

A photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, a tree with many pink cherry blossoms is in bloom. The tree's branches are dark brown and bare of leaves, but the blossoms are in full. In the background, there are several other trees, some with green leaves and some bare. A stone path or border runs through the garden. The ground is covered with green grass and some fallen leaves.

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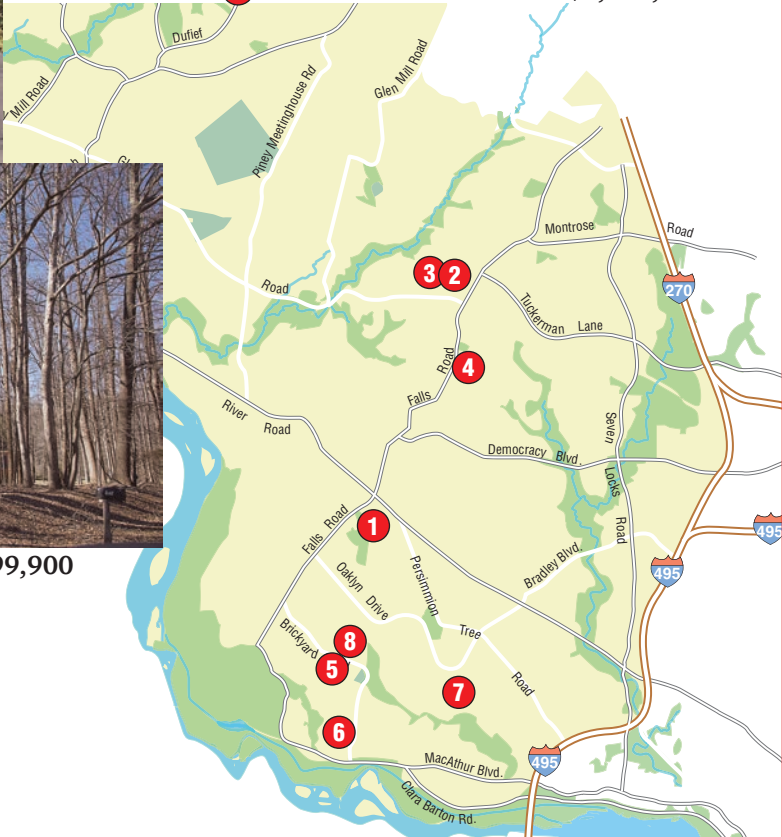
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Glenstone Museum to Reopen Its Gallery on April 8

International traveling exhibition Faith Ringgold will open with limited capacity.

Glenstone Museum will reopen its indoor spaces in phases, beginning on April 8 with its presentation in the Gallery of a major international traveling exhibition of the works of Faith Ringgold. The Pavilions will reopen on May 6. These phased reopenings follow the full closure on Nov. 25, 2020, supporting community efforts to slow the spread of Covid-19.

The museum has been operating as an outdoor-only experience since March 4. Scheduled visits will continue to be required while the museum operates in a limited capacity. Visits can be scheduled on the website, www.glenstone.org, and admission is always free. Visits for May and June will be released on April 1 at 10 a.m.

"As much as it meant to us to resume welcoming visitors to our open-air paths and installations of outdoor sculpture, we have longed to connect the public again with the full experience of art, architecture, and nature that we are known for," said Emily Wei Rales, director and co-founder of Glenstone. "We are grateful that we can soon begin a phased reopening of our indoor spaces, with due precautions in place in accordance with public health and government guidelines. We have been eager to resume our exhibition programming, which includes the extraordinary work of Faith Ringgold and exciting new installations in the Pavilions."

When it opens on April 8, the Gallery will host the first traveling exhibition that Glenstone has presented: Faith Ringgold, a monographic survey that will include more than 70 works by the artist. The exhibition was organized by the Serpentine in London in 2019 and was installed at the Bildmuseet in Umeå, Sweden, last August.

On May 6, visitors can once again visit the Pavilions, now featuring a large-scale hanging neon work by Glenn Ligon, *Warm Broad Glow II*, 2011, in the Passage. The Pavilions also includes three monumental chalkboard drawings by Tacita Dean installed just before the museum closed in November.

As when the indoor spaces reopened in summer 2020, the museum has added COVID-19 specific safety measures, including: Setting

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Glenstone Museum and Native Plants

Potomac Library online talk, April 8, 11 a.m.

Matt Partain, landscape superintendent of Glenstone Museum in Potomac, will give a talk on "Perennial Tales of Glenstone: Developing Native Understories." He will talk about choosing native landscaping plants and maintaining them organically.

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indoor capacity limits that meet Montgomery County guidelines; displaying mask and social distancing reminder signage throughout the site; installing hand sanitizing stations at each point of entry, bathroom, elevator, and outside of rooms; disabling water fountains; increasing bag size permitted in the art space (now limited to 14" x 14") to minimize use of lockers; closing indoor dining services and the Environmental Center.

About Glenstone

Glenstone, a museum of modern and contemporary art, is integrated into nearly 300 acres of gently rolling pasture and unspoiled woodland in Potomac, Montgomery County, Md. Established by the not-for-profit Glenstone Foundation, the museum opened in 2006 and provides a contemplative, intimate setting for experiencing iconic works of art and architecture within a natural environment.



The museum includes its original building, the Gallery, as well as additional structures opened in its 2018 expansion: the Arrival Hall (LEED platinum), the Pavilions, and the Café (both LEED gold).

Glenstone is open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors are also invited to explore the grounds or participate in self-guided sculpture tours. Admission to Glenstone is free but visits must be scheduled online at: www.glenstone.org.

POTOMAC WEEK IN NUMBERS



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BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

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Montgomery County Council offered a proclamation March 16, 2021, commemorating Bethesda's 150th birthday at its council meeting on March 16, 2021.

"I've got to say, Bethesda looks pretty good for 150," said Andrew Friedson, Potomac and Bethesda's Councilmember.

Wendy Kaufman, president of the Bethesda Historical Society; Dave Dabney, retired executive director, and Jeff Burton, current executive director, of Bethesda Urban Partnership; Ken Hartman Espada, director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center; Allie Williams and Ginanne Italiano, of the Bethesda Chamber of Commerce; and Carol Trawick, of the Trawick Foundation were on the scene for the proclamation.

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People are permitted to play organized outdoor youth sports, and 25 for indoor sports, under a revised regulation unanimously approved by the County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, on Friday afternoon, March 19, 2021. The Board of Health regulation took effect at 5 p.m. the same day.

Face coverings must be worn whenever social distancing is not possible, according to Council documents.

"The goal of this updated guidance is to allow young people to play competitive sports, while taking the proper public health precautions so they can do so safely. The new Board of Health regulation removes the risk classifications for different sports while maintaining public health measures," according to the Council's action. "Instead of evaluating different sports by risk category, all organized sports played indoors or outdoors must obtain a COVID Protocol Plan approved by the Health Officer or a designee.

Each plan must include a contact tracing component with an attendance tracking sheet; a requirement that face coverings are worn as provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics; a commitment to maintain social distancing of at least six feet between all participants to the extent possible; and a requirement for the use of a student attestation form or a COVID-19 athlete or coach monitoring form at all activities.

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Signs of spring, as people gather at a distance in the courtyard in Potomac Place shopping center.

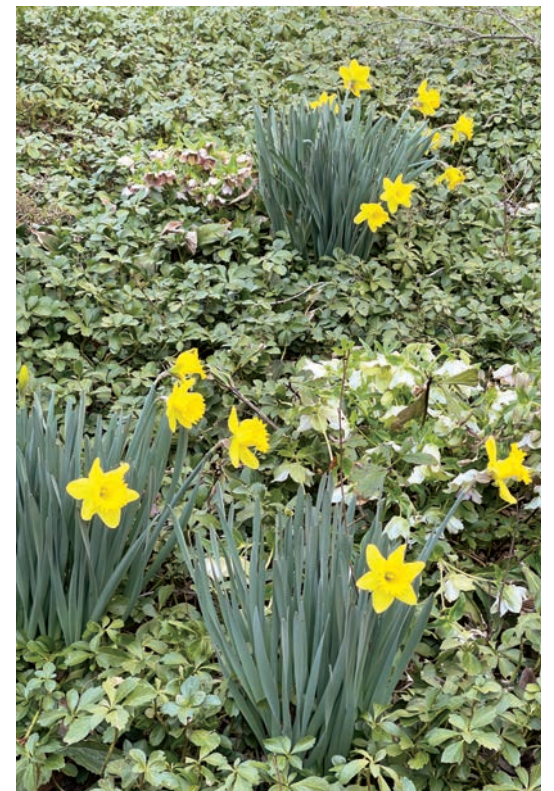


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Getting the Numbers Right

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Potomac's councilmember Andrew Friedson wanted to take politics out of estimating costs. "To come up with consensus estimates on the front end to take politics out of revenue estimating and to have as many voices in the room at the beginning so when the budget process starts everyone is in agreement," he said.

The Council passed Bill 6.21 on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, which creates a Revenue Estimating Group comprised of staff from Office of Legislative Oversight, the Department of Finance, the Office of Management and Budget, Council Central Staff, and the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. The group will help the county more accurately project revenues and build consensus

to improve fiscal management of the County's \$5.97 billion annual operating budget and \$14 billion six-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

"Bills like this don't get as much attention as some of the other hot button issues that we focus on, but these are really important," said councilmember Gabe Alborno (at-large). "We're all striving to tighten the systems that we currently have."

Committee Chair and Councilmember Nancy Navarro (District 4) and Councilmember Sidney Katz (District 3), who serve with Councilmember Friedson on the Council's

Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee, were co-sponsors of the bill.

"This is definitely an important best practice," said Nancy Navarro. "It is so central to the work we do every year when it comes to our budget I think it's important not to underestimate the impact something like this has."

The Revenue Estimating Group will provide quarterly reports on revenue projections to the county executive and council president; develop and revise revenue forecasts; perform studies or analyses requested by the county executive or council president; develop a revenue forecast methodology.

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"Accurate and useful revenue estimates are the foundation on which our County's budget is built. By having better data, we'll be able to better predict and communicate the County's fiscal situation, including changes in recordation and transfer tax rates that impact our economy," Councilmember Friedson said.

"Importantly, the Revenue Estimating Group will bring together staff from the County Council and County Executive branch to help build consensus and improve our County's budget process."

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Hate crimes targeting Asian American and Pacific Islanders were reported by Montgomery County Police in 2020. Stop AAPI Hate released a new report last week recording nearly 3,800 anti-Asian hate incidents between March 19, 2020 and Feb. 28, 2021 in the United States, more than 500 occurring in 2021. The Montgomery County Council and County Executive Marc Elrich held an Asian American and Pacific Islander Unity Event on March 19 at 10:30 a.m. to reaffirm the County's support for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community members who have been the targets of ongoing harassment and recent hate crimes. Six of the eight people killed in the shootings in Atlanta on March 16 were Asian American women.

1,410

Deaths from Covid-19 in Montgomery County have been reported by the Department of Health and Human Services, as of Tuesday morning, March 23, 2021; 65,596 cases have been reported. According to DHHS, 140,264 Montgomery County residents have been fully vaccinated (13.3 percent of the population) and 270,266 (25.7 percent) have received their first dose as of March 23.

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Days the Cabin John Liquor and Wine store, 11301 Seven Locks Road, temporarily closed after a store employee might have been exposed to someone with Covid. After local health officials conducted a contact tracing effort, they said all staff must quarantine. The store reopened Monday, March 29 after a specialized team disinfected the store.

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Weeks that a person who tested positive for Covid at Churchill High School will be quarantined, as well as anybody known to have direct contact with the person who was last at Churchill between March 8-11. According to Principal Brandice C. Heckert, "Following Montgomery County Department of Health and

Human Services (DHHS) guidelines, we notified individuals who were known to have direct contact with this individual and have advised them to quarantine for 14 days. ... Unless you are notified directly, your child does not need to be tested or quarantine as they were not in direct contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19."

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People were tested at Bullis School and one person tested positive, according Christian G. Sullivan, Head of School, in his briefing March 10, 2021. Sullivan reported that contact tracing was completed, and that test positivity rate at Bullis since August 2020 is 0.143 percent and was 0.11 percent last week. All teachers have been fully vaccinated.

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Letters Walt Whitman High School principal Dr. Robert W. Dodd has sent to the Whitman community this last week. The first two alerted the community that health officials believed nobody had been in contact with one person who tested positive on March 13 and another person who had not been on campus at all. Dodd's third letter on March 23, 2021, alerted the Whitman community, that "we notified individuals who were known to have direct contact with this individual and have advised them to quarantine for 14 days. ... Unless you are notified directly, your child does not need to be tested or quarantine as they were not in direct contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19."

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Days some Bells Mill Elementary School students must quarantine after being exposed to an individual between March 19-22 in the school community who tested positive for Covid. "Since your student has been identified as a direct contact of the affected individual, they will be placed on full-time virtual learning during this 14-day quarantine period. School administrators will reach out to discuss a plan," according to a letter sent to the school community from the principal Dr. Stacy L. Smith.

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LIBRARIES PRESENT WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

Montgomery County Public Libraries will celebrate Women's History Month throughout the month of March. The month-long celebra-

tion, "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced," offers programs suitable for adults and residents of all ages, featuring lectures, discussions, and story times. All events are virtual and free.

Events include:

Wednesday, March 24; 2 - 3 p.m.

A Tale of Two Counties: The Status of Women in Montgomery County

Dr. Patricia Maclay, Commissioner with the Montgomery County Commis-

sion for Women will present an overview of the Commission's work in the community.

Thursday, March 25; 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Women against Slavery: Then and Now - Book Talk: "Speak a Word for Freedom: Women against Slavery"

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Snow Falls Without Equity

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

As cherry blossoms bloom, memories of winter linger for some, because snow storms, although occurring only a few times a year, cause frustrations, hardships, danger as plows push snow on top of sidewalks.

“The snow and ice then form literal barriers to then getting around and those piles sometimes last for weeks, sometimes even months. We need to stop treating sidewalks as storage facilities for snow and start treating them as important links to our transportation network,” said Alison Gillespie, at a public hearing before the council on Tuesday, March 16.

“It is a particular hardship to those with physical disabilities. I have seen wheelchair users using traffic lanes in the middle of snow storms when snow is falling and visibility is low. People who are blind often depend on sidewalks and often encounter snow in unexpected locations making their routes to work difficult or nearly impossible,” she said. “We should not need to own a car in this county simply because of snow.”

The purpose of a bill, introduced by Evan Glass (at-large), is to increase safe access and passage for pedestrians because of snow and snow clearing. Blocked sidewalks pose a safety hazard and impedes pedestrian ability to access bus stops, metro stations, retail stores and places of employment, according to Council documents.

“By clearing snow from streets but leaving sidewalks to private property owners the county sends a clear message that pedestrians aren’t a priority,” said Jane Lyons, of the Coalition for Smarter Growth.

ABOUT 81,666 RESIDENTS in the County use public transportation to commute to work, and about 12,381 residents walk to their place of employment, according to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) and reported by the Montgomery County’s Office of Legislative Oversight.

Black residents are disproportionately represented among public transit users in the County, according to the Office of Legislative Oversight. Black residents accounted for 52.4 percent of persons who used public transit to travel to work, whereas white residents accounted for 30.3 percent of transit riders, according to Council documents.

About 47% of Ride On users had annual household incomes less than \$30,000, according to a 2020 survey and the Office of Legislative Oversight.

“This is a really important bill. It only



Snow on Falls Road near bus stops.

comes up a few times a year but when it does come up, it’s a huge problem... it is a huge social equity and racial justice issue,” said Kristy Daphnis, of the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. “I see this every winter as people try to navigate our streets and it is a problem that is easily solved.”

Under the bill, specifically, the Executive must implement and require the County’s Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice from “orphan sidewalks.”

The bill would also require the County to clear non-buffered sidewalks or paths in the nineteen (19) busiest arterial roads that lie within the County’s equity emphasis area.

phases area.

“Currently, the County clears over 60 miles of sidewalks in urban districts where there is no adjacent private property or commercial property owner; however, this bill would expand the coverage to include the County’s equity emphasis areas along certain arterial roads,” according to council documents.

Evan Glass sponsored the bill, which was co-sponsored by Hans Riemer, Sidney Katz, Tom Hucker and Nancy Navarro.

“SNOW DAYS ARE A PRIVILEGE not afforded to most people who work essential jobs,” said Shruti Bhatnagar, of the Sierra Club. “In our focus to provide safe roads for cars and busses we have ignored and made more unsafe the access to those busses for

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— Alison Gillespie

pedestrians.”

“We need to provide equitable services for all county residents,” she said. “Snow on sidewalks is a hindrance to pedestrians and people with disabilities and seniors for whom accessibility may be more challenging, putting their safety at the greatest risk.”

Hannah Henn testified for county executive Marc Elrich. “The county executive supports the underlying objective of ensuring that sidewalks are cleared during and after snow and ice events to improve safety for pedestrians,” she said.

But the bill could cause complications and confusions, according to Elrich and Henn.

“The bill picks winners and losers by specifying geographic limits at a moment in time. It is not clear from the bill how or why these routes, particularly State-maintained routes, were selected compared to other potential areas, such as MD 190/River Road in the Westbard area and MD 390/16th Street,” said Henn.

“We anticipate confusion among property owners because of the differential services proposed. There will be a need for education and outreach to provide clarity to property owners on snow clearing responsibilities,” she said.

A Transportation and Environmental committee work session will be held on the bill later in the spring.



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SENIOR LIVING

Style After Retirement

Great fashion sense is possible at any stage.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

At 78, Winifred Rosenberg has always been known for her impeccable style and taste. An extensive collection of designer shoes, particularly stilettos, were items around which the Potomac senior's wardrobe was built. That changed when she developed an Achilles tendon disorder and needed surgery.

"She was told that she was going to lose her ability to walk, but after some very significant surgeries is able to continue walking and maintain her sense of autonomy," said Joseph Rothstein, a private fashion and personal style strategist, who added Rosenberg to his clientele. "She felt grateful, but the type of shoes she wore needed to become sturdier. She had always been so stylish."

Rosenberg cringed at the idea of sensible shoes, so she tasked Rothstein with creating a wardrobe that would allow her to maintain her sense of fashion while not damaging her feet.

"I told her that we needed to turn the issue into something exciting. I knew right then that the limited range of footwear that her foot surgeon told her that she could wear would be mission critical to developing her new look," said Rothstein. "What I did was start with the shoes and build the rest of her wardrobe around a new assortment of footwear."

The tools that Rothstein used to redefine his client's style are applicable to other seniors, he says. "When we are ready to face the music that our bodies have changed, or that we have physical changes that require adjustments to our clothing, it can impact our personal style."

Part of that transition is a style adjustment, and that begins with a few wardrobe staples, suggests William Allen, Professor in the Fashion Design & Merchandising program at Marymount University. "I advise both women and men to buy a few basic pieces that can be dressed up or dressed down," he said. "Keep existing pieces or buy a few new classic pieces of clothing. Purchase 10 to 15 pieces that you can mix and match and build a wardrobe around. Look for simple, clean lines in neutral colors like tan, black and gray."

"Add classic accessories like watches, handbags and jewelry to add interest," Allen continued. "These should be items that never go out of style. You can dress them up with accessories so they don't become boring."

Fashion adventure, tempered by sophistication and maturity, is what design consultant Michelle Vaughn of Chantilly encourages for her clients. "Don't be afraid to take risks and try some of the new trends," she said. "Trends are not just for the 25 and under crowd but can be flattering on



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOP IT OFF

Elizabeth Hoenscheid of Top it Off, in Alexandria recommends clothing with generous cuts that can be layered over slim cut pants or trousers.



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Build a wardrobe with classic pieces that are on trend but not trendy.

many different age groups.

Take chances with color, especially as seasons change, added stylist Elizabeth Hoenscheid of Top it Off, in Alexandria. "For spring and summer, it's all about fun pieces to add a pop of color and print to white jeans or capris."

Retirement does not have to mean giving up on style, says Vaughn. "The need to dress up might change and personal style might change as one ages," she said. "But be sure to invest in higher quality items even if that means purchasing fewer items. They last longer and you will not need to replace them as often."

From undergarments to pants, clothes should fit properly advises Vaughn. "Make sure your garments have a perfect fit and are properly altered to fit your body type," she said. "Undergarments should give clean lines."

When feeling unsure about shopping for clothes, Vaughn suggests developing a support system. "Shop with someone you trust and whose style you admire," she said. "Find a sales associate, friend, family member or hire a personal stylist who will be honest with you and show you things that work best on you."

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Time Will Tell



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Ordinarily I'd be writing this column this weekend - after this week's events. Events, and I use that term loosely, that will either sustain my good fortune - or change it for the worse. What I'm referring to are results from my bi-monthly/quarterly diagnostic scans. This week I'll be CT-scanned from the pelvis to the neck and will have had my bones' scanned as well. The associated lab work and blood pressure check required pale in comparison to the significance of the findings from these two scans. Scan results which will tell me how I feel, a day or two later when I will receive electronically the radiologist's assessment/interpretation of the scans. But since I'll be out of town, with limited computer access and only a "stupid" phone (no internet capability), not a smart phone to use, I'll be left to my own devices - literally, until I return home Sunday afternoon.

Since I'll likely not receive any results before we leave on Friday, and moreover, not have the time to write a column this coming weekend (last weekend when the paper publishes on the 24th), I am minding my own business six days earlier than usual in hopes that what I don't know now won't hurt me later. And given that I take my avocation/column writing seriously, rather than reprint an old column, I am writing a new/current column in advance to continue to lead you regular readers down my garden's path.

The path to which I refer hopefully will be a path of least resistance that will enable me to assimilate all my forthcoming medical data into some coherent assessment of where I am, healthwise. Will I be able to maintain my status quo: 10 MG of levinia or will I have to change protocols and no longer stay on the horse that brung me? I have to hope I can continue on at my present pace because the 14 MG and 24 MG doses each had unpleasant side effects which lead to the reductions in the first place. And to complicate the dose possibilities, each of the higher doses lead to stable/some shrinkage on the CT scan and a significant reduction as well in my cancer markers, down from 200 to 4. This will be my first scan since I've taken the smaller dose. To say I'm somewhat invested in the outcome of this week's scans would be the understatement of the universe.

Unfortunately, none of this information will likely have been emailed to me - at home before we leave town, and I'll not have time and place to write a column this weekend while out of town. Therefore, I am submitting this column, written six days ahead of my typical deadline, with the best of intentions. In effect, today becomes just another day ("the daze of my life") of a person undergoing treatment for an incurable form of cancer; that type being papillary thyroid cancer stage IV versus the original/indspite diagnosis: non small cell lung cancer, stage IV.

It will definitely be awkward knowing that diagnostic information about my health/presumptive welfare is in an inbox waiting for my log-in information. It's hardly ideal, but as a long-time cancer survivor, I have been here before and have done that. I'm not thrilled about being away when my life might possibly be hanging in the balance. I guess that's what cell phones are for: reaching out and sort of touching someone. If my doctors really need to talk with me, they are welcome to call. You can be sure my phone will be fully charged and with me at all times. After all, it might be good news, too. I mean, stranger things have happened: being diagnosed with "terminal" lung cancer after never having smoked cigarettes. Granted, upwards of 25% of new lung cancer cases are never-smokers, but still, with no history of cancer in my family and never having been a smoker, I kind of figured I had a fighting chance to avoid this disease. I guess my reward is 12+ years after my initial "13 month to two year" prognosis, I'm still alive and writing.

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