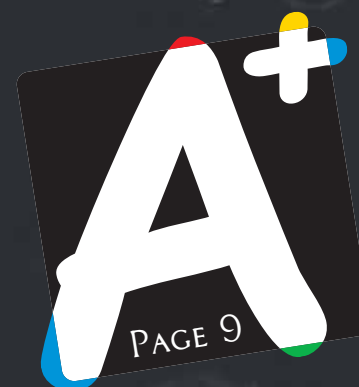


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The cast of "Blast" at Churchill High School: Back row, Enoch Lee, Nick Tondravi, Govind Anand, Sloane Momsen, Mackenzie Testa, Alex Scott, Danny Espinoza; front row: Ethan Miller, Adam Newburger. This number was choreographed by Sloane and Mackenzie.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Comment on Deer Management Plan

The comment period for the National Park Service's White-tailed Deer Management Plan and Environmental Assessment for Harpers Ferry and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal national historical parks ends March 20.

The NPS is presenting four preliminary alternatives and five potential focus areas to help guide feedback. The preliminary alternatives are no action, nonlethal deer management, lethal deer management or a combination of lethal and nonlethal deer management. A newsletter with additional details is available on the project website.

Members of the public and organizations are encouraged to provide comments online via the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to:

Attn: Deer Management Plan Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100 Hagerstown, MD 21740-6620

Comments must be entered into the website or postmarked by March 20, to receive consideration. The entire comment submitted – including personal identifying information such as address, phone number, e-mail address – may be made publicly available. Requests to withhold such personal identifying information from public release will be considered, but there is no guarantee that they will be withheld.

There are five parks in the national capital region that already have approved white-tailed deer management plans. The parks are: Catocin Mountain Park (Md.), Rock Creek Park (D.C.), Antietam National Battlefield (Md.), Manassas National Battlefield Park (Va.) and Monocacy National Battlefield (Md.).

For more information visit the project website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov/NHPdeermanagement](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/NHPdeermanagement).

### Ride On Pilot Project Tests Turn Warning System

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's Ride On bus system is testing a turn warning alert that notifies pedestrians of a turning vehicle. When a bus operator turns the steering wheel 45 degrees in either direction, an audible warning is heard outside of the bus in the direction of the turn announcing that the bus is turning. Ride On is conducting a pilot project with four buses.

The warning devices have an optical sensor installed inside the steering column that is triggered when the vehicle turns. The volume of the warning can be adjusted. The system is manufactured by Clever Devices.

Information on Ride On's routes and schedules is available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/index.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/index.html).

### Time To Apply To Leadership Programs

Leadership Montgomery is now accepting applications for all five of its leadership programs: Core, Senior, Emerging Leaders, Youth and Inside Montgomery Executive program. Leadership Montgomery is a 26-year-old community organization that connects leaders from the corporate, public and nonprofit sectors to help strengthen Montgomery County. Program participants are exposed to the critical issues and key players impacting the community. Graduates of LM programs join the network of the more than 2,100 local leaders who comprise LM's alumni. For more information about each of the programs and to apply, visit <https://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/our-programs>.

5910 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852

### Council Limits E-cigarette Use

The Montgomery County Council unanimously approved Bill 56-14 on March 3 to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes in public places where traditional tobacco smoking is prohibited.

The chief sponsor of the bill to ban e-cigarettes was Councilmember Nancy Floreen. Councilmembers Roger Berliner, Marc Elrich, Tom Hucker, Sidney Katz, George

Leventhal, Nancy Navarro, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer all were co-sponsors. The bill goes to County Executive Ike Leggett for his approval. It will take effect 91 days after he signs it.

Bill 56-14 also will restrict the sale of certain liquid nicotine or liquid nicotine containers in retail outlets unless the nicotine is in a container considered child resistant packaging. Amendments added to the bill after its introduction by the Council's Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee also were approved. Those amendments broadened the definition of electronic cigarette to include e-cigars, e-hookahs, e-pipes and vape pens.

### Public Invited To Hear Martin Luther King, III

Martin Luther King, III, son of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will speak about his late father's legacy and his own personal efforts for human rights advocacy on Thursday March 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cabin John Middle School all purpose room.

The evening event, organized by the Bells Mill Elementary PTA, is free of charge and open to the public.

As the oldest son of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King III has continued his parents' legacy and their quest for equality and justice for all people.



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## Performing Musical Numbers in ‘Opposition’

**Winston Churchill  
hosts annual Blast  
from the Past.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

“**O**pposition” — this year’s thematic thread that weaves through the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Blast from the Past song and dance production — brings to light the concept of opposition within musical numbers. Song and dance numbers rock the stage, bringing the audience to its feet while highlighting conflicting feelings and moods. Such numbers as “Hot Hot Hot” and “Baby, It’s Cold Outside,” “Girl On Fire” and “Cool Boy,” “Hard Days Night” and “Easy Like Sunday Morning” bring the perception to life.

Blast From the Past has been a long-standing musical production at Winston Churchill High School, showcasing the talents of the student cast and technical/production crew, as well as the dedication of the director, technical director and the parents. The show requires the efforts of 143 students who serve not only as singers, dancers, band members, carpenters, sound and audio technicians and choreographers — but who search for just the right costume, practice dance moves and support one another and their teachers when yet another snow day is called by Montgomery County. The extravaganza has been a “not-to-be-missed” show within the Potomac community for 26 years.

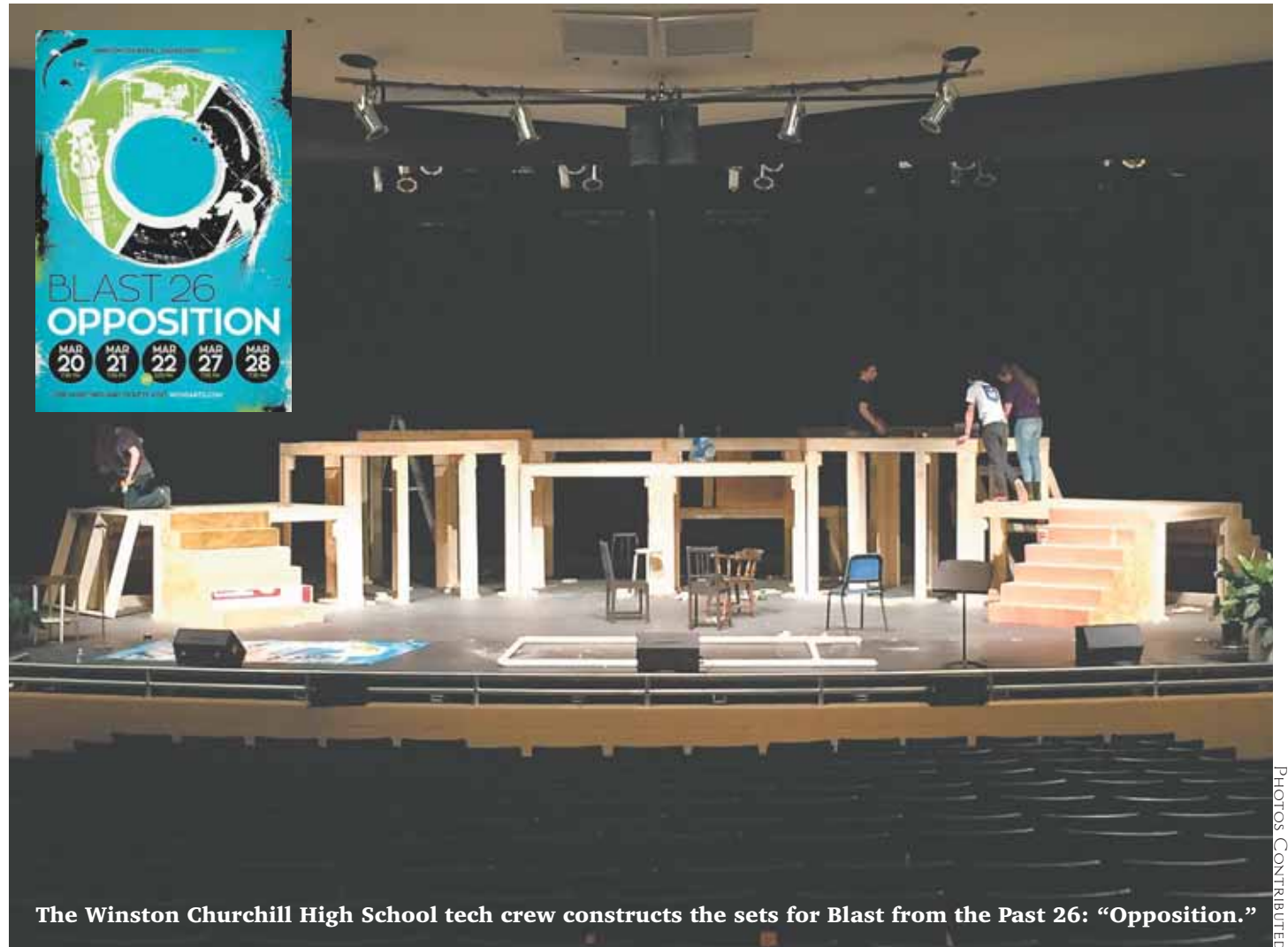
This is Director Matt Albright’s second Blast at WCHS. “My hope is for everybody to enjoy the selections, not from an overall concept of a lyrical and musical portrayal of the concept and idea of ‘Opposition,’ but for our students and parents who have worked tirelessly on this production. I appreciate the community coming out to celebrate the Arts at WCHS — to see the creativity and the talent that makes this show so unique. We have amazing musicians, dancers and other talent within our school and I am pleased that we can offer a showcase for a wealth of versatile performers,” Albright said.

Students serve in a variety of capacities for the show and take on many of the responsibilities. They work on costumes, serve as stage managers, lighting crew, voice captains, back-up singers, student directors, dance captains and many other roles.

### ‘Opposition’

Performances will be held on March 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., on March 23 at 2:30 p.m. and on March 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for all others and are available at the door one hour before the performance or online at [www.wchsarts.com](http://www.wchsarts.com).

Blast from the Past 26: “Opposition” will be held at Winston Churchill High School Auditorium, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac.



The Winston Churchill High School tech crew constructs the sets for Blast from the Past 26: “Opposition.”



Blast Company Manager Nathan Berg with Dance Captains Sloane Momsen and Mackenzie Testa.

Mackenzie Testa and Sloane Momsen are dance captains who choreographed many of the numbers in the show. “We created many of the dances, but always had to keep in mind the various dance skills of the performers, and then teach the dances to them,” said Momsen. “It was very rewarding to see our visions come to life.”

Testa said, “It has really been fun this year because we have been in control of the choreography, able to be totally creative with it and make it our own.” Both are graduating seniors who are hoping to continue performing at their respective colleges in fu-

ture years.

Junior Nathan Berg serves as company manager for the production while also playing in the band and singing in some of the numbers. For him, being a manager is one of his favorite positions since it helps get all the behind-the-scenes work done. “I’ve enjoyed the experience of managing a large group of people and serving as the organizer,” he said. “It is a really original and fantastic show this year.”

The evening of songs includes “The Sound of Silence,” “Set Fire to the Rain,” “It’s Rainin’ Men” “Man, I Feel Like a Woman,”

“Hard Day’s Night,” “Earth Angel” and “Ebony and Ivory.” The shows’ finale is “Happy.”

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# OPINION

## Why Oppose Improving School Food?

To the Editor:

For a local take on a subject of national interest, the School Nutrition Association's powerful influence is being felt in Annapolis. In response to proposed legislation to improve the quality of food in Maryland's public schools, officers from the Maryland Chapter of the SNA came out to testify against these bills. These same Maryland SNA officers are employed as the director and the assistant director of Food and Nutrition Services for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), the largest school system in Maryland.

Seven bills which seek to improve the school food environment for all Maryland public school students are working their way through the Maryland State Legislature this session. These bills originated from the Healthy School Food Maryland Coalition. Details about the bills can be found at [www.healthyschoolfoodMD.org](http://www.healthyschoolfoodMD.org).

On Friday, March 13, four of the seven bills were heard by the House Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Del. Sheila Hixson of Montgomery County. These four bills include: the Sugar-Free Schools Act, the Thirsty Kids

Act, the Chemical-Free Schools Act, and the Vending Machines and Marketing Act.

The Sugar-Free Schools Act would require each school district in Maryland to develop a plan to reduce added sugar in school meals down to the level recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA). I, director of Real Food for Kids – Montgomery (RFKM), and Lindsey Parsons, coordinator for Healthy School Food Maryland and executive director of RFKM, testified in favor of this bill. In my testimony I stated: "This bill, if passed, will be a good first step in shining a light on levels of added sugar in school food, thereby counteracting the undue influence of the School Nutrition Association (SNA) which gets more than 50 percent of its budget from big food companies and employs the same lobbying firm as the NRA."

Testifying against the Sugar-Free Schools Act were Kate Heinrich, president of the Maryland School Nutrition Association (MSNA) and Marla Caplon, chair of MSNA's Nutrition Committee. Mrs. Heinrich is employed as the assistant director, Division of Food and Nutrition

Services (DFNS) for the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Mrs. Caplon is employed as the director of DFNS for MCPS. Mrs. Heinrich and Mrs. Caplon also testified against the Thirty Kids Act and the Chemical-Free Schools Act. MCPS is the largest school district in Maryland with over 150,000 students.

In response, Ms. Parsons stated, "I'm hopeful that our state legislators will recognize that the Maryland School Nutrition Association is not looking out for the best interests of our children and that they will side with the parents who started this coalition to gain back some control over what the schools are feeding our children. A diet of processed, sugary, chemical-laden foods does not foster optimum academic achievement."

RFKM is a grassroots parent and student advocacy group in Montgomery County with over 3,800 supporters, including parents in 180 schools in MCPS. Currently, 26 percent of Maryland high school students are overweight or obese.

**Karen Devitt**

Director, Real Food for Kids - Montgomery

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### WEDNESDAYS THROUGH APRIL

**Wireless Wednesdays.** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Get help with a new tablet, smartphone or e-reader. Bring wireless devices to Wireless Wednesdays at Potomac Library and learn to download digital content provided free by the library, including e-books, audiobooks, magazines and music. Call Jeff Corber, 240-777-0690 for more.

### WEDNESDAYS/FEB. 4-MARCH 25

**Deaf Adults Relationship Therapy Group.** 5 p.m. at at JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville. This eight session group is for adults 25 and older to share joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, coping mechanisms, and strategies for improving relationships. \$75 per session. (May be insurance reimbursable) The group meets from February 4 – March 25 at 5:00 pm. Pre-registration is required to attend. Email [lkatz@jssa.org](mailto:lkatz@jssa.org).

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 18

**Walkers Group.** 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7101 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. The Potomac Community Village community will walk the mall for exercise. Contact Don at [don@askoldmoldy.net](mailto:don@askoldmoldy.net).

**Lunch and Learn.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville. Brandeis National Committee Greater Washington Chapter presents The Bette Aschkenasy Lunch and Learn: "We've Come A Long Way." \$25, includes a box lunch with choice of Tuna on a sesame bagel, Roast Beef on rye, Turkey on Rye, and Veggie wrap.

Reservations required by March 9, email Alice at [hrandalbaum@verizon.net](mailto:hrandalbaum@verizon.net).

**Volunteer Training.** 7-8:30 p.m. at the Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring. Training sessions for new volunteer drivers and grocery shoppers. For more information and to apply, contact Mary Murphy at [mary.murphy@seniorconnectionmc.org](mailto:mary.murphy@seniorconnectionmc.org) or at 301-942-1049.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 19

#### "Out and About" Clubs for Teens.

5 p.m. at JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville. This club is for teens (14-17) diagnosed with a Level 1 Autism Spectrum Disorder (formerly Asperger's syndrome and PDD-NOS). Participants will be encouraged to engage with their peers in a fun and stimulating environment. \$30 per session. Pre-registration is required to attend. For more information or to register, call 301-610-8321.

#### Youth Leadership Montgomery.

6:30-8 p.m. at County Council Office Building, 1st Floor Auditorium 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Come to hear what program graduates have to say about how they benefited from this program. Ask questions from the program staff. Find out who else may be joining you. You don't need to attend the information event to apply. Email [kati.gimes@leadermont.org](mailto:kati.gimes@leadermont.org) with questions or for registration information.

#### Service Academy Information

**Forums.** 7-8:30 p.m. at the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St., Rockville. All interested 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students and their parents are invited to attend U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen's service academy information forums to learn about the U.S. Service Academies and their admission requirements. Visit <http://vanhollen.house.gov/> and click "For Constituents" for more.

**"Are You Prepared."** 7:15-9 p.m. at St Raphael Catholic Church, 1513 Dunster Road (just off Falls Road). Potomac Community Village presents Jim Resnick, program manager,

Senior Outreach and Education for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. He will offer tips on what to do in case of a fire or medical emergency. Free and open to all. Visit [www.potomaccommunityvillage.org/](http://www.potomaccommunityvillage.org/) or call 240-221-1370 for more.

**Planning Board Meeting.** Attend, watch or listen live to the Montgomery County Planning Board meeting. Agendas, which are posted two weeks in advance, can be viewed on the Agendas & Staff Reports page. Visit [www.montgomeryplanning.org](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org).

### FRIDAY/MARCH 20

**Public Comment Deadline.** The National Park Service is requesting public input in developing a White-tailed Deer Management Plan and Environmental Assessment for Harpers Ferry and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal national historical parks. A joint plan is being developed because both parks face similar issues caused by high densities of deer. Public scoping comments are being accepted through March 20, 2015. Members of the public and organizations are encouraged to provide comments online. Comments may also be submitted in writing to: Attn: Deer Management Plan, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, MD 21740-6620. Visit the project website at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov/NHPdeermanagement](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/NHPdeermanagement).

### MONDAY/MARCH 23

#### Pain Connection Speaker Series.

1-2:30 p.m. at Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton. This edition of the Pain Connection Speaker Series will focus on sleep techniques and hygiene to help ease pain for those from chronic pain. Call 301-231-0008 or visit [www.painconnection.org](http://www.painconnection.org).

**Public Education Forum.** 6:30 p.m. at Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Road, Potomac. Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public

Schools (MCPS) Chief Operating Officer Andrew Zuckerman and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard will host the last of five public forums on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. Contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email [Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov).  
**Evening Grief Support Group.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Brightview Assisted Living, 9200 Darnestown Road, Rockville. A six-week program to support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one led by professional counselors. Registration required. Call 301-921-4400.

### TUESDAY/MARCH 24

**Grief Support Group.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. A six-week program to support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one led by professional counselors. Registration is required. Call 301-921-4400.

**Parent Loss Support Group.** 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. at Woodside United Methodist Church, 8900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Adults who have lost one or both parents meet for a grief support group. Registration is required. Call 301-921-4400.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

#### Run Faster, Longer and Stronger.

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Sibley Memorial Hospital, Department of Physician Therapy, 5255 Loughboro Road NW, Washington, D.C. The physical therapy department will offer free 30-minute comprehensive running assessments using a new, state-of-the-art treadmill that analyzes key running characteristics. Call 202-660-6707 or email [Gstephe1@jhmi.edu](mailto:Gstephe1@jhmi.edu) for more.

**Children/Teen Support Group.** 6-7:30 p.m. at Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Children ages 4 and up who have lost a parent or sibling may meet for a

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## School Board Discusses Unaccompanied Youth

**T**he Montgomery County Board of Education reviewed the increased enrollment of unaccompanied youth in the school system at its March 10 meeting.

Unaccompanied minors refer to the immigration of children, particularly those from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. Conditions in Central America, including reports of high poverty, violence, lack of opportunity, and governmental instability were noted as contributing factors in these increases.

While international students — including those who come to the area unaccompanied by an adult — have been enrolling in MCPS for several years, there has been an increase in the number of stu-

dents enrolling in MCPS from Central American countries and their need for social supports.

The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement has been working to place some of the unaccompanied minors in locations throughout the country, including Montgomery County. As of Jan. 31, 2015, 144 students have been enrolled in MCPS schools through ORR.

MCPS has been working with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships, as well as other agencies and non-profits to provide support services to these students and their families.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, March 30.

## Walt Whitman High School 50th

The Class of 1965 will gather to celebrate with two days of activities, beginning Friday, May 1, including a tour of the new campus, happy hour and a cocktail reception with dinner and dancing. Visit [www.waltwhitmanclassof1965.com](http://www.waltwhitmanclassof1965.com).



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## STEM-Maker Day

Sunday's "build it" workshop brought cheers from the 16 curious students, in third through sixth grades, who brought their enthusiasm and their creativity to Connelly School of the Holy Child on a sunny afternoon. The event, planned to inspire young women to develop 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills as well as a love of STEAM projects (those in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics), allowed them to tinker and discover that failing at one solution only spurs one on to the next — with laughter along the way. The girls made marble mazes and balloon cars, engineering them with pink tape and bottles and all manner of "stuff." The girls thrilled to 3-D demonstration and heard from Tech Club leaders about building robots and drones. Each took home a certificate, and special 3-D-printed Tiger medallion with her name.

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# Leggett Proposes \$5.1 Billion County Budget

County Executive Ike Leggett this week released his Recommended FY16 Operating Budget of \$5.1 billion for the year that begins on July 1, 2015. The proposed budget increases county government tax-supported spending by 1.1 percent while cutting the county property tax rate by about one cent. The balanced budget closes an estimated \$238 million gap.

Among the highlights:

- ❖ A tax-supported county government budget of \$1,405,714,273, a 1.1 percent increase over this year. A total county budget of \$5,067,834,958 – a \$72.1 million, or 1.4 percent, overall increase.

- ❖ Funding for the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) of \$2.2 billion – the Maintenance of Effort level required by State law. That represents a \$30.7 million increase over last year, or 1.4 percent and is nearly 98 percent of the Board of Education's request. The county executive's budget also includes \$27.2

million for future health care and retirement benefits for MCPS that makes that same amount available for funding for MCPS programs in FY16;

- ❖ Reduces the property tax rate by 0.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation (from 99.6 cents to 98.7 cents). The average county residence, valued at \$455,600, would pay \$3,805 in FY16 – an increase of \$15 for the year;

- ❖ Increases staffing at the Department of Permitting Services to guarantee 30-day turn-around for permitting on ready projects, a continuation of the County Executive's business-friendly streamlining initiative;

- ❖ Reduces Solid Waste fees by 4 percent across-the-board for families and businesses;

- ❖ Increases funding for Developmental Disability programs by \$1 million;

- ❖ Provides \$43.9 million for affordable housing creation and preservation;

- ❖ Adds \$7 million in funding for senior housing projects in Silver Spring and Glenmont;

- ❖ Increases funding for the Department of Public Libraries by 5 percent – mostly in increased materials;

- ❖ Funds body cameras and new bulletproof vests for County Police;

- ❖ Provides a \$3 million increase in the county contribution for Montgomery College, a 2.6 percent increase that represents 98 percent of the college's request.

- ❖ Provides a \$1.8 million increase for the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, a 1.5 percent increase and 96 percent of the agency's tax-supported request;

- ❖ Increases funding for county cybersecurity business efforts;

- ❖ Provides a two percent wage increase for county employees;

- ❖ Keeps the county on target to attain a 10 percent county reserve fund by 2020;

- ❖ Maintains funding for the mandated level of funding to pay for future county retiree health benefits.

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**Planning Department's Semi Annual Report.** Learn more about the Planning Department's recent activities at the presentation of its Spring 2015 Semi-Annual Report to the Montgomery County Council. Visit [www.montgomeryplanning.org](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org).

**Seeking Nominees.** City Council Vice President Nancy Floreen is seeking nominees for The Golden Shovel Award, which recognizes residents who helped neighbors clear ice and snow from the sidewalks this winter. Visit [www.nancyfloreen.blogspot.com](http://www.nancyfloreen.blogspot.com) for

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**"Music Therapy & Dementia."** 3-4 p.m. at Arden Courts of Potomac, 10718 Potomac Tennis Lane, Potomac. This dementia education event will provide instruction on how to meaningfully incorporate music into the home. Call 301-980-2656 or email [Potomac@arden-courts.com](mailto:Potomac@arden-courts.com).

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### THURSDAY/APRIL 2

**Great Decisions: Sectarianism in the Middle East.** 12:30-2 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Great Decisions, a national program of the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association is sponsored by Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most months there is a guest speaker. The program is free and open to the public; bring a brown bag lunch. A copy of the 2015 Briefing Book is available at the Information Desk. The book cannot be checked out; it takes about an

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## LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

## Don't Let These Three Facts Slip Through the Cracks!

Buying a new home often involves facing a torrent of new information, from convoluted rates and percentages, to forewarnings, suggestions, tips, advisements, and downright imploration. Unfortunately, few home buyers ever feel truly prepared to make the big decision, and so it becomes incredibly important to find a broker or agent you can truly trust while conducting as much research as possible on your own. All too often, despite this safety net of expert advice and self-directed study, some things still go unnoticed. Here is a brief list of three facts that routinely go unnoticed, undiscovered, and undisclosed.

*Knowledge is Power*

• **Fact #1: Don't count yourself out until you gather all the information.**

While the traditional notion behind previous foreclosure would contend that you are financially sunk and therefore ineligible from qualifying for a loan to become a home-owner, in actuality this circumstance is less dire than typically assumed. While it is true that foreclosure remains on your credit rating for up to seven years, large scale government-backed lenders such as Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae have begun imposing just three-year penalties for foreclosure. Though you may be required to pay a higher down payment or pay slightly higher interest rates, you aren't disqualified from the dream of home ownership as easily as you may assume.

• **Fact #2: Be sure to check into the housing codes and regulations pertaining to properties you are interested in.** Prospective buyers would do well to work diligently to ensure that recent renovations, additions, and improvements were conducted in conjunction with guidelines set by now-starving city planning departments. If you purchase a home with violations, you may be saddled with the responsibility of bringing them to code.

• **Fact #3: Hire your own people.** It is important not to expose yourself to liability by accepting the seller's offer to use their agent, appraiser, or inspector. These professionals owe an allegiance to the person paying for their service, so it's best to hire your own team of licensed home specialists.

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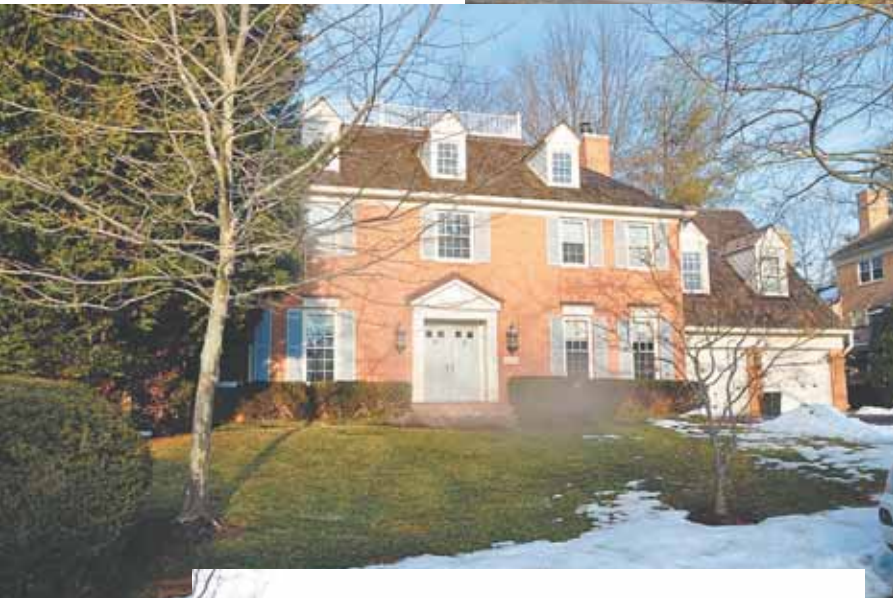
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# Choosing a Summer Camp

How parents can ensure positive summer experiences for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC



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**Corrine and Teddy Wright of Potomac have had positive summer camp experiences thanks to their mother, who did research before enrolling them in summer programs.**

**T**hough the official start of spring is still days away and the fridity of winter is still recent on the minds of many, Janelle Wright, a Potomac, mother of two, has already mapped out the summer for her children.

Wright did research before signing up her 13-year-old daughter, Corrine, in an academic camp geared toward boosting her English composition skills, and enrolling her 12-year-old son, Teddy, in a camp for children whose needs fall just outside the norm.

Indeed, experts say social interactions, a chance to have fun and an opportunity to fill the time between family trips are just some of the benefits of summer camps. There are camps for every child, no matter their needs.

"I spoke to the camp and shared with them up front that my son might need help socializing with other kids," said Wright. "He might need directions repeated to him. I did that so I could drive away in peace knowing that he'd be fine. It's different for my daughter because she doesn't have any challenges. I don't have to call the camp and talk to them like I do with my son."

**WHETHER A CHILD** is typical or falls slightly outside the norm, doing a bit of research and exercising forethought are good ideas when selecting summer programs. In fact, advanced planning and registration for summer camp is essential in the Washington, D.C., region, say educators.

"It's important to find an activity that kids already like to do. It's summer so kids should have fun," said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va.

"Choose a camp where they won't feel lonely. It helps to sign them up with a buddy, especially in late elementary and middle school so they'll have one or two people at camp they already know. That really does matter."

If choosing a specialty camp, summer might not be the time for embarking on a new activity, however. "Summer camps may not be a time to have kids do something completely new," she said. "For example, if a child has never played golf, you might not want to invest money in a golf camp if you aren't sure your child will enjoy it. A child needs to feel like this is not school where they are struggling to learn a new activity."

The most important thing is for parents to do their research.

"Interview the camp director," said Lois McCabe, head of school for The Diener School in Potomac. "What does the day look like? How structured or unstructured is it? It is good to have a mix of both."

This is particularly true for children with special needs. "You want to make sure the camp understands the needs of special needs children," said McCabe. "You don't want to throw them in this big unstructured environment with other kids and hope for the best. You want to make sure your child's peer groups

understand your child."

"Parents should consider a camp that taps into their child's strengths, the size of the groupings during the day," said Susan J. Johnson, Ph. D., of Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria, Va. "Consider the length of time for each activity."

**INFORM THE CAMP'S STAFF** if a child has allergies, medical needs or phobias. For special needs children, Johnson says camp counselors and directors should be "aware of a child's specific learning disabilities, and trained in how to teach children with learning disabilities, present directions, teach multiple strategies for learning new skills and always incorporate hands-on learning activities."

For children who are prone to feeling anxious about going to camp, Johnson suggests parents do a practice run to camp and visit the campus or building. "This will ease first day anxiety and give the camper self confidence that he or she knows his way around," she said. "Meet the counselors if possible."

There are also options if parents want their children to enjoy typical camp activities like swimming and arts and crafts combined with academics. For example, Wright chose an English program at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac for her daughter.

"[Our] summer programs encompass academics for credit or enrichment and the arts [including] visual, performing and culinary," said Monique McMillan-Jackson, director of summer programs. St. Andrews also offers sports and technology camps.

Campers who attend Summer at Norwood in Potomac can expect to "camp outside the lines," said Kevin Rechen, director of auxiliary programs at Norwood School. The school's camps run the gamut from art, science, technology and adventure to academics, dance, sports and theater.

**SOME DAY CAMPS** are structured to allow parents to choose the week their child will attend camp based on the camper's interests.

"We have a theme for every week that is packed with field trips and special events" said Fred Lowery, owner of Kiddie Country in Burke, Va., which is running 11 weeks of camp this summer. "All of the camp activities are related to the theme. There are field trips to the Maryland Science Center, a Washington Mystics game, Reptiles Alive and Hershey Park. On site, we have everything from mad science to jugglers to swimming."

Traditional camp experiences, like opportunities for socializing, are still found in specialty camps.

"As [campers] learn to identify, measure and combine ingredients, they are also learning important life skills, working together as a team and ultimately creating a delicious meal," said Jennifer Bashaw, curriculum development coordinator at Tiny Chefs, Inc. "Children leave our camps with a greater confidence in their kitchen skills and personal creativity."

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# Money Matters



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It always does, and there always are; especially if you have to work for a living and cancer is a part of that living. Granted, I'm extremely happy to be able to still make a living, cancer diagnosis notwithstanding, but a cancer diagnosis, particularly a "terminal" one, is hardly "notwithstanding." In fact, it is almost impossible to withstand. Oh sure, there are good days, and of course bad days, but mostly – for me, anyway, there is a daze in between. And that "between" is what's rocky about this hard place.

Since most things cost money, and money doesn't grow on trees (nor is it made from trees by the way); allocating it, when you have cancer, is complicated. Do I spend it now (whether I have it or not), as a means of reinforcing a positive but premature end? Or do I not spend it and plan for a longer-than-predicted life expectancy while depriving myself of the pleasure in the interim? Or do I rationalize the expenditure and reward myself for good behavior – so to speak, figuring that the high will be more beneficial than the low and create exactly the kind of energy my body needs to combat the cancer? Or do I minimize all of it and live my life as normally as possible? If only it were that simple.

"Normally as possible" left the building on February 27, 2009, the date I received my stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis (my ground zero) with its "13-month to two-year prognosis." At that point, your brain stops functioning as it has for the entirety of your previous life (54½ years for me). Life, as you knew it, is sort of over; not done, but most assuredly, it will be different, and your perspective and emotional underpinnings will be changed forever – whether you expect them to be or not.

It doesn't mean, as an example, that you'll never laugh again or make self-effacing jokes, but neither can you look at, or live, life as naively as you have. Living forward becomes way more complicated, and viewing it all, planning for it all, can only be considered through the prism of cancer. And though certainly I can boast of some success surviving six-plus years post-diagnosis, it really has been mind over matter. Even though cancer is constantly on my mind, I've tried not to let it matter. (Much easier written about than actually managed.)

Juggling emotions has been difficult enough, but managing money, allocating resources and planning a financial future while living a precarious present, is all it's cracked up to be. Yet, if I don't find a way to maintain my status quo/balance emotionally, I may very well become a victim of my own circumstance. As much as I'd like to invoke Curly Howard (while looking in the mirror): "I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young, anyway" as an arbiter of reason, the reality is: cancer is the big dog and I'm just sitting here on the porch.

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

# SPORTS



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**Whitman sophomore guard Abby Meyers was recently offered a scholarship by George Washington University.**

# Whitman Girls Fall To Roosevelt in State Semifinals

The Whitman girls' basketball team's undefeated season came to an end March 12, when the Vikings lost to Eleanor Roosevelt 48-30 in the 4A state semifinals at Towson University.

Whitman entered the contest with a 23-0 record, but played without standout guard Marie Hatch, who fractured her right ankle near the end of the Vikings' 73-60 victory over Wootton on March 9 in the 4A West region final.

How much did the team miss Hatch?

"A ton!" Whitman head coach Pete Kenah wrote in an email. "She is our best defender and we had no answer for their top perimeter threat, Kaila Charles. We also had 24 turnovers when we averaged only 11."

Roosevelt used a box-and-one defense to deal with Whitman's leading scorer, Abby Meyers, who was limited to four points. Hannah Niles led the Vikings with 16 points, accounting for more than half of Whitman's offensive output.

Whitman shot just 27 percent after averaging 41 percent during the season.

Roosevelt went on to beat Paint Branch in the state championship game.

"[It was a] historic season," Kenah wrote. "First undefeated one in school history. Really enjoyed every step of the journey."

Whitman will graduate seniors Nicole Fleck, Samantha Magliato, Annabelle Leahy and Alison Poffley. However, the Vikings will return several talented players next season, including Meyers, a 6-foot guard who received a scholarship offer from George Washington University on Monday, junior guards Hatch and Niles, and junior forward Betsy Knox.

What can the team take away from this year's experience for next year?

"The sacrifice it takes to win the region and be a close team," Kenah wrote. "We have the talent to make a deep run."



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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) for more.

**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).

**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).

### 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).

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**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



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## Building Fun

Children may build their own LEGO model (not exceeding 2 feet by 2 feet), bring it to the Toy Castle at Cabin John Mall, and win a prize. All participants will receive a prize and a certificate. The winner will be decided by a vote of the contestants. Visit [www.toycastlepotomac.com](http://www.toycastlepotomac.com).

## Participants in the 2014 LEGO Building Challenge

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 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.

## MONDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 16-21

### Lego Build Challenge and Sale.

Challenge begins at 11:30 a.m. at Toy Castle at Cabin John Mall, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Take 20 percent off of all LEGO toys and games. On Saturday, Kids may bring their best lego model for the opportunity to win a prize. Free to compete. Call 301-299-0680 for more information.

## MARCH 19-MAY 3

**"Jack and the Beanstalk."** Through May 3, at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The Puppet Co. presents "Jack and the Beanstalk," the classic children's tale about the boy that doesn't know beans about trading, but still manages to climb his way to the top. Jack finds that happiness lies in helping others rather than mere personal gain. Told with rod puppets and some surprising twists, Jack has long been a favorite of The Puppet Co. audiences. Visit [www.thepuppetco.org/](http://www.thepuppetco.org/) for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 20-21

**Bethesda Film Fest.** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. screenings at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Bethesda Film Fest will promote and honor the work of local and regional documentary filmmakers with a formal screening featuring up to five

short documentary films by filmmakers from Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. A documentary by a young filmmaker, under 18 years of age, may also be chosen. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or call 301-215-6660.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 21

**Cuff Bracelet Workshop.** 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Learn to make hammered and etched cuff bracelets in a single day from instructor Gina Copanzzi. \$90. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

**Chain Maille Workshop.** 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. In this introductory Chain Maille Jewelry Workshop you will learn two different classic weaves that can be applied to a variety of jewelry. Tuition is \$95. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

**Rick Allen Exhibit.** 12-3 p.m. at Wentworth Gallery, Montgomery Mall, 7101 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Former Def Leppard Drummer Rick Allen presents his "Angels and Icons" fine art exhibit. Visit [www.wentworth-art.com](http://www.wentworth-art.com).

**Concert for Caring.** 7:30-11 p.m. at The Rockville Elks Lodge #15, 5 Taft Court, Rockville. Nonprofit Hospice Caring Inc. will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a concert features the Bobby Lewis Blues Band. Also enjoy a silent auction, door prizes and refreshments. Tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. Visit [www.hospicecaring.org](http://www.hospicecaring.org).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ MARCH 21-22.

**Student Art Exhibition.** 12-5 p.m. at Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Students from area high schools will display their art to be judged by Director of The American University Art Museum Jack Rasmussen. Visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com).

**"Sleeping Beauty."** 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday at Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee St, Rockville. The Maryland Youth Ballet presents a medley of three ballets including Aurora's Wedding from "Sleeping Beauty." \$15-\$20 in advance; \$20-\$25 at the door. Visit [www.marylandyouthballet.org](http://www.marylandyouthballet.org) for more.

## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23-25

**"God, Are you Online?"** Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 9200 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac. Dominican Father Bill Garrott, O.P from Charlottesville, Va., leads a three day mission followed each evening by confessions. No registration. All are welcome. Call 301-365-1415.

## WEDNESDAYS/MARCH 25 AND APRIL 1

**Painting Class.** 7-9 p.m. at Visarts Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. This beginner to intermediate class will focus on basic watercolor techniques. Participants will work from a pre-sketched image of a beach scene. Tuition is \$75. Supplies are not included. Visit [www.visartsrockville.org](http://www.visartsrockville.org).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

**Wind Ensemble Concert.** 8 p.m. at The Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 625 Montrose Road, Rockville. The United States Air Force Band- Chamber Wind Ensemble will perform. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

## FRIDAY/MARCH 27

**Museum Trip.** 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Live

and Learn Bethesda will visit the "Van Gogh, Manet and Matisse: The Art of the Flower" exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. \$100; includes transportation, admission, tour and lunch. Register at [www.liveandlearnbethesda.org](http://www.liveandlearnbethesda.org).

## SATURDAY/MARCH 28

**GreenFest.** 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Jesup Blair Local Park and Montgomery College Takoma Park/Silver Spring, 7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park. The festival will feature educational, entertaining and family-friendly activities, exhibits and workshops suitable for all ages. The focus of the event will be the health of the environment and what can be done to improve it. Free. Visit [www.montgomerycountygreenfest.org](http://www.montgomerycountygreenfest.org).

### Canvas and Craig.

7-10 p.m. at visarts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Adapt the work of Local artist Craig English into your own acrylic painting. Meet the artist and enjoy light dinner fare. Tickets are \$55. Visit [www.visartsatrockville.org](http://www.visartsatrockville.org).

### Washington Conservatory 2014-15 Piano Plus! Concerts.

7 p.m. Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Concert series features members of the Washington Conservatory faculty and guest artists. Free (pay-as-you-can, donations welcome). Visit [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org) or call 301-320-2770 for more.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 29

**Seafood Fundraiser.** 1-5 p.m. at The Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumni Association are hosting their annual all-you-can-eat shrimp and oyster fundraiser. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. Call 301-442-4136.

**Waltz Dance and Workshop.** 2:45-3:30 p.m. workshop, 3:30-6 p.m. dance at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. A social dancing workshop precedes a Waltz dance. The Waltz Weavers will provide the music for the waltzes and a variety of other couple dances. Admission is \$10. See [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org), or email [info@waltztimedances.org](mailto:info@waltztimedances.org).

**Scrabble Scramble.** 6-9 p.m. at Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville. Scrabble Scramble benefitting the Literacy Council of Montgomery County will feature Scrabble, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, auction and raffle. \$275 table of four, \$150 pair, \$75 individual. Visit [www.literacycouncilmcmd.org/scrabble-scramble](http://www.literacycouncilmcmd.org/scrabble-scramble) to register. Call 301-610-0030, ext. 204.

**Book Talk.** 7:30 p.m. at Beth Shalom Congregation and Talmud Torah, 11825 Seven Locks Rd, Potomac. Aaron Leibel will discuss his new novel "Generations: The Story of a Jewish Family." All are welcome. Free. For further information email [library@bethsholom.org](mailto:library@bethsholom.org).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 11

### "Clara Barton: Red Cross Angel."

2 p.m. at Clara Barton National Historic Site, 5801 Oxford Rd., Glen Echo. After an interact performance by Mary Ann Junh, explore the historic home of the founder of the American Red Cross Clara Barton. Free. Visit [www.nps.gov/clba/special-events.htm](http://www.nps.gov/clba/special-events.htm).

**Bach's "St. John Passion."** 8 p.m. at The Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. The ational Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform Bach's "St. John Passion" as conducted by Victoria Gau. Tickets start at \$28 and free for children ages 7-17.



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