programs, Services

**Kaydee Puppeteers to present two shows Feb. 28.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**T**o Celebrate February as “Library Lover’s Month,” the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Potomac Chapter, will sponsor Kaydee Puppeteers on Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Kaydee Puppeteers will present a double feature — two puppet shows that include a feisty little red hen, a sly fox, a big strong lion and a tiny mouse. The free shows are at 10:30 a.m., last 45 minutes — and no registration is required.

The Potomac Library, located at 10101 Glenolden Drive, is a resource for many adults and children in the community. Residents have the opportunity to attend educational, informative and entertaining programs, conduct research, check-out and purchase books and CDs and use and learn more about technology.

According to its website, [www.folmc.org](http://www.folmc.org), The Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter is a non-profit organization that “organizes support from the county’s community of library patrons that would supplement the basic operating funds provided for in county’s annual budget. The mission is to

strengthen, promote, and champion our public library system, as it responds to the changing needs of our diverse communities.”

Eddie Wingate, president of the Potomac Chapter said, “Our events are a way of promoting our library and giving back to our community. We sponsor an incredibly popular monthly book sale on the second Saturday of each month. This sale is a fundraising effort which brings in the bulk of the income that the Friends then use to purchase special equipment and furniture for the library as well as to support book groups, speakers, the foreign policy discussion group called Great Decisions, children’s and community programs at the library. Clearly the library is more than just about books.”

“The book sale itself has become an important community event,” said Judy Davis, chair for the book sale for the last 15 years. “We are very lucky to have such a good reading community in Potomac, one that is generous in its donations of good books for resale. Almost all books are for sale for very little money. Hard covers are \$1, soft covers are \$.50, children’s books are \$.50 - \$1 and CDs, DVDs, and books on CD are \$2. Because of the quality of books and other items for sale, the excellent organization and the low cost of the books, buyers line up as much as 45 minutes each month before the doors open at 10 a.m. “

The Potomac Library, with the help of the FOLMC, offers programs for young children as well as young adults at the Potomac Li-



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**Last month’s children’s event was: “Celebration of the Chinese New Year – year of the Goat,” sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter.**

brary. These include the Preschool Storytime (3-6 year olds), Potomac Toddlers (12-36 months) and Potomac Cuddleups (birth – 11 months) every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., Lego Masters on Mondays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and the Potomac Chess Group on Saturdays at 3 p.m. The library will also sponsor “Creating Your College List,” a free workshop for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents on March 21, 2 p.m. – and more events will be coming up each month.

A new feature at the library is “Wireless Wednesdays” where Potomac librarian and technology expert Jeff Corber answers questions and helps participants learn more about their tablet, Smartphone or e-reader. “We average only about five people each

week, so you receive individual attention with your device — just bring it in and I’ll answer your questions. I help people to download apps, transfer their files between their devices and learn everything they want to know about their digital devices,” he said.

Sue Koronowski, the Potomac Library Branch manager, said that the library has just received a new literacy workstation for young users. “It is located near the children’s collection... It’s definitely child-friendly and is already quite popular.”

Wingate said, “The Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Potomac Chapter’s goal is to make our library as fun and friendly as possible — a happy place that gives back to the community.”



# OPINION

## A Recipe for Economic Revival

BY WILLIAM F. ASKINAZI, ESQ., MBA

**J**ust six years ago, Maryland was ranked a healthy third in the nation as a “New Economy” state burgeoning with technology companies and awash with capital. It was ranked 12th out of the 50 states as a best climate for business according to CNBC. Gross domestic product grew at 3.3 percent and seven Fortune 500 companies had their headquarters here. Biotechnology was the rage with Maryland ranking second nationally in Milken’s Science and Technology Index. Over the next six years, under Gov. Martin O’Malley, Maryland legislated tax generating casinos, increased taxes across the board and instituted a “millionaire’s tax” to fund social programs. Revenues swelled and the economy soared — right? Wrong.

**COMMENTARY** In 2014, according to a CNBC analysis that used economic data including competitiveness, access to capital, taxes, and regulations Maryland plummeted to a rank of 35<sup>th</sup> as a preferred place to do business. Maryland retained only four Fortune 500 Company headquarters. Its gross domestic product had zero growth in 2013 placing it nearly last in the nation except for Alaska and the District of Columbia according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Maryland’s economic climate had so deteriorated that in 2013, Gov. Rick Perry from Texas was emboldened enough to violate a sacrosanct rule of economic development — “Thou shalt not obviously poach another state’s economic bounty.” As a self-proclaimed liberator, Governor Perry openly wooed Maryland’s business promising those emigrants lower taxes and less regulation. Maryland had lost its economic swagger and its dignity was threatened. In a short six-year span Maryland fell from economic grace and was branded as among one of the worst places for business. Many pundits, including the American Legislative Exchange Counsel, listed 32 separate tax increases instituted by Governor O’Malley suggesting that high taxes, over regulation, fiscal mismanagement and a lack of strategic economic vision were responsible for the economic decline. Gov.-Elect Larry Hogan rode into office on an electoral wave of dissatisfaction with his predecessor’s economic policies. What can



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Governor Hogan do to reinvigorate Maryland’s competitiveness?

Economic development is a fabric that includes transportation, education and housing. It is not limited to taxes and regulation. Government incentives or “tax giveaways” as

their detractors like to call them, are popular attraction tools often cited by the press but are not the main ingredient to attracting quality companies. For example, the Wall St. Journal reported that Georgia lured the Mercedes Benz headquarters from New Jersey to Atlanta with an economic package of \$23M in tax credits and other incentives. That amounts to about \$4,000 per job for the expected 800 jobs. According to Jeff Rhodes, a senior consultant for corporate decisions, “strategic location is more important than incentives that amount to little more than a rounding error for Mercedes.” It is much more likely that Mercedes made its decision based on right to work laws, highway systems, and accessibility to ports and proximity to educated workers.

There are five platforms outside of lowering taxes and decreasing regulation that Governor Hogan can endorse immediately to increase Maryland’s competitiveness:

- ❖ Keep the educated workforce in Maryland through tax incentives and credits.

Maryland is first and second in the nation for the highest percentage of bachelor’s-degree holders and graduate- and professional-degree holders, doctoral scientists and engineers. The workforce development challenge facing Maryland is retaining that brainpower. By 2018 it is projected that of the then available 3.1 million jobs, 900,000 will be generated in the next eight years with 67 percent requiring advance degrees. The University System of Maryland Board of Regents acknowledges the state’s deficiencies in science, technology and math (STEM), noting that Maryland currently produces less than two-thirds of the amount of STEM graduates that will be needed by our state’s private sector by 2020. Enacting legis-

lation to help students defer or waive college debt as long as they commit to a three-year stay in Maryland is an attractive policy.

- ❖ Expand affordable housing.

Even the best-educated workforce will not stay in Maryland if they cannot find suitable safe housing for their families. With housing prices out of control, firefighters, teachers, health care workers and essential first responders cannot live in proximity to where they work. The Department of Housing working with federal agencies needs to expand credit and improve access to mortgages.

- ❖ Invest in Maryland’s academic/federal partnerships.

Innovations in Maryland’s economy are bolstered by research parks, which facilitate joint research among universities, state and federal government institutions, and private industry. These parks include: The Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus (life sciences research) in Baltimore; and Shady Grove Life Sciences Center (biomedical & life sciences research) in Montgomery County. Also significant are the Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel and the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, both affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University. Federal agencies located in Maryland have been a catalyst for the State’s technology base. These include the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, and Department of Defense operations. Advanced technology enterprise is especially strong in telecommunications, computer sciences, and biotechnology. A greater push to commercialize these technologies will keep Maryland competitive.

- ❖ Brand Maryland as a “Cyber Capital” state.

Our nation is at constant risk from cyber attacks. Our credit cards, privacy, personal security and even our health are in jeopardy with this new form of warfare. Maryland’s higher education offers advanced IT degrees in cyber security. With our proximity to the Homeland Security and Defense agencies this niche is a natural. Legislation expanding small business cyber incubators that nurture small companies offer capital and services. Programs to mentor

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Motorists and Rail Crossings

To the Editor:

As an expert witness in railroad accident cases, I have spent countless hours observing motorist behavior at the Randolph Road railroad crossing in Rockville. Many drivers wait on the tracks for the traffic light ahead to turn green, while others try to “beat the train” when the flashing lights and sounding bells activate about 20 seconds before an oncoming train arrives. These motorists are flirt-

ing with tragedy — not unlike the recent Metro North accident where six people lost their lives to a vehicle trapped between the depressed railroad gates. Since the Randolph Road crossing is already equipped with the most effective safety device — automated gates — short of separating the track from the roadway, the only way to reduce motorist danger is to dramatically change motorist behavior.

The current regulatory/railroad industry approach to affecting motorist behavior is to educate them to “stop, look and listen” for

trains. This approach is limited in scope, does not seem to apply to gate crossings, and has never proven to be effective. As a parallel, think of motorists driving through stop signs. I believe that an alternative, effective solution is readily at hand.

Electricity already exists at the Randolph Road crossing and it would be very inexpensive to mount cameras on both sides of the track. Motorists inappropriately entering the track structure, especially after the alarm is activated, would be subject to a \$500 fine. One fine would pay for the

cameras and additional monies could be designated for administration of the program and other safety needs.

I can’t image that too many people would pay \$500 to save a few minutes of their time, let alone risking their lives.

**Dr. Harvey A. Levine**  
Potomac

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## Celebrating Valentine's Day

From left, standing: Svetlana Choupek, Nancy Heindl, Claire Hermann, Honey Rosen, and Goutam Bagchi; sitting, Judy and Jose Placer, and Hena Bagchi gathered to celebrate at the Potomac Community Center's Valentine Luncheon.

## Economic Revival

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these cyber technologies into the federal government will attract international attention.

❖ Market and utilize the existing bounties that Maryland offers.

Maryland is blessed with geographic diversity, from the mountains of western Maryland with its rich lumber, wind and water resources to the agricultural fields of the eastern shore. Maryland's highway network allows trade from corner to corner. Baltimore's ports are among the deepest on both coasts. Its mid-Atlantic location offers temperate weather and

easy access to a multi-billion dollar federal market. Three international airports are accessible. Maryland is a leader in per capita in on-line usage and is well connected for trade.

If Governor Hogan's cabinet responds to sensible economic policies that include integration and compatible growth strategies with the core agencies of housing, education and transportation then Maryland will once again be competitive and open for business.

*Potomac resident Bill Askinazi, Esq., MBA is a former Assistant Secretary for Business and Economic Develop*

## Underground Railroad

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the grounds where he toiled as a slave. Also every Saturday in February, "The Search for Josiah Henson," a PBS Time Team America documentary film will be shown at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. On Saturday, Feb. 28, a Spoken Word Poetry Event, "Lyrical Rhythms: The Sounds of Freedom," will be featured. Partici-

pants of all ages and races are welcome to create and share their own "sounds of freedom" in the form of original poetry, song or other artistic expressions. A reception with light refreshments immediately follows. Parking for Josiah Henson Park events is available only at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center, 5900 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda.

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#### THURSDAY/FEB. 19

**"Montgomery County – Revitalizing its Suburbs."** 7:45-10 a.m. at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda. Gwen Wright, Director of The Montgomery County Planning Department, part of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, will present the

County's ongoing planning efforts. Registration required. Visit [www.montgomeryplanning.org](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org).

#### FRIDAYS/FEB. 20 AND MARCH 13

**Volunteer Training.** Volunteers take a two-day training session to lead free Bone Builders exercise classes that help prevent falls and fractures caused by osteoporosis. The one-hour daytime classes, held twice-weekly throughout the County, are led by trained volunteers. Among other activities, volunteers will demonstrate the exercises, encourage and assist participants, and ensure a safe, clutter-free environment. Call 240-773-8268 or email [Emily.Glazer@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Emily.Glazer@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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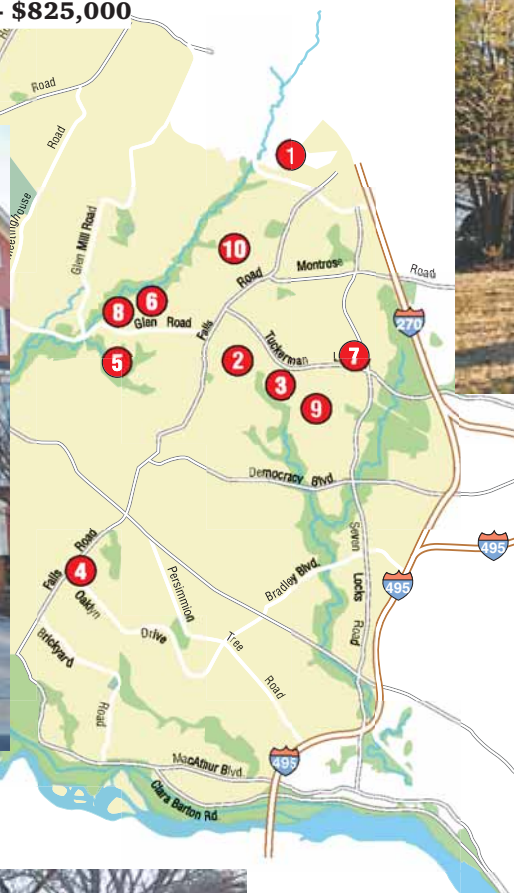
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# Black History Month Celebrations

**Local students learn about the history and accomplishments of African-Americans.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
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**F**ourth grade student Eli West crafted a poem this month that was modeled after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. As part of February's month-long celebration of the history and culture of African-Americans, fourth grade students at Norwood School in Bethesda wrote and delivered poems reminiscent of the speech that the famous civil right leader delivered in 1963. The students also delivered their verses before Norwood's lower school community.

"I learned more about Martin Luther King, Jr. I learned that he was a very spiritual man," said West.

The exercise was part of a broader lesson in honor of Black History Month, a time when students learn about the history of African-Americans as that history is incorporated in to the overall curriculum of many schools. From concerts to school projects, there are opportunities to join the month-long celebration.

"Black History Month is a time to honor the accomplishments of the African-American men and women who have made contributions to the world in spite of the injustice they faced," said Sandi Hannibal, Director of Multicultural and Ethical Education at Norwood School. "One might ask why it is necessary to highlight these accomplishments in 2015. After all, we have lived through the Civil Rights Era and the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. We have a black president. We have made so much progress. All of this is true, but in some schools the contributions and accomplishments of African-Americans are not woven into the overall curriculum, so it is important that Black History Month provides an opportunity to learn about prominent African-Americans in a very intentional manner."

Some educators are encouraging students to



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**Students at Norwood School in Bethesda wrote poems modeled after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and recited them at a school assembly.**

take time to ponder the history of African-Americans. "It's more than just the Jim Crow Laws. There're a whole host of things that African-Americans have done," said Lisa Styles, school counselor at Arlington Public School's Career Center in Arlington.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, in Alexandria, Va., will host a Middle School Student Diversity Conference on Friday, Feb. 20.

"Students at the middle school age are trying to learn who they are. We want to expose kids to the ideas of identity, inclusive behavior, and respect, and to let them know that what they feel matters," said KiKi Davis, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School director of multicultural education, diversity, and equity initiatives. "We want to give them tools to become leaders in their own schools, and it starts with being able to talk about diversity and social justice issues at their developmental level. What it looks like to them, in their lives, at this age."

St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac hosted a regional diversity conference earlier this month called "Diversity in the DMV" Conference. More than 200 representatives from

## Black History Month Celebration Concert

Saturday, Feb. 21, 11a.m. at the GMU Center for the Arts, Fairfax. \$5 for children, students and seniors; \$10 for adults. For tickets, call 888-945-2468 or visit <http://cfa.gmu.edu/calendar/1830/>. For program questions, call 703-993-9889

independent schools in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia explored some of the tools needed for cross-cultural understanding.

Among the observances in Fairfax County Virginia, George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy and George Mason University School of Music will present a Black History Month celebration concert on Saturday, Feb. 21, called, "The Dream Lives On."

The Mason Wind Symphony and Vocal Studies Students, Mason Spiritual Ensemble will join local church choirs and elementary school choirs in a performance of gospel, spirituals, jazz and original compositions. The concert is designed to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and other African-American leaders.

## LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

### Swimming Pool Trends

As summer nears (or even when its balmy memory is keeping you warm in wintertime), the thoughts of many homeowners turn to thoughts of lounging by the pool and ways to improve the overall ambiance of your pool area. Both traditional, in-ground pools and more cost-effective, above-ground options are both choices that add hours of endless enjoyment to a home while you're living in it, and dollar value to homes on the market.

For both options, there are any number of ways to spruce up the pool area of a home on the market, making it ever more appealing to the prospective buyer. When it comes to decking material, paving stones are an option that is fast-growing in popularity. Industry professionals cite advantages to paving stones such as their ability to outperform, outlast and outshine stone set in mortar, grass, wood, concrete or brick when it comes to flexibility, durability and strength. Paving stones are available in a variety of colors and sizes, lay well if installed properly and are less susceptible to shifting, sagging, cracking and separating.

Above-ground pool owners, as with traditional in-ground pools, should consider adding decking and fencing to the above-ground pool unit—with just a few minor upgrades that are cost-efficient, your affordable pool option can add untold value to your home's asking price. Once you've taken the time to invest in the appearance and function of your pool area, not only do you have the coolest place to spend your hottest months, but you've got a sizzling feature to display to buyers when your home hits the market!

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## ONGOING

**“A Day at the Pool.”** Through Feb. 23 at Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo. “A Day at the Pool” depicts the anxiety that underlies a mother’s love. Na’ama Batya Lewin is a photographer and video artist living in Maryland. Her art often explores the roles of women in society. Lewin has served as adjunct faculty at the Corcoran College of Art and Design for 11 years. The Gallery is open Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-8 p.m. and any time a photography class is underway. Visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org) for more.

**“About 286,000,000 Results.”** Through Feb. 22 at VisArts, Common Ground Gallery, 2nd Floor, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Nancy Daly’s current body of work examines how the development of the online social world is affecting identity and social behavior. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**East of Sheridan.** Through March 1 at VisArts, Gibbs Street Gallery, 1st Floor, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Laini Nemett’s recent paintings and constructions piece together fragments of place to investigate ways of both conceiving and experiencing “home.” Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**“Suspension.”** Through March 1 at VisArts, Kaplan Gallery, 2nd Floor, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Experimental/film artists selected three artists to present their work in a series of one-person exhibitions. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**“Jewels” by Wayson Jones.** Through March 1, Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m. at the Stone Tower Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo Park Partnership presents “Jewels” by Wayson Jones. The exhibition showcases original paintings and collages. The work includes abstract, minimal landscapes that can be viewed from a dual perspective: the horizon line seen from a normal view shifts to become a shoreline or border as seen from the air. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) or call 301-634-2222.

**The Silk Work of Diane Tuckman.** Through March 1, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Park View Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo Park Partnership presents a solo exhibition featuring the work of silk painter Diane Tuckman. Her pieces are full of color and can be displayed or worn. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) or call 301-634-2222.

**“Aladdin.”** Feb. 19 through March 16 at The Puppet Co., Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. From ancient Persia comes this tale, true to the original “One Thousand and One Arabian Nights,” full of genies, wizards, magic caves, exotic princesses, and an elephant. Half life-size rod puppets and special effects make this production exciting and exotic theater. Recommended for kindergarten-grade 6. 50 Minutes. Visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org).

**Winter Programs.** Through March 29, 2 p.m. Join Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park rangers and volunteers at the Historic Great Falls Tavern for interpretive programs and activities during the winter season. Visitors can participate in a Ranger’s Choice



## Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The premise is simple: potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Attendees are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. During the evening, the VisArts resident artist studios and galleries will be open. There will be a silent auction to benefit Nourish Now. Empty Bowls will take place Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m. in the Buchanan Event Room, 2nd Floor, VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Early Bird begins at 5:30 p.m. \$25-\$35. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

Program at 2 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Call ahead to confirm programs in the event of inclement weather. Entrance fee to the park of \$5 per vehicle. Programs are free. The Great Falls, Maryland area of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park is located at the intersection of Falls Road and MacArthur Boulevard in Potomac. Call 301-767-3714 or visit [www.nps.gov/choh](http://www.nps.gov/choh).

**VisArts Cocktails and Canvas Class.** at VisArts in the Painting & Drawing Studio, 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville. Price \$40. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas](http://www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas) for more.

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

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

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

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

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

**Drop in Art Activities.** Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art

form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. Visit [www.pgip.org](http://www.pgip.org) for more.

**Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too).** Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. Visit [rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me](http://rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me).

**Live Music & Dancing.** Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. in Margery’s Lounge, Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Road. Dance to the music of Barry Gurley. Call 301-983-8838 or visit [www.popovers.com](http://www.popovers.com) for more.

**Glen Echo Park Films.** Saturdays and Sundays. Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Films about the Park’s history are shown on rotation in the lobby. Free. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

**SilverWorks Studio & Gallery.** Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition, as well as sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. Free. Visit [www.silverworksglenechopark.com](http://www.silverworksglenechopark.com).

**Art Glass Center at Glen Echo.** All day Wednesdays; Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Art Glass Center, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Ongoing exhibitions feature work of Resident Artists Christine Hekimian, Sue Hill, Michele Rubin, Sherry Selevan, Bev and Zayde Sleph and Janet Wittenberg. Sculpture, vessels, functional art and jewelry are for sale. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Visit [www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org](http://www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org) for more.

**Glen Echo Pottery.** Through December, Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Glen Echo Pottery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The Gallery shows the work of 29 individual potters and instructors at Glen Echo Pottery. Wheel-throwing demonstrations are offered most Saturdays and Sundays, noon-2 p.m. Children are welcome. Visit [www.glenechopottery.com/gallery](http://www.glenechopottery.com/gallery) for more.

**Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery.** Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery presents free exhibitions of emerging artists’ work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is also for sale. Visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com) for more.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
**Montgomery Parks**, part of the

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will celebrate Black History Month with a series of free public events at Josiah Henson Park each Saturday in February. Josiah Henson Park is a historic resource of international significance because of its association with Reverend Henson, whose 1849 autobiography, “The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave,” inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe’s landmark novel “Uncle Tom’s Cabin.” Events include:

- \* Free guided tours by park archaeologists and volunteers retracing the footsteps of Reverend Josiah Henson from his enslavement on the former Isaac Riley plantation to his escape on the Underground Railroad to freedom in Canada.
- \* Hourly screenings, starting at noon, of the PBS Time Team America documentary, “The Search for Josiah Henson,” which reveals new discoveries about the plantation resulting from a three-day intensive archaeological dig.
- \* The spoken word poetry event, “Lyrical Rhythms: The Sounds of Freedom,” on Saturday, February 28 will feature forms of original poetry, song and other artistic expressions from participants of all ages.

Josiah Henson Park is located a short walk from the White Flint Metro (red) line, and parking for these events is available at the Shriver Aquatic Center, 5900 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda. In the event of severe weather, call 301-650-4373 in advance to confirm the park will be open. Visit [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org) for more.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Camp Open House.** Sunday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m. at 11140 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Fitness for Health professionals in collaboration with Center for Communication and Learning Speech Language Pathologists, will provide an integrated movement and social cognitive thinking program. One week sessions, \$455-\$675. Visit [www.fitnessforhealth.org](http://www.fitnessforhealth.org) or call 301-231-7138.

**KID Museum at Davis Library,** 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, has three five-week after-school programs Feb. 25-March 25. Call 301-897-5437 or visit [www.kid-museum.org](http://www.kid-museum.org) for more.

- ❖ **Intro to Raspberry Pi Robotics**, grades 4-5 and 6-8
  - ❖ **Design and Build a Percussion Instrument**, grades 4-5 and 6-8
  - ❖ **All About that Bass** (creating of music using professional-grade DJ equipment), grades 4-5 or 6 and up.
- Registration Open.** The spring issue of the Montgomery County Guide for Recreation and Parks Programs features a variety of classes and programs designed to help

participants stay active and have fun, including aquatics, sports, therapeutic recreation services and active adult senior programming. Registration is available online, by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Recreation Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, or by fax at 240-777-6818. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec) or call 240-777-6840 for more.

**VisArts**, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville, offers a variety of camp sessions for spring and summer. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

❖ **Spring Camps**  
**Kids Create.** April 3-10. Enjoy a full day of spring theme crafts (ages 6-12).

**Lola’s Lab.** April 6-10. A performance art camp where imagination flows through interactive stories, expressive arts, and fantasy (ages 5-10).

❖ **Summer Camps**  
One-week and two-week sessions offered June 15-Aug. 21, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Before care and extended care is available.

**Young Artists.** One-week sessions that nurture the budding talents of students with age-appropriate visual art projects in an assortment of media (ages 5-6).

**Artistic Adventures.** Two-week sessions that promote creativity as children experience an assortment of visual art media and are exposed to gallery exhibitions (ages 7-12).

**Art Quest.** One-week sessions that promote creativity as children experience an assortment of visual art media and are exposed to gallery exhibitions (ages 7-12).

**Lola’s Lab.** June 29-July 2 or Aug. 17-21. A performance art camp where imagination flows through interactive stories, expressive arts, and fantasy (ages 5-10).

❖ **Teen Camps**  
One-week half-day sessions offered July 6-31, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; 12:15-3:15 p.m.

**Teen Art Institute.** Teens explore fused glass, painting and drawing. Camp will be held at VisArts (ages 13-18).

**Teen Art Institute.** This ceramic class gives teens the opportunity to explore clay in depth with handbuilding and the wheel. Camp will be held in the art ceramic at Richard Montgomery High School (ages 13-18).

**2015 Musical Theatre Intensive Summer Camp.** For actors, dancers and singers ages 13-18. The program will run for two weeks from July 12-25 at the Sandy Spring Friends School in Sandy Spring, Md. Campers can participate in daytime or overnight camp. The daytime camp will feature students in a final showcase the last Friday of camp. Students who participate in the



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overnight intensive camp will take part in a full production of the musical "Once on this Island!" Early bird discounts are available to those who register before Feb. 1. Visit [www.youngartistsamerica.org](http://www.youngartistsamerica.org) for more.

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

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

## FRIDAY/JAN. 30-SUNDAY/MARCH 8

**"Petite Rouge, A Cajun Red Riding Hood."** Through Sunday, March 8 at Adventure Theatre MTC, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Take a toe-tapping trip to the bayou in this family-friendly, Zydeco-driven musical soaked in N'awlins hot sauce. Based on the classic fairy tale and adapted from the book by Mike Artell and Jim Harris, a red-hooded duckling named Petite Rouge and her sidekick cat lead the Big Bad Gator on a wild "duck" chase through New Orleans and Mardi Gras. Will they make it to Grandmere's house with a basket full of Cajun goodies? Visit [www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org](http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org) to learn more.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 18

**Snapshot Day.** Montgomery County Public Libraries will help celebrate February as Library Lovers Month by participating in the fifth annual Library Snapshot Day. On Snapshot Day, MCPL will compile statistics, customer comments, photographs and other data chronicling a typical library day. Special activities will include VIP Read activities at selected libraries. Visit the Library Lovers Month graphic on the scroll at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library).

## FEB. 21-MARCH 15

**"Out of Nothing."** Through March 15, Saturdays and Sundays, noon-6 p.m. at the Popcorn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo Park Partnership presents "Out Of Nothing," curated by Blair Anderson, director of resident artist studio SilverWorks, and Michael Edwards, curator with The National Art Gallery of the Bahamas. The exhibition highlights the new work that is emerging from the Bahamas and marks the first year of an ongoing international cultural exchange. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) or call 301-634-2222.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 21

**Family Workshop.** 2-5 p.m. at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Pick a zodiac and VisArts will provide the partially sketched 12 x 12 canvas, paint, brushes, easels, paints, apron and instructor. Learn the basics of acrylic painting while enjoying the company of friends and family. \$15. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**Play in a Day.** 8 p.m. at Imagination Stage's Lerner Theater, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Six professional Washington, D.C. area theatre companies will write, direct, rehearse and perform original plays based on similar themes in only 24 hours. The plays will be presented at the 11th annual Play In A Day, at Imagination

Stage's Lerner Theater. \$15 online or at the door, beginning at 7 p.m. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) for more.

**Tiny Tots "Sing-a-Long."** 10 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Running time is 30 minutes. Tickets \$5. No online fees. Pre-purchases recommended. Visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org) or call 301-634-5380.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 22

**Tiny Tots: Old McDonald's Farm.** 10 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Running time is 30 minutes. Tickets \$5. No online fees. Pre-purchases recommended. Visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org) or call 301-634-5380.

## TUESDAY/FEB. 24

**Skate Champion Send-off.** 7 p.m. at Wheaton Ice Arena, 11717 Orebaugh Ave., Wheaton. Montgomery Parks is celebrating local ice skating champions who grew up training at Wheaton and Cabin John ice arenas. The skaters will be performing in various competitions in the U.S. and abroad, representing a number of categories, including speed skating, ice dance and figure skating and synchronized skating. Skaters will perform and be available for autographs and photographs. The free event is open to the public. Visit [www.WheatonIceArena.com](http://www.WheatonIceArena.com) and [www.CabinJohnIce.com](http://www.CabinJohnIce.com) or call 301-905-3000 for more.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 25

**Tiny Tots: Baby Bear's Birthday.** 10 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Running time is 30 minutes. Tickets \$5. No online fees. Pre-purchases recommended. Visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org) or call 301-634-5380.

**Empty Bowls.** 6-8 p.m. in the Buchanan Event Room, 2nd Floor, VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The premise is simple: potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Attendees are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. During the evening, the VisArts resident artist studios and galleries will be open. There will be a silent auction to benefit Nourish Now. Early Bird begins at 5:30 p.m. \$25-\$35. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

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## Real-Time, Really Late



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not a night owl. More of an early bird, worms notwithstanding. But given the contents of last week's column, "Scantsy," I find it difficult to write about anything else while waiting for the results of my CT Scan. I mean, nothing matters more than these results in determining my next course of treatment/quality of life/expectancy, so to pretend otherwise is a bit naive; and expecting a sound sleep is equally challenging, so here I am, 2:04 A.M., early Sunday morning, February 15th.

I can take it, really. I can function. You couldn't tell by looking at me or talking to me to know that I think my life may hang in the balance. After nearly six years of scanning and waiting, I've found my level. I'm not morose or depressed or pre-occupied, but I am something. Stuck in a kind of neutral, sort of. And though I am still positive about this negative, to say I can joke about it/be dismissive about it, or be unaffected by the potentially hugely complicated result as yet unknown, would be a bit presumptuous on my part and define "naive" in an entirely new way.

Certainly I understand that cancer is a disease and not necessarily impacted by my hopes and prayers; still, I've never wanted to be disrespectful of it. I've never spoken or written arrogantly about any success I've had combating this terrible disease any more than I would kick a man when he's down. If, for the time being, cancer is not having its way with me, and I am able to semi go about my regular business – until the next CT Scan three months hence that is, then I am one lucky son-of-a-gun and humbled by my amazing good fortune. And until I know the results – definitely by my next appointment on Friday, February 20th, I am sleeping at night only intermittently and living my days fatigued by the lack of sleep accumulating from the previous nights before. I'm not complaining. I'm just saying why it's 2:34 A.M. and I'm sitting on the edge of my bed hunched over and scribbling into this notebook.

The related problem is the speculation; being able to leave well enough alone, if it is well enough. And therein lies the dilemma. Somewhat surprisingly, my scheduled infusion went in as scheduled this past Friday. Typically, if there had been a change for the worse, treatment would have been delayed until my next appointment, where the oncologist and team Lourie would discuss the options. But that didn't happen. Does that mean that my scan results were still encouraging and thus there's no reason to change, or was it too close to the appointment to bother stopping and restarting again, if in fact that was our decision? Maybe? Perhaps? What if? What do I know? More importantly: What does my oncologist know?

So we wait. I'm not happy about it, but I am used to it. And even my wife, Dina, has gotten used to the delay; my brother, Richard, also. Still, it doesn't make it any easier, as odd as that may sound. Just familiar. I wish there were a different means to this madness, but apparently there isn't. Cancer rules, and I'm here to play fair – out of respect.

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



# Whitman Girls' Basketball Eyes Undefeated Season

**Vikings motivated by 2014 playoff loss to Kennedy.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE ALMANAC

**T**he 2013-14 Whitman girls' basketball team, which had won 20 games in row, picked a terrible time to lay an egg.

After surviving a close game against Blair, Whitman struggled on offense against Kennedy in the sectional final, including numerous missed shots from close to the rim. The result was a 46-37 season-ending loss that left the Vikings with a 21-3 record and a sour taste in their mouths.

Two days later, it was back to work.

"We lost to Kennedy on a Wednesday," Whitman head coach Pete Kenah said, "and Abby [Meyers] and Hannah [Niles] and Marie [Hatch] and Betsy [Knox] had me open up the weight room for them on Friday. It has just continued the whole time — those guys are on a mission."

Nearly one year later, Whitman has yet to lose during the 2014-15 season. On Feb. 13, the Vikings thumped Richard Montgomery 53-33 to improve their record to 17-0. Whitman is ranked No. 4 in the Washington Post's top 20, and is the only ranked



**Whitman sophomore Abby Meyers goes up for a shot against Richard Montgomery on Feb. 13.**

team without a loss.

The Vikings returned some talented players from last year's team who are fueled by how the season ended.

"They're incredibly motivated by last year's playoff loss," Kenah said. "It's a byproduct of that."

Whitman has regular season games re-



**Marie Hatch and the Whitman girls' basketball team improved to 17-0 with a win over Richard Montgomery on Feb. 13.**

maining against Blair (Vikings won first matchup by 18 points), Kennedy (losing record) and Northwood (losing record), making it likely the Vikings will enter the postseason undefeated. Niles said an undefeated record was one of the players' goals this season.

Whitman, which won a state championship in 1995, has never had an undefeated season.

"I would say it gets brought up," Niles said about an undefeated record, "but I wouldn't say we let it get to our heads."

Whitman has reason to be confident. The

Vikings have defeated all 15 of the Maryland public schools they have faced by at least 10 points, including a 61-51 win over Paint Branch on Jan. 20, which accounts for the Panthers' only loss.

Whitman opened the season with a 56-51 win over Good Counsel, a private school in the WCAC, on Dec. 5, and defeated Potomac High School (Virginia) 49-43 on Dec. 13.

"Any naysayers who think we haven't played anyone," Kenah said, "we've [faced] quality competition."

Whitman is led by the trio of Meyers, Hatch and Niles. Meyers, a 6-foot sophomore, leads the team in scoring at 16.4 points per game, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Hatch, a 5-10 junior, is averaging 9.5 points per contest and Niles, a 5-foot-9 junior, is averaging 9.3.

How do the Vikings stay focused while dominating opponents?

"One of the things we have to focus on is keep our composure and keeping level-headed," Niles said. "We have to come into every game knowing that we're great and having that ego, but being able to control that ego."

With the playoffs approaching, the Vikings can simply look back to the end of last season if they need to re-focus.

"Last year ... I think that we came into the game overconfident," Meyers said. "... That loss last year, it helped us learn coming into the playoffs, it's zero-zero and we just have to give it our all and play Whitman basketball, just like we did from the start of the season against Good Counsel."

Whitman is scheduled to face Kennedy at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 at Kennedy High School.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Whitman Boys Lose to RM

The Whitman boys' basketball team lost to Richard Montgomery 56-44 on Friday, giving the Vikings back-to-back losses following a four-game win streak.

Whitman (10-9) will travel to face Kennedy at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20.

### Churchill Girls Beat B-CC

The Churchill girls' basketball team edged Bethesda Chevy-Chase 43-40 on Friday, improving the Bulldogs' record to 10-1 during the 2015 portion of their schedule.

Churchill will travel to face Watkins Mill on Feb. 23.

### Wootton Girls Blast Springbrook

The Wootton girls' basketball team won its 12th straight game and improved to 17-3 with a 61-25 victory over Springbrook on Friday.

Cece Kobylski led Wootton with 15 points.

The Patriots will host Poolesville at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20.



**Riley Shaver and the Whitman boys' basketball team lost to Richard Montgomery 56-44 on Feb. 13.**

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### Season for Ice Hockey



**Leslie Kenna and Carrick Southall were among a group of people gathered for ice hockey on the canal Monday, Feb. 16.**



**Ross Allen enjoys playing ice hockey on the canal.**

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