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Beasley Real Estate hosted the third annual Jazz on the Spanish Steps on Saturday. The concert helped raise funds for the upkeep and support of the Sheridan-Kalorama site.

Palisades Safeway may see mixed use

■ **Development:** Plan would include housing, supermarket

By **BRADY HOLT**
Current Staff Writer

The Palisades Safeway may soon become the latest D.C. supermarket to be expanded and rebuilt as a mixed-use project.

Marc Dubick, president of the Virginia-based Duball LLC, said in

an interview yesterday that he partnered with Safeway about three months ago to begin looking at potential future uses for the 4865 MacArthur Blvd. site.

Details remain undecided. Duball and Safeway have begun preliminary meetings with the Office of Planning and some community leaders, Dubick said.

But the basic concept is a familiar one across the city: The existing Safeway store would be demol-

ished, and a larger store — with underground parking — would replace both the building and its large surface parking lot.

“Its size and format are really antiquated, and it would be clearly appropriate, we believe, to have a new Safeway that would be consistent with Safeway’s program that you’ve seen in other parts of D.C.,” said Dubick, who added that the Palisades store may be the chain’s See **Safeway**/Page 25

City shows off newest pedestrian signal

By **ALIX PIANIN**
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As part of Mayor Vincent Gray’s “Sustainable DC Plan,” the District is aiming to increase walking, bicycling and the use of public transportation by 75 percent over the next 20 years.

To accomplish that, Gray says, the District must be able to “assure people of safe travel through our streets and across the city.” To that end, the mayor yesterday formally unveiled a new “HAWK” pedestrian traffic signal at Connecticut Avenue and Northampton Street in Chevy Chase — the site where a pedestrian was struck by a car in a crosswalk last fall and left badly injured.

The new HAWK — which stands for “High-Intensity Activated crossWalk” — is a push-button signal triggered by the pedestrian that stops traffic with a red light and flashes “walk” to allow the pedestrian to cross. The signal, officially known as a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon,

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The newly installed HAWK traffic signal was rushed after a pedestrian was struck at Connecticut Avenue and Northampton Street last fall.

Local landmarks vie for funding in contest

By **KATIE PEARCE**
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The Washington National Cathedral is in the lead right now, with more than 350,000 points, while the Mount Vernon estate and Sixth & I Historic Synagogue trail closely behind. Chugging along the end of the pack, with 4,800 points, is a little house and mill along the C&O Canal.

Those are the current rankings in the Partners in Preservation contest, in which local historic sites are competing — via social media — for a slice of \$1 million. The D.C. area is the eighth in the country to be a part of the contest, run by the American Express Co. in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Throughout the region, 24 sites are now vying for



Photo courtesy of Partners in Preservation

Meridian Hill Park is one of 16 historic sites in D.C. in the Partners in Preservation contest. Mentions on social media will determine a winner.

funds to complete shovel-ready preservation projects. The popular winner, to be confirmed May 10, will receive up to \$100,000. At the halfway point of campaigning now, all of the sites will host open house events this weekend.

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Aging-in-place ‘villages’ seek further growth in Northwest

■ **Seniors:** Cleveland Park group debuts services today

By **ALIX PIANIN**
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The Cleveland Park Village will officially open its doors today to become the latest aging-in-place network for District seniors, while activists in Foggy Bottom-West End are planning an October debut and advocates for a similar village in Ward 4 say their organization is still at least two years away.

As with other villages in the city,

the Cleveland Park group will collect yearly dues from elderly members, who can request a host of services. The dues fund a paid executive director who supervises volunteers and oversees programming.

The Cleveland Park group recently finished a four-session orientation program for 81 volunteers, and the organization will begin offering services to neighborhood seniors on Wednesday, said recently appointed executive director Susan Hester.

Volunteers will focus on what Hester described as “core” services, See **Villages**/Page 22

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District tree initiatives earn mixed grades in new study

By **BRADY HOLT**
Current Staff Writer

As the city seeks to achieve a goal of 40 percent tree canopy coverage, the Casey Trees group is crediting the D.C. Urban Forestry Administration for extensive street-tree planting but criticizing a lack of tree protection laws.

The District scored a B-minus for 2012 in Casey's annual "Tree Report Card," released Friday. "I would say overall a B-minus is something to celebrate and but also something to take a step back from and say, '... we've got to do a few things differently strategically,'" Casey Trees executive director Mark Buscaino said in an interview.

According to Casey's analysis of satellite imagery, D.C.'s tree canopy has seen an average decline of 2.5 percentage points per decade since 1950 — from 50 percent to 36 percent. "That's not a really quick rate,

but it's a small problem that's been compounded over the years and has caught up with us," Buscaino said.

The District has seen roughly 10,000 new trees planted per year, he said, including 7,000 street trees planted by the city's Urban Forestry Administration. But planting new young trees doesn't have the same effect as preserving existing large trees, he added.

District law stipulates that property owners need a permit to remove healthy trees on private property with a circumference exceeding 55 inches, and to either replace the trees in kind or to pay into a fund for the city to plant replacements. Trees deemed unhealthy by the Urban Forestry Administration or with smaller circumferences can be removed for free.

"Tree protection continues to be the weak link in all of this," said Buscaino. Casey rated the District's
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The week ahead

Wednesday, May 1

The D.C. State Board of Education will hold a working session on compulsory attendance requirements and revised graduation requirements. The meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Room 1114, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St. NW.

■ The Ward 4 Democrats group will hold its monthly meeting, which will feature Mayor Vincent Gray as guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Emery Recreation Center, 5701 Georgia Ave. NW.

■ The Woodley Park Community Association will hold its spring meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Center facility at Stanford in Washington, 2661 Connecticut Ave. NW.

Thursday, May 2

The D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board will continue its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. in Room 220 South, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St. NW.

■ The D.C. Council Committee on Education will hold a public hearing on a resolution to approve the 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan for the

District. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.

Saturday, May 4

The D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation and Trust for Public Land will hold a design charette on the planned renovation of the Rose Park Playground. The meeting will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at Jerusalem Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 2600 P St. NW.

Sunday, May 5

The D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation and Trust for Public Land will hold a design charette on the planned renovation of the Forest Hills Playground. The meeting will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at Capital Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3150 Chesapeake St. NW.

Monday, May 6

A community meeting on plans for a new facility at Friendship Recreation Center (also known as Turtle Park) will feature representatives from the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation,

the Department of General Services and the contractor. The meeting will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Friendship Recreation Center, 45th and Van Ness streets NW.

■ The Dupont Circle Citizens Association will hold its annual membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Hillyer Art and Artists, 9 Hillyer Court NW.

Tuesday, May 7

The Palisades Citizens Association will hold its monthly meeting, which will include a presentation on RiverSmart Homes by Andrew Oetman of the D.C. Department of the Environment. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Palisades Recreation Center, Sherier and Dana places NW.

Wednesday, May 8

The D.C. Department of Transportation will host a meeting of the moveDC Transportation Plan Advisory Committee from 6 to 8 p.m. in the chambers of the National Capital Planning Commission, Suite 500, 401 9th St. NW (enter from the North Lobby).

Landmark status sought for Springland house

By **BRADY HOLT**
Current Staff Writer

A 1940s Georgian Revival red-brick home may not seem like anything out of the ordinary in Washington.

But in North Cleveland Park, a homeowner's plans to raze such a structure and replace it with a larger house has sparked a detailed preservation argument from a neighbor, who says that the 3530 Springland Lane site is more than meets the eye.

Springland Lane, a quiet cul-de-sac near Reno Road and Tilden Street, dates to an orchard founded in 1790 by Maj. John Adlum, and his descendants over the years built most of the homes on the street, according to Brent Blackwelder, who lives on Rodman Street overlooking Springland. Blackwelder describes Adlum as a Revolutionary War hero who founded one of the country's first vineyards.

Adlum's family line left the street only in 2007, with the death of Adlumia Sterrett Hagner — his great-great granddaughter, who lived in the 3530 home since its 1941 construction, according to Blackwelder. "That house represents over two centuries of continuous living



Bill Petros/The Current

Architects of a planned replacement home said the 1941 structure is undistinguished.

in this Springland valley by the descendants of Maj. Adlum," he said in an interview. "It connects everything from the past right up to the present."

Blackwelder, who had been working with several other residents to pursue a historic district for the entire street, filed a landmark application for the 3530 prop-
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ANCs consider offering meeting access online

By **ALIX PIANIN**
Current Staff Writer

For years, the chair of the Chevy Chase advisory neighborhood commission has begun the twice-monthly meetings by activating a cassette recorder.

Last week, the commission voted unanimously to switch to digital recordings and post the audio files online. But that step doesn't compare to the grand plans of the nearby Forest Hills/Van Ness commission, which envisions a live video stream of every meeting, with online chats between commissioners in the meeting and constituents in their homes or elsewhere.

"We've heard from people who just can't get to meetings, and I think

it's important to have people who can't be at the meetings to be able to ask questions," Forest Hills commission chair Adam Tope said in an interview.

The Chevy Chase and Forest Hills commissions aren't the only ones in the city to debate the benefits — and costs — of providing audio or video recordings of their meetings online. While some say they have seen no demand for online recordings and that such a measure might decrease in-person turnout, other commissioners argue that connecting with constituents online during meetings could be a valuable tool.

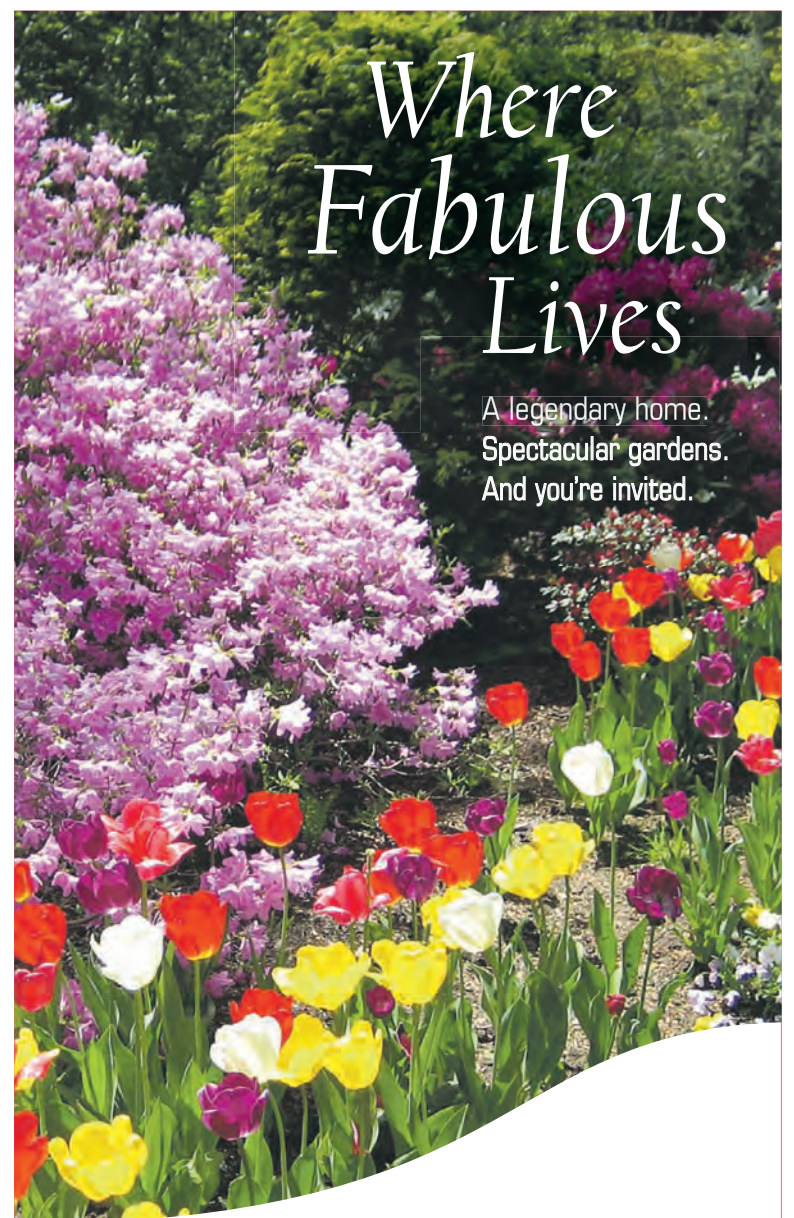
The commissions' enthusiasm for exploring Web resources seems to vary by neighborhood, said Gottlieb Simon, director of the

Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

"Each [commission has] their own personalities and priorities and styles. Some are more tech-oriented than others, some are more inclined to look for innovative technology, and some use more standard technology," Simon said.

It may also depend on how Web-oriented the constituents are within the advisory commission's district, and how likely they would be to participate with the commissioners through newer technology, Simon added.

The Forest Hills commission first began experimenting with live-streaming its meetings in March. One commissioner set up a laptop
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DISTRICT DIGEST

City narrows list for Walter Reed project

The city has named five short-listed project teams that will submit full redevelopment proposals for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center site.

Victor Hoskins, deputy mayor for planning and economic development, announced the “master developer” candidates in a news release Monday. They are Forest City

Washington; Hines and Urban Atlantic Joint Venture; Roadside Development; Walter Reed Associates LLC (The Wilkes Co., Capstone Development LLC and Quadrangle Development Corp.); and Western Development.

The city is seeking to transform about 67 acres of the campus into a mixed-use development that restores connections to the community, which the master developer would be responsible for carrying

out. Hoskins’ office is due to select a development team in late summer or early fall.

Roadwork starts at Tunlaw intersection

Work is beginning this week to reconfigure the intersection of 37th Street and Tunlaw Road, according to a D.C. Department of Transportation news release.

Construction had been scheduled

to begin March 28, but there was a contracting delay, agency representatives have said. The work will take about four weeks and includes turning the X-shaped intersection into two intersections, with the two streets forming more of a K.

Construction will mostly take place Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the release states. There could be some Saturday work as well, but only with 72 hours of community notice. Signage will indicate any necessary detours during construction.

For additional information, contact project engineer Charles Daniel at charles.daniel@dc.gov or 202-409-2070.

D.C. agency to spray female ginkgo trees

The D.C. Urban Forestry Administration began spraying female ginkgo trees Monday to control their “notoriously unpleasant” odor, according to a news release.

Spraying will begin in wards 1, 2 and 6, where female ginkgo trees are most prevalent, before expanding throughout the city, occurring overnight for several days.

Gray promotes city’s sustainability efforts

Four new city initiatives are helping the District achieve the goals of Mayor Vincent Gray’s Sustainable DC Plan, officials said at a news conference last Wednesday.

Gray highlighted a new composting drop-off spot at the Department of Public Works’ Benning Road facility; a new battery and anti-idling technology in the Metropolitan Police Department’s vehicle fleet to save fuel and reduce air pollution; new

community gardens that will be set up in each ward; and a “Game Change” initiative to reduce energy consumption in D.C. facilities by 20 percent in 20 months, which Gray said will save the city more than \$10 million a year.

Gray released his Sustainable DC Plan in February. It contains 32 goals targeted toward making the District the nation’s most livable city in 20 years.

Speakers urge more regional cooperation

Mayor Vincent Gray joined leaders of several suburban jurisdictions in calling for greater regional cooperation on economic development at a forum last month.

“Coming together creates opportunities we otherwise don’t have,” Gray told the sold-out April 11 breakfast at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel, an event sponsored by the DC Chamber of Commerce and the Washington Business Journal.

Gray cited the District’s efforts to preserve the United Medical Center, located on Southern Avenue just across the line from Prince George’s County, Md. — even as officials there are considering building their own hospital nearby.

Other officials at the forum included Alexandria Mayor William Euille; Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett; Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker; and Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., the former chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Connolly said the D.C. area has successfully coordinated on the Metro transit system, air quality and drought management, and emergency preparations. But such cooperation rarely seems prioritized, he said.

Leggett said one hurdle to cooperation is that many jurisdictions find themselves competing to lure businesses and government agencies. As examples, he cited the Marriott hotel chain’s headquarters and plans to relocate the FBI.

Euille said that although local jurisdictions compete for residents and businesses, the real competition is with other metropolitan areas.

Corrections

In the April 17 issue, an article on Georgetown University’s new solar panels stated incorrectly that the new project made the university the largest user of green power among U.S. colleges and universities. In fact, Georgetown University ranks fourth.

In the April 24 issue, an article on Edmund Burke’s softball team misspelled the name of Kate Schlang.

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Moderated by **M. Therese O’Donnell, M.D., M.P.H.**, director, Sibley Hospitalist Group and director, palliative care, Sibley Memorial Hospital. **Christine Butler, ACHPN**, adult/palliative care nurse practitioner, palliative care, Sibley Memorial Hospital, will also be on the Q&A panel.

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D.C. commercial property owners help lead with green building initiatives

By **DEIRDRE BANNON**
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As the global community celebrated Earth Day last month, many looked at innovations in green building to mark progress with the annual holiday. In the District, residents and business owners have proved to be ahead of the curve: Recently released data from the U.S. Green Building Council shows that D.C. had more new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications per capita in 2012 than any state, with 110 new projects for about 630,000 residents.

Many of these innovations are being installed in commercial buildings. One that has taken great strides this year is the Landis Construction building at 7059 Blair Road NW, which the National Association of the Remodeling Industry named the region's "best commercial specialty solution" in January.

The company, owned by brothers Ethan and Chris Landis, installed 124 photovoltaic panels on its 6,000-square-foot roof in September along with 600 square feet of thin-film photovoltaic panels mounted on top of a trellis on its third-floor deck. The three-story,

16,000-square-foot building houses the construction company on the top floor along with 20 commercial tenants below it.

The new system is expected to provide about 20 percent of the building's electricity. The rest is purchased through a Clean Currents energy purchase agreement arranged through Pepco. Savings are passed along to the building's tenants.

The energy generated is expected to save the company about \$117,000 over the panels' 25-year life expectancy, according to Ethan Landis. The firm was able to reduce the cost of the project from \$128,000 to \$73,000

thanks to federal and local tax incentives. As with many solar systems, Landis team members can log into a computer program and see how much energy the panels are generating on a daily, weekly, monthly and averaged basis.

According to Landis, commercial green-building projects are becoming increasingly popular in the D.C. area, both for building owners and for tenants.

"The fundamental part of what drives green-building projects in commercial spaces is ownership and having a long view about See **Green**/Page 17

Budget plan includes funding to restore Woodson residence

By **ELIZABETH WIENER**
Current Staff Writer

A decade after Congress designated the home of noted African-American historian Carter G. Woodson as a national historic site, plans have just been approved and federal funding proposed to make the long-stalled addition to the national park system a reality.

On April 18 the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts endorsed, by consent, plans to restore Woodson's home at 1538 9th St. NW and to convert two adjacent row houses into exhibition and interpretive space, visitor facilities and park offices. According to plans by Beyer Blinder Belle architects, the northernmost house would get a sidewalk-level entrance, surrounded by storefront windows, to provide access and visibility.

Also, in his fiscal 2014 budget proposal, President Barack Obama is proposing to spend \$2.7 million for Phase 1 of the project — the complete restoration of the Woodson house. "We're optimistic that funds will be available in fiscal 2014 to complete Phase 1," said Doug Jacobs, a deputy associate regional director for planning and design at the National Park Service. "Our fingers are crossed that we're able to move forward."

Woodson is considered the "father of black history" — a prominent educator, historian, publisher and advocate who often worked out of his early 1870s red-brick row house in Shaw. In 1915 he founded what is now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, managed out of his home. That organization, now based in temporary quarters at Howard University, is hoping to return to the restored Woodson house in time for its centennial.

Woodson, also the father of Black History Month, was "noted for the study and publication of Black history during a period of time when propaganda asserted that African Americans were inferior and had no substantive history beyond slavery," according to D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, who has championed the restoration.



Bill Petros/The Current

The home fell into disrepair after the 1950 death of Carter G. Woodson, known as the "father of black history."

But after Woodson's death in 1950, the house in Shaw became neglected and rundown. Although designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1976, it sat vacant after the last commercial tenants moved out in 1990, with vagrants seen lounging on the stoop. Some local activists lobbied to include it on the D.C. Preservation League's "most endangered" list.

Spurred by Norton, Congress in 2003 passed a law designating the Woodson house a national historic site. Then in 2006 the Park Service acquired the house and two adjacent properties. The buildings were shored up and protected by a chain-link fence, but remained empty.

And there things sat. There was a perfunctory environmental assessment, a public comment period and some design meetings, but little visible progress. Late last year, an exasperated Norton wrote President Obama, demanding action. The restoration was proceeding at a "snail's pace," Norton wrote, demanding that it be given "the high priority it deserves."

The nudging seems to have helped. If Congress approves the \$2.7 million Phase 1 funding, the Park Service hopes to begin work See **Woodson**/Page 7

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POLICE REPORT

This is a listing of reports taken from April 22 through 28 in local police service areas.

PSA 102

■ GALLERY PLACE PENN QUARTER

Robbery

- 600-699 block, F St.; 10:10 p.m. April 23.
- 800-899 block, 8th St.; 3:30 a.m. April 24.

Theft from auto

- 800-899 block, 7th St.; 10:57 a.m. April 23.
- 600-699 block, H St.; 5:25 a.m. April 25.
- F and 9th streets; 12:30 p.m. April 26.
- New York Avenue and 5th Street; 7:09 a.m. April 27.
- 500-599 block, New York Avenue; 11:13 a.m. April 27.

Theft

- 400-499 block, 7th St.; 5:06 p.m. April 22.
- 400-499 block, Massachusetts Ave.; 8:08 p.m. April 23.
- 400-499 block, L St.; 9:38 p.m. April 23.
- 400-499 block, L St.; 8:05 a.m. April 24.
- 400-499 block, Massachusetts Ave.; 5:43 p.m. April 24.
- 700-899 block, K St.; 4:03 p.m. April 25.
- 7th and H streets; 8:36 p.m. April 25.
- 400-499 block, H St.; 4 p.m. April 26.
- 400-499 block, 7th St.; 9:28 p.m. April 26.
- 400-499 block, Massachusetts Ave.; 6:52 p.m. April 27.
- 700-799 block, 7th St.; 5:10 p.m. April 28.

PSA 201

■ CHEVY CHASE

Burglary

- 6117-6199 block, Broad Branch Road; 1:43 p.m. April 26.
- 3700-3799 block, Harrison St.; 5:38 p.m. April 27.

Theft from auto

- 5300-5399 block, 28th St.; 11:37 p.m. April 22.
- 5518-5599 block, 41st St.; 4:46 p.m. April 23.

Theft

- 3024-3099 block, Military Road; 10:52 a.m. April 25.

PSA 202

■ FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS TENLEYTOWN / AU PARK

Theft from auto

- 4600-4699 block, 48th St.; 12:41 p.m. April 22.
- 4704-4799 block, 48th St.; 7:37 p.m. April 23.
- 4500-4599 block, Fessenden St.; 9:30 p.m. April 23.
- 4200-4299 block, Harrison St.; 5:29 p.m. April 24.

- 5300-5399 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 9:49 a.m. April 26.
- 4817-4899 block, Davenport St.; 1:19 p.m. April 26.
- Wisconsin Avenue and Chesapeake Street; 8:53 p.m. April 26.
- 5100-5119 block, 44th St.; 9:46 a.m. April 28.
- 5000-5009 block, 44th St.; 1:40 p.m. April 28.

Theft

- 3814-3994 block, Chesapeake St.; 9:31 a.m. April 22.
- 4200-4299 block, Davenport St.; 8:30 p.m. April 22.
- 5254-5299 block, Western Ave.; 6 p.m. April 23.
- 4700-4799 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 10:40 a.m. April 24.
- 5300-5399 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 12:05 p.m. April 28.

PSA 203

■ FOREST HILLS / VAN NESS CLEVELAND PARK

Assault with a dangerous weapon

- 3703-3723 block, 35th St.; 8 p.m. April 24.

Theft from auto

- 2740-2851 block, Porter St.; 7:47 p.m. April 25.
- 3400-3499 block, Rodman St.; 2:04 a.m. April 26.

Theft

- 4226-4339 block, Connecticut Ave.; noon April 22.
- 3600-3699 block, Chesapeake St.; 12:59 p.m. April 25.

PSA 204

■ MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE HEIGHTS / CLEVELAND PARK WOODLEY PARK / GLOVER PARK / CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS

Robbery

- Wisconsin Avenue and Macomb Street; 1:21 p.m. April 28.

Theft

- 2600-2643 block, Connecticut Ave.; 7:06 p.m. April 22.
- 2700-2799 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 7:10 p.m. April 22.
- 35th Street and Wisconsin Avenue; 3:08 p.m. April 23.
- 2730-2854 block, Connecticut Ave.; 11:35 a.m. April 24.
- Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street; 10:45 a.m. April 26.

PSA 205

■ PALISADES / SPRING VALLEY WESLEY HEIGHTS / FOXHALL

Burglary

- 5040-5199 block, Albemarle St.; 2:20 p.m. April 25.

Theft from auto

- 4700-4799 block, MacArthur Blvd.; 11:03 a.m. April 28.

Theft

- 3200-3301 block, New Mexico Ave.; 12:46 p.m. April 23.
- 4474-4507 block, MacArthur Blvd.; 5:30 p.m. April 23.
- 5400-5499 block, MacArthur Blvd.; 5:30 p.m. April 25.

PSA 206

■ GEORGETOWN / BURLEITH

Robbery

- 2900-2999 block, R St.; 10:50 p.m. April 26.

Theft from auto

- 3200-3299 block, Cherry Hill Lane; 4:22 p.m. April 24.

Theft

- 1200-1299 block, 31st St.; 11:52 a.m. April 24.
- 1200-1227 block, 33rd St.; 1:15 p.m. April 24.
- 3000-3049 block, M St.; 7:01 p.m. April 24.
- 3600-3699 block, O St.; 11:57 p.m. April 24.
- 3636-3807 block, Reservoir Road; 11:10 a.m. April 25.
- 3200-3277 block, M St.; 11:30 a.m. April 25.
- 3100-3199 block, M St.; 3 p.m. April 25.
- 3300-3347 block, M St.; 3:14 p.m. April 25.
- 3200-3277 block, M St.; 12:05 p.m. April 26.
- 1015-1199 block, 33rd St.; 1:31 p.m. April 26.
- 3000-3099 block, N St.; 3:21 p.m. April 26.
- 30th and M streets; 4:54 p.m. April 26.
- M and 3th streets; 2:54 p.m. April 27.
- 1234-1299 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 6:10 p.m. April 27.
- 3000-3091 block, K St.; 2:07 p.m. April 28.
- 3100-3199 block, K St.; 6 p.m. April 28.

PSA 207

■ FOGGY BOTTOM / WEST END

Robbery

- 1000-1099 block, Vermont Ave.; 4:18 a.m. April 27.

Assault with a dangerous weapon

- 600-699 block, H St.; 5:41 p.m. April 27.

Burglary

- 1700-1799 block, De Sales St.; 10:48 p.m. April 27.

Theft from auto

- 1400-1433 block, K St.; 1:18 p.m. April 26.
- 800-899 block, Vermont Ave.; 12:29 a.m. April 28.

Theft

- 1500-1599 block, K St.; 1:44 p.m. April 22.
- 1700-1799 block, F St.; 6:50 p.m. April 22.
- 900-999 block, 23rd St.; 10:04 p.m. April 22.
- 2100-2199 block, L St.; 11:40 a.m. April 23.
- 2300-2399 block, N St.; 9 p.m. April 23.

- 1900-1949 block, Pennsylvania Ave.; 10:48 p.m. April 23.
- 800-899 block, 17th St.; 11:05 a.m. April 24.
- 2200-2299 block, I St.; 8:28 p.m. April 24.
- 1000-1050 block, Connecticut Ave.; 7:19 a.m. April 25.
- 2201-2420 block, Virginia Ave.; 2 p.m. April 25.
- 1100-1199 block, Vermont Ave.; 4:34 p.m. April 26.
- 1400-1433 block, K St.; 4:59 p.m. April 26.
- 2100-2499 block, K St.; 5 p.m. April 26.
- 1000-1050 block, Connecticut Ave.; 4 p.m. April 27.

PSA 208

■ SHERIDAN-KALORAMA DUPONT CIRCLE

Robbery

- 1300-1399 block, 14th St.; 6:28 p.m. April 22.

Theft from auto

- 1406-1427 block, Hopkins St.; 10:46 a.m. April 22.
- 19th and Corcoran streets; 11 a.m. April 22.
- 1400-1479 block, 20th St.; 9:32 a.m. April 23.
- 1700-1799 block, Church St.; 12:19 p.m. April 23.
- 2116-2145 block, Florida Ave.; 2:09 p.m. April 24.
- 1700-1799 block, Church St.; 12:56 p.m. April 25.
- 19th and Swann streets; 10:40 a.m. April 27.
- 1600-1699 block, O St.; 10:08 p.m. April 27.
- 1200-1221 block, 17th St.; 4:50 a.m. April 28.
- 1600-1699 block, O St.; 6:19 p.m. April 28.

Theft

- 1300-1699 block, Connecticut Ave.; 12:55 p.m. April 22.
- 1212-1299 block, Connecticut Ave.; 1:45 p.m. April 23.
- 1400-1499 block, Rhode Island Ave.; 12:11 a.m. April 24.
- 1320-1399 block, 19th St.; 12:21 a.m. April 24.
- 1300-1699 block, Connecticut Ave.; 9:37 a.m. April 24.
- 1600-1629 block, 20th St.; 9:39 a.m. April 24.
- 1300-1699 block, Connecticut Ave.; 1:27 p.m. April 24.
- 1800-1899 block, Swann St.; 9:37 p.m. April 24.
- 1700-1799 block, Massachusetts Ave.; 9:43 p.m. April 24.
- 1700-1799 block, Connecticut Ave.; 8:49 a.m. April 26.
- 1500-1523 block, 15th St.; 8:30 p.m. April 26.
- 1700-1799 block, Rhode Island Ave.; 2:21 p.m. April 27.
- 1500-1599 block, New Hampshire Ave.; 8:49 p.m. April 27.

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TREES: D.C. agency defends record on protecting, enhancing District's canopy

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tree protection an F, mainly for not having data on the survival rates of replacement trees, but also for approving so many of the permits — 79 out of 134 in 2012.

Casey is pushing for the District to require permits for trees with a circumference as small as 29 inches; to improve tracking of newly planted trees; and to plant more trees on private

property rather than along streets, giving them more room to grow.

John Thomas of the Urban Forestry Administration says the District is doing much more than most cities in protecting and expanding its tree canopy. (Casey gave D.C. an A-plus for tree-planting for the third straight year.)

Thomas said, though, that his office has no choice but to approve tree-removal permits when they're valid. The agency's arborists

routinely prevent healthy trees from being falsely labeled as hazardous, he said, but otherwise can't overrule a property owner's choice.

Expanding the law to cover more trees would increase the burden on property owners and make enforcement more difficult, he said.

Thomas also defended the decision to favor street-tree planting, because the city is in a position to care for those trees. "We own 'em all, we maintain 'em all, we're committed to

'em," he said. The Department of the Environment does give grants for tree plantings on private property, he added, but those are at greater risk of neglect.

Casey Trees began its report card program in 2008, when it issued the District a B. The grade was a B-minus in 2009, a C in 2010, and "incomplete" in 2011. With revised metrics to work around missing data, the newly released 2012 score is a B-minus.

WOODSON

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on the restoration of Woodson's house, inside and out, sometime in the fall. Once that work is complete, officials hope to open the home for private tours and fundraising events.

Jacobs said the main holdup so far has been funding, which remains an issue for the future. "We've been competing for funds among all Park Service projects nationwide," from a pot of only about \$50 million, he said.

"Due to the current budget environment," project documents say, the estimated \$3.3 million for Phase 2 — rehabilitation of the two adjacent structures — will be requested later. Phase 3, costing roughly \$3 million to build out the exhibit areas, and add interpretive materials and historic furnishings for the Woodson house, is further in the future. Jacobs said funding for Phase 2 and 3 has not yet been identified.

Eventually the Park Service plans to open the entire site for ranger-led tours and exhibits, with about 10 staffers on site, and 500 square feet of office space reserved for the Woodson-founded Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

The latest plans sketched out by Beyer Blinder Belle show 1538 9th St. fully restored and "furnished to evoke the period when Woodson lived there." The other 9th Street row houses will get the needed mechanical systems, including an elevator and an elevator overrun added to the roof of 1542.

According to project documents, "the Woodson home and townhouse next door will look much as they did between 1922 and 1950" — the period when Woodson lived there. The northernmost house, which had already been heavily altered, will be changed again to provide an accessible at-grade doorway and big windows resembling a "period storefront."

"Due to the urban context of the site, no new parking will be provided," the documents say, noting the Shaw-Howard Metro and several bus lines are close.

As for the association founded by Woodson — which promotes research in black history, sets themes for Black History Month, maintains a speaker bureau and assists local research — a staffer said it has operated "in various tentative environments" and is looking forward to having permanent space.

GW COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A selection of this month's GW events—neighbors welcome!

MAY 2013

THURSDAY

2

ACTING UP: Queer Film and Video in the Time of AIDS -- "Silverlake Life" Film Screening

6-9pm

School of Media and Public Affairs, Room B07, 805 21st St., NW

Bringing together nine films from the history of queer cinema along with readings from AIDS activists, scholars, and artists, ACTING UP reconstructs the affective and lived experience of the AIDS epidemic from the late 1980s to the end of the 20th century. The last screening for "Silverlake Life" will be introduced by David Gerstner, professor of media culture at CUNY. For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com/gwactingup. RSVP to ramzi@gwmail.gwu.edu.

TUESDAY

7

FRIENDS Spring BBQ

6-8pm

Anniversary Park (F St., between 21st and 22nd streets)

This annual event will feature great food and drinks as well as our traditional "honorary grill-masters." We ask that FRIENDS help out by bringing salads, desserts, beverages, rolls, and other picnic fair. Please RSVP for you and your guests no later than May 3 by calling us at 202-994-0211. Be sure to let us know what you will be bringing. In case of inclement weather, call 202-994-9132 for event updates.

GW SPORTS

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 May 4 at 12pm vs. Temple
 May 5 at 12pm vs. Saint Joseph's
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Iva Gueorguieva: Reinvigorating Prints

Luther W. Brady Art Gallery, 2nd Floor, 805 21st St., NW

Iva Gueorguieva: Reinvigorating Prints will feature several large multi-media prints, completed at the University of South Florida's Graphicstudio, that adapt the complicated and spontaneous nature of the artist's paintings. Gueorguieva's prints have been described as "...pushing printmaking past its usual comfort zone; spatially mesmerizing, kinetic, and gestural." This event is free and open to the public. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 5pm. For more information on exhibitions, please visit www.gwu.edu/~bradyart or call 202-994-1525.

SUNDAY

19

University Commencement

9:30am

WJLA-TV, ABC 7

Tune in on May 19 to watch Kerry Washington as she returns to her alma mater to address graduates at the George Washington University Commencement ceremony on the National Mall. Ms. Washington graduated from GW in 1998 magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She is best known for her roles as Broomhildavon Schaft in "Django Unchained," Della Bea Robinson in "Ray," and Olivia Pope on ABC's "Scandal." International education advocate Harriet Mayor Fulbright, MFA '75 and 23rd Commandant of the Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, MPA '86 will receive honorary degrees as well. For more information, please visit: www.gwu.edu/commencement.

For more information on the GW Community Calendar, please contact Britany Waddell in the Office of Government and Community Relations at 202-994-9132 or visit us at www.neighborhood.gwu.edu.

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City installs new bike lanes in Petworth area

By **DEIRDRE BANNON**
Current Staff Writer

The city installed a new set of bike lanes last week in Petworth along both sides of Illinois Avenue from Sherman Circle to Rock Creek Church Road, which proponents say is making travel safer for cyclists, drivers and pedestrians.

The D.C. Department of Transportation implemented the lanes after neighborhood residents and the Petworth advisory neighborhood commission requested them to better protect bikers, and to help calm traffic along the wide avenue — where drivers often exceed the posted speed limit.

“The idea was that by adding bike lanes, we could better define the space, including driving lanes, bike lanes and parking,” said Jim Sebastian of the Transportation Department. “Illinois Avenue is wide enough to be a four-lane street, and often that encourages people to drive faster. Wide intersections can often look like a sea of asphalt, and that can be confusing for drivers. With the new lanes, cars and bikes can more easily line up where they are supposed to be.”

From Sherman Circle to Grant Circle, the bike lane consists of “sharrows” or shared lanes, where instead of a full bike lane, cyclists share the right lane with drivers. The sharrow has a white bicycle symbol burned into the asphalt, with three triangle markings above it to indicate where cyclists should be positioned. The sharrow lanes continue on the other side

of Grant Circle to Upshur Street.

From Upshur to Randolph Street, full 5-foot-wide bike lanes are defined on both sides of the street with solid lines. The bike lane is positioned between the parking and driving lanes, and has the same bicycle symbol as the sharrow, with arrows indicating cyclists should travel in the same direction as vehicles.

From Randolph Street to Rock Creek Church Road, the bike lane again becomes a sharrow.

The new Illinois lanes link riders to bike lanes on 5th and 7th streets, which connect to downtown, and also provides a safer route for cyclists to get around within Petworth, supporters said.

The intersection at Illinois Avenue and 4th Street — where a diagonal road meets a grid road, and which has historically been problematic for drivers and cyclists — will see other improvements thanks to the bike lane project, said Mike Goodno, a bike program specialist with the Transportation Department. This week more lane striping will be added, and stop signs will be moved to increase visibility at the intersection, he said.

Petworth resident Robert Mandle helped initiate the bike lane project when he became an advisory neighborhood commissioner in 2010, and he continued his advocacy through the end of his term in 2012. Constituents told Mandle early on that they were concerned about the Illinois and 4th Street intersection and speeding cars along the avenue, and many also wanted safer infrastructure for cyclists in the

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Macomb Park playground closes down for refurbishing

By **ALIX PIANIN**
Current Staff Writer

Macomb Park’s playground closed down this week to allow three months of renovations as part of the city’s “Play DC” initiative.

The play space at 3409 Macomb St. is one of 32 playgrounds slated for modernization through a multi-year effort to revamp playgrounds across the city. The District will stagger the construction projects — including several in Northwest — over the next several months, planning to finish all renovations by October.

At a small meeting at Eaton Elementary School in Cleveland Park last week, representatives from the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation and contractor Boughton Construction presented the final schematics for the future Macomb Park playground, which will reopen this summer.

The meeting was the last of several that city officials have held with community members since December.

Robert Menkes, president of the Friends of Macomb Park, said the neighborhood is excited about plans for new play equipment that Boughton Construction’s Rakesh Kaushal presented last week.

The equipment will be divided into an upper level for younger children, and lower level specifically for older kids. The plans also include a water-bubble spray park. Menkes added that residents were pleased to

see the parks department was able to fulfill a widespread interest in “natural-looking” equipment, which is now incorporated in the final plans.

“The play equipment is very unique — state-of-the-art, high-grade,” Kaushal said in an interview. “It’s a hundred times better than what they had there.”

Menkes also noted that Department of Parks and Recreation officials have met the community’s desire to preserve the park’s gazebo.

While Menkes said he understood concerns about the playground’s closure for several months, he said the wait is worthwhile given that the neighborhood will be able to enjoy for at least the next decade.

The fences around Macomb Park will be rebuilt at the parks department’s suggestion. While some in the community had suggested touch-ups to the basketball court, recreation center and sports field, the project’s funding source requires a focus on the play spaces.

The Friends of Macomb Park board members have discussed independently raising money to help fix up the recreation center building at the park, Menkes added.

“The renovation of the recreation center is more of a long-term goal,” he said, noting that it would be a substantial commitment. In the meantime, the friends group may focus on repainting parts of the center, and updating some equipment.

A parks department representative said the renovations are expected to be done by the end of July.



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Wednesday, May 8, 2013 / 6:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, NE (First Floor Training Room)
Washington, D.C. 20002

The Board of Directors of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, will conduct a public hearing at the above stated date, time, and place, to receive comments on proposed rules, which, if adopted, would amend section 112, “Fees”, of chapter 1, “Water Supply;” section 402, “Initiating a Challenge,” of chapter 4, “Contested Water and Sewer Bills;” and sections 4100, “Rates for Water Service,” 4101, “Rates for Sewer Service,” 4104, “Customer Classification for Water and Sewer Rates,” of chapter 41, “Retail Water and Sewer Rates,” of title 21, “Water and Sanitation,” of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations. The Agenda will be posted to DC Water’s website at dcwater.com.

The proposed rules were published in the March 1, 2013 edition of the *D.C. Register*, at 60 DCR 2413-2416; March 15, 2013 edition of the *D.C. Register*, at 60 DCR 3796-3797.

Each individual or representative of an organization who wishes to present testimony at the public hearing is requested to furnish his or her name, address, telephone number and name of the organization (if any) by calling **(202) 787-2330** or emailing the request to Imanley@dcwater.com no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday May 6, 2013.

Oral presentations by individuals will be limited to five (5) minutes. Oral presentations made by representatives of an organization will not be longer than ten (10) minutes.

Written testimony may be submitted by mail to Linda R. Manley, Secretary to the Board, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, 5000 Overlook Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20032, or by email to Imanley@dcwater.com. Such written testimony is to be clearly marked “Written Testimony for Public Hearing, May 8, 2013” and received by 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2013.

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TRAFFIC: Mayor celebrates new pedestrian signal at Connecticut Avenue intersection

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only brings motorists to a halt when either pushed or motioned by the pedestrian.

The HAWK is designed to help pedestrians cross major roadways at intersections with side streets without enough vehicle traffic to warrant a full conventional stoplight. The signal just installed in the heart of the Chevy Chase commercial corridor is one of several newly in

place or coming soon in the District.

The city installed its first HAWK signal at Georgia Avenue and Hemlock Street in 2009. The pilot signal has since been approved for use by the Federal Highway Administration, and the beacons have been "proven to be quite safe" by the agency's experts, according to Gray.

In Chevy Chase, the pyramid-shaped HAWK signal has two red lights mounted side

by side, topped by a yellow light. When the signal is activated, a flashing yellow light warns motorists to proceed with caution; then a solid yellow light prepares them to stop. Next the light turns solid red, at which point cars are stopped and pedestrians can cross. Once the crosswalk is clear, the two red lights begin flashing to signal the drivers to proceed.

When there are no pedestrians at the crosswalk, the signal display is completely dark.

The signal also includes verbal prompts. A representative from the Department of Transportation said the agency will post a video about how the traffic signal works on its website. Together, Gray and agency representatives demonstrated Tuesday how the beacon works by stopping traffic with the red lights and successfully walking back and forth across the street.

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Finding a majority

A few key figures stand out from last week's special election. First, about 10 percent of registered voters participated, a figure that will rise only modestly once all of the absentee ballots have been counted. Second, presumptive winner Anita Bonds needed just 32 percent of the vote to secure the D.C. Council seat, with Elissa Silverman finishing a close second at 28 percent.

Though these figures are notable, they certainly are not groundbreaking. The turnout was in line with projections, and previous special elections. And D.C. voters are used to crowded races in which candidates take office without anything close to majority support.

Some voters have vented their frustration, suggesting on neighborhood listservs and elsewhere that the District should adopt runoffs — a head-to-head competition between the top two or three finishers. The Washington Post urged the District to consider implementing instant runoff voting. We've suggested both options in the past — indeed, after similar electoral outcomes arose in the 2011 and 2012 elections.

Runoffs have their own problems. Besides the additional cost, there is once again the likelihood of lower turnout. For that reason, we think instant runoff voting would be the preferable reform. It's in place in many jurisdictions in the United States and abroad.

Voters are directed to rank a first, second and third preference, which essentially simulates a series of runoffs all in one ballot. This overcomes the spoiler effect that has resulted in so many political arguments — and this year led to election-eve reports that Ms. Silverman had asked Matthew Frumin to bow out of the race.

The argument for change is compelling, with the current situation leading to cynicism among many voters — and reducing the likelihood that all candidates and officeholders represent the interests of the whole city. With a provision for majority support, winners will be in a much stronger position to do their jobs.

What's clear is that D.C. Council members — some of whom owe their legislative positions to the ability to win by plurality — are unlikely to push these reforms on their own. It would require a broad-based, grass-roots effort to galvanize public support, with the hope that politicians would come on board. A ballot initiative is another alternative, though the hurdles to getting the issue before the voters are substantial.

Decriminalization

D.C. Council hopeful Paul Zukerberg may have received only 2 percent of the votes in a low-turnout special election, but his candidacy helped draw local attention to a significant issue.

Mr. Zukerberg, an Adams Morgan resident, is a trial lawyer who deals largely with marijuana-related arrests. He sees many casualties of the current approach to drug enforcement — in particular, “young black men with permanent criminal records, which becomes a lifetime impediment to employment and advancement.”

In a pre-election interview, he noted that Philadelphia, New York, Chicago and 18 states have decriminalized possession of small amounts of marijuana. He proposes the District follow suit, making the offense a civil infraction — meaning a fine for adults, and parental notification and an educational class for juveniles.

Mr. Zukerberg notes as well that the current enforcement-heavy approach creates a drain on police resources. Officers make more than 4,000 arrests each year for small amounts of marijuana, he says.

Mr. Zukerberg's policy prescription won support on the campaign trail, with most of his competitors saying that the idea was worth considering even if they weren't quite ready to sign on yet. We agree, and hope that the D.C. Council will undertake a serious review. A committee hearing this spring with testimony about the situation in the District — and the experiences in jurisdictions that have adopted decriminalization — would be a welcome start.

Even if decriminalization has occurred elsewhere, it is clearly not something to be taken lightly given the many potential ramifications. Careful study would be essential to determine the likely impacts on juvenile and adult drug use, as well as violent and nonviolent crime. And the fact that a federal appointee, the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, is responsible for felony prosecutions might complicate matters.

But we commend Mr. Zukerberg for pointing out, in essence, that the current policy also has many ramifications. A careful review is clearly warranted.

An April Fools' Day election ... why?

The next mayoral and D.C. Council primary officially is set for Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

April Fools' Day.

The snickering already has begun.

Bryan Weaver, an announced council candidate for Ward 1, laughed when we asked him about the date. “Hey, this April Fools' thing could play to my advantage,” he said, thinking of ways he might lampoon opponents.

But more seriously, your Notebook already was hearing derisive comments from outside of our city about our entire city, not the candidates. Why would we

give D.C. haters anything more to wield against us?

An early primary in April also would force candidates to start collecting ballot petition signatures around Thanksgiving, turn them in before a January deadline and then campaign through the winter.

“You can't even stick your yard signs in the frozen ground,” another candidate grouched.

Anyone who was to win in the April primary also would not face the general election until seven months later on Nov. 4. Then, that victory in hand, you'd have to wait two more months before being sworn in on inaugural day, Jan. 2, 2015. That's a total of nine months after you're nominated and elected.

But now it seems next year's mayoral and council elections might not be starting on the Fools' foot after all. On Tuesday, D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and Ward 5 member Kenyan McDuffie introduced legislation pushing the April 1 primary back to a week in June.

It's unclear how many votes McDuffie and Mendelson can get, but there are problems with moving the goal posts in the midst of an election season already underway.

One council veteran noted that it will be difficult to get legislation formally passed through the council before early fall. He said the legislation would require a hearing and two separate votes. The summer recess could interfere with the second vote. And then there's the waiting period as the legislation passes through Congress on Capitol Hill.

Tom Lindenfeld, the chief campaign consultant for Muriel Bowser's announced campaign for mayor, said he didn't think the campaign extension to June would materially affect the Ward 4 council member's mayoral campaign or any other candidate who gets into the race.

But he warned that changing the rules is dicey. “In order to protect our democracy, it's a bad practice,” he told the Notebook.

Lindenfeld is a veteran of citywide campaigns. He said he thought the council races, which normally are less organized and planned, might be affected by the longer playing field.

“If you're going to make a change in campaign finance [or] timing of an election,” he said, “do it for future elections.”

Jack Evans, the Ward 2 council member who also is preparing to get into the mayor's race, said he would support a date change. “I'm open to moving it

to June if it is not too late to do so,” he told us.

It's unclear exactly how a change to June would affect Mayor Vincent Gray, if he runs for re-election, or Council member David Catania, an at-large independent. Catania is considering a run for mayor in the November general election.

Why April 1? The Notebook consulted with Ward 3 Council member Mary Cheh, who chaired the committee that passed legislation adjusting the D.C. election calendar in the first place.

The primary date had to change from September because of federal laws requiring more time to vote

absentee by military personnel serving overseas. That pushed the primary in late summer, a busy vacation time. So the April date was selected.

But Cheh says there was no intention to single out April Fools' Day. She said elections normally are held “the first Tuesday after the first Monday.” But she said the drafted legislation that passed read simply “the first Tuesday” in April. This year, that's April Fools' Day.

Cheh, who also is up for re-election next year, said she was inclined to support moving the primary from April to June.

■ **Anita Bonds wins.** Veteran political operative Anita Bonds won last week's special election for an at-large seat with just 32 percent of the vote. First-time candidate Elissa Silverman scored a strong second place with about 28 percent of the vote. Many see Silverman's narrow loss as a clear sign of future political possibilities for her.

While Silverman scored far better than some expected, the biggest defeat came for Patrick Mara, who was making his third bid for a council seat. The Republican Mara and his campaign were supremely confident that they had identified approximately 17,000 certain voters who would carry him to victory. He might have won if just the city's Republican voters actually turned out. But Mara polled a weak third with 23 percent of the vote. The actual vote totals dropped precipitously in many precincts.

■ **The old red and gray.** As the week was beginning, NBC4 reported that the D.C. Taxi Commission is proposing this week that all of the city's 7,500 cabs be painted red with a gray streak on them. These are the same colors you see on the Circulator buses.

There'll be a hearing on the plan in late May. If all goes well, the commission will mandate the change. All new taxicabs will have to comply with the color scheme, and older cabs will get the new colors if they're repainted for any reason. The hope is to get most of the cabs using the same colors by 2018.

Ron Linton, the taxi chair, says the color scheme is just one part of fostering a “a modernized, comfortable system of transportation that offers a quality ride,” he said.

And here's one other bit of taxicab news. Linton says all cabs in the city should be equipped to take credit cards by the end of June.

Tom Sherwood, a Southwest resident, is a political reporter for News 4.



TOM SHERWOOD'S
NOTEBOOK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

D.C. needs seasonal ban on leaf blowers

I agree with your Feb. 27 editorial regarding the importance of smoke-free playgrounds because of the potential health hazards to our children.

On a related matter, I think unnecessary noise pollution today is analogous to what secondhand smoke was six years ago. I am

particularly referring to the noise from gas-powered leaf blowers — an unwanted airborne pollutant produced by others. It is imposed on us without our consent and at volumes, times and places beyond our control. Gas-powered leaf blowers are not only a noise annoyance, but a major health hazard to our lungs. Children, of course, are most susceptible, especially those who already have asthma and allergy problems.

I would like to suggest that our city introduce a seasonal ban on leaf blowers in the summer as has

been done in other jurisdictions. This would protect our children in the summer months when they are mostly outdoors during vacation. Just as we make people pay additional for “peak” parking, homeowners who want “vanity landscapes” during this season can pay for the extra labor hours that might be necessary for the use of non-polluting rakes and brooms. For the safety of our children, I hope the D.C. Council will consider this matter.

Denise Paoletta
Palisades

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

D.C. working to serve special needs pupils

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education would like to provide additional context to The Current's April 10 article on D.C. special education services and address concerns presented in Ms. Carol Grigsby's April 24 letter to the editor on the same subject.

With respect to students with special needs, our office is responsible for ensuring our schools are in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, a federal law that requires that all students with disabilities be provided a "free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment." These two concepts intentionally strike an important balance: ensuring that students with disabilities receive a quality education as well as meaningful interactions with nondisabled peers in their communities to best prepare them (and their peers) for life beyond the classroom.

It is important that the District work to strike this balance. The national average of placement into the "most restrictive" settings is approximately 4 percent; the District's reported equivalent rate is 19 percent. While this is a marked improvement from the 28 percent rate in 2010, we still remain the highest in the nation.

Mayor Vincent Gray has worked tirelessly to ensure that education leaders develop a thoughtful strategy for examining what resources are needed for students with disabilities to be successful in school communities closer to home, and has invested significant resources (\$30 million annually) to put these resources in community schools. While it is true that placements of students in restrictive settings have decreased between 10 percent and 15 percent annually over the past three years, we have seen a reduction in parent complaints of 30 percent annually during this same period. We believe this shows that we are beginning to strike the right balance, as contemplated by the federal law.

Additionally, with the proposed \$6.4 million enhancement for special education early intervention in the mayor's fiscal year 2014 budget, the District can better position itself with high-quality offerings for students, starting with pre-kindergartners who are identified with a disability.

The decrease in the nonpublic tuition budget does not mean that our students won't have access to nonpublic services if needed. To the contrary, it is a direct reflection of a

concentrated effort between Mayor Gray, the deputy mayor for education, my office, D.C. Public Schools, public charter schools and educational stakeholders to ensure students with special needs are in a local and least restrictive environment. Our collective mission is for D.C.'s students with special needs to receive quality services closer to home and in full compliance with the law.

Hosanna Mahaley Jones
D.C. State Superintendent
of Education

Consumers need help in DC Water dealings

For those with poor water quality or excessive water bills, plan to attend next week's public hearing of the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority's board of directors. It will be held May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, 777 North Capitol St. NE.

The public is encouraged to testify about DC Water's service, goals and rate proposal. You can also email info@dcwater.com, fax 202-787-2795 or mail your testimony to the Board Secretary, 5000 Overlook Ave. SW, Washington DC 20032.

DC Water is the city's only unregulated utility. As an advisory neighborhood commissioner and a resident, I have growing concerns with the lack of a neutral advocate for D.C. consumers when disputes inevitably arise.

At DC Water's Ward 4 town-hall meeting, I discovered that some of my constituents have been dealing with DC Water for more than a year over chronic water quality concerns. No long-term solution other than water filters has been offered.

On a personal note, our household received an exorbitant bill for last November, with no prior high usage warning nor explanation. After we contested in writing, DC Water claimed we were liable for the full amount. We appealed the decision and allowed DC Water's inspector to enter our home. Little did we realize that the inspector's goal was to find a probable cause, not a resolution. The inspector concluded we had two leaky flappers. We didn't agree and appealed again. This time we had an administrative hearing with DC Water's hired lawyer. We were handed a pile of meter readings that still did not explain the excessive usage! DC Water admitted at one point that workers replaced a faulty meter last December, but dismissed any correlation between that and our uncharacteristically high reading in November.

DC Water's lawyer advised us that we would be liable for the bill unless we could prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that we did not

use 15,000 gallons of water last November. It made no difference that two subsequent water bills showed normal usage after the new meter was installed, nor that we had not made any plumbing repairs since the inspector's visit. We have been waiting since March 1 for a decision. If it's not in our favor, the next step in the appeals process is the D.C. Court of Appeals!

Really? I am sure the judges' time could be used more effectively than consumer water challenges.

I would like to see the D.C. Office of the People's Counsel (which handles issues with other utilities professionally and effectively) empowered to investigate whether this reveals a wider problem. If you have similar concerns, contact me at 3g01@anc.dc.gov.

Carolyn "Callie" Cook
Commissioner, ANC 3/4G01

Park Service's deer shootings are cruel

I live two blocks from Rock Creek Park, and to think that the National Park Service is using snipers and sharpshooters to kill deer in Rock Creek Park is appalling. Why can't they use birth control methods to control the deer population?

Somebody needs to stop the Park Service from animal cruelty. They have done this in the season deer give birth to baby does, leaving babies with no mothers. It's disgusting. Somebody needs to bring this to the attention of the public.

This should not be happening in a civilized country, much less the nation's capital.

Jennie Malloy
Chevy Chase

Charter schools owe thanks to Peabody

Few people in their lifetimes have improved the lives of so many of D.C.'s young people as Malcolm "Mike" Peabody. Sixteen years ago, few thought there could ever be an alternative to D.C.'s public schools. Mike thought differently. He applied his considerable tenacity, intelligence and passion to fight audaciously for the development of charter schools in D.C. Now 43 percent, or nearly 35,000, of D.C. children are in charter schools.

Mike built Friends of Choice for Urban Schools to accomplish the task and has been the chair of the board of trustees ever since. Mike is retiring from the board after another one of his elegant galas, but Mike is not finished making the world a better place. His next passion is to reform campaign financing.

Based on his past track record, expect this David to conquer the Goliath of campaign financing.

Sharon Lockwood
Georgetown

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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DIGITAL: Advisory neighborhood commissions weigh online possibilities

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webcam and connected to livestream.com, which allows users to record and transmit video in real time.

This first attempt “didn’t go perfectly,” according to Tope; the sound and video cut in and out. But the commission — encouraged by constituents who say they want to participate but can’t attend meetings — still plans to go further with its Web arsenal.

On April 16 the commission voted to set aside \$3,000 to invest in a higher quality laptop camcorder and microphone, a faster Internet connection to support streaming, and a monthly paid subscription to livestream.com. Commissioners have also talked about using the equipment at single-member district meetings or the University of District of Columbia Community-Campus Task Force meetings, which the commission participates in, Tope said.

But in Chevy Chase, commissioners don’t seem inclined to go beyond audio offerings for now. Given the low level of interest from constituents, the costs and time required to create video recordings of meetings wouldn’t be worth the hassle, commissioners said at their April 22 meeting.

They also speculated that posting videos of meetings online could actually decrease participa-

tion from the neighborhood.

“What we’re trying to do is engage the community, and it’s hard to engage the community if they’re watching us on television instead of sitting here in the audience,” chair Jim McCarthy said at the meeting.

And unlike Tope, who said he received an outpouring of positive response after announcing the live-stream project, Chevy Chase commissioners said just two people have pushed for videos in their neighborhood. No proponents attended last week’s meeting.

Acqunetta Anderson, a neighborhood commissioner in Ward 4’s Colonial Village community, said she believes investing time into expanding commission Web offerings will pay dividends, even if it doesn’t necessarily get bodies in the room.

Anderson has tried to make her self-funded website, anc4a01.org, “like a one-stop agency” for constituents, including links to city agency websites, education and job-training resources, as well as updated news on the commission and her single-member district. But she said she saw a noticeable boost in site traffic when she began posting audio recordings of the neighborhood commission meetings earlier this year.

While Anderson said her goal in posting the recordings had been to increase neighbors’ participation with the commission, she thinks it has

also made residents more interested in and better educated about local issues — even if it hasn’t increased meeting attendance.

“I have people asking me when am I going to post [the recording],” she said. “It might have stopped people from attending [commission meetings]. They can make their own determination.”

Anderson said she plans to propose a city law requiring that all neighborhood commission meetings be recorded and made available to the public, as is required for the D.C. Council.

Simon said he had never heard of an instance of a resident being denied a copy of a recording of a commission meeting upon request.

Some commissioners said they’ll keep an eye on the demand for the recordings when considering whether to amp up or scale back their Web projects — Tope, for instance, said his commission will be monitoring live-stream viewership.

But some commissioners are doubtful that residents would even seek out the recordings.

“We’ve been taping our meetings for years, and I can count on one hand ... [the] times someone has asked to listen to one of our meetings,” Chevy Chase commissioner Allen Beach said at last week’s meeting. “I’ve got buckets of tapes upstairs. If you’d like to listen to them, I’d be delighted to have you do so.”

Staff writer Brady Holt contributed to this report.

SPRINGLAND

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erty April 12 to protect against its planned demolition, under the name Springland Farm Historical Society & Conservancy. The Historic Preservation Review Board will consider the application later this spring.

According to D.C. property records, the existing five-bedroom home sits on a 0.7-acre lot and was heavily renovated in 1965.

It sold for \$2.9 million in 2011, and the owner is now planning a larger house on the site. The lot was large enough to be subdivided, but the project will include just one home, occupied by the family having it built, according to project architect Maria Casarella of Cunningham Quill.

Casarella said in an interview that the project requires no zoning relief and had been straightforward before the landmark nomination. “We’re pretty comfortable saying this doesn’t meet the criteria, that it’s not worthy of a landmark,” she said. (Casarella, a member of the preservation board, will recuse herself for this case.)

Casarella declined to outline her argument against the landmark status, which she said will be presented at an upcoming advisory neighborhood commission meeting. But generally, she said, the home is undistinguished and is not within a historic district that would grant it further protections.

“I understand people’s sensitivity to change, especially in residential neighborhoods that are of that era,” she said. “But it’s really a misuse of preservation, or a misunderstanding of what preservation is, when people seek to use it as a means to control private property and development.”

Blackwelder said his group had already been researching Springland Lane to apply for a broader historic district when the raze permit was filed. “Unfortunately right now you have a pending challenge to the entire character of this valley,” he said, which called for faster action. “This is the kind of overall valley that you can easily see transformed into a series of McMansions, and that would be a real tragedy.”

Casarella said her firm is accustomed to working in historic areas and designs its projects accordingly. “We definitely have an understanding of the context ... and that’s our approach to this project and any other.”

Blackwelder said the proposed home is attractive but overwhelmingly large, and that razing the existing house would remove the street’s most recent living connection to Adlum.

Separate from the historic preservation concern, Blackwelder said he worries that a big new home could interfere with the neighborhood’s groundwater and cause drainage issues. Casarella said the project is designed to improve drainage compared to the existing house.



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Tigers eye redemption

By **BRIAN KAPUR**
Current Staff Writer

Last year Wilson's softball team lost the D.C. Interscholastic Athletic Association championship in heart-breaking controversy — the team fell into an 8-0 first-inning deficit against School Without Walls during a torrential rainstorm, and when the game was restarted the following day, the Tigers lost 16-12.

That experience has fueled the squad, which hopes to redeem itself under the direction of first-year head coach Karina Bond.

"It motivates us to do better and make sure it doesn't happen this year, and to make sure that we're prepared for anything that happens," said sophomore pitcher Sophia Cordes.

Bond comes to Wilson with experience both playing and coaching softball. She played while in high school for Oakcrest and at the collegiate level for Beloit College in Wisconsin. Then she coached at two high schools in the D.C. suburbs — Walter Johnson and Oakcrest — before joining the Tigers.

"It was a great opportunity. It's a great school," she said of Wilson. "When principal [Pete] Cahall and coach [Mitch] Gore called me and asked me about my background and presented the opportunity to me — for full-time teaching and coaching — I couldn't pass it up. It's what I like to do."

The new coach has brought a new attitude and new scheme to Wilson, which the team has been quick to buy into.



"It's much more serious," Cordes said of Bond's system. "You can see us running after the game, we do more plays in the field, we're more serious at practice. It's a much better program."

Bond has changed the way the team runs the bases by focusing on an intense conditioning regimen.

"We've worked on a delayed steal," Cordes said. "When the pitcher goes back, then we make our move taking home. That's definitely part of the conditioning — sprinting a lot — so we can do that fast. It's part of the new plays she's taught us."

The new scheme was on display Friday when Wilson used superb base running and solid pitching from Cordes to knock off Sidwell 13-2 on the road, in a five-inning decision.



Brian Kapur/The Current

Sophomore pitcher Sarah Cordes, left, has been a sensation for Wilson's softball team this season. Under first-year head coach Karina Bond, Cordes and the Tigers are running the bases hard thanks to a vigorous conditioning regimen. The results have shown as Wilson is perfect in DCIAA play this season.

Wilson started the game strong by scoring three runs in the first inning. After Cordes and the defense quickly dismissed the Quakers' batters, the Tigers returned to the plate at the top of the second inning with a chance add to its lead.

The Tigers did just that as freshman Helen Malhotra batted in two runners, thanks to a solid hit and a Sidwell overthrow at first base. Wilson was able to add another run, extending the lead to 5-0, when

freshman Erin Doherty dropped in a bunt to score a runner.

Then the team showed some of its new base-running strategy as two players — freshman Eva Schulman and sophomore Hannah Thompson — both stole home on the same play. Cordes also managed to steal home as the Tigers built a 13-1 lead by the end of the top of the fifth inning.

"We were finally able to hit and drive in runs, and they were heads-up the entire time," said Bond. "The

communication was there."

Cordes then got back to the mound, allowing just one more Sidwell run and closing out the game via the 10-run mercy rule at the end of the inning.

"They were determined," said Bond. "They said they lost by one [to Sidwell] last year and really wanted this game."

If that win, and a 12-1 win over Walls back on March 28, are any **See Wilson/Page 14**

Former Gonzaga Eagles football star heads to the NFL

By **BRIAN KAPUR**
Current Staff Writer

While growing up, 2008 Gonzaga alum A.J. Francis always wanted to play football, but teams were formed by weight class rather than age. Since Francis was always big for his age, he wasn't able to participate in organized football until middle school.

"Once I started playing football in sixth grade, I realized I loved it. [The National Football League has] been the goal since then," Francis said.

During the NFL's three-day draft, which began Thursday, Francis again had a long wait. But on Saturday — after watching the NFL draft finish without his name being called — the wait ended when Francis signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent.

"I've always wanted to play in the NFL," said Francis. "The opportunity is there, and I just have to take it. I just have to go down there and perform."

Francis' football career began locally, when he suited up in high school for Gonzaga. While playing for the Eagles, Francis was named to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and All-Met first teams. In his senior season, he notched 61 tackles and 4.5 sacks.

After Gonzaga, Francis went on to play football for the University of Maryland at College Park. During his five years there — which included a red-shirt season — Francis tallied 143 tackles, 9.5 sacks and four blocked kicks.

After earning a degree in government and politics in 2011, Francis began grad school at Maryland and is now halfway through earning his master's in social policy. He plans to work to complete the degree by 2015 or 2016 during the NFL offseason.

Of choosing the Dolphins, Francis said he "just felt the situation was better than the other places." Several teams had expressed interest throughout the draft process but selected other defensive linemen — and he said he "didn't

have any interest going there knowing they drafted someone at my position."

Those snubs will serve as extra fuel for Francis.

"I kept a running tally throughout the entire draft of which teams drafted which guys," Francis said. "I know the names and teams that picked other defensive linemen over me. It's just motivation for me."

For most people, signing an NFL contract would be the highlight of their day, but for Francis it was one of two life-changing decisions. After Francis told the friends and family who were with him during the draft that he had signed with the Dolphins, he dropped to one knee for a marriage proposal to his girlfriend, Tatiana Uruburo.

"I had it planned to do it that day because most of my family and her family would be in town that day," Francis said. "We've been together for three years, and I thought it was time to do it. It went well; she said 'yes,' and that's all you could really ask for."



Courtesy of A.J. Francis

A.J. Francis, a 2008 graduate of Gonzaga, signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent Saturday.

NORTHWEST SPORTS

WILSON: Tigers thrash Sidwell Friends in softball

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indication, the Tigers have developed a taste for retribution.

The strong play has been anchored by Cordes, who as a captain this season has continued to develop as a talented pitcher and batter after a standout freshman campaign.

“Sofia has done a tremendous job,” said Bond. “She has room to grow. She really wants it and plays travel ball in the offseason. We moved her to the No. 4 spot in the order.”

Thompson and senior Annalis Wiramidjaja also serve as captains. “[Wiramidjaja] has shown a tremendous amount of poise and understanding,” Bond said.

Wiramidjaja is one of just three seniors, joined by Monica Diaz Lopez and Jazmin Reid. Despite the young team this year (three freshmen and eight sophomores), the Tigers have gone 4-3 against private



Brian Kapur/The Current

Wilson first-year coach Karina Bond has the Tigers in position to compete for the DCIAA championship this season.

schools, with wins over Maret, Sidwell, Bullis and Burke. They also boast a flawless record in DCIAA play.

Now the Tigers are on the hunt to achieve their bigger goals.

“I took a survey and asked my

players what they expect of themselves, the team, the coach and their goals,” said Bond. “Every single player said they wanted to win the DCIAA championship, compete with private schools and compete in the city title [tournament].”

SPORTS DESK

DCIAA football realignment

The ripple effects of D.C. Public Schools consolidation have now changed the landscape of the D.C. Interscholastic Athletic Association’s football organization, the association announced in a news release last week.

The East and West divisions have been thrown out, and two new subdivisions — the Stars and the Stripes — are replacing them. The biggest change is that the Stars division — which will be regarded as the upper division — will include Anacostia, Ballou, Coolidge, Dunbar, H.D. Woodson and Wilson, competing for spots in the prestigious Turkey Bowl. Meanwhile the Stripes will include Bell, Cardozo, Eastern, Phelps, McKinley Tech and Roosevelt, which will compete in a new football championship — whose winner will be allowed to petition for a place in the Stars division. These changes, to be implemented only in football, will go into effect next fall.

“Having two subdivisions gives programs added value with schools that have never had the opportunity to compete for a championship in the old four team bracket,” D.C. Public Schools athletic director Stephanie Evans said in the release. “Football is the anchor sport and the greatest athletic revenue generator for schools. Our hope is that creating a power division in football will create new rivalries, quality games within both divisions, and increase fan and alumni support.”

Roosevelt alum signs with NFL team

Darin Drakeford, a 2008 Roosevelt alum, signed with the Kansas City Chiefs as an undrafted free agent

following the NFL Draft Saturday.

While suiting up for the Rough Riders, Drakeford was a four-time All-DCIAA choice. During his senior season, the linebacker tallied 124 tackles, 14 sacks and four forced fumbles.

Drakeford went on to play for the University of Maryland at College Park, where he posted 122 tackles, five forced fumbles, two sacks and one interception during his four-year career.

Burke softball wins big

The Bengals knocked off McLean 19-15 Thursday in a game that pushed Burke into first place in the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference’s AA division, based on a points system.

“It was one of the best games of the season because they fought through some adversity and errors,” said Bengals coach Vincent Cain.

Freshman pitcher Catherine Weiss had six strikeouts and fellow freshman pitcher Kate Schlang got the save with a strikeout to end the game.

Burke will play Washington International School Monday in a game that will likely determine the regular-season first-place finisher.



SCORES

Boys lacrosse

Sidwell 10, GDS 6
Landon 16, St. John’s 10
Wilson 5, Oxon Hill 2
Flint Hill 16, Maret 0
Gonzaga 19, Good Counsel 5
The Heights 16, Sidwell 8
Bullis 9, St. Albans 1

Ryken 14, St. John’s 13
Gonzaga 20, O’Connell 7
Maret 14, Walls 0

Girls lacrosse

Stone Ridge 15, GDS 2
Sidwell 20, St. Andrew’s 7
Potomac School 14, NCS 11
Visitation 18, Episcopal 5
Annandale 17, Wilson 5
Cathedral 14, GDS 4

Ryken 22, St. John’s 18
Visitation 14, Cathedral 7
Episcopal 19, Sidwell 13

Softball

Cathedral 2, St. Stephen’s 1
Walls 21, Anacostia 2
Stone Ridge 10, Sidwell 0
O’Connell 19, St. John’s 0
GDS 19, Madeira 13
Coolidge 13, H.D. Woodson 12

Visitation 15, Wilson 5
Paul VI 10, St. John’s 0
Walls 22, Coolidge 6
Holy Child 9, Maret 8
Flint Hill 15, GDS 0

Baseball

Flint Hill 2, GDS 1
St. John’s 4, Iretton 0
Potomac School 2, Wilson 0
Maret 8, Riverdale Baptist 3

Covenant Life 16, Field 2
Riverdale Baptist 14, GDS 1
Paul VI 8, Gonzaga 5
St. John’s 8, Wilson 0
Wilson 8, McKinley 3
Bell 8, Eastern 1
Avalon 1, St. Albans 0
St. John’s 4, Good Counsel 1
Sidwell 17, Saint James 7
Wilson 5, Landon 1
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Executive Director's Message

John M. Thompson, Ph.D., FAAMA
D.C. Office on Aging

In this month's edition of the **Spotlight on Community Living**, I would like to discuss hospital discharge planning. This is a very important topic for patients and their family members and friends who are seeking home and community-based services for them upon discharge from a hospital. This topic "hits home" for me as my twin brother, James, was recently in a hospital.

Last month, James, who is an assistant principal at a middle school in Columbia, South Carolina, traveled to Lansing, Michigan to recruit new teachers for his School District. After arriving at Lansing Capital Region International Airport, a hotel shuttle service (which will remain nameless) transported James to the hotel. En route to the hotel, the driver failed to stop at a red light and collided with a vehicle. James sustained a concussion, lacerated chin, three broken ribs, a punctured lung, sprained ankle, and a lacerated knee from the collision.

It was very unfortunate that James was involved in the collision and for him to be in an unfamiliar place added to my family's distress. We wanted James home as quickly as possible! In our attempt to communicate with James, we learned that it was very difficult speaking with him because he was heavily sedated with pain medication. To further complicate matters, we were not in communication with

his healthcare providers, who could have answered many of our questions concerning his condition, the expected length of hospital stay, and his treatment plan post discharge. It was a long 72 hours of searching for answers!

After three days, James was discharged from the hospital and the doctor advised him to stay at a hotel for a week. The rationale was that because of the high altitudes in an airplane, it was unsafe for him to fly as he could experience a collapsed lung. However, the attending physician in Michigan told him that he should be able to fly in one week. I spoke with two excellent physicians, Dr. Saul Levin and Dr. Brian Amy with the District of Columbia Department of Health. They advised that James should not fly even after a week as it takes at least a month or so for his lung to heal from the injury. (This is why it is so important in obtaining second and third opinions!)

As I reflect on James's experience, I see that we have a very fragmented healthcare system that is not so user friendly to an average person. The physicians and other healthcare providers delivered high quality patient care during James's stay in the hospital. However, the fragmentation became evident upon discharge when James became the coordinator of his own care. He must now take the initiative to see his primary care physician

in South Carolina, who will assist him with getting additional healthcare services such as rehabilitation and occupational therapy.

Unlike James, seniors and persons with disabilities who lack insurance coverage experience an even more fragmented system. Even those seniors and persons with disabilities who do not know how to access services upon discharge from a hospital are left to their own devices to figure it out. Hospital patients and their family and friends should not have to struggle with planning their discharge experience. The District of Columbia Office on Aging (DCOA) can assist patients through advocacy and assistance with accessing home and community-based services upon discharge from the hospital.

DCOA's Hospital Discharge Planning Program started in 2009 as a pilot project with five partnering hospitals, and expanded its partnership by 2011 to include 12 hospitals. These hospitals, including family and friends, can refer patients to DCOA for enrollment in the Hospital Discharge Planning Program. In fully implementing this program, DCOA has also fostered relationships with numerous community-based service providers to meet the wholistic needs of the patient, as the patient transitions back into the community during post-hospitalization. The following provides a snapshot of the Hospital

Discharge Planning process.

Pre-Discharge:

The Transition Care Specialist reviews referrals from the hospital, and schedules a time to meet with the patient and/or his caregivers in the hospital or at DCOA to identify unmet needs and coordinate services prior to discharge. The Transition Care Specialist often participates in the interdisciplinary team within the hospital.

Post-Discharge:

The Transition Care Specialist contacts the patient within 48 hours following discharge to conduct a re-assessment and identify any new needs. Most post-discharge communication is via telephone, but in some cases may consist of a home visit.

Follow-up: The Transition Care Specialist follows up with the patient 30 days following discharge to discuss and address any emerging needs, coordinate any additional needed community-based services, and conduct a quality assurance survey.

If you or someone you know is going into a hospital for a planned surgery or is in an emergency situation, do not hesitate to contact DCOA at 202-724-5622. Our Transition Care Specialist looks forward in assisting with bringing your loved one home and securing the necessary resources for a successful recovery. ~

27TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO DC CENTENARIANS



Mayor Vincent C. Gray greeted 25 centenarians who were honored at the 27th Annual Salute to DC Centenarians, held Tuesday, April 9 at the Washington Plaza Hotel. Each of the honorees

were presented with a medalion to celebrate their 100 or more years of living. The oldest honoree present was Elizabeth Lee who is 106 years old. Daisy Bivins also 106, cut the ceremonial birthday cake on behalf of the honorees.

The luncheon featured the reading of short biographical sketches of each honoree read by the Master of Ceremonies Jerry Phillips. Honorees included a concert pianist, a Corporal of the Women's Army Corps and several government workers and teachers. The guests were treated to music from a live band and tunes from a barbershop quartet. The Office on Aging registered nearly 200 residents that were age 100 or older, many of the residents continue to live in private homes. It is estimated that only 21% of the centenarians in the District of Columbia reside in long-term care facilities.

The event was presented by the DC Office on Aging and Family Matters of Greater Washington. To view photos from the event, visit the DCOA website at www.dcoa.dc.gov. ~





COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH ACTIVITIES

"UNLEASH THE POWER OF AGE"



MAY

6th-10th

30TH ANNUAL DC SENIOR OLYMPICS

Department of Parks and Recreation Medal competition in more than 15 sporting events, including, swimming, tennis, track and field, basketball, table tennis. Various locations across the city visit dpr.dc.gov or call 202-664-7153, for more information.

10th • 8am – 4:30pm

MAYOR'S AGE-FRIENDLY CITY SENIOR SYMPOSIUM

Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW Registered participants will attend a plenary session; two tracks of workshops; health and wellness screenings; connection to technology, online benefits and government resources; and an information and exhibit area.

9th • 10am – 2pm

4TH ANNUAL SAFETY AND WELLNESS EVENT

Washington Seniors Wellness Center
3001 Alabama Ave. SE
For more information, call 202-581-9355.

14th • 1 – 2pm

"SENIORS TELL US YOUR STORY"

First Baptist Church Senior Center
715 Randolph Street, NW
To honor senior participants in recognition of Older Americans Month. Celebrate with dancing to the oldies and cake and ice cream.
Call 202-723-4313 for more information.

17th • 10am – 2pm

"UNLEASH THE POWER OF AGE"

Senior Day Health and Wellness
Terrific, Inc. Wards 1 and 4
19th Street Baptist Church
4606 16th Street, NW
Call 202- 234-4128.

22nd • 10am – 2pm

CELEBRATING "UNLEASHING THE POWER OF AGE,"

The Hayes Senior Wellness Center, 500 K Street, NE
Event will include health lectures, screenings, videos, and healthy snacking. For more information, call 202-727-0357.

23rd • 4 – 8pm

"EAST RIVER SWING" A WARD 7 SENIOR PROM

St. Luke's Center, 4923 East Capitol Street, SE
Dinner, dancing, entertainment and much more.
Early bird tickets \$20, \$25 after May 15,
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29th • 10am – 2 pm

SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

Model Cities Senior Wellness Center
1901 Evarts Street, NE
Health screenings, exercise classes, speakers games and more. For more information, call Monica Carroll, 202-635-1900 x24.

29th • 10am – 2 pm

SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

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30th • 10am – 2 pm

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- Read the service contract very carefully and make sure you understand it, **especially the exclusions**. **DO NOT** purchase over the phone without seeing everything in writing.
- Go over your homeowner's insurance policy to make sure it doesn't already provide this coverage. Contact your insurance company or agent and ask how the coverage would work with your policy.
- Make sure the company has a reasonable cancellation policy in case you change your mind about purchasing the coverage.
- Check that the company selling this optional coverage is accredited with the Better Business Bureau.
- Water line coverage is not required by the District of Columbia or any local utility.

Local authorities and consumers across the country have expressed concerns about deceptive solicitations for this product that make it seem like the solicitation comes from a local utility or government, or that leads people to believe the coverage is mandatory. One company mailing solicitations to District residents has, without admitting guilt, settled deceptive marketing allegations with authorities in Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio and Massachusetts.

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TRAFFIC: District to install additional pedestrian signal in Cleveland Park this month

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“We think that the HAWK signal will pay huge dividends,” the mayor said.

The city also recently installed HAWK signals at 16th and Jonquil streets NW, and Minnesota Avenue and C Street SE. Another will be installed this month on Connecticut Avenue in Cleveland Park between Ordway and Macomb streets, according to Gray.

Marlene Berlin of the Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action Group said in an interview that she was thrilled by the new installation.

The group had collected data on area traffic — and worked with a transportation planning consultant — to compile a report that included the recommendations for a HAWK signal at the Northampton site, as well as at Ordway and Macomb streets.

The Department of Transportation included the group’s recommendations in its Rock Creek West II Livability Study last year, but the signal wasn’t originally slated for installation until late 2013. Berlin asked the Chevy Chase advisory neighborhood commission to push for an expedited installation after learning

about the pedestrian accident in October.

Previously at this spot, the solution for crossing the busy street was a set of bright orange flags for pedestrians to wave at drivers.

“I know it’s going to take a while for motorists to get used to the light, because it is different,” Berlin said. However, the traffic flags, though “better than nothing . . . still left a lot to be desired,” she said. That crossing system is usually not intended for streets as busy as Connecticut Avenue, she added.

Citywide, Gray said there were 19 traffic fatalities last year, including eight pedestrian

deaths. This year, Gray said, there have already been five traffic fatalities, including a recent incident where a pedestrian was struck and killed by an alleged drunk driver at Florida Avenue and 11th Street NE. The accident, Gray said, “is unfortunately symbolic of what we’ve been dealing with.”

But at least in Chevy Chase, some neighbors said they’re hopeful about the new HAWK signal. “I live in the neighborhood and I walk up here all the time, and I think it’s great,” resident Jeff Norman said at the news conference. “It should help for pedestrians.”

GREEN: Building recognized

From Page 5

the property, and using more durable, energy-efficient features,” said Landis. “And a lot of business owners in D.C., if they’re leasing, want a cost-effective green build-out, particularly if they’re looking to sign a five- or 10-year lease or longer. Calculating energy costs is becoming an increasingly important factor as businesses compare potential office spaces to lease.”

The high number of D.C. commercial and institutional buildings with LEED certifications confirm that trend.

Among them is the Sidwell Friends Middle School at 3825 Wisconsin Ave., which has LEED Platinum certification — the highest level — for its building renovation, which it achieved with elements like its green roof, recycled building materials, and its advanced graywater and blackwater recycling systems.

The World Bank building at 1225 Connecticut Ave. was one of the first renovated buildings in the country to achieve Platinum certification. Its green features include a solar-reflective roof with an 8,000-square-foot vegetated area to reduce the heat-island effect and peak storm runoff. It also uses low-emissive glass in its windows.

For the Landis brothers, going green with their Takoma building was a natural move given their line of work.

The firm specializes in “deep-energy retrofits” in residential and commercial buildings, which apply advanced green-building techniques to both renovations and new-build construction projects. So about six years ago, the Landis brothers decided to see which techniques could work for their new headquarters — more or less a shell of a building they bought through foreclosure.

In addition to its solar power system, the award-winning Blair Road building now incorporates water conservation features, LED light bulbs, and eco-friendly materials like bamboo flooring and recycled carpeting.

Underneath the front parking lot is another innovative feature: the building’s geothermal heating and cooling system. Twenty-two wells that stretch down 275 feet work as

a sort of battery exchange system, connecting to a first-floor utility room. In warmer months heat from the building is pushed into the ground, and in cooler months it’s extracted out — helping to heat the office spaces as needed.

“We’re very committed to green

“The goal is to get to a point where we don’t have to call it ‘green building’ anymore.”

— Bill Updike

building,” said Ethan Landis. “It just made sense to us to contribute to it in our own building.”

Bill Updike, a green-building specialist for the D.C. Department of the Environment, noted that the District will be one of the first cities in the country to make the International Green Construction Code part of local building regulations.

The District currently has more than 400 LEED-certified projects, spanning more than 91 million square feet, according to the U.S. Green Building Council.

“The goal is to get to a point where we don’t have to call it ‘green building’ anymore,” Updike said. “It’s just ‘building.’”

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SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOLS

British School of Washington

In our French class we have been learning about food and how to order food in a restaurant. To put us in a real-life situation, our teacher took us to the French restaurant Bistrot Lepic on Wisconsin Avenue. The restaurant is very posh. We got to try new food we'd never had before. We ordered all sorts of fancy French dishes like bisque de homard, escargots au beurre à l'ail, le foie de veau provençale, le carré d'agneau rôti, le cassoulet, la glace à la menthe, and more.

We ordered in French, and during the meal we also talked in French to each other. It was like being in France because we had to talk French with people we didn't know before like the waiter and the manager of the restaurant. They were very nice, and often asked us if we liked the food or if we needed something else.

As a French meal is very complex, we also learned how to order and eat food properly, one dish at a time. The food was so good that we want to go back there. It was a fun experience.

— *Nicholas Klingen and Year 7 (sixth-grade) French group*

Edmund Burke School

The Burke Band is one of the many special activities you can participate in at Burke. It includes students from grades seven to 12, but in sixth grade, you do get to experience what it will be like.

There are actually several bands in the school. It is a great way to meet new people, play an instrument that you like and learn songs that you didn't know. There are also performances and showcases that

School DISPATCHES

give students a chance to appear in front of an audience. One of the best parts of the experience for me is that I always get to play and am never just sitting around. Often we perform at our All School Assembly, which is great as everyone loves the music and gives great positive feedback to the bands.

I play guitar in the band. It is a great experience, and John (the teacher) is really talented and fun. Even if you aren't so good at an instrument but like it, you will get better and will get to play all the time.

— *Brendan Landy, seventh-grader*

The Field School

Last Thursday, Field's middle school students were given a day off from academic rigors to go hiking at Great Falls. Sixth- and seventh-graders walked along a variety of wood-chip-lined paths through the woods, while eighth-graders conquered the more rocky Billy Goat Trail.

Afterward, students ate lunch at picnic benches near the visitors centers, enjoying treats from the refreshment stands. Eighth-graders went on another walk along the water, and students were stationed every hundred or so feet along the trail to sit and reflect for 15 minutes. Students, though originally opposed to the idea of being silent for so long, eventually rose to the challenge.

In sixth-grade classes last week, students wrapped up their reading of "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins by watching the movie adaptation of the book. In

addition, they watched "The Truman Show," a movie in which a man is unaware that his entire life has been lived in a fake televised world. This led into discussions comparing the films and the theme of being unfairly forced to perform for a cruel or insensitive audience.

Eighth-graders had an exciting time in science class last week performing their second dissection of the year. Previously they dissected earthworms, but this time the subject of their studies was frogs. Some students were eager to begin while others had to warm to the task. Still others could not bring themselves to even look at the dissection.

Ultimately, however, all students learned a great deal from the hands-on experience.

— *Jana Cohen, eighth-grader*

Georgetown Day School

Last week was an exciting and frenzied week for high school students.

To cap off this year's theater season, musicians, actors and dancers galore delivered the musical "Peter Pan." Derived from Jerome Robbins' 1954 script and score, the production featured junior Griffin Black in the lead role of Peter Pan. The musical was a huge success, running for six performances led by director Laura Rosberg.

Once a year, Bobby Asher, the dean of students, organizes a surprise "Hopper Holiday," during which classes are suspended and fun and games ensue. Hopper Holiday starts out as any morning would, only for an unannounced schoolwide meeting to be called. Last Monday, students were delighted when Asher revealed that the rumors were true — it was

CHESS TOURNAMENT



The local nonprofit group Chess Challenge in DC held the second annual Citywide Elementary and Middle School Chess Tournament on April 20 at Wilson High School in Tenleytown. The event featured a four-round tournament with a blitz playoff.

Bill Petros/The Current

Hopper Holiday! Throughout the day students played softball, jumped on moon bounces, played laser-tag in the library and even participated in a hypnosis session!

In other news, last week was the annual Student Art Show & Sale. Students taking drawing, painting, film, photography, ceramics or graphic design courses had the opportunity to display and sell their works. On April 19, the Young Men of Color program welcomed entrepreneur and software developer Aaron Saunders to speak about his experiences in the technology and computer science sectors of business as an African-American. Saunders is the founder of Clearly Innovative Inc., a national and cross-platform mobile solutions provider with corporate headquarters in Washington.

— *Carlton Marshall II, 11th-grader*

Hearst Elementary

Our amazing adventure in Miss Walker's second-grade class took place on April 11 when we went to the Cleveland Park Library. We went there because April is National Poetry month and the library had a contest! We walked from our school to submit our haiku poems. Haiku poems are three-lined poems that have the syllable pattern five, seven, five.

We had a great walk from Hearst Elementary to the Cleveland Park

Library! The neighborhood is so pretty, and we even saw cherry blossom trees in some yards. When we got there, we submitted our poems and read books. We found books on basketball, soccer and the world, as well as comic books. There were also "Lunch Lady" books and even "Captain Underpants"! They also had teacher books for Miss Walker to look at while we were there.

We had a great afternoon at the library and appreciate that the librarians there helped us. Even though we didn't win the competition, we are proud that our poems are on display in the window. If you are in the neighborhood, go check them out!

— *Clarke Weathersby and Alexa Djalal, second-graders*

Mann Elementary

At Horace Mann, we started a book club. We started by posting signs around school in September. Our librarian, Ms. Hensley, thought it was a great idea and decided to sponsor us. Each Friday we meet in the library.

Ms. Hensley even invited Ms. Meghan, the Tenleytown librarian, to help us with book club meetings. Ms. Meghan leads a discussion about the books that we are reading. Each month we choose a different genre.

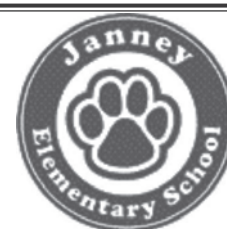
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Last week, we voted on a name and decided on "The Bookworm Book Club." We hope that the Bookworm Book Club will continue next year.

— Joseph Laroski, third-grader

Maret School

Ms. King's first-grade class visited Martha's Table two times in April. Martha's Table is a place where kids go to day care and preschool. There are lots of cute kids! It is also a place you can get food and clothing if you are in need.

The students in Ms. King's first-grade class travel to Martha's table twice each year, but other grades visit, too. When we're there, we bring vegetables for soup and teach the preschool students a lesson. To get ready for the first trip, we cut vegetables and gathered materials for the games we planned to play. We were eager, and sort of nervous, before we left, but had a fun time!

The class we visited was named the Teddy Bears; the students were 3 and 4 years old. We started by teaching the preschoolers the Hokey Pokey and then two other games, Odd One Out (where you have to guess which object does not belong in the group) and I Spy. Though we had a great time, keeping the preschoolers focused was hard work!

Our second visit was more fun because we knew what to expect. Our partners were happy to see us, and we played a matching game using plastic eggs. We can't wait to return next year.

— Ms. King's first-graders

National Presbyterian School

National Presbyterian School students will be strutting down Easy Street when they present "Annie KIDS" on May 2 and 3.

Many fourth- through sixth-graders have been preparing to perform and creating sets, props, and sound and light design for the show. "Annie KIDS" is being directed by the school's drama and art teachers, Stephanie Kilpatrick and Sean Nolan. John-Michael d'Haviland serves as the music director. Other teachers involved include Tiffany MacSarrow, Catherine Durbin and Michelle McCarten.

"Annie KIDS" is about a little girl named Annie living in an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. She suspects her parents are never coming back for her, so she sets off to find them. Millionaire Oliver Warbucks wants to adopt her, but Miss Hannigan has other ideas.

"I really love working with the cast and all the directors," said Isabel Atiyah, a sixth-grader who plays Miss Hannigan. "It's really a fun project to be a part of."

"Annie KIDS" features beloved songs including classics like "It's a Hard Knock Life," "Tomorrow," "Easy Street" and "You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile."

National Presbyterian School will present Annie KIDS on May 2 and 3 at 6:30 p.m. at National Presbyterian Church's Stone Hall. Tickets cost \$5 and can be reserved by calling 202-537-7500.

"Annie KIDS" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

— **Bridget Neill and Sekai Parker, fourth-graders, and Will Muoio and Emily Rogers, fifth-graders**

Powell Elementary
DC-CAS (the DC

Comprehensive Assessment System) is here! We, Powerful Panthers, are ready to shine. We had our Panther Pride DC-CAS Pep Rally last Friday with our normal monthly awards and culture assembly. These are whole school meetings. Our principal, teachers and staff motivated us by performing skits, cheers and chants and presenting an inspirational video. They gave us messages of love, and the video showed all of our hard work this year. As the student mayor, I also gave a motivational speech.

Our school's efforts will be featured in a national documentary on standards and high-quality teaching.

We're going to rock the DC-CAS, we will go blue, and we will go green. We will use what we've learned in class and Saturday Academy. We will get enough sleep, and eat a healthy breakfast to stay alert. We will get to school on time. We will double-check our answers if we finish early. We will not distract our classmates during the test, and most of all, we will not stress but we will do our best. We

have learned, and the test will take care of itself. My principal says, "Stay calm and carry on." We have excellent education every day.

Because ... I am, we are Powell. I am, we are Achievers. I am, we are Scholars. I am, we are The Panthers.

— Jeff Williams, fifth-grader

St. Albans School

Around this time of year, life at St. Albans becomes very hectic. With the end of school just around See **Dispatches**/Page 27



NEWS AND EVENTS

AU DESIGNATED A TREE CAMPUS USA UNIVERSITY

American University has again been designated a Tree Campus USA University by the Arbor Day Foundation for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. The only university in the District of Columbia to receive this distinction for five years straight, AU also hosts the only university arboretum in Washington, D.C. The 2013 designation was announced during the university's 20th annual Campus Beautification Day, held April 16. Campus Beautification Day provided students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to pitch in to help beautify the campus planting new trees, shrubs, and flowers. The event is a university tradition which incorporates both campus beautification and sustainability goals and strives to build and strengthen the AU community by bringing together staff, faculty, students, and neighbors.

"BOOKS THAT SHAPED AMERICA" DISCUSSIONS KICK-OFF

The School of Professional and Extended Studies (SPeXs) and the University Library are pleased to announce the launch of "Books that Shaped America," a special discussion series for the community and American University students, faculty, and staff. The series will feature selections from the "Books That Shaped America" list compiled by the Library of Congress. Informal discussions about the influence of these books on the nation's literary heritage will be led by AU faculty and staff members. Upcoming events include discussions of *How the Other Half Lives* by Jacob Riis and *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass. For more information, call 202-885-3847 or visit www.american.edu/spexs/btsa

AU AND SERVE DC TO OFFER CERT TRAINING TO NEIGHBORS

American University has partnered with Serve DC, the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, to offer free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to members of the AU community. CERT training helps citizens to be better prepared to respond to emergencies in their communities. Training topics include disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations and first aid, search and rescue, disaster psychology, and terrorism.

The two-day training is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be held on the AU campus. Community members interested in attending should email their name and contact information to Andrew Huff, ahuff@american.edu. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

30 QUARTERLY MEETING OF COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m.

Abramson Family Founders Room—on the sixth floor of the School of International Service (SIS) building on main campus 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

The CLC was established to foster positive relations and to maintain regular communication between the university and its neighbors. As specified in the D.C. Zoning Commission Order for AU's new 10-year Campus Plan, the CLC comprises individuals from neighboring community organizations and representatives from the university. Parking for the event will be available in the Nebraska Avenue lot or the SIS parking garage. Additional information on the CLC can be found at <http://goo.gl/MqnOc>

8& 22 YOGA IN THE GALLERIES: SPRING SESSION 3

Wednesday, May 8, and Wednesday, May 22, 10 a.m.

American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center

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Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.

American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center

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A LOOK AT THE MARKET IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON

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Cottage-style 1926 bungalow charms in Chevy Chase

New to the market is a Chevy Chase bungalow that exudes all the charm one might expect from its 1926 ori-

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gins, with the advantage of also having several recent updates that match that original style. This four-bedroom, three-bath home at 3395 Stuyvesant Place is offered for \$769,000.

The curb appeal of this pale yellow cottage-style home with white trim could easily allure prospective buyers. A white picket fence surrounds the corner-lot property, which includes mature plantings and flowering daffodils in its front and back gardens. Rose bushes, in bloom nearly year round, spill out over the fence.

The bright white covered front porch offers a cheery welcome to guests. It's currently furnished with Adirondack chairs with colorful pillows and a coffee table, providing a perfect spot to relax after a long day. Window boxes filled with red geraniums placed along the banister complete the look.

The entranceway opens up to the

living room, where a brick fireplace — flanked by built-in bookshelves and windows on either side — takes center stage. Natural light floods the space thanks to two sets of windows on the front and side walls. Here the home's classic and well-maintained features are highlighted, including the hardwood floors, molding around the original windows and doors, and carved wood details on the staircase.

The home's current owner (only its second) has laid out this space as an open living and dining area, with a chandelier descending from the ceiling on the far end of the room. It's close to the kitchen, which was recently remodeled.

Here, the homeowner installed reclaimed wood flooring, Silestone quartz countertops in a neutral gray and custom white cabinetry. There's also a cozy window seat with a storage cabinet underneath.

A rear door leads to the back porch, which is large enough to accommodate a cafe table and chairs, and the red geranium window boxes make another appearance here. This tranquil spot is a perfect place to enjoy a morning cup of coffee.

Back inside, a second front room formerly used as a dining room

now serves as a sitting area. It has a built-in bookcase and a closet, and windows on two walls bring in lots of natural light.

One of the home's four bedrooms is on this level and faces the back and side yards. It also has a built-in bookcase and a closet, and is equally bathed in light thanks to its large windows.

The first of three full baths is tucked at the end of the main hallway. The current owner has incorporated a beach feel here, using white and light turquoise paint to stripe the walls, complementing the same-colored tiles in the shower. The new light fixtures and vanity blend well with the original medicine cabinet and mini-plantation shutters on the window.

Upstairs are two additional bedrooms, both of which span from the front to the back of the house and have windows on three walls. The master is slightly larger, and it includes a skylight. An alcove at the front of the room offers a cozy nook for reading. Two closets provide plenty of storage space. The second bedroom is also comfortable



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This four-bedroom bungalow in Chevy Chase is priced at \$769,000.

and large, with room for a seating area and plenty of closet space.

The upstairs bath was also recently redone, and includes beadboard wainscoting, plantation shutters, and a porcelain vanity and tub. A linen closet is positioned just outside, off the main hallway.

The renovated lower level creates even more living space in the home. There's a spacious laundry room with an adjacent exterior door, and beyond that is a suite of rooms that could be used for guests or as an in-law apartment. There's a sitting room with large windows that were installed recently to bring in more natural light. The newly renovated full bath on this level

includes a large shower, beadboard wainscoting and new fixtures with period details that match the design in the rest of the house. The bedroom faces the backyard.

An enviable element of this house is the detached one-car garage in the rear of the property, which swings open with two doors. The private driveway is long enough to fit a second car for off-street parking.

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VILLAGES: Foggy Bottom-West End debut set for fall, but Ward 4 plans still in early stages

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such as transportation, help with grocery shopping and household tasks, and technology tutoring. Village members can also request volunteers to simply visit, or help

with paperwork, Hester added.

The village will also promote social activities and encourage members to attend them together. The “underpinning” of the services, she said, is to quash isolation among older residents.

“All of what we do ... is about building community. It’s about getting neighbors to know neighbors,” said Hester. “It’s about socialization.”

The organization is currently concluding background checks and vetting of all these volunteers, according to Hester. A number of the village’s volunteers — who range in age from 13 to 90 years old — are actually members themselves, Hester said.

“They really want to be a service to their neighbors,” said Hester. “They know that a time will come that they will want and need the same kindness.”

The Cleveland Park organization is the latest in a collection of aging-in-place villages that have opened in the District since the first one launched in Capitol Hill in 2007. In the past decade, D.C. has been part of a nationwide push to provide services that allow older citizens who do not need full-time care to remain living independently in their homes. Georgetown, Dupont Circle, Glover Park, Penn Quarter, the Palisades and Upper Northwest have all started similar organizations.

As of Monday, the Cleveland Park Village had 56 members — and Hester said she anticipates that number will soon go up.

The organization plans to also serve interested seniors from the adjacent Woodley Park neighborhood, Hester said, after meeting with representatives from the Woodley Park Community Association.

While the Woodley Park group’s president, William Menczer, said in an interview that he could see “nothing that would preclude” development of a separate Woodley Park aging-in-place village in the future, for now it makes logistical sense to serve the two neighborhoods together — and it falls in line with the village’s goal to increase socializing through a larger member network.

“I don’t see that there would be any reason ... to have a separate village” for Woodley Park right now, Menczer said. “This one would be more robust.”

“The two neighborhoods are so

close and similar, a lot of people don’t know where one starts and the other ends,” Hester added.

Servicing nearby areas can be common for aging-in-place groups. The Palisades Village, for example, also sponsors a network of volunteers throughout the Foxhall, Berkley, Kent and Wesley Heights neighborhoods. And the Northwest Neighbors Village expanded from Chevy Chase to include American

Another major initiative the Georgetown Village is rolling out this month will provide each member with a flash drive to store their personal health information. The idea, Golub-Rofrano said, is that the small and portable drives can give members easy access to a list of their health issues, medication, contact information and advance directives in case of a medical emergency.

Meanwhile, the Foggy Bottom West End Village plans to open Oct. 1, and is already coordinating activities, said board of directors communications chair Beverly Gyllenhaal. The organization is approaching its goal of drawing 100 members before the official launch. With weekly coffee meetings for residents who have committed to joining, as well as monthly events that include museum tours, dinner parties and lectures, Gyllenhaal said the village is already growing into a community, even if it isn’t yet offering services.

Gyllenhaal said she and other board members have also benefited from their involvement in the Washington Area Villages Exchange, a group of village leaders in the metropolitan area who meet periodically and share advice.

The Foggy Bottom Association Defense and Improvement Corp. granted the village \$40,000 this year, \$30,000 of which will go toward hiring a volunteer coordinator. The rest of the grant will be set aside for subsidized membership. And George Washington University has promised office space in a building it intends to construct in the 2100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.

A comparable aging-in-place village for interested residents in Ward 4, though, is at least two years away, said Shannon Cockett, whose non-profit Neighbors Inc. has been spearheading the initiative to form a network in the east Rock Creek area. Neighbors Inc., a group that formed in 1958 to promote integrated neighborhoods in Ward 4, has been working with the D.C. Office on Aging to lay the groundwork for the new village, though Cockett said it is “very much in the planning stages.”

Neighbors Inc. has been receiving pro bono services from the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson to help establish a non-profit organization to operate the village, according to Cockett. But the fundraising involved to get such an organization running, she said — in particular, the funds needed to hire a full-time executive director — will probably take years.

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Like most aging-in-place villages in D.C., the Cleveland Park group does not offer medical assistance to members, and volunteers do not assist seniors in daily living tasks such as dressing or bathing. It’s tailored for people who “can remain at home safely, who don’t require an elevated level of service,” said Hester.

“The most important thing about the village movement is it gives people options. Is this for everyone? No, it’s not the best choice for everybody. But it gives people the option” to continue independent living, Hester said.

The village has culled financial support from several neighborhood mainstays. Woodley Park’s All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church provided a grant that will allow the Cleveland Park organization to subsidize membership for some area seniors. The village also received funding from the Cleveland Park Congregational United Church of Christ, and a startup grant from the Cleveland Park/Woodley Park advisory neighborhood commission.

Meanwhile, the Georgetown Village, which launched in December 2011, is thriving, said executive director Lynn Golub-Rofrano. The group has around 200 members and has filled more than 540 service requests, she said.

A \$10,000 grant from Wells Fargo Bank last June covered operating expenses in their first year, and \$45,000 in private donations has funded a subsidized membership program for those who need it, to keep the village from being “exclusionary,” Golub-Rofrano said.

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ANC 3B

■ GLOVER PARK / CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at Stoddert Elementary School and Recreation Center, 4001 Calvert St. NW.

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ANC 3C■ CLEVELAND PARK / WOODLEY PARK
MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE HEIGHTS
CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS

The commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 20, at the 2nd District Police Headquarters, 3320 Idaho Ave. NW.

For details, visit anc3c.org.

ANC 3D■ SPRING VALLEY / WESLEY HEIGHTS
PALISADES / KENT / FOXHALL

At the commission's April 3 meeting:

- Nick Keenan, chair of DC Stoddert Soccer, complained that the Lab School of Washington is allocated a disproportionate amount of time at the athletic fields of the Palisades Recreation Center. According to Keenan, Stoddert has almost 900 children from within the commission's boundaries who get less time on the fields than Lab students who don't live in the neighborhood. He said the Lab School also doesn't use the field for all of its assigned hours. Commission chair Penny Pagano said she'd work with Keenan to bridge communication with the school.

- commissioners voted unanimously to petition the D.C. Department of Transportation to implement a visitor-parking plan for the DC Design House, a monthlong charity event, at 2507 Foxhall Road. Commissioners and Design House representatives agreed that visitors would be directed to park on one side of Dexter, Edmunds and Fulton streets. The event ends May 12.

- commissioners voted unanimously to support the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 27, which will include morning road closures on race day along Canal Road and MacArthur Boulevard.

- commissioners voted unanimously to support a public space application for a driveway to be constructed at a residence at 4624 Q St., provided it is made of porous or pervious materials.

- commissioners voted unanimously to support a zoning application to extend an existing deck at the rear of

a residence at 1609 44th St. to 10 feet from the current 7 feet, stating that the project has neighbors' support, and many nearby properties have similar decks.

- commissioners voted unanimously to oppose a zoning application to build an enclosed 12-foot walkway at 5063 Overlook Road that would connect the main house to an existing detached pool house in the rear yard. The project requires a special exception because the pool house sits within the required side-yard and backyard setbacks.

- commissioners voted unanimously to support a public space application to build a driveway at 5401 Hawthorne Place, at the site of a new residential property. The driveway will be built over a ravine, and therefore the land will need to be built up. Neighboring property owners also supported the project, but expressed concerns about water runoff and the need for a guardrail at the end of Hawthorne, which is a dead-end road.

- commissioners voted 6-2, with Penny Pagano and Kent Slowinski opposed and Stu Ross and Rory Slatko absent, to ask the D.C. Department of Transportation to delay the proposed installation of a traffic signal at Foxhall Road and W Street. Commissioner Tom Smith said a pre-existing agreement between the agency and neighbors stipulated that no traffic light would be installed at that intersection. The commission also asked the Transportation Department to provide data and analysis to support why a traffic light is necessary there.

Commissioners also voted 8-0 to request that the agency delay the proposed installation of a signal at Dalecarlia Parkway and Loughboro Road, pending further review of traffic safety at the intersection. Commissioner Tom Smith said the department should share traffic data on the intersection, and if it shows congestion is due to increased travel to and from Sibley Memorial Hospital at 5255 Loughboro, then the hospital should be required to pay for the light.

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in Room 333 of the School of International Service Building at American University, Nebraska and New Mexico avenues NW.

Agenda items include:

- police report.
- community concerns.
- presentation by Serve DC, the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism.
- presentation by Julie Hanson on the Best Buddies Challenge, a 20-mile bike ride scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19.

- consideration of a public space application at 4811 MacArthur Blvd.

- consideration of a Board of Zoning Adjustment application for a special exception to allow the construction of a four-unit apartment building at 4529 MacArthur Blvd.

- consideration of alcoholic beverage control license renewal applica-

tions: Chef Geoff's, Al Dente, Kotobuki, BlackSalt Fish Market & Restaurant, Palisades Pizzeria, Bambu, Et Voila, Salt & Pepper, DC Boat House and Bon Appetit (American University).

- discussion of a D.C. Department of Transportation proposal to extend a sidewalk on Nebraska Avenue to serve as a bike path.

- discussion of a proposed bike lane on New Mexico Avenue.

- discussion of D.C. Department of Transportation proposals for new traffic signals at Foxhall Road and W Street and at Dalecarlia Parkway and Loughboro Road.

- update on the zoning regulation rewrite process.

For details, call 202-363-4130 or visit anc3d.org.

ANC 3E■ AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK
FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS / TENLEYTOWN

The commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the library at Janney Elementary School, 4130 Albemarle St. NW.

Agenda items include:

- announcements/open forum.
- police report.

- discussion of alcoholic beverage control renewal applications for the Cheesecake Factory, Guapo's, Tanad Thai, Tara Thai, Neisha Thai, Kitty O'Shea's, Cava Mezze Grill, Murasaki, Satay Club Asian Restaurant, DeCarlo's Restaurant, Matisse Bar & Grill, Yosaku, Washington Council Homes, Fork 'n Spade, Embassy Suites, Pete's New Haven Style Apizza, Cafe of India, Public Tenley, Rosa Mexicano and Boeymonger Restaurant.

- discussion of and possible vote on a resolution regarding an alcoholic beverage control license application and voluntary agreement for Nando's Peri Peri, 4231 Wisconsin Ave.

- discussion of and possible vote on a resolution regarding the application of Tenley Mini-Mart, 4326 Wisconsin Ave., to sell alcohol on Sundays.

- discussion of and possible vote on a resolution regarding the D.C. Department of Transportation's proposal for Broad Branch Road.

- discussion of and possible vote on a resolution regarding a request to the D.C. Department of Transportation to install bike racks at selected locations.

- discussion of and possible vote on a resolution regarding the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs process as it relates to the project at 4201 River Road.

For details, visit anc3e.org.

ANC 3F

■ FOREST HILLS / NORTH CLEVELAND PARK

The commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the Methodist Home of D.C., 4901 Connecticut Ave. NW.

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SAFeway: Mixed use considered

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oldest D.C. facility that hasn't been extensively renovated. "And the component really is the mixed-use smart growth projects that are appropriate for these types of locations."

The new supermarket would be partially underground, though its entrance would be at-grade, Dubick said. Some amount of housing would go on top, but he said the only decision made so far about the project's height is that it would be within the 65-foot limit imposed on planned-unit developments in the area.

Asked whether he could point to a similar project as an example, Dubick declined, saying each Duball project is tailored for the "persona" of a particular community. "We're spending a lot of time to make sure aesthetically that the project feels comfortable within the Palisades environment," he said. "We're not going to come in with something that's over-the-top."

Duball broke ground last September on a new Safeway store in Petworth with five levels of apartments above it. The project is projected to wrap up in summer 2014.

Dubick added that the new

Safeway on MacArthur Boulevard will be neighborhood-serving, smaller than the heralded new Georgetown store. The Palisades store will target residents in the immediate area who currently go elsewhere to shop, rather than drawing in customers from afar, he said.

The amount of housing and number of stories that will be involved in the project are subject to community feedback, including at Tuesday's meeting of the Palisades Citizens Association, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Palisades Recreation Center at Sherier and Dana places. But some residential component is almost certain, both to cover the project's costs and because the Office of Planning generally pushes for maximizing a property's potential during redevelopment.

"Mixed-use is certainly the smart growth component," Dubick said. "It helps to hide the store in some regards, and it also helps the economics of being able to produce a full-service grocery store."

Penny Pagano, chair of the Palisades/Foxhall advisory neighborhood commission, said the community dialogue will be important. "We'd all like to have a better, more modern Safeway in our neighborhood, but this is a very large project and we still have lots of questions."

BIKES: Petworth gets new lanes on Illinois Avenue

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neighborhood.

"These were issues people were really scratching their heads about," said Mandle. "The bike lanes seemed to address all of the concerns people were experiencing."

Vehicles on Illinois Avenue now are clearly limited to one, narrower lane of traffic in each direction, which Mandle said has already slowed speeds. "It's like coloring — as the lines get closer together, you have to focus to make sure you stay within the lines," he said.

And beyond the benefits to cyclists, the new stop signs and lane striping will also make the Illinois and 4th Street intersection easier to navigate, Mandle added.

While Mandle said there wasn't any strong opposition to installing the bike lanes, he said there's often a common misperception that adding bike lanes takes away street parking.

"If bicycle infrastructure conversations were tailored to describe the benefits to all roadway users, it would really help expand the bicycle networks," Mandle said.

But more improvements are

needed to connect Ward 4 cyclists to Northeast and west to Rock Creek Park and beyond, Mandle added.

According to the Transportation Department's Goodno, plans include continuing bike lanes along Rock Creek Church Road and to the Metropolitan Branch Trail, which would link riders to Brookland and to the Fort Totten Metro station.

Connecting riders to Rock Creek Park and to points farther west is more complicated, Goodno said, because many of the roads are under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service and are winding and narrow.



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CONTEST: Local historic sites compete for funding

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The historic spots, which are all run by nonprofits or government agencies according to contest rules, build up points by gathering support through social media sites. A vote on the contest's website, at preservedmv.com, is good for 50 points. And a site earns 10 points each time a supporter checks into its location on Foursquare, posts a picture of it on Instagram, or mentions it via hashtag on Twitter.

This is the first year the contest — which in the past has taken place in New York City, Seattle and Boston, among other areas — has emphasized social media to such a degree. And it could be an explanation for why the more well-known and media-savvy sites are gathering the most points in D.C., compared to contests past.

"We're actually somewhat surprised with the results this year," said Tim McClimon, vice president for corporate social responsibility for American Express. In previous contests, he said, "smaller sites that have been able to get people passionately behind them" have taken the lead — in Boston, for example, a run-down carousel edged out the New England Aquarium and the Old North Church.

In the D.C. area, the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue is standing out as a tough competitor against the national name brands of the National Cathedral and Mount Vernon. "They're a small entity that's doing a fantastic job in getting their constituents to vote," said Robert Niewig, leader of the National Trust's D.C. field office.

The GALA Hispanic Theatre in Columbia Heights, which is trying to win funds to restore its deteriorating central dome, is now in next-to-last place. "Putting it out there with social media is very hard to do with a small staff" and busy programming schedule, said Rebecca Medrano, GALA's executive director. "It's going to be hard for us to catch up." But she described the potential funding as "a one-time opportunity we really need to jump on." As is, Medrano said, any funding the theater does raise goes straight into its "265 days a year in programming."

Another obstacle for some of the smaller groups has been a lack of experience in social media. Contest organizers have helped with that: After selecting the finalists last fall, "we started training programs with

them ... to build their social media sites and start building their fan base and friends, so everyone would be on equal footing," said McClimon of American Express.

For the Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy — now in 19th place as it campaigns for funds to rehabilitate one of the dams in the Georgetown park — it's a new kind of terrain.

Before the contest, "we had a Web page, we had a fairly static Facebook page," said Ann Aldrich, the conservancy's executive director. But she noted "most of the board of the conservancy are of an older generation — not digital mavens — so it's been interesting."

The Rock Creek Conservancy, which is competing for a project to restore the 16th Street grotto entrance to Meridian Hill Park, has also had to "pick up its game" online, according to executive director Beth Mullin.

She questioned whether the conservancy, now in 17th place in the contest, has been able to capitalize on the park's popularity and its "media-savvy" neighbors in the U Street area. "I'm just not sure we've actually reached them yet," she said.

Mullin said the conservancy will be present at Meridian Hill this Sunday with a table and tour guides during the park's most popular ritual, its weekly drum circle celebration.

For a handful of this year's sites, the contest also creates another type of challenge — internal competition. Seven of the sites, including the Marine Corps Memorial and the Carter G. Woodson Home, are all

D.C. competitors

Of the 24 entrants in the contest, 16 are located in the District. These are the D.C. sites and the envisioned preservation project, as listed on the *Partners in Preservation* website:

- **All Souls Church Unitarian:** Historic bell tower restoration
- **Carter G. Woodson Home:** Rebuild front and rear facade
- **Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office:** Conservation of third-story windows
- **C&O Canal — Abner Cloud House:** Rehabilitation for public use
- **Congressional Cemetery:** Mausoleum Row vault roof repair and replacement
- **Dumbarton Oaks Park:** Repair the garden's built structures
- **George Mason Memorial:** Renovation of memorial grounds
- **Heyden Observatory:** Restoration of observatory exterior
- **LAMB at Military Road School:** Restoration of building exterior
- **Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region:** Restoration of three Chesapeake Bay working boats
- **Meridian Hill Park:** Stabilization and repair of the grotto
- **Metropolitan AME Church:** North stained-glass window rehabilitation
- **National Museum of Women in the Arts:** Major roof repairs
- **Sixth & I Historic Synagogue:** Stained-glass window restoration
- **Tivoli Square/GALA Hispanic Theatre:** Restoration of interior theater domes
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part of the National Park Service.

"Some of my co-workers are voting for other places and can't really support this site," said Joy Kinard, a Park Service district manager who is focused on the Woodson house. The \$90,000 requested would go toward restoring the front and rear facades of the Shaw house, where the man known as "the father of black history" lived and worked in the early 20th century.

Kinard said she has reached deep

into the network of Woodson supporters to earn points — contacting, for example, the fraternity he belonged to and alumni groups of the schools he attended.

Niewig of the National Trust noted that all of the sites will receive at least \$5,000 for participating, and that the pool of money that remains beyond the winner's award will be doled out to a handful of finalists at the discretion of an advisory committee.

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DISPATCHES

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the corner and the Science Fair due date creeping up, everyone is very stressed. The topics of the project range from the effects of colored lights on plants to the eating habits of spiders.

The Science Fair at St. Albans is a long-term project, which starts around January and is worked on progressively until mid-April. Although the teachers try and portion the Science Fair over the course of four months, most of the work is unfortunately done in the last two weeks before the fair. All students must turn in a paper with a hypothesis, procedure, background, materials list, results and conclusion, along with a poster board for his presentation.

The presentation takes place after sixth period. All students, except for C-formers who chose not to do a project, report to the Activities Gym. In the gym, all the poster boards are set up side by side, organized by topic, on long tables extending from one end of the gym to the other. Each project is judged by two people, usually one upper-school student and one adult volunteer. The students give a short presentation on their project, results and observations, and answer one or two questions. Students are competing for honorable mentions, medals and the Haslam Award, which goes to the best Science Fair project. The Science Fair is a great way for students to explore interests

with the guidance of their teachers.
— **Griffin Keffer,**
Form II (eighth-grader)

St. Ann's Academy

Last week, students danced, sang and showed their many talents on stage at our annual Talent Show. Everyone in the school went to the gym to watch the amazing performances.

Several students sang solo, and groups of students from grades one through five performed choreographed dance routines. Pop, hip-hop and ballet were featured. An eighth-grade student gave an inspiring speech on duty, honor and country.

All the performers received big ovations from the audience of students and parents for their great talents and for their courage. Some students said they had to overcome their fears to perform.

"I was nervous before, but I am happy that I did it," said fourth-grader Katie Cruz, who danced with a fifth-grade partner.

"I was relieved after I finished dancing, and I was happy I didn't fall off the stage," said fourth-grader Siddique Thomas, who danced with a fourth-grade friend.

To make it to the talent show, students had to try out at an audition in front of Mr. DeWitt and Ms. Zupkus, two teachers who served as judges, and then the students had to attend a practice all afternoon so that they knew when to come on stage, when to leave, and what kind of equipment they would need. They learned that there is a lot

more to putting on a talent show than just getting up on stage and dancing.

— **Eyouel Gebreyes and Shanen Haigler,** *eighth-graders*

School Without Walls High School

Last Friday, seniors gathered nervously to present their senior projects to a panel of expert judges. Senior Project is a class requirement for all seniors to graduate from School Without Walls. Each student in the beginning of the year must choose a topic to present on and find a mentor to guide them through their project. Throughout the year they have many deadlines to meet for various aspects of the project, including a 15-page paper and a "product." The product can be anything to present your topic and research. The most popular way to do a product is teaching a class, but this year included unique products such as writing a novel for sale on e-readers or holding a fashion show or toiletries drive. At the end of the year, students give their 15-minute presentations to a panel of judges deemed experts in the field. Teachers guide the students through expectations all year and the best way to effectively present.

Meanwhile, juniors watch them

present to understand expectations, while underclassmen usually participate in a field trip. This year, the underclassmen participated in a particularly special project volunteering for the Nike Half Marathon. Along with receiving volunteer hours, the students got to take a break from school and give back to the community.

— **Eleonore Edgell,** *11th-grader*

Stoddert Elementary

Our teacher, Ms. Guaraldo, told us about a poetry contest at school. She said we would have to write a poem about spring. She said we needed to try hard. We had to draw a picture about our poem.

We wanted to write so we could do our best. We wanted to show people how we can write and read. We thought we might win a little bit from the poetry contest. Last year someone won a book.

We had lunch, and after that we went to write. It was fun to be there writing. We really know how to write, and we got paper, markers and pencils. We really like spring and it's pretty. But in spring, it seems like half are allergic to pollen and the other half have other allergies. We wrote things like: Roses are red and violets are pink; April flowers and spring showers; I like

to ride my bike in the spring.

— **Sam Hutt, Elliott Brown and Felipe Ralda,** *kindergartners*


Wilson High School

Last week at Wilson, sophomores and freshmen completed the D.C. Comprehensive Assessment System tests, or DC-CAS. In an effort to increase student participation, Wilson's principal, Pete Cahall, issued new restrictions on students who do not complete their assigned assessments. In the Weekly Beacon Bulletin, Cahall wrote, "Any scholar who does not complete [his or her] assessment will NOT be eligible to participate on any athletic team next year."

Additionally, in order to boost motivation among the testers, daily raffles were held giving out prizes ranging from gift cards to prom tickets. During the three days of testing, juniors and seniors were exempt from school, the idea being that they could complete community service hours, or students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes could review with their teachers before the next set of exams — the AP tests are mandatory for students enrolled in AP classes. Those exams will be held May 6 through 17 everywhere in the U.S.

— **Maggie Menditto,** *12th-grader*

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Wednesday MAY 1

Book sale

■ Turning the Page's 12th annual Carpe Librum used-book sale will feature more than 50,000 books, CDs and DVDs. 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free admission. 1030 17th St. NW. turningthepage.org. The sale will continue daily through May 15.

Children's programs

■ Librarians will celebrate May Day with music, maypole dancing and garland-making. 4 p.m. Free. Watha T. Daniel-Shaw Library, 1630 7th St. NW. 202-727-1288.
■ Young astronomers and their families will get an introduction to the night sky. 4 p.m. Free. Rock Creek Park Nature Center and Planetarium, 5200 Glover Road NW. 202-895-6070.

Concerts

■ In honor of Music in Our Schools Month, students from Matthew Henson Middle School and W.T. Woodson High School will perform. 6 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ The Washington Performing Arts Society will present a concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra with violinist Hilary Hahn. 8 p.m. \$35 to \$105. Concert Hall, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ As part of the 14th annual Washington Jewish Music Festival, Israeli vocalist Mika Kami will perform with Kol Dodi, an ensemble of Israeli, Moroccan, Yemenite and Ethiopian musicians that combines traditional Jewish melodies with African ethnic rhythms. 8 p.m. \$15 to \$20. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW. 800-745-3000.



■ New York-based jazz and world music collective TriBeCaStan will perform. 8 p.m. \$10. Twins Jazz, 1344 U St. NW. twinsjazz.com.

Discussions and lectures

■ Panelists will discuss the late historian Stanley Karnow and his role in helping the American public understand Southeast Asia. 5 p.m. Free; reservations required. Kenney Auditorium, Nitze Building, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, 1740 Massachusetts Ave. NW. conta.cc/1114y2H.

■ Maria Klawe, president of Harvey Mudd College, will discuss strategies for increasing diversity in the science, technology, engineering and math workforce. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Free; reservations required. Room 602, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 1957 E St. NW. spi@gwu.edu.

■ Panelists will discuss "Should We Forget the Past? Overcoming Historical Grievances During Transition." 5:30 p.m. Free; reservations required. Room 500, Bernstein-Offit Building, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, 1717 Massachusetts Ave. NW. rsvp@ipsinstitute.org.

■ Film, television and stage actor Gregory Jbara, star of the hit CBS drama "Blue Bloods" and winner of the 2009 Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical for "Billy Elliot," will discuss his career in an interview with WUSA9 anchor J.C. Hayward.



Reception at 6:30 p.m.; program at 7 p.m. Free; reservations required. Grand Oaks, 5901 MacArthur Blvd. NW. 202-349-3400.

■ Jamaican author and performer Staceyann Chin will speak as part of a new series at Busboys and Poets about gender and sexuality. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$5 donation suggested. Langston Room, Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW. 202-387-7638.

■ "Sustaining Hope in the Face of Climate Change" will offer a theological response to climate change while highlighting current scientific data. 7 p.m. Free; reservations requested. St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, 16th and H streets NW. sustaininghope-eorg.eventbrite.com. The discussion will contin-

ue Thursday at 2 p.m. with round-table conversations featuring national and international climate change leaders.

■ Letty Cottin Pogrebin will discuss her book "How to Be a Friend to a Friend Who's Sick." 7 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Former Washington Post foreign correspondent and editor John Burgess will discuss his historical novel "A Woman of Angkor," set in 12th-century Cambodia during the golden age of the lost civilization that built Angkor Wat. 7 p.m. Free. Tenley-Friendship Library, 4450 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-727-1488.

■ Atef Gendy, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, and the Rev. Nancy Fox, chair of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Egypt Outreach Network, will discuss "After the Revolution: Following Jesus in Egypt." 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Stone Fellowship Hall, National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave. NW. 202-537-7527.

■ Author and inventor Temple Grandin will talk about her book "The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum," about the latest science on autism. 7:30 p.m. \$12. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW. 877-987-6487.

■ Chilean author Isabel Allende will discuss her novel "Portrait in Sepia" and her other writing in a conversation with National Geographic Traveler's Don George. 7:30 p.m. \$20 to \$22. Grosvenor Auditorium, National Geographic, 1600 M St. NW. 202-857-7700.



Films

■ The National Gallery of Art will screen movies by filmmaker and movie illusionist Georges Méliès. 2 p.m. Free. East Building Auditorium, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-737-4215. The films will be shown again Thursday and Friday at 12:30 p.m.

■ The Freer Gallery will screen the 2011 documentary "My Father's House," about an African community in China, and host a discussion by Howard University visiting professor Yoon Jung Park. 7 p.m. Free. Meyer Auditorium, Freer Gallery of Art, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW.



Wednesday, MAY 1

■ **Discussion:** Natasha Tretheway, U.S. poet laureate, will discuss "Necessary Utterance: Poetry as Cultural Force." 7 p.m. Free. Coolidge Auditorium, Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, 10 1st St. SE. 202-707-5394.

202-633-1000.

■ The Avalon Docs series will feature Stephen Vittoria's 2012 film "Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary." A question-and-answer session with the director will follow. 8 p.m. \$8.50 to \$11.50. Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-966-6000.

Meeting

■ The Petworth Bibliophiles' Book Club will discuss "Contenders: Stories" by Terence Winch. 7:30 p.m. Free. Petworth Library, 4200 Kansas Ave. NW. 202-243-1188.

Performances

■ The collective LYGO D.C. will present a stand-up comedy show featuring Haywood Turnipseed Jr., Jamel Johnson and Ayanna Dookie. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$10. The Codmother, 1334 U St. NW. lygodc.com.

■ Opera Lafayette will present choreographer Seán Curran's semi-staged production of Charpentier's opera "Actéon" with a cast of seven vocalists and a chamber ensemble. 7:30 p.m. \$55 to \$70. Terrace Theater, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600. The performance will repeat Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

■ Busboys and Poets will host an open mic poetry night. 9 to 11 p.m. \$5. Cullen Room, Busboys and Poets, 1025 5th St. NW. 202-789-2227.

Readings

■ Natasha Tretheway, U.S. poet laureate, will host a reading by Marilyn Chin, Brenda Shaughnessy, Patricia Smith, Brian Turner and Kevin Young on the theme of "Necessary Utterance: Poetry as Cultural Force." 4 p.m. Free. Coolidge Auditorium, Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, 10 1st St. SE. 202-707-5394.

■ Poet Doug Lang and his students, past and present, will read and celebrate his writing. 7 p.m. \$10 to \$15. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW. 202-639-1700.

Special event

■ A wine tasting will spotlight wines from the Bordeaux region of France. 7 p.m. \$70; reservations required. Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Road NW. frenchembassywinetastings.eventbrite.com.

Thursday MAY 2

Concerts

■ The D.C. Public Library will present a chamber music concert. Noon. Free. Room A-5, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-1291.

■ George Washington University's Troubadours, a coed a cappella group, will perform at the "First Thursday" monthly music program. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Free. First Congregational United Church of Christ, 10th and G streets NW. 202-628-4317.

■ In honor of Music in Our Schools Month, the Potomac Falls High School Guitar Quartet and the Yorktown High School Jazz Band will perform. 6 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ Children's musician John Henry will perform a weekly concert. 6 to 7 p.m. Free. Broad Branch Market, 5608 Broad Branch Road NW. 202-249-8551.

■ The National Symphony Orchestra and cellist Alisa Weilerstein will perform works by Elgar and Shostakovich. 7 p.m. \$10 to \$85. Concert Hall, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600. The performance will repeat Saturday at 8 p.m.

■ As part of the 14th annual Washington Jewish Music Festival, The Maccabeats of Yeshiva University will perform. 7 p.m. \$15 to \$50. Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, 6045 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

■ The Jasper String Quartet will perform music by Beethoven, Kernis and Schubert. 7:30 p.m. Free; tickets required. Meyer Auditorium, Freer Gallery of Art, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW. 202-633-1000.

■ Filipino-American hip-hop group SNRG will perform. 9 to 11 p.m. Free. Langston Room, Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW. 202-387-7638.

Discussions and lectures

■ Charles Vess will talk about his children's book "The Cats of Tanglewood Forest." 10:30 a.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Middle East expert Juan Cole will discuss the issue of statelessness among Palestinians. 12:30 to 2 p.m. Free. The Palestine Center, 2425 Virginia Ave. NW. 202-338-1290.

■ Saskia Sassen, professor of sociology. See **Events**/Page 29

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gy at Columbia University, will discuss "An Emerging Urban Global Geopolitics: Will Global Cities Matter More Than Their Countries?" 4 p.m. Free; reservations required. Room 806, Rome Building, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, 1619 Massachusetts Ave. NW. reischauer@jhu.edu.

■ Cold War historian Will Hitchcock will discuss "The Ike Age: Eisenhower, America and the World of the 1950s." 4 p.m. Free. Room 119, Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, 10 1st St. SE. 202-707-5502.

■ Panelists will discuss "Francis I: A New Pope for a Globalized World?" 5 p.m. Free. Room 500, Bernstein-Offit Building, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, 1717 Massachusetts Ave. NW. sais-jhu.edu.

■ Activist Stewart Acuff will discuss his book "Playing Bigger Than You Are: A Life in Organizing." 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Langston Room, Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW. 202-387-7638.

■ Rudolph Herzog will discuss his book "A Short History of Nuclear Folly." 7 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Eve Ensler, known for her best-selling book and show "The Vagina Monologues," will discuss her new memoir, "In the Body of the World." 7 p.m. \$27 for a ticket and book. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW. tinyurl.com/ensler-event.

Meeting

■ The Mystery Book Group will discuss "Frozen Assets" by Quentin Bates. 6:30 p.m. Free. Barnes & Noble, 555 12th St. NW. 202-347-0176.

Performances

■ The Maru Montero Dance Company will perform Mexican and Latin American folk dances. 1:30 p.m. Free. Cleveland Park Library, 3310 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-282-3080.

■ National Presbyterian School will present its spring musical, "Annie KIDS." 6:30 p.m. \$5. Stone Hall, National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave. NW. 202-537-7500. *The performance will repeat Friday at 6:30 p.m.*

■ Comedian Anthony Jeselnik will perform. 7 p.m. \$25. Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW. 800-745-3000.

■ Patagonia, SpeakeasyDC and the Rock Creek Conservancy will present an "Into the Wild" themed storytelling night. 8 p.m. \$10 to \$20 suggested donation; registration requested. Patagonia, 1048 Wisconsin Ave. NW. tinyurl.com/wild-storytelling.

Special event

■ "Phillips After 5" will feature a jazz performance by the Marshall Keys Quartet; a "Hamptons Getaway" event featuring a chance to collaborate on a group splatter painting, taste frozen custard creations and view an animated short paying homage to Jackson Pollock; and a gallery talk about "Cradle of Abstract Expressionism: Pollock and Ossorio in East Hampton." 5 to 8:30 p.m. \$10 to \$12; reservations suggested. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. phillipscollection.org/events.

Friday MAY 3

Children's programs

■ The Rock Creek Park Nature Center will introduce kids to its live animals. 4 p.m. Free. Rock Creek Park Nature Center and Planetarium, 5200 Glover Road NW.

202-895-6070. *The program will repeat May 10 at 4 p.m.*

■ As part of the Kids World Cinema program, a Family Movie Night will show American and Canadian short films featuring birds and other fantastical flying creatures. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free; reservations required. Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW. 202-686-5807.

Concerts

■ The Friday Morning Music Club will present a concert of works by Maiko Chiba, Jackson Berkey and Schoenfeld. Noon. Free. Calvary Baptist Church, 755 8th St. NW. 202-333-2075.

■ Organist Ines Maidre of Norway will perform works by Bach, Peeter Suda, Guy Bovet, Margeris Zarins and Peter Planyavsky. 12:15 p.m. Free. National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW. 202-797-0103.

■ Kennedy Center and National Symphony Orchestra music director Christoph Eschenbach will perform with guest violinist Ye Eun Choi (shown) 6 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ Pianist Cornelia Herrmann will perform music by Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and Ehrenfellner. 7:30 p.m. Free; reservations required. Embassy of Austria, 3524 International Court NW. acfdc.org.

■ National Symphony Orchestra's Christoph Eschenbach will conduct a program with music by Shchedrin, Schnittke and Shostakovich. 8 p.m. \$10 to \$85. Concert Hall, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ Orchestra 2001, featuring soprano Ann Crumb and baritone Patrick Mason, will perform works by George Crumb and the world premiere of "Slow Summer Stay II: Lakes" by Chaya Czernowin. 8 p.m. Free; tickets required. Coolidge Auditorium, Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, 10 1st St. SE. 202-707-5502.

Discussions and lectures

■ Performer Jimmie Walker will discuss his memoir "Dynamite!: Good Times, Bad Times, Our Times." Noon. Free. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th streets NW. 202-357-5000.

■ As part of the "Live to Read" program on the civil rights movement and the watershed year of 1963, Anthony Grooms will discuss his book "Bombingham," about a soldier in Vietnam who likens the violence of war to his experiences as a young man growing up in Birmingham, Ala. Noon. Free. Great Hall, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. dclibrary.org/livetoread.

■ Rutgers University associate professor Lena Struwe will lecture on medicinal plants. Noon to 1 p.m. Free; registration required. Conservatory Classroom, U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. 202-225-8333.

■ Northwest Neighbors Village and Ingleside at Rock Creek will present a talk by Avrom Bendavid-Val, author of "The Heavens Are Empty: Discovering the Lost Town of Trochenbrod." 3 to 5 p.m. Free; reservations required. Ingleside at Rock



Friday, MAY 3

■ **Concert:** The Embassy Series will present violinist Anja Bukovec (shown) and pianist George Peachey. 7:30 p.m. \$100. Embassy of Slovenia, 2410 California St. NW. tinyurl.com/bukovec-concert.

Creek, 3050 Military Road NW. 202-237-1895.

■ Author Rory Freedman and Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine director of government affairs Elizabeth Kucinich will celebrate the launch of Freedman's book "Beg: A Radical New Way of Regarding Animals." 6 p.m. Free. Books-A-Million, 11 Dupont Circle NW. 202-319-1374.

■ As part of the "Live to Read" program on the civil rights movement and the watershed year of 1963, the Humanities Council of Washington, DC, will present a talk by Anthony Grooms, author of the novel "Bombingham." 6 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Cullen Room, Busboys and Poets, 1025 5th St. NW. 202-789-2227.

■ Eve Ensler, known for her best-selling book and show "The Vagina Monologues," will discuss her new memoir, "In the Body of the World." 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW.

202-387-7638.

■ Middle East expert Vali Nasr, dean of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, will discuss his book "The Dispensable Nation: American Foreign Policy in Retreat." 7 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.



Festivals

■ The annual Potomac Bonsai Festival will feature demonstrations, exhibits, vendors, a juried show, children's activities and the collections of the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NE. 202-245-4523. *The festival will continue Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

■ The Washington National Cathedral will host its 74th annual Flower Mart spring festival, celebrating "America the Beautiful" and featuring music, floral and art displays, vendors, children's games and food. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-537-2228. *The event will continue Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

Meeting

■ A weekly bridge group will meet to play duplicate bridge. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free. Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave. NW. 301-654-1865.

Performances

■ The Maru Montero Dance Company will perform Mexican and Latin American folk dances. 11 a.m. Free. Tenley-Friendship Library, 4450 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-727-1488.

■ The Maru Montero Dance Company will perform Mexican and Latin American folk dances. 4 p.m. Free. Mount Pleasant

Library, 3160 16th St. NW. 202-671-3121.

■ Word Dance Theater and Georgetown University's Davis Performing Arts Center will present "Once Wild," a play and dance performance about American dancer Isadora Duncan's time in Russia. 8 p.m. \$10 to \$25. Gonda Theatre, Davis Performing Arts Center, Georgetown University, 37th and O streets NW. 202-687-2787. *The performance will repeat Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.*



■ The U.S. Marine Corps will host a weekly Friday Evening Parade with music and precision marching. 8:45 to 10 p.m. Free; reservations required. Marine Barracks, 8th and I streets SE. 202-433-6060.

Services

■ As part of the Washington Jewish Music Festival, the Temple Micah Youth Choir will perform at a festive Shabbat service, followed by dinner. 6 p.m. Free. Temple Micah, 2829 Wisconsin Ave. NW. washingtondjcc.org.

■ As part of the Washington Jewish Music Festival, Keshet Israel will host a Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat service. 7:55 p.m. Free. Keshet Israel, 2801 N St. NW. washingtondjcc.org.

Saturday MAY 4

Book sale

■ Friends of the Georgetown Library will hold its spring used-book sale, with special offerings such as the complete works of Freud, significant books about Washington and a large collection of art and gardening books. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Georgetown Library, 3260 R St. NW. 202-727-0232.

Book signing

■ Mark Morrow will sign copies of his *See Events/Page 30*

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book "Dangerous Children." 1 to 3 p.m. Free admission. Pound the Hill, 621 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. 202-621-6765.

Children's programs

■ "Saturday Morning at the National" will feature magician Brian Curry. 9:30 and 11 a.m. Free; tickets required. Helen Hayes Gallery, National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. 202-783-3372.

■ The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library will celebrate the "Star Wars" movies with themed activities, and hand out comics as part of Free Comic Book Day. Noon. Free. Teen Space, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-0321.

■ The Rock Creek Park Planetarium will present a program about the spring night sky, and later will lead a presentation about space phenomena. 1 and 4 p.m. Free. Rock Creek Park Nature Center and Planetarium, 5200 Glover Road NW. 202-895-6070. *The programs will repeat Sunday at the same times.*

■ The Textile Museum will teach kids how to make magnets with the Tree of Life, a common motif in Southeast Asian arts. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Textile Museum, 2320 S St. NW. 202-667-0441, ext. 64.

■ "Kids World Cinema" will feature films from China and Germany, followed by a related craft activity (for ages 3 through 9). 2 to 4 p.m. Free; reservations required. Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW. rsvp@washington.goethe.org.

■ The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library will celebrate El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) with an interactive musical children's show. 3 p.m. Free. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-0321.

Classes and workshops

■ The Rev. Edgar Palacios will lead a workshop on "Nonviolent Action: Concept and Practice," presented by Global Peace Services USA. 1 to 5 p.m. Free; reservations required by Thursday. Location near the Takoma Metro station; details provided upon registration. 202-216-9886.

■ Linguist Abbas Mousavi will teach a four-part course on Arabic calligraphy. 2 to 3 p.m. \$45; reservations required. The Palestine Center, 2425 Virginia Ave. NW.

202-338-1290. *The class will continue May 11, June 1 and June 8.*

Concerts

■ Guitarist Julian Lage will lead a jazz master class. 10:30 a.m. \$12. Theater Lab, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ The National Symphony Orchestra will present the children's concert "Teddy and the Ten Hats." 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$18. Family Theater, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ The Washington Performing Arts Society will present a musical program by the Carducci



String Quartet. 2 p.m. \$35. Terrace Theater, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ A preview of musical highlights from the Washington National Opera's new production of "Show Boat" will feature cast members and participants in the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program. 6 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ The ensembles Carmina and Illuminare will present "Venetian Reflections," featuring Steven Alan Honley on the organ and Harlan and Rebecca Bittner on recorders. 8 p.m. \$15 to \$20. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 301 A St. SE. 202-543-0053, ext. 303.

Discussions and lectures

■ Local author Diane S. Nine will discuss her book "Get Published: A Guide to Literary Tips, Traps & Truth." 2 p.m. Free. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-0321.

■ University of Pennsylvania professor Adrian Raine will discuss his book "The Anatomy of Violence: The Biological Roots of Crime." 3:30 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Economist Cass R. Sunstein will discuss his book "Simpler: The Future of Government." 6 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ The Dupont Circle Village's "Celeb Salon" speaker series will feature an intimate conversation with Stephanie Kenyon, an auctioneer and appraiser of art, antiques and collectibles. 7 p.m. \$75; reservations required. Location provided upon



Saturday, MAY 4

■ **Concert:** Pianist and composer Haskell Small will perform works by Mozart, Holst and Hovhanness, as well as the premiere of his own composition "A Glimpse of Silence." 8 p.m. Free. Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, 1 Westmoreland Circle. 301-320-2770.

registration.dupontcirclevillage.org.

■ New York Times columnist Mark Bittman will share healthy recipes and discuss his book "VB6: Eat Vegan Before 6:00 to Lose Weight and Restore Your Health ... for Good." 7:30 p.m. \$18. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW. 877-987-6487.



Fairs and festivals

■ An Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Family Festival will feature presentations by local writers and a spoken-word artist, as well as art activities, gallery tours, curator conversations and a scavenger hunt. 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-633-1000.

■ "LAMB Community Day" will feature games, face painting, food, music, a mini-museum and other activities. Noon to 4 p.m. Free. Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School, 1357 Missouri Ave. NW. 202-726-6200.

■ A family festival on the lower grounds

of the Armed Forces Retirement Home will feature a naturalist walking tour, carnival games, toy boat races on the pond, food trucks, DC Brau microbrew selections and jazz performances by the Nicole Saphos Group and by Herb Spice and the Cinnamonstix. 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission. Rock Creek Church Road and Randolph Street NW. friendsofsoldiers.org.

Films

■ "The World's Most Provocative Programs: Television Out of the Box" will feature selections from the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Spain. 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free; reservations required. Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW. rsvp@washington.goethe.org.

■ Artist Zoe Beloff will present two of her films, "Shadow Land or Light From the Other Side" and "Charming Augustine." 2 and 4 p.m. Free. West Building Lecture Hall, National Gallery of Art, 6th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-842-6941.

Performances

■ CityDance and the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities will present performances by top ballet and contemporary companies. Proceeds will benefit CityDance's after-school program. 7 p.m. \$20 to \$35. Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW. citydance.net. *The performance will repeat Sunday at 4 p.m.*

■ The Pan American Symphony Orchestra's "Tango," featuring an ensemble of Grammy Award-winning musicians and international cast of dancers, will give the final performance of the DC Tango Festival. 8 p.m. \$30 to \$45. Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University, 730 21st St. NW. 202-994-6800.

■ The Denver-based Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble will perform a body of work inspired by African-American dance and spiritual traditions. 8 p.m. \$8 to \$22. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE. 202-269-1600. *The performance will repeat Sunday at 7 p.m.*

■ As part of the Washington Jewish Music Festival, Girls in Trouble frontwoman Alicia Jo Rabins will present "A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff," a musical performance inspired by interviews with FBI agents and Madoff victims. 9 p.m. \$15 to \$20. Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

Reading

■ Poets David Keplinger and Judith Harris will read from their work. 1 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

Special events

■ "HerbDay" — a look at the significance of herbs in our lives — will feature demonstrations and activities. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Conservatory, U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. 202-225-8333.

■ More than 20 high school slam

teams will compete in the two-day 2013 "Louder Than a Bomb-DMV Teen Poetry Slam Festival," organized by the nonprofit Split This Rock. Saturday's events will include preliminary rounds (at 2 and 4 p.m.) and an open mic performance featuring Malcolm London (at 7 p.m.). \$5 per event; \$10 for an all-day pass. Phillips Hall, George Washington University, 801 22nd St. NW. Itabdmv.tumblr.com. *The competition will continue Sunday.*

■ In recognition of National Fitness Month, the group YouthSpire will host a "Spring Into Fitness Zuma Day Party." Noon to 2 p.m. \$15 to \$20. Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th St. NW. zumbadayparty.eventbrite.com.

■ The group Living Labyrinths for Peace will present a "Mirror of Orion and Skywalker Labyrinth," built by Mayan native Ac Tah and designed to bring peace and liberation to everyone who enters. 1 to 4 p.m. Free. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, near Constitution Avenue and Henry Bacon Drive NW. livinglabyrinthsforpeace.org.

■ The 31st Parkmont Poetry Festival Awards Ceremony and Poetry Reading will spotlight the creative talents of D.C. middle and secondary school students. 2 p.m. Free. Parkmont School, 4842 16th St. NW. 202-726-0740, ext. 306.

■ The 33rd annual PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction ceremony will feature readings by winner Benjamin Alire Sáenz (shown), author of "Everything Begins and Ends at the Kentucky Club," and finalists



Amelia Gray, Laird Hunt, T. Geronimo Johnson and Thomas Mallon. A seated dinner reception will follow. 7 p.m. \$125. Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE. 202-544-7077.

Walks and tours

■ The Hilltopp 5K Run 4 Kids will raise funds for an annual cookout for local children. 8:05 a.m. \$15. 227 Upshur St. NW. 202-290-9423.

■ Melanie Choukas-Bradley, author of "City of Trees," will lead a spring tree tour of the U.S. Capitol grounds. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free; registration required. Conservatory Terrace, U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. 202-225-8333.

■ Dorothy Moss, assistant curator of painting and sculpture at the National Portrait Gallery, will lead a tour of the special exhibition featuring the 48 finalists in the 2013 Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition. 2 p.m. Free. National Portrait Gallery, 8th and F streets NW. 202-633-1000.

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Children's programs

■ The Washington Jewish Music Festival will present a day of free outdoor
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Kreeger Museum to host large-scale Dreyfuss sculptures

“Inventions,” featuring large-scale contemporary sculptures by John L.

Dreyfuss that draw on ancient and primal references, will open today around the new reflecting pool at the **Kreeger Museum** and remain on view for four years.

Located at 2401 Foxhall Road NW, the museum is open Friday and Saturday from 10

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a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday for tours by reservation. Admission costs \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students; it is free for ages 12 and younger. 202-337-3050, ext. 10.

■ “Ain’t That America ...,” presenting resin-drip paintings by Gian Garofalo composed in varied color palettes, will open tomorrow at **Long View Gallery** with a reception from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It will continue through June 2.

Located at 1234 9th St. NW, the gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. 202-232-4788.

■ **Touchstone Gallery** will open two shows Friday and continue them through June 2.

“Life Is Too Serious III” features colorful new paintings by Marcia Coppel based on her loose whimsical gesture drawings.

“A Dip in the Blue” presents paintings by gallery artists on a blue theme.

An opening reception will take place Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and a “Third Thursday” reception will be held May 16 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Previews will be offered today and tomorrow during regular gallery hours.

Located at 901 New York Ave. NW, the gallery is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. 202-347-2787.

■ “Sigil,” a group show, will open Saturday at **Addison/Ripley Fine Art** and continue through June 29. Featured are artists W.C. Richardson, Maggie Michael, Robin Rose, Andrea Way, Joan Belmar, Tom Green, Joe White and Renee Butler.

An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Located at 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW, the

gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 202-338-5180.

■ “Koen Vanmechelen: Leaving Paradise,” presenting new works by Belgian artist Vanmechelen that feature live chickens and include sculpture, photography, installations and video, will open Saturday at **Connersmith** and continue through June 29.

An opening reception will take place Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m., preceded by an artist’s talk at 5 p.m.

Located at 1358 Florida Ave. NE, the gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 202-588-8750.

■ “Keeping Promises,” a new series of paintings and mixed-media pieces by Petworth artist Kelli Duvall Smith based on the Middle East, will open Saturday with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Heritage Room at **Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School**. The exhibit may also be viewed May 5 through 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Georgetown Visitation is located at 1524 35th St. NW. 202-337-3350.

■ “Connect 4,” featuring works by local artists Brian Davis and Nekisha Durrett, will



Sculptor John L. Dreyfuss and Kreeger Museum director Judy A. Greenberg stand between two of the newly installed pieces.

open Monday in the Great Hall of the **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library** and continue through June 9.

An artists’ reception will take place Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Located at 901 G St. NW, the library is open Monday and Tuesday from noon to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. 202-727-0321.

WNO to produce American classic ‘Show Boat’

The **Washington National Opera** will present a new production of Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II’s “Show Boat” May 4 through 26 in the

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Kennedy Center Opera House.

More than 100 singers, actors and dancers will tell the tale of a troupe of riverboat performers as they make their way through the decades, and a 50-piece orchestra will play the legendary score. Washington National Opera artistic director Francesca Zambello directs the company premiere of one of the first true American operas.

Performance times vary. Tickets start at \$25. 202-467-4600; kennedy-center.org.

■ **Constellation Theatre Company** will stage “Gilgamesh” May 2 through June 2 at Source.

Part god and part man, King Gilgamesh races the sun and journeys to the end of the Earth on his epic quest for immortality. Allison Arkell Stockman directs the ancient tale, with poetry by Pulitzer Prize winner Yusef Komunyakaa and concept and dramaturgy by Chad Gracia.

Performance times are generally 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost \$25 to \$35. Source is located at 1835 14th St. NW. 202-204-4471; constellationtheatre.org.

■ The **Keegan Theatre** will present the Broadway musical “The Full Monty” May 4 through June 1 at the Church Street Theater.

Based on a 1997 British film of the same name, “The Full Monty” follows six down-on-their-luck steelworkers who are desperately



The Washington National Opera will perform the American classic ‘Show Boat’ May 4 through 26 in the Kennedy Center Opera House.

seeking employment and a paycheck to support their families. The Americanized stage version features a book by Terrence McNally and a score by David Yazbek.

Performance times are generally 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets cost \$35 to \$40. The Church Street Theater is located at 1742 Church St. NW. 703-892-0202; keegantheatre.com.

■ The **Washington Ballet** will stage the world premiere of “Hemingway: The Sun Also Rises” May 8 through 12 in the Kennedy Center’s Eisenhower Theater.

Through the vision and choreography of Septime Webre, this exploration of the American classic brings Ernest Hemingway’s vivid imagery to the stage through dance. The story follows an American journalist, Jake Barnes, from the seedy cafe life of Paris to the thrilling “running of the bulls” at the Pamplona Festival.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and

1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost \$25 to \$125. 202-467-4600; kennedy-center.org.

■ **Arena Stage** will stage the world premiere of Tazewell Thompson’s “Mary T. & Lizzy K.,” the first production of Arena Stage’s “American President’s Project,” through May 5 in the Kogod Cradle.

Performance times are generally 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost \$40 to \$85. Arena Stage is located at 1101 6th St. SW. 202-488-3300; arenastage.org.

■ **Theater J** will close Ari Roth’s comedy “Andy and the Shadows” May 5 at the Washington DC Jewish Community Center.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$35. The Washington DC Jewish Community Center is located at 1529 16th St. NW. 800-494-8497; theaterj.org.

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concerts and activities for children. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Stead Park, 1625 P St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

■ "PaikBot Family Day" will celebrate the Korean holiday for kids and family with special activities in conjunction with the exhibit "Nam June Paik: Global Visionary." 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Smithsonian American Art Museum, 8th and G streets NW. americanart.si.edu/calendar.

■ The ImaginAsia program will feature an examination of gold and silver objects from ancient Iran, followed by a pendant-making workshop. 2 p.m. Free. Sackler Gallery, 1050 Independence Ave. SW. 202-633-1000.

Classes and workshops

■ The Dumbarton House will host an introductory workshop about edible herbs. 1 to 3 p.m. \$15 to \$20. Belle Vue Ballroom, Dumbarton House, 2715 Q St. NW. dumbartonhouse.org.

■ A conference and workshop will focus on "Ancient Mayan Perspective" and "Applied Mayan Science for Personal Development and the Creation of World Peace." 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. \$10 to \$30. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW. livinglabyrinthforpeace.org.

Concerts

■ Music Festival Sunday will celebrate the heritage of African-American spirituals. 11 a.m. Free. St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, 16th and H streets NW. 202-347-8766.

■ Children's entertainer Raffi will perform as part of a concert tour after a 10-year absence from the stage. 1 p.m. \$30 to \$65. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW. 202-783-4000.

■ The Pomerium Renaissance Choir will perform. 4 p.m. \$20; reservations suggested. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. phillipscollection.org/music.

■ The Beau Soir Ensemble will perform works by Debussy, Glass, Krouse, Rose, Bach, Villa-Lobos and Ravel. 5 p.m. Free. Church of the Annunciation, 3810 Massachusetts Ave. NW. 202-441-7678.

■ The professional Choir of Christ Church will perform the music of Philip Radcliffe, Thomas Tallis and John Rutter. 5 p.m. Free. Christ Church, Georgetown, 31st and O streets NW. 202-333-6677.

■ Organist Ines Maidre of Norway will perform. 5:15 p.m. \$10 donation suggested. Washington National Cathedral, 3101

Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-537-2228.

■ Students in the University of Maryland Musical Theatre Workshop will perform classics from the Broadway stage. 6 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ Dahlak Restaurant will present its weekly "DC Jazz Jam" session. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 1771 U St. NW. 202-527-9522.

■ The National Gallery of Art Orchestra with guest conductor Paul Badura-Skoda. 6:30 p.m. Free. West Garden Court, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-842-6941.

■ The Smithsonian Chamber Music Society will present "Masterworks of Three Centuries," featuring music by Dohnanyi, Beethoven and Purcell. A lecture by the society's music director, Kenneth Slowik, will precede the concert. Lecture at 6:30 p.m.; concert at 7:30 p.m. \$28. Warner Bros. Theater, National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-633-3030.

■ The Washington International Chorus will perform its spring concert, featuring works of poetry set to music. A wine and dessert reception will follow. 7:30 p.m. Free; \$15 donation suggested. The United Church, 1920 G St. NW. 202-236-3743.

■ The 2013 Kennedy Center Spring Gala will present music from "My Fair Lady" performed in concert. 8 p.m. \$49 to \$175. Concert Hall, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

Discussions and lectures

■ Rabbis Shai Held and Ethan Tucker will join New Republic editor Leon Wieseltier to discuss the role of Jewish people in political affairs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$36, which includes lunch. Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

■ Stuart Bowen, special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction since 2004, will discuss his work ensuring effective oversight of the \$63 billion appropriated for Iraq's relief and reconstruction. 10 a.m. Free. St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, 16th and H streets NW. 202-347-8766.

■ Joe Alonso, head stonemason at the Washington National Cathedral, and Jim Shepherd, the new director of preservation and facilities at the Cathedral, will discuss the progress of restoration efforts after the August 2011 earthquake. 10:10 a.m. Free. Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-537-2228.



Sunday, MAY 5

■ **Concert:** The Marquis Ensemble — featuring pianist Diane Winter Pyles, saxophonist Paul Tucker and cellist Igor Zubkovsky (shown) — will perform works by Beethoven, Schumann, Piazzolla, Liszt and others. 3 p.m. Free. Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Ave. NW. 202-363-4900.

■ As part of the "Live to Read" program on the civil rights movement and the watershed year of 1963, author Maurice Jackson, writer Carol McCabe Booker and journalist Simeon Booker will discuss the role D.C. played in the movement. 11 a.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ The Literary Hill BookFest will feature talks and signings by Janine Spendlove, Tom Dunkel, Garrett Peck, Linda Killian, Mike Canning, Beth Kanter, Emily Goodstein and Tim Krepp. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. North Hall, Eastern Market, 225 7th St. SE. literaryhillbookfest.org.

■ Novelist Nadeem Aslam will discuss his book "The Blind Man's Garden." 1 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ The Dupont Circle Village's "Celeb Salon" speaker series will feature an intimate conversation with former Washington Post restaurant critic Phyllis Richman. 1 p.m. \$75; reservations required. Location provided upon registration. dupontcircle.org.

■ Barry Bergdoll, chief curator of architecture and design at the Museum of Modern Art and professor of modern architectural history at Columbia University, will discuss "Conflicting Visions: Commerce, Diplomacy, and Persuasion." 2 p.m. Free. East Building Auditorium, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue

NW. 202-737-4215.

■ Artist Zoe Beloff will discuss her two recent installation projects at the National Gallery of Art. 4:30 p.m. Free. East Building Auditorium, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-737-4215.

■ Busboys and Poets will feature a monthly discussion about race. 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Langston Room, Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW. 202-387-7638.

■ Pamela Olson will discuss her book "Fast Times in Palestine: A Love Affair With a Homeless Homeland." 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Cullen Room, Busboys and Poets, 1025 5th St. NW. 202-789-2227.

■ Author Elizabeth Wein will present her young adult book "Code Name Verity." 5 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Political economist Gar Alperovitz will discuss his book "What Then Must We Do? Straight Talk About the Next American Revolution." 5 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

Festival

■ The Maru Montero Dance Company will host its annual National Cinco de Mayo Festival, featuring dance performances, children's activities, a Mexican market and Latin American cuisine. Noon to 6 p.m. Free admission. National Mall between 8th and 12th streets. marumontero.com.

Films

■ Director Luo Li will host a screening of his 2013 film "Emperor Visits the Hell." 1 p.m. Free. Meyer Auditorium, Freer Gallery of Art, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW. 202-633-1000.

■ The Rock Creek Park planetarium will screen "Black Holes: the Edge of Infinity." 2 p.m. Free. Rock Creek Park Nature Center and Planetarium, 5200 Glover Road NW. 202-895-6070.

■ The Freer Gallery's "Revolutionary Cinema of Ritwik Ghatak" series will feature the 1961 film "E-Flat," about Indian rival theater groups struggling to collaborate. 4 p.m. Free. Meyer Auditorium, Freer Gallery of Art, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW. 202-633-1000.

Performances

■ The collective LYGO D.C. will present a stand-up comedy show featuring Nate Johnson and Greg Stevens. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$10. Desperados, 1342 U St. NW. lygodc.com.

■ Comedians Tig Notaro, Kyle Dunnigan and David Huntsberger will host their science-themed podcast "Professor Blastoff." 8 p.m. \$15 to \$25. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW. 877-987-6487.

Special events

■ "Yoga on the Mall" will feature an all-level outdoor yoga practice led by teachers from DC Community of Yoga and other DC Yoga Week member studios. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Constitution Gardens, Constitution Avenue between 19th and 20th streets NW. dcyogaonthemall.org.

■ Selected this year as one of 24 sites to compete for \$100,000 in restoration funds through the Partners in Preservation campaign, Sixth & I will lead tours as part of the campaign's open house weekend. Noon. Free; reservations requested. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW.

sixthandi.org.

■ The National Museum of Women in the Arts' Community Day will feature an open house, free admission and Girls Rock! DC performances. Noon to 5 p.m. Free. National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Ave. NW. 202-783-7370.

Tour

■ A tour will examine iconography in the Washington National Cathedral's sculpture, stained glass and needlework. 1:30 p.m. \$10. Washington National Cathedral, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-537-2228.

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Classes

■ The Mount Pleasant Library will host a workshop to help D.C. residents research the history of their houses. 6:30 p.m. Free. Mount Pleasant Library, 3160 16th St. NW. 202-671-3121.

■ The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library will offer a course on researching genealogy online. 6:30 p.m. Free. Room 311, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-0321.

Concerts

■ The Capella de la Torre ensemble will perform German Renaissance music. Noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Free. East Building Mezzanine, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-737-4215.

■ Belgian multi-instrumentalist Paul Oorts and his wife, Karen Ashbrook, will perform traditional instrumental music from several European countries. 6 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ The Embassy Series will present a concert by violinist Bárnabás Kelemen, violist Péter Bársony and pianist Melvin Chen. A dessert and wine reception will follow. 7:30 p.m. \$75. Embassy of Hungary, 2950 Spring of Freedom St. NW. tinyurl.com/barsony-concert.

Discussions and lectures

■ Mark Samuels Lasner, senior research fellow at the University of Delaware Library, will discuss "Useful and Beautiful: William Morris and His Books." Noon. Free. East Building Small Auditorium, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-737-4215.

■ Ed Walker, founder and CEO of ReGeneration Partners LLC and CityWorks LLC, will discuss "A Perspective on Urban Transformation in the Digital Age." 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Free; reservations required. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW. 202-272-2448.

■ Dato Paduka Haji Yusoff Haji Abdul Hamid, ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to the U.S., will speak. 3 to 5:30 p.m. Free; reservations required. School of International Service Building, American University, Nebraska and New Mexico avenues NW. 202-885-1688.

■ Gallaudet University professor Rachel M. Hartig will give a presentation on sign language pioneer Abbe de L'Epee and deaf-blind biographer Yvonne Pitrois. 6 p.m. Free. Room A-10, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-

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■ The Kingsbury Center will sponsor a talk by Ann Rowe, author of "Creating Effective Programs for Gifted Students With Learning Disabilities." 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Langston Room, Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW. 202-387-7638.

■ Designer Marianne Cusato, author of "The Just Right Home," will discuss the evolution of the American dream home — past, present and future. 6:30 to 8 p.m. \$12 to \$20; reservations required. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW. 202-272-2448.

■ Novelist James Kelman will discuss his book "Mo Said She Was Quirky." 7 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Climber Conrad Anker, naturalist Alton Beyers, writer Mark Jenkins and athlete Emily Harrington will discuss the new National Geographic book "The Call of Everest" and the 50th anniversary of the first Americans to reach the summit of Mount Everest. 7:30 p.m. \$20 to \$22. Grosvenor Auditorium, National Geographic, 1600 M St. NW. 202-857-7700.

Films

■ The Marvelous Movie Mondays

series will feature Robert Schwentke's 2009 film "The Time Traveler's Wife." 2 and 6:30 p.m. Free.

Chevy Chase Library, 5625 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-352-5225.

■ The Bread & Roses Labor Series will present a screening of "War on Whistleblowers: Free Press and the National Security State." The event will include an introduction by Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, and a discussion with whistleblower Tom Tamm, a former attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Cullen Room, Busboys and Poets, 1025 5th St. NW. 202-789-2227.

■ The "Montgomery Clift — Hollywood Enigma" series will feature John Huston's 1961 film "The Misfits," co-starring Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Eli Wallach and Thelma Ritter. 6:30 p.m. Free; tickets required. Helen Hayes Gallery, National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. 202-783-3372.

■ In honor of the 50th anniversary of the treaty establishing a lasting German-French friendship, a film series will feature Francois Truffaut's 1962 film "Jules and Jim." 6:30 p.m. \$4 to \$7. Goethe-Institut, 812 7th St. NW. 202-289-1200.

■ West End Cinema will present the Royal Ballet's production of "Alice in Wonderland." 7 p.m. \$18.80. West End Cinema, 23rd Street between M and N streets NW. 202-419-3456. The film will be shown again May 11 at 11 a.m.

■ The Washington Jewish Film Festival will present Doug Shultz's 2012 documentary "Defiant Requiem," about a group of Theresienstadt prisoners who organized a form of musical resistance during the Holocaust. 7:30 p.m. \$11. Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

■ The Washington Psychotronic Film Society will present Don Edmonds' 1980 film "Terror on Tour." 8 p.m. Donation suggested. McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. 202-

462-3356.

Meeting

■ The Chevy Chase Book Club will discuss "Henry and Clara" by Thomas Mallon. 7 p.m. Free. Chevy Chase Library, 5625 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-282-0021.

Performance

■ Playwright Liz Maestri will present a reading of "House Beautiful," a one-act she is currently developing. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Bernstein Library, Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

Tuesday MAY 7

Classes and workshops

■ Teacher and therapist Heather Ferris will lead a weekly yoga class. Noon. Free. Watha T. Daniel-Shaw Library, 1630 7th St. NW. 202-727-1288.

■ Members of Monica Bill Barnes & Company will lead a participatory, beginner-level dance class for adults. 7 p.m. \$15. Hall of Nations Rehearsal Room, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

■ The group Yoga Activist will present a weekly yoga class geared toward beginners. 7 p.m. Free. Cleveland Park Library,



Tuesday, MAY 7

■ **Discussion:** Henry J. Sienkiewicz will discuss his book "Untangled." 7 p.m. Free. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I St. NW. artsclubofwashington.org.

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Concerts

■ The Washington Bach Consort, featuring organist William Neil, will perform. 12:10 p.m. Free. Church of the Epiphany,

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■ As part of the Washington Jewish Music Festival, trumpeter Frank London (shown) and percussionist Deep Singh will perform a blend of Indian and Jewish music. 7:30 p.m. \$20 to \$25. Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.



Discussions and lectures

■ Pamela Olson will discuss her book "Fast Times in Palestine: A Love Affair with a Homeless Homeland." 12:30 to 2 p.m. Free; reservations required. The Palestine Center, 2425 Virginia Ave. NW. 202-338-1290.

■ Ian MacKaye of bands The Teen Idles, Minor Threat, Embrace, Fugazi and The Evens will discuss his music and his work as co-founder and co-owner of Dischord Records. 6 p.m. Free. Mumford

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■ A panel of George Washington University professors will discuss the changing role of development practitioners. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Room 602, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 1957 E St. NW. go.gwu.edu/IDS20thRSVP.

■ Pamela Olson will discuss her book "Fast Times in Palestine: A Love Affair With a Homeless Homeland." 6:30 p.m. Free. Barnes & Noble, 555 12th St. NW. 202-347-0176.

■ Artist, philosopher and scholar Ahmed Moustafa will discuss the art and science of Arab penmanship. 7 p.m. Free; registration suggested. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW. 202-639-1700.

■ Psychotherapist Gary Greenberg will discuss his book "The Book of Woe: The DSM and the Unmaking of Psychiatry." 7 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015

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■ Art historian Alice Jarrard will discuss "Imagining the Renaissance: Albrecht Dürer and Italy," featuring musical interludes by Capella de la Torre. 7 p.m. Free; reservations required. Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven St. NW. tinyurl.com/JarrardEmbassy.

Films

■ Alliance for Justice president Nan Aron will introduce and discuss the documentary "Unequal Justice." Luncheon at 12:15 p.m.; program at 1 p.m. \$10 to \$30. Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW. 202-232-7363.

■ The Georgetown Library will screen the 2005 documentary "March of the Penguins." 6 p.m. Free. Georgetown Library, 3260 R St. NW. 202-727-0232.

■ The Popular Film series will screen Christopher McQuarrie's 2012 movie "Jack Reacher," starring Tom Cruise. 6 p.m. Free. Room A-5, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-0321.

■ Alliance Française de Washington will screen Robert Guédiguian's 2011 film "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," followed by a discussion about the movie. 7 p.m. \$10 donation suggested. Bloombars, 3222 11th St. NW. francedc.org.

■ The Embassy of France will host a screening of Régis Roinsard's 2012 romantic comedy "Populaire." 7 p.m. Free; reservations required. Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Road NW. cinematheque07may5.eventbrite.com.

Sporting event

■ The Washington Nationals will play the Detroit Tigers. 7:05 p.m. \$5 to \$65. Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol St. SE. 888-632-6287. *The series will continue Wednesday at 7:05 p.m.*

Tours

■ Tudor Place will present a guided tour of the Georgetown estate's landscape, focusing on its Federal-period origins and changes in land use over time. 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. \$10. Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, 1644 31st St. NW. 202-965-0400.

■ Biochemist Beth Burrous will lead a tour focused on medicinal and poisonous plants. Noon to 1 p.m. Free. Conservatory Garden Court and National Garden, U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. 202-225-8333.

Wednesday MAY 8

Children's programs

■ The "Live to Read" program will host a discussion about the civil rights movement, focusing on Christopher Paul Curtis' children's book "The Watsons Go to Birmingham — 1963" (for ages 6 through 12). 4 p.m. Free. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-0321.

■ The Explorers Club will meet to learn about the five senses. 4 p.m. Free. Tenley-Friendship Library, 4450 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-727-1488.

Class

■ Instructor Shannon Ramirez will lead a yoga course in the American University Museum. 10 to 11 a.m. Free. Katzen Arts Center, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW. 202-885-1300.

Concert

■ Students from the Levine School of Music will perform. 6 p.m. Free.

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Discussions and lectures

■ Jennifer O'Connell will present her children's book "The Eye of the Whale." 10:30 a.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Gail Snider, information and referral specialist at Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, will discuss her journey with vision loss through her multimedia arts endeavors. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Room 215, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St. NW. 202-727-2142.

■ Nigerian writer A. Igoni Barrett will read from his work and discuss the state of contemporary African literature. Noon. Free. African and Middle Eastern Division, Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, 10 1st St. SE. 202-707-5394.

■ Ecologist Daniel Botkin, author of "The Moon in the Nautilus Shell: Discordant Harmonies Reconsidered," will discuss "Rethinking Nature." 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. \$18 to \$25. S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW. 202-633-3030.

■ A discussion series on "Issues of Biblical Justice" will focus on "Refugee Resettlement: When Global Crisis Becomes Local Opportunity." 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Stone Fellowship Hall, National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave. NW. 202-537-7527.

■ Stuart E. Eizenstat, former U.S. ambassador to the European Union and author of "The Future of the Jews: How Global Forces Are Impacting the Jewish People, Israel, and Its Relationship With the United States," and Rabbi Sid Schwarz, author of "Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future," will discuss the Jewish future in the U.S. and abroad. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free in advance; \$5 at the door. Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

■ Young writers Ned Beauman, Sarah Hall, Benjamin Markovits and Adam Thirlwell will discuss their work, featured in the new anthology "Granta 123: The Best of Young British Novelists 4." 7 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

■ Tudor Place will present a guided tour of the Georgetown estate's landscape, focusing on its Federal-period origins and changes in land use over time. 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. \$10. Tudor Place Historic House and Garden, 1644 31st St. NW. 202-965-0400.

Films

■ The Katzen Cinema Series will feature "Guest of Cindy Sherman," a documentary about 15 years in the New York art scene. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. American University Museum, Katzen Arts Center, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW. 202-885-1300.

■ The Lions of Czech Film series will present the documentary "Matchmaking Mayor." 8 p.m. \$8.50 to \$11.50. Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-966-6000.

Performances

■ D.C.-based dance company Just Tap will perform. Noon. Free. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW. 202-547-1122.

■ Improv troupe Press Play will perform as part of the Happenings Happy Hour series. 5:30 p.m. Free. Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW. 202-547-1122.

■ The Washington Jewish Music Festival will host a Broadway musical sing-along. 7:30 p.m. \$15 to \$20. Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

Sporting event

■ D.C. United will compete against the Houston Dynamo. 7 p.m. \$26 to \$55. RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capitol St. SE. 800-745-3000.

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Concerts

■ The U.S. Army Concert Band will perform. 6 p.m. Free. National World War II Memorial, 17th Street and Independence Avenue SW. usarmyband.com.

■ Joshua Nelson, known as the "Prince of Kosher Gospel," will perform as part of the Washington Jewish Music Festival. 7:30 p.m. \$25 to \$30. Washington DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW. washingtondcjcc.org.

■ Young musicians from the Marlboro Music Festival will perform a program of quartets by Stravinsky, Britten and Brahms. 7:30 p.m. Free; tickets required. Meyer Auditorium, Freer Gallery of Art, 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW. 202-633-1000.

Discussions and lectures

■ Entrepreneur Marga Fripp will present her lecture "Empowering Women and Creating Social Change Through Entrepreneurship." Luncheon at 12:15 p.m.; program at 1 p.m. \$10 to \$30. Woman's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW. 202-232-7363.

■ "Q&A Cafe" will feature Washingtonian editor-at-large Carol Joynt interviewing Christopher Kennedy Lawford, author of "Recover to Live: Kick Any Habit, Manage Any Addiction." 12:30 p.m. \$38; reservations required. The Ritz-Carlton Georgetown, 3100 South St. NW. 202-912-4100.

■ White House veterans and presidential experts will discuss "Keeping It Real in the White House: How Presidents Stay Connected." 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. \$20 to \$25. Baird Auditorium, National Museum of Natural History, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. 202-633-3030.

■ Digital pioneer Jaron Lanier will discuss "Envisioning a New Information Economy" in conversation with Ron Rosenbaum, author of the Smithsonian magazine's article "What Turned Jaron Lanier Against the Web?" 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. \$30 to \$42. U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. 202-633-3030.

■ American astronaut Buzz Aldrin will discuss his new National Geographic book "Mission to Mars." 7:30 p.m. \$20 to \$22. Grosvenor Auditorium, National Geographic, 1600 M St. NW. 202-857-7700.

Film

■ The National Archives will host a conversation with Holocaust survivor Gerda Weissmann Klein and a screening of an Academy Award-winning documentary about her life, "One Survivor Remembers." 7 p.m. Free. McGowan Theater, National Archives Building, Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th streets NW. 202-357-5000.

Performance

■ Comedian Ross Mathews will perform stand up and preview his upcoming book "Man Up: Tales of My Self Delusional Self-Confidence." 7 p.m. \$30. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW. 800-745-3000.

Special event

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