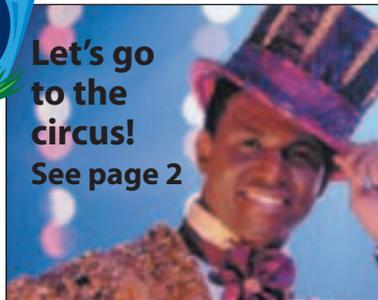




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Let's go to the circus!
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A weekend of fine art in Philly

Join us as we spend a spring weekend in Philadelphia exploring the Manet exhibit, dining on fine Italian cuisine, and

witnessing a spectacular look at our country's history on **Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23.**

On Saturday, we'll depart from the Village Center at 9 a.m. and arrive in Philadelphia for lunch on your own at Hymie's, a famous Philadelphia deli. Then

we'll tour the famous Barnes Foundation, a French provincial mansion housing works by Renoir, van Gogh, Degas, and more. Later



"River Scene and Balloon" by Henri Rousseau, at the Barnes Foundation

that afternoon, we'll check into the Latham Hotel, an elegant boutique hotel near Rittenhouse Square and

listed on the National Register of Historic Places. That evening we'll enjoy Italian cuisine at Toto.

Our dinner menu includes a roasted pepper salad; pasta; a choice of veal, chicken or red snapper; and for dessert, an apple tart cooked to perfection.

Following dinner, we'll take a walking tour of the Lights of Liberty show along

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Take a trip to a 'Wonderful Town'

The Washington Post calls it "the best of the best." *The New Yorker* wrote that "this is one of those musicals that made the myth of Manhattan as an isle of joy." It's sure to take home all the Tonys this spring. What is this wonderful show? "Wonderful Town." Join us for a one-day trip to New York City on **Saturday, April 17**, to see a matinee performance.

Based upon the play *My Sister Eileen*, "Wonderful Town" centers on two sisters from Ohio who come to New York in search of fame and fortune. The Leonard Bernstein/Betty Comden/Adolph Green score stops the show several times, and star Donna Murphy steals it. Ben Brantley of *The New*

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Changes in Medicare — For the better?

Are you concerned about the rising cost of health care? Do you know how the new law could affect you and your loved ones?

Join us when the Friendship Village Civic Association and the Friendship Heights Village Council present a free forum on Medicare on **Monday, March 22, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.** at the Village Center.

What will the new law do? When will it begin? What will be your choices? What will be the monthly cost and deductible? How will drug costs be controlled? How will it affect your existing coverage? Will you be able to keep your same doctor?

Among those discussing the changes will be Martin Gaynes, an attorney specializing in health law and government regulation for 25 years; Beverly Hummel, chairman of the Gray Panthers Health Care Task Force; and a representative from the AARP.

The event is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797, if you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson

Let's go to the circus

Village children can experience the magic of a big top circus when we go to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the MCI Center on Thursday, **March 25, at 10:30 a.m.** We'll depart from the Village Center at 9:15 a.m. and take the metro to the MCI Center (metro fare not included). This performance, designed for school groups, is offered at a significant discount over the regular price. Pay just \$9 per ticket. There are 32 tickets available. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up immediately at the Village Center.

Ready, set, sing again

Glen Echo's Adventure Theatre returns to Friendship Heights for a 10-week program of singing, dancing, and storytelling for children. The program, designed to promote dramatic expression, begins **April 16 and continues each Friday through June 18, from 10 to 10:45 a.m.** at the Village Center. **There will be no class on May 21.** This course is designed for children ages 2 1/2 to 5. Using songs and games, children will delight in learning finger plays, rhymes, and simple dance movements. At least one adult must accompany every two to three children. **The cost of the 10-week session is \$95, payable to Adventure Theatre.** A minimum of 12 children is required for the class. Sign-ups begin immediately. Space is limited and this class usually fills quickly, so sign up soon. For additional information, call the Village Center at 301-656-2797.

Mammovan to visit Friendship Heights

The GW University Mammovan will conduct breast health screenings in its mobile unit in Friendship Heights on **Monday, March 29, from 9:20 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Part of the Mobile Mammography Program through George Washington University's Medical Faculty Associates, the Mammovan is a self-contained mobile unit that offers one-stop screening in a comfortable, convenient environment. The mammogram takes about 20 minutes; results will be issued within a few weeks.

Women age 35 and older, who have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months, are not experiencing breast pain or a lump, do not have breast implants, and have not been treated previously for breast cancer are eligible.

Free mammograms are available to women who meet the financial criteria. Call 202-741-3020 to make an appointment and for information.

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Enjoy a morning of music with the NSO

Join us for an open rehearsal of the National Symphony Orchestra in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall on **Thursday, March 25.**

David Robertson will conduct a program that will include Copland's *Symphony No. 2*, Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37*, and Haydn's lively *Symphony No. 103 in E-flat major* ("Drumroll"). Guest pianist is Elena Bashkirova.

We will leave the Village Center at 9 a.m. and return around 12:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$12. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up beginning March 7. There are 46 tickets available.

Philadelphia, *continued from page 1*

Independence Park.

On Sunday morning, we'll enjoy a delicious full American breakfast at the Latham, then see the historic sights of Independence National Historical Park when a park ranger leads us on a tour. We'll also visit the newly restored Liberty Bell.

For lunch, we'll dine at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Our menu features grilled chicken, salmon, roasted vegetables, and a chef's selection for dessert. Following lunch, we'll tour the acclaimed "Manet and the Sea" exhibit. This exhibit is the first to explore the marine paintings by Edouard Manet and his contemporaries, such as Renoir, Monet, and Morisot. We should return to Friendship Heights by 6:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, admission to the Barnes Foundation, dinner at Toto, Lights of Liberty tour, one night's deluxe accommodation at the Latham, one breakfast, admission to Independence Park, lunch at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, admission to the "Manet and the Sea" exhibit and all taxes and gratuities, is \$299 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is \$76.

Sign-ups begin immediately at the Village Center. A \$150 deposit is required at sign-up and due by April 1. The balance is due April 20. Please keep in mind that this trip will require a good deal of walking. There are 28 spaces available.

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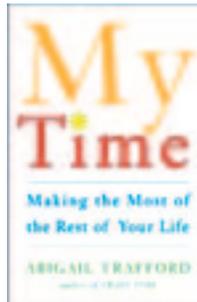
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It's 'your time'

Abigail Trafford will discuss her book, *My Time: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life*, at the Village Center on **Monday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.**

This book explores the period of life that follows middle age that can present people with some entirely new opportunities. Ms. Trafford

focuses on the decades that come after middle age, a period of vitality thanks to the longevity revolution.

Ms. Trafford was the editor of the Health section of *The Washington Post* for 14 years. Under her guidance, the Health Section won 10 Penney-Missouri Awards for excellence in feature journalism. She later authored that section's "Second Opinion" column. Since December, she has been writing a column for Health entitled "My Time," which chronicles this new life stage.

Please sign up in advance, as seating will be limited. Call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to register. Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for sale.

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Fashion with a rich history

Celebrate Women's History Month by joining us for a very special event **on Friday, March 26, at 1 p.m.** Rosemary Reed Miller, owner of Toast and Strawberries, one of the most notable and successful African-American woman-owned businesses in Washington, will bring historical pieces as well as new fashions to be modeled and displayed. At the same time, she will discuss her book, *The Threads Of Time, The Fabric Of History*, a fascinating look at African-American designers and dressmakers who have contributed so much to fashion and design.

Ms. Reed Miller researched and highlighted the forgotten work of Elizabeth Keckley, who designed for Mrs. Lincoln, and Ann Lowe who

designed the wedding dress for Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy. Toast and Strawberries is a distinctive boutique located near Dupont Circle and features artistic styles rarely found in modern day mass clothing production lines.

Come enjoy this discussion and informal fashion show. Maybe you'll recognize some of the models! There is no cost, but please call 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming. To double your fun, sign up for Special Lunch at 12:15 p.m. Details are on page 9.



'Death, taxes and childbirth! There's never a convenient time for any of them!'

Scarlett may have been right, but assistance with taxes is very convenient at the Village Center. Federal and Maryland tax counseling is offered every Friday from **9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.** This service is available to anyone who has uncomplicated returns. An appointment is required; no walk-ins will be accepted. Please call 301-468-4179 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

Estate planning series begins this month

Attorney Lawrence Abrams will conduct a series of three monthly programs on selected topics concerning estate planning and estate administration beginning **Thursday, March 11, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

The first program is entitled "Estate Planning - an Overview" and covers wills and trusts, living

wills, health care directives and powers of attorney. The second program, to be held **Thursday, April 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.**, is entitled "Transfers at Death Under the Will (Probate) and Transfers at Death Outside the Will (No Probate)." The third will be on **Thursday, May 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

and is entitled "Lifetime Gifts and Gift and Estate Taxes."

The presentations will be informal and "non-technical" with plenty of time for questions and discussion. They are free, but please sign up in advance if you plan to attend. Call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to register.

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Playing in March on the big screen

Enjoy fresh popcorn during these free video presentations

Thursday, March 4, 7:15 p.m. — *Waking Ned Devine*. Ian Bannen, David Kelly and Fionnula Flanagan star in this story about a small town in Ireland where one of the 52 inhabitants wins the lottery jackpot of almost seven million pounds. When nobody claims it, the town goes on a search to find out why. Running Time: 116 minutes. Rated R.

Thursday, March 11, 7:15 p.m. — *Lost in Translation*. Sofia Coppola directs this story of love and friendship blooming under unlikely circumstances in this Academy Award-nominated dramatic comedy. Bob Harris is a well-known American actor whose career has gone into a tailspin. Needing work, he takes a very large fee to appear in a commercial to be shot in Japan. While in Tokyo, Bob meets Charlotte, the wife of a successful photographer who is in Tokyo on assignment. They

become fast friends and they begin to wonder if their sudden friendship might be growing into something more. Running Time: 102 minutes. Rated R.

Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m. — *Café Muse*. See page 14 for details.

Thursday, March 25, 7:15 p.m., *Whalerider*. In New Zealand, the Whangera people believe their ancestor Paikea was saved from drowning by riding home on the back of a whale. The tribal group has since granted leadership positions to first-born males, believing them to be descendants of Paikea. This tradition is challenged when a young mother dies in childbirth along with her newborn son. His twin sister manages to survive and is raised by her stubborn grandfather and gentle grandmother. Running Time: 105 minutes. Rated PG-13.

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The exhibit runs through March 31. The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, March 14,**

from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Art work in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing because of activities in that room. Please check with the front desk receptionist when you arrive.



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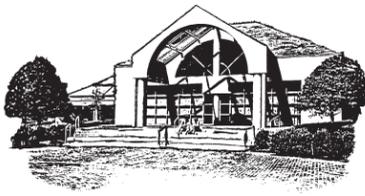
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Shuttle bus hours



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Village Center Hours

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Friendship Heights Village Center is open to everyone. People who live or work in the Village are especially welcome.



Special lunch and program

This month's Special Lunch, will be held on **Friday, March 26, at 12:15 p.m.** Lunch will be sautéed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, salad, and apple cobbler for dessert. The cost is \$6, which must be paid when your reservation is made. Please reserve your seat by Wednesday, March 24.

After lunch, please stay to enjoy an informal fashion show presented by Toast and Strawberries at **1 p.m.** See page 5 for details.



classes and clubs

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NEW CLASSES

AUGUST WILSON, PLAYWRIGHT

A 4-week course, taught by Ed Starr, begins April 14. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Students will read and discuss "Fences" and one other play by August Wilson. There will be an optional trip to see "Fences" at Round House Theatre on April 28 at 8 p.m. (tickets are \$30 - students in the class will get priority). Ed is an actor and director and president of the Montgomery County Seniors Theatre. Cost for the course for residents is \$25; non-residents pay \$40. All materials are included in the fee. Course ends May 5. (See page 14)

BONES FOR LIFE

Stand tall and add a spring to your step with weight-bearing exercises that promote healthy bones. Perk up with relaxation and breathing techniques, based on the Feldenkrais Method. The 4-week series meets Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning March 13. Cost is \$45. Last class is April 3. The instructor, Hedy Ohringer, is certified to teach Feldenkrais and Bones for Life. All classes are designed for new students and alumni, too.

DRAWING AND PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskel, begins on March 29. Meets Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost for the series is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends June 7 (there will be no class on May 31).

FIRST AID

This 3-hour class is designed to teach students how to care for patients with injuries and sudden illness. Learn treatment for external and internal bleeding, shock, anaphylaxis, head, spine, chest, abdominal, pelvis, bone, joint and muscle injuries. The events that take place during the Golden Hour- the first hour after an accident or injury- can mean the difference between life and death for an injured person. Meets Wednesday, March 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. Training will be provided by Jeremy Gruber, Director of Operations of Rescue One. Cost for the class is \$25.

GREAT MODERN AMERICAN POETS AND POEMS

A 5-week class taught by Mark Wallace, begins March 22. Meets Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 for Village residents, \$40 for nonresidents. The poets covered will include Robert Frost, T.S. Eliot, Wallace Stevens, Langston Hughes, and Marianne Moore. Session ends April 19. (See page 14)

STILL LIFE PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels with noted artist Joan Samworth begins March 4. Meets Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Any medium may be used. The cost is \$55 for residents; \$75 for nonresidents. Last class is May 6. Maximum of ten students.

STORYTELLING

A 3-week session taught by Ellouise Schoettler, professional storyteller and artist. Meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

beginning April 17. The cost is \$30 for residents; \$35 for nonresidents. The deadline to sign up is April 15. (See page 11)

TAI CHI (Thursday)

This 6-week session begins April 8. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends May 13.

TAI CHI (Tuesday)

This 6-week session begins April 13. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends May 18.

TAI CHI EXTRA (Tuesday)

This half-hour class is especially, but not only, for beginners. It is an opportunity to review the rudiments of Tai Chi and to receive personal instruction. This 6-week session begins April 13. Meets Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$15. A minimum of 12 people is required. Session ends May 18.

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GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Book lovers participate in lively presentations and discussions of works, usually taken from the Great Books series. Leadership is rotated among group members. Meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to

noon. Contact Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695 for details.

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

Free assistance offered by the Maryland Cooperative Extension's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program. Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Call 301-590-2819 for an appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

RSVP KNITTERS

Meets the last Tuesday in alternate months to knit, crochet and sew items to donate to the needy. Donations of washable, acrylic yarn are welcome.

Call Donna Dahlgren at 240-777-2611.

SCRABBLE

This active group of Scrabble players meets at the Center every Thursday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

WALKING CLUB

Leaves the Center every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. for a walk through a nearby neighborhood.

YIDDISH

Meets Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. to speak and read in Yiddish. Contact Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883.

Tell me a story

Learn the fine art of storytelling as Ellouise Schoettler presents a three-part class at the Center **Saturday, April 17 through Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Ms. Schoettler will teach how to tell stories so that children and grandchildren will listen.

Ms. Schoettler combines visual art, family history and personal memories into stories about everyday moments in the lives of ordinary people. She has recently brought her stories to the University of Maryland and Strathmore Hall.

The cost of the course is \$30 for Village residents; \$35 for nonresidents. Sign ups begin immediately at the Village Center. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 15.

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Wednesday, March 3— Jerry Allen Trio. This jazz trio features Jerry Allen, Emory Diggs and Laurence “Bubbles” Dean. Allen, a native of California, has played in small combos and big band orchestras. The group has performed at the Smithsonian, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and has toured nationally and internationally.

Wednesday, March 10 — Barbara Papendorp and James Fitzgerald. Did you know that those great Irish songs “Mother Machree” “When Irish Eyes are Smiling” and “Toora-Loora-Loora” were written in the Good Ole USA? The richness of the Irish immigrant experience and the traditions of Tin Pan Alley created a wealth of sentimental songs about Ireland. Barbara Papendorp and James Fitzpatrick sing and play these as well as other classics as they present “Songs of the Irish Immigrant,” an evening of nostalgic music just in time for St. Patrick’s Day.

Wednesday, March 17 —Frank Cassel. Join us for a salute to the Emerald Isle. Frank Cassell “The Banjo Man” brings a special St. Patrick’s Day program to the Village Center with Irish standards and American folk songs.

Wednesday, March 24 — Friday Morning Music Club. Students from the acclaimed Friday Morning Music Club present a program of classical and chamber music. Among the talented young students performing will be clarinetist Alexis Lanz and composer Jennifer Bosanko.

Wednesday, March 31 — Emery Davis. Bandleader Emery Davis returns to the Village Center for an evening featuring jazz and popular tunes from the 40s and 50s. Carrying on the tradition began by his father, Meyer Davis, Mr. Davis and band have performed throughout the world.

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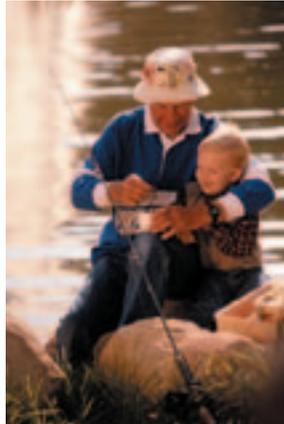
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Choosing the right discount prescription drug card

What should you look for when choosing a discount prescription drug card? Leta Blank, director of Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), will offer assistance in this and other Medicare matters when she speaks at the Village Center on **Wednesday, March 24, at 1 p.m.**



She will discuss the time line for changes with the Medicare Reform Act, programs available to help pay for prescription drugs, and leave time to answer your questions. There is no charge to attend, but call 301-656-2797 to register.

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What's the latest on infectious disease?

Dr. Laurence Balter is an infectious disease specialist and will talk about some new diseases at this month's Suburban lecture on **Wednesday, March 10, at 1 p.m.** at the Village Center. He will describe the symptoms and treatment for West Nile Virus, Lyme Disease, and the flu. In addition, he will answer questions on SARS, anthrax, smallpox and other bioterrorism agents.

There is no cost for the lecture, but please call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.

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Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.**, presents poets Cornelius Eady & Kelly Cherry.

Cornelius Eady has published five books of poetry. He won the 1985 Lamont Prize from the Academy of American Poets for *Victims of the Latest Dance Craze*. *The Gathering of My Name* was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1992.

Kelly Cherry has published over 20 books, including fiction, poetry, and autobiography, and a collection of essays. Her most recent titles are *We Can Still Be Friends* and *Rising Venus*. Her short fiction has been represented in the anthologies *Best American Short Stories*, *The O. Henry Awards*, and *The Pushcart Prize*.

Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the Café Muse program. A sign-up sheet will be available at 7 p.m.

Café Muse is presented by The Village of Friendship Heights and The Word Works, a nonprofit literary organization that has published contemporary and sponsored public programs for over 25 years. The evening is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming.



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York Times wrote that she is "absolute blissful perfection" and "she gives one of the most dazzlingly accomplished performances you're ever likely to see." Don't miss this captivating show!

We will leave the Village Center at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in New York in time for lunch (ask us for suggestions of restaurants near the theater at 302 W. 45th Street). We'll depart New York immediately after the show and stop for a fast food dinner on the way home (on your own). We will arrive back in Friendship Heights before 11 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$165, which includes a seat in the Orchestra (at a 20 percent discount), transportation, all taxes and gratuities. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up March 7. There are 23 tickets available.



Plays and poetry: new class offerings at the Center

Two new classes will be offered this spring at the Village Center for the literary minded. On **April 14**, Ed Starr returns to teach a course on August Wilson, our country's best known and most popular African-American playwright. Wilson grew up in the slums of Pittsburgh and his experiences permeate his dramatic writings. "Fences," one of the plays to be read and studied in the class, tells the story of Troy Maxon, a garbage collector who has become embittered by a white-controlled system that has denied him the baseball stardom he feels he deserves. "Fences" opened on Broadway in the spring of 1987 to enormous

critical acclaim and earned Wilson his first Pulitzer Prize. Ed Starr has been involved in community and professional theater in the Washington area for many years. He is an actor and director and president of the Montgomery County Seniors Theatre. Students will be able to purchase tickets (at the discounted rate of \$30) for a performance of "Fences" at Round House Theatre on Wednesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. We will travel together to the theater by Metro.

Mark Wallace will teach a class entitled "Great Modern American Poets and Poems," which begins **March 22**. In the 20th century, American poetry developed from a

rough, frontier art into one of the most important and respected poetic traditions in the world, a position it holds to this day. Students will read a few of the great modern American poets who were responsible for this development including Robert Frost, T.S. Eliot, Wallace Stevens, Langston Hughes, and Marianne Moore. Dr. Wallace teaches literature and creative writing courses at The George Washington University and Georgetown University. He's the author of several books of poems and his essays on literature have appeared in many journals. See Classes and Clubs on page 10 for details about both classes.

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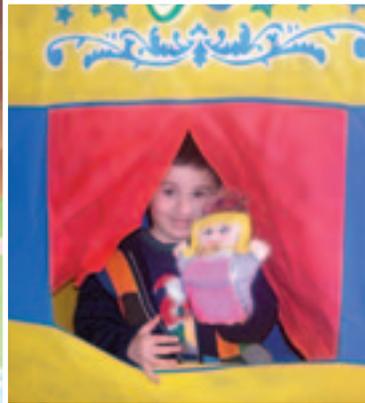
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