

PEOPLE

Newton Receives Distinguished Volunteer Award

andy Newton, a member of The Woman's Club of Arlington, received a U.S. Department of the Interior "Take Pride in America" volunteer award at a special luncheon held last month.

Newton, along with her colleague, Judy Sherman, were recognized for restoring the historic Kitchen garden at Arlington House, Robert E. Lee's home, located at Arlington National Cemetery. This project entailed researching old documents to create the garden and then implementation of their plan. They tilled the ground, built planting beds, germinated seeds, planted, weeded and cultivated the ground. Now, in place of a rocky field, there is a kitchen garden with rows of corn, tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes, and beets. This award had 100 nominees nationwide and the Arlington House garden was one of the 10 selected to be honored. Newton has volunteered 1,000 hours at Arlington House since she started one year ago.

Newton also volunteers at Mount Vernon, George Washington's Home, and demonstrates chocolate making, spinning and weaving to its visitors.

She is also a member of the "Tidewater Treadlers." This group competes in the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival each May. The group consists of a shearer, three spinners, and Newton, the weaver. They shear a sheep, spin the wool and weave a shawl in three hours. Their goal is to spread



At the Department of Interior's National Volunteer Award presentation, from left, are Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary of Interior; Judy Sherman, award winner; Donna Cuttone, National Park Service ranger; Sandy Newton, award winner; Delphine Gross, National Park Service ranger; Jacqueline Davis, National Park Service ranger, and Lisa Young, Department of the Interior program specialist.

the word about the rare breed sheep at Mount Vernon. She also spent five years at Hillwood Museum in Washington, D.C. cataloging and conserving its lace collections. Newton is active in her church — Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Clarendon (The Circle of Caring) — and has

volunteered for Meals on Wheels in Arlington. At The Woman's Club of Arlington, she holds the office of first vice president for 2012-2014, and serves on its Contributions, Programs and Reservations Committees.

She is a wife, mother of two grown children and has six grandchildren.

ACFD Food Drive To Benefit AFAC

The Arlington County Fire Department is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center, Dec. 1 through Dec. 21.

The department is collecting nonperishable donations for the AFAC pantry. Items that are most needed include cereal, flour, oil,pasta and tuna.

Bring non-perishable donations to any fire station in Arlington or Falls Church or to the Arlington County Government Center, Courthouse Plaza Lobby, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

Every week, on average, AFAC serves 1,600 families in Arlington. That includes 2,600 adults and 1,500 children. Visit www.afac.org.

SECRET SANTA PROGRAM

Arlington County is continuing its Secret Santa program this year. Donate gift cards from area stores that Department of Human Services distributes to more than 1,000 needy individuals in the community during the holiday season. This includes Arlington children in foster care, people with disabilities, low-income seniors and low-income families.

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NEWS

AHC Honors Volunteers

Award-winners share love of learning.

By Yuhan Xu The Connection

enjoy volunteering for AHC Inc.," said Bernard Piper, who received one of its Volunteer of the Year awards. "It is an integral part of my life. Even though this may appear cliché or contrived, volunteerism makes me whole as a human being."

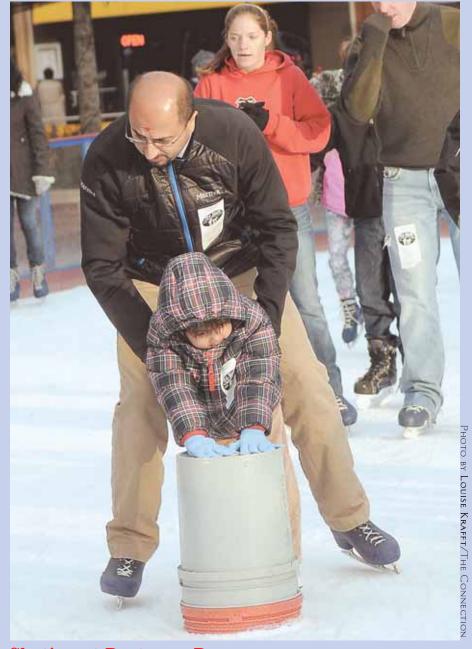
Piper was one of the three volunteers who were recognized by AHC Inc., a non-profit developer of affordable rental housing, at the organization's annual meeting last month. The awards recognized volunteers in each of the organization's three educational programs: the After-School program for elementary students, the Teen Tutoring program for teenagers and the Summer Camp that helps students prevent learning loss over the summer.

"This is the first year that we've done it," said Jennifer Endo, director of Resident Services at AHC Inc. "We have wonderful volunteers for many years. It just warms my heart to see people give up their time, and really make a big difference for young people they are working with. Each of them brings so much to the students. They set examples for children of what it is to be a caring person. Children and teens can learn so much from them. I'm grateful that we live in a community where so many people are willing to give generously."

AHC Inc. began offering onsite resident services back in 1993. It provides educational programs that encourage academic excellence and personal growth in a nurturing and stable environment.

These programs are available at its six

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Skating at Pentagon Row

Tushar Tank helps his son Sankalp navigate the ice on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 24 at the Pentagon Row outdoor skating rink. The rink is located at 1201 South Joyce St. in Arlington and is open daily from now until March 18, 2013. For more information visit www.pentagonrowskating.com

The Two Faces of Transportation

A different approach to transit on opposite sides of the Beltway.

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

nside the Beltway, Richmond Highway is a bustling transit corridor. It will soon have the region's first dedicated lanes in Alexandria. A bus-rapid transit system with real-time information about arrivals is about to open. Arlington County is planning to upgrade the buses to streetcars in 2018.

Outside the Beltway is another story. Leaders in Fairfax County say widening the road from Woodlawn to the Beltway is at least 15 years away. Elected officials have talked about conducting a transit study for years, and now they're talking about a more comprehensive alternatives analysis to consider everything from bus-rapid transit to extending the Metro line. But the study hasn't started yet because county officials are still trying to figure out who will pay for the \$3 million study.

"It's the difference between talking and doing," said Councilman-elect Justin Wilson. "Both Arlington and Alexandria have been very aggressive about this."

Fairfax County has clearly not been as aggressive — or at least they haven't been able to accomplish as much as their neighbors to the north. Some say that's because

Arlington and Alexandria have dominion over their own roads while Fairfax has to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation. Others say attention to Tysons Corner has distracted leaders in Fairfax from focusing on the Richmond Highway corridor.

"Given the size of Fairfax County, it's much more difficult to bring attention to bear on a specific area," said Del. Bob Brink (D-48). "Because it's so large, you have so many competing corridor interests."

For decades, members of the legislative delegation have tried to fund a transit study.

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Shackled And Secret

Debate arises over documents outlining use of restraints on pregnant inmates.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

irginia already has a reputation for tightly controlling the availability of law-enforcement documents. Now that reputation may be re-affirmed in the upcoming General Assembly session, when the Virginia Sheriffs' Association will oppose efforts to share documents about when and how pregnant inmates are restrained.

"It would jeopardize our ability to safely and securely run our operations by putting our security out there for all to see," said Arlington County Sheriff Beth Arthur, who is president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association

Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) has been pushing for public access to information since he learned about the 2010 case of Tiarra Fain, a 22-year-old inmate who was detained on charges of forgery at the Rappahannock Regional Jail. According to a lawsuit she filed against the commonwealth of Virginia, she was shackled during labor and recovery. Hope approached the Virginia Board of Corrections, which recently approved draft regulations that would create new guidelines for the use of restraints on pregnant inmates.

"All we are asking is for law-enforcement officers is to use discretion for each inmate," said Hope. "If they do have to use more restraints, then all they need to do is document the reasons why."

THOSE DRAFT regulations are currently in a 30-day comment period. After that, they'll need to be approved by the attorney general and governor. But even then, Hope said, they'll still be regulations that can be changed at the whim of the administration. So in the upcoming session, he said, he'll be pushing for the guidelines to become part of the Virginia code. But he'll also be pushing for something else.

When the Board of Corrections took up the issue of when and how pregnant inmates could be restrained, one issue sparked so much debate that board members removed it from the draft regulations to take up at a later date. That was the availability of use-of-force incident reports, which the Virginia Sheriffs' Association wants to keep secret. Hope and others say the documents should be public.

"Let's say, for example, that a jail has 25 inmates that are pregnant," said Hope. "And

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A Love of Learning

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locations in Arlington.

Piper, who works for the federal government, was honored as the After-School Program Volunteer of the Year. He has helped elementary students in the daily After-School program at the Gates of Ballston for three years. He began helping chil-

dren with their homework, then found that some children were struggling with math. So Piper decided to stay an extra half an hour each week to help improve their math skills.

"I worked with AHC's onsite coordinators to introduce a math games component once a week," he said. "We would play different games to help the children become excited about math in different ways. Games included Math Wars where we played with oversized playing cards, or Math Races where different teams would progress around a track based on their proficiency of math problems. We also played a game called Chain Reaction that motivated the children to think about the interrelationship of numbers."

Piper said he was "overwhelmed, surprised, and extremely flattered" when he received the award. "This is an honor that touched me more deeply than other past awards that I was fortunate to receive."

Maria Garcia, the Summer Camp Volunteer of the Year, was the youngest receiving the awards. She lives in one of AHC's apartment communities, and started volunteering with the Summer Camp in 2009. This year she took on a leadership role with other teen volunteers for the first time,



Bernard Piper, Maria Garcia and Stephen Peacock

modeling for them what they need to help with, when to assist staff and how to build strong relationships with children.

"I've been volunteering since I was in 6th grade," said Garcia, 17, a junior at Washington Lee High School. "Every summer, I help children with their homework, and I play with them. It's a great experience. It will help me later when I go to college or get a job. I really enjoy it." Another volunteer was Stephen Peacock, who was honored as the Teen Tutoring Program Volunteer of the Year. He worked closely with a student who needed special academic support and guidance. Peacock was patient, and with his strong support, the student was able to improve his grade from an average of D+ to B. "I recommend everyone should consider some type of volunteer activity, whether it is with children, adults, animals, or other cause," added Piper. "I believe volunteerism is an easy way to be part of something larger than yourself, which in turn allows you to grow. We all have different interests. I like education because it is an asset that not only sustains but also grows. I like the idea of sharing with others the value, and hopefully, the love of learning. This is why tutoring is so impor-

Shackled and Secret

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if they are unnecessarily restraining all 25, then that tell me that they are not using any discretion."

EARLIER THIS YEAR, the State Integrity Investigation sponsored by the Center for Public Integrity Gave Virginia a grade of "F" for public accountability, transparency and corruption. Virginia's Freedom of Information Act does just the opposite, allowing public-safety agencies to shield access to almost any document at will — in any kind of case, regardless of what it's about, regardless of whether the case is open or closed.

"There is no question that under some circumstances that it is in the public interest to protect the identities of some victims and some witnesses," said Lucy Dalglish, director of the Arlington-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press earlier this year. "I just don't think it is necessary to protect the identities of all victims and all witnesses in all circumstances."

Meanwhile, the National Women's Law Center has also given Virginia a failing grade for its treatment of pregnant inmates. One area where the common

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Different Approaches to Transit

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Those efforts floundered until recently, when legislators were able to earmark a \$1 million appropriation for a transit study. Leaders in Fairfax County decided they wanted a more comprehensive alternatives analysis that would cost about \$3 million. They applied for federal grants, and are still waiting to hear whether or not federal money will pay for the alternatives analysis.

"It's a crime the state's not paying for it," said Jeff McKay, Lee District supervisor. "It's a darn good thing the county was willing to pay for the grant, and it's a darn good thing we are willing to pay for it if we can't get federal assistance to do it because it's something the state should have done 20 years ago."

THE TWO FACES of Richmond Highway pose a stark contrast for motorists who drive from Rosslyn to Fort Belvoir. The north

the Republican and Green Party candidates that the streetcar system was too expensive. Weeks before the election, she announced that she would oppose efforts to upgrade the transit system to streetcars.

"These things take a lot of preparation time, which of course is part of why they are vulnerable to political attack because they sit out there for a long time," said County Board member Chris Zimmerman, one of the leading advocates for streetcars. "People who like it say, 'When is this ever coming' while people who were against it in the first place will continue to attack it."

In Alexandria, Councilwoman Alicia Hughes led the criticism of upgrading Alexandria's transit system to streetcars. She lost, and will be replaced on the council by Tim Lovain — one of the leading advocates of streetcars. In the race for mayor, incumbent Bill Euille beat back independent candidate Andrew Macdonald, who waged a campaign that was highly critical of the



Progress has been as slow as the traffic-clogged roads south of the Beltway.

stretch is an urban corridor that will soon have a streetcar grid connecting Metro stations. The southern stretch is a traffic-clogged suburban highway that hasn't changed much since the 1960s. While action is already taking place in the north, leaders are still arguing about who's paying for an alternatives analysis in the south.

"I'm 41 years old, and I don't want to be watching all this happen when I turn 80," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "It's unacceptable."

On the campaign trail, the politics of transit have become a talking point — but the argument hasn't always worked. For example, Republican challenger Jeff Frederick tried to attack incumbent Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36) for the lack of progress on Richmond Highway. But a few days before the election last year, the Department of Defense announced a \$180 million appropriation will widen Route 1 from Telegraph Road at the southern end to Mount Vernon.

"This is a huge jumpstart to the ongoing revitalization of the Route 1 corridor," said Puller at the time. "Because we showed that we are serious about working with county, state and federal governments on comprehensive transportation solutions, our grant was able to make it through."

More recently, the issue of streetcars took center stage during the campaign for Arlington County Board. Incumbent Democrat Libby Garvey was facing challenges from



Inside the Beltway, leaders are arguing about bus-rapid transit versus streetcars.

city's planning efforts.

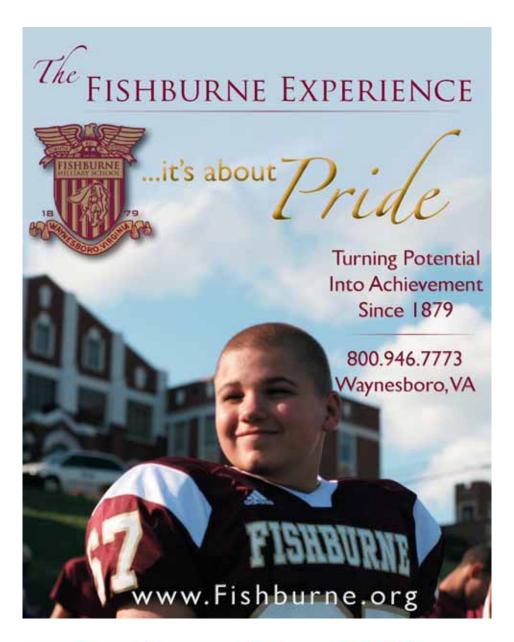
"Andrew Macdonald ran on a platform of returning to the late 1700s," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government Leadership. "He's from the Georgetown and Old Town school of resisting Metro, and that side lost."

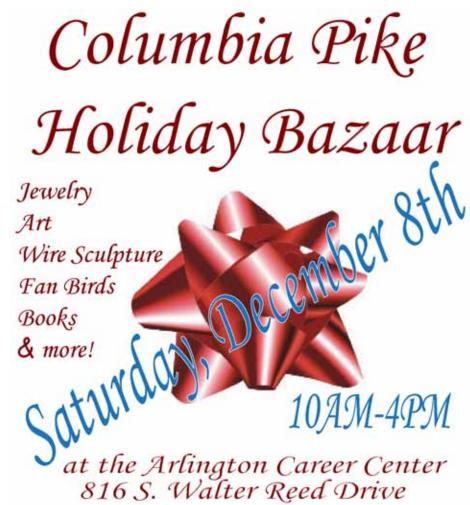
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, one area of widespread disagreement is whether or not Richmond Highway needs rail. Surovell has argued that county leaders should start planning for extending the Yellow Line past the Huntington Metro station down Richmond Highway toward Fort Belvoir. He acknowledges that the density does not currently exist to make that happen, but he argues that with planning and determination the circumstances could exist to fund a Metro extension that provide the corridor with

"It could be a game-changer for Route 1," said Surovell. "When I survey constituents, a majority of them always say they would prefer to see an underground Metro as opposed to light rail."

Others disagree. McKay says he doubts the neighborhoods up and down the corridor would ever agree to the kind of increases to density that would be required for Metro.

"I just don't see us getting to the point where there's an appetite for the density you SEE DIFFERENT, PAGE 11





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Opinion



Tear gas at a weekly protest demonstration against the Israeli occupation.



Arlington resident George Meek at the separation barrier

Dodging Rockets from Gaza

By George Meek

returned to Arlington from Tel Aviv during the barrage of rockets from Gaza before the pre-Thanksgiving cease-fire. Thanks to Israel's "Iron Dome" missile shield, the rockets were destroyed in midair over Tel Aviv, and my flight took off on schedule.

I was deeply disturbed by what I saw and heard in four weeks in Israel/Palestine on a fact-finding delegation of a COMMENTARY D.C.-based group called Interfaith

Peace Builders, and volunteering with the International Solidarity Movement. The visit convinced me that the underlying cause of violence in the Holy Land is Israel's persistent violation of Palestinians' human rights.

In one West Bank village, the scene of weekly protest demonstrations, a Palestinian woman named Manal told me, "The Israeli soldiers fire tear gas in my windows before breakfast every morning." She showed us a video with horrifying and heartrending images of soldiers beating women and children, a boy screaming after being shot with pepper spray in his eyes, and an observer being dragged into custody. We saw a picture of the bloody wound of her own 12-year-old son, who [she said] was shot in the side with a high velocity tear gas canister, and sustained liver damage. Manal has spent 10 days in jail; her husband has been arrested four times and had his camera broken. Despite the daily violence, she says they have power from within to keep resisting until the occupation ends.

While observing a similar weekly demonstration at another village I was nearly overcome by tear gas. Although I was 50 yards away, I felt blinded, disoriented, and suffocated for a few minutes. A tear gas canister struck my shoe and left a mark on it, but did not hurt my foot. Bil'in has been protesting for eight years against the separation wall, which took about half the town's land. As a result of the demonstrations, plus litigation, Israel moved the wall, but the town still has lost 250 acres of its land. Leaders say the protests will continue, because their goal is to end the occupation.

In a third village, another international volunteer and I locked ourselves inside a Palestinian home that the owner asked us to protect against further vandalism by Israeli settlers. When we refused to admit three armed soldiers, acting on the owner's instructions, they threatened to bomb the door open. Fortunately for us, they did not do it.

I met nomadic Bedouins who said they face forced relocation to make way for ever-expand-

> ing Israeli settlements. The Bedouins said settlers killed and maimed their children by luring them with toys attached to booby traps, then made the

parents pay fines for trespassing. Farmers south of Hebron told me settlers poisoned their sheep and took over their springs. In Hebron, I saw the nets Palestinians had to install over their market to protect themselves from settlers' dumped garbage, and the hundreds of shops closed in the name of security. Palestinian families in several areas recounted interminable legal battles to keep their land. Some had their homes demolished by Israeli authorities. Palestinians are harassed, intimidated, and humiliated at Israeli checkpoints. Israel's "security fence," which the Palestinians call an apartheid barrier, causes personal suffering and hardship for those who cannot reach their fields or visit family members on the other side.

I was shocked by the extent of militarization of Israel. There were gun-toting young soldiers

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Praise for **Professor**

To the Editor:

After attending a baseball game at Nationals Park this past summer, Washington D.C. resident T.C. Maslin was walking home to his Capital Hill home when he was accosted, eaten badly and left for dead by three thugs This crime was so vicious that Mr. Maslin may not be able to ever regain his ability to have a normal life. A young professional with a wife and small child, Mr. Maslin suffered massive head injuries that have resulted in numerous surgeries.

everywhere, and I saw images of children fondling machine guns, and kindergarten books to teach children their numbers by counting tanks and weapons.

Palestinians everywhere were sharply critical of the United States, which provides unconditional military and diplomatic support for Israel, thereby perpetuating the continued occupation, expansion of settlements, and human rights abuses. The United States has vetoed scores of UN Security Council resolutions condemning Israel's policies, and grants Israel \$3 billion in unconditional military aid every year.

I did see signs of hope amidst the pervasive panorama of human rights abuses of Palestinians. We drove by the Oasis of Peace, a village of 50 families of Jews and Palestinian Arabs of Israeli citizenship. They live together in a community based on mutual acceptance, respect, and cooperation. I also visited a town of more than 10,000 inhabitants called Isifiya, near Haifa in northern Israel, where four religious groups live together in harmony — the Druze (a secret religion that started as a sect of Islam), Muslims, Christians, and Jews. If it can happen there, why not elsewhere?

George Meek, a retired radio journalist with the Voice of America, is an elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington and volunteers with various local groups. For more on his recent experiences in Israel/Palestine, see his seek peace in palestine.blog spot.com

Karen L. Bune is an adjunct professor at Marymount University in Arlington, a renowned victim specialist, and a nationally recognized instructor, writer and professional in the field. Recently Professor Bune's victimology class took the time to recognize and support Mr. Maslin and his family as they go through such a difficult, trying time after this senseless act of violence.

With the professor's guidance, the class provided several gifts for Mrs. Maslin that included a scrapbook of inspiration that they developed, a donation of toys for her child, and a letter from the class that was matted and framed. This showing of support was presented during

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"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for Dec. 9-15.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Arlington Mill at Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St.; also Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Senior trips: Holiday Lunch at the Mansion on O Street, D.C., \$65, Monday, Dec. 9; GardenFest of Lights and buffet, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, \$49, Tuesday, Dec. 11; The Sultan's Garden exhibit, Textile Museum, D.C., \$18, Thursday, Dec. 13; Arena Stage, D.C., "Pullman Porter Blues," \$58, Friday, Dec. 14. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Stolen masterpieces and recovery of arts collections, Monday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$6. Register, 703-228-5722.

Cell phone basics, Monday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Call for appointment, 703-228-6300.

Free legal counsel, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Langston-Brown; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Lee. Call for appointment, 703-228-6300 (L-B), 703-228-0555 (Lee).

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an informal ceremony during the class on Nov. 20. Unfortunately due to circumstances Mrs. Maslin could not be on hand; however, a representative from the Metro Police Department was available to able to collect the gifts and will have them delivered.

In today's world very little attention is given to the victims of crime. Professor Bune's class has filled that void. Professor Bune's selfless, untiring efforts are invalu-

Wreath making workshop, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown. Cost \$5. Register early, 703-228-6300.

Holiday meals on a budget, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Indoor walking program, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-6300

Armchair tour of Southern India with travel experts Sandy and Gail Cohen, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Coping with hearing loss, Wednesday, Dec., 12, 10 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

AARP driver safety course, Wednesday, Dec. 12, Thursday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day. Cost \$14. Register, 703-228-0555.

How nutrition affects arthritis, Thursday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Learn how to use "Shop Arlington" discount card, Thursday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Comedy Club featuring old time radio and TV shows, Friday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Fast paced walking group, Friday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

able to the students. She brings attention to the victims, especially the family that is so adversely affected. Professor Bune and her class should be commended and recognized for their efforts. Hats-off to them.

Charles E. Flinn III

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FRIDAY/NOV. 30

Full Moon Foray. Look at the phases and faces of the moon. Ages 3-5. Preschool programs are offered throughout the year at both Gulf Branch and Long Branch Nature Centers. Parents are invited to stay and observe, or those with younger siblings may visit the rest of the building during the program. Parents must remain on-site. Friday, Nov. 30 10:30-11:30 a.m., or 3:30-4:30 p.m.

NOV. 30-DEC. 2

Artful Weekend at Fort C.F. Smith.

The Arlington Artists Alliance will hold it's annual Artful Weekend at the historic Henley House at Fort C.F. Smith, featuring 40 artists and a variety of styles. Come to meet the artists at a wine and light snack reception on Friday, Nov. 30 from 6-8 p.m. The show will open again on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 2 from noon to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Washington-Lee High School

Holiday Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. More than 60 local artisans will be showing handcrafted gift items. Take home baked goods and other holiday items offered by W-L clubs and teams. Live musical performances by The Madrigals and other school groups. Free. At 1301 North Stafford St. Call 703-228-6200. Free parking and easy access to Bazaar from the I-66 parking garage off Stafford Street. **Holiday Wreath Workshop.** 1-4 p.m.

Adults and children ages 12 and older. Music, refreshments, basic instruction and enough materials are provided for each participant to make at least two seasonal decorations. Participants should bring hand pruners or wire cutters and any extra materials or special decorations you may wish to add. Call 703-228-6535. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S Carlin Springs Road. \$30 fee payable upon registration. Program #612942-H.

Annual Holiday Boutique. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission and Parking. At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 800 23rd St. S. Baked goods, ready-to-go meals, great holiday gift items, raffle baskets, silent auction, freshly decorated holiday wreaths and more. To benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center and Arlington Hume School Historical Museum. Lunch will be available. Visit www.ahwc1958.org or call 703-218-

Gala of Glitz, Glamour and a Gourmet Extravaganza. 6:30

p.m. The Jewish Community Center or Northern Virginia presents the Tony Award-winning musical Dreamgirls at the Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. RSVP by calling /03-328-0880 or visiting www.jccnv.org.

Comedy: The Sklar Brothers: Randy and Jason Sklar. 7:30 and 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Admissions are \$22. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com.

Incredible Edible Book Contest. 10

a.m.-3 p.m. An edible book is any representation of a book title that is made primarily from edible materials. Entries should be dropped off at the Cherrydale Library between 10 a.m. and noon. The public is welcome to come and view the entries beginning at noon. Awards will be given out at 3 p.m., and then light refreshments will be served. At Cherrydale Branch Library at 2190 North Military Road. Visit http:// library.arlingtonva.us.

Mystery Extravaganza. 1 p.m. One More Page Books hosts a Mystery Extravaganza with the Chesapeake Chapter of Sisters in Crime. More than 16 local mystery authors will be present to talk about and sign their books. The event will be held next door to the store in the WestLee reception area. One More Page is located at 2200 North Westmoreland St. Visit

www.onemorepagebooks.com. Love Quilt Project. 1:30-3:30 p.m. The St. Peter's Love Quilt Project welcomes the community to view the first 50 quilts crafted by members for South African children orphaned by AIDS. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington, is located at 115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church.

Fundraising Gala. 6:30-9:30 p.m., an evening gala will celebrate South Africa with South African music, a buffet of selected wines and food, a raffle of craft items. Tickets for the gala are \$50, and are available for purchase from stpeterslovequilts@ gmail.com. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Arlington, is located at 115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church

SATURDAY, SUNDAY/DEC. 1, 2, 8

Visit with Santa. Come to Gulf Branch for a visit with Santa in the old log house. After registering, each family will be assigned a specific time slot to visit with Santa. Arrive a few minutes early to check in. Call 703-228-3403 to register. Meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Cost is \$7 per child, due upon registration.

- Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon. Program #622853-A
- Saturday, Dec. 1, 1-4 p.m. Program #622853-B
- Sunday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Program #622853-C ❖ Sunday, Dec. 2, 1-4 p.m. Program #622853-D
- Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Program #622853-E
- ❖ Saturday, Dec. 8, 1-4 p.m.. Program #622853-F

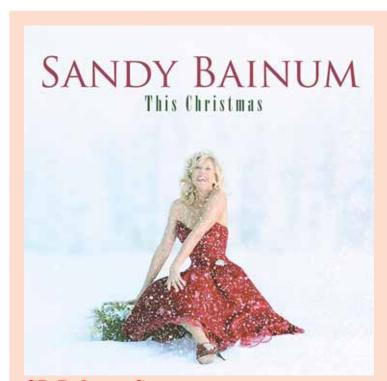
DEC. 1 THROUGH FEB. 24

Flying Squirrel Lore & More. For families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Flying squirrels are found throughout the wooded neighborhoods of Arlington, but are seldom seen. Learn about these engaging nocturnal acrobats. After an indoor presentation, tiptoe outside to see these little pixies glide in for an evening meal. These creatures are truly one of the natural wonders of Arlington. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road.

- Saturday, Dec. 1, 5-6 p.m. Program #622953-A
- ❖ Friday, Dec. 7, 5-6 p.m. Program #622953-B
- Saturday, Dec. 8, 5-6 p.m. Program #622953-C ♦ Saturday, Dec. 15, 5-6 p.m
- Program #622953-D

SUNDAY/DEC. 2

Owl Prowl. 6:30-7:30 p.m. For families with children age 3 and up. Learn about these creatures of forests, then search the surrounding trees for a



CD Release Concert

Signature Theatre welcomes singer and actress Sandy Bainum or a special concert and release party as she debuts her new holiday CD This Christmas. The concert, featuring songs from the new album, will be held in Signature's MAX Theatre on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. Bainum will be joined by a number of Washington performers. All tickets are free, with general admission seating. Reservations are available through the Signature Box Office at 703-820-9771 or visit www.signature-theatre.org.

Following the concert, join Bainum and members of the Signature community in the Mead Lobby, where CDs will be available. Donations will be accepted at the event to support Taking Care Of Our Own, a program to provide assistance to area theatre professionals and artists in the event of personal emergencies. Visit www.theatrewashington.org

hoot or two. Call 703-228-6535 to register. \$5 fee due upon registration. Program #622953-P. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road.

Book Discussion. 4 p.m. Nathan Kotecki visits One More Page Books to talk about his book, The Suburban Strange. One More Page is located at 2200 North Westmoreland St. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com

MONDAYS/DEC. 3

From Page to Stage Mondays. 7

p.m. Arlington Public Library, Shirlington Branch, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch the Oscar-winning Dreamgirls, the film based on the 1981 Broadway musical. Call 703-820-9771 or visit

www.signaturetheatre.org. **Argentine Festival Anniversary**. 7-9

p.m. The Argentine Committee invites the public to participate in a celebration of the XXV anniversary and success of the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award of the annual Argentine Festival. It's a festive evening of fun, shows under the festival's stars, great food for sale and exciting awards and raffle prizes. At El Patio Restaurant, 5240 Randolph Road, Rockville. Online advanced donation only is \$5. To $register, \ call\ 703\text{-}212\text{-}5850\ or\ email\\ info@festivalargentinausa.com.$

THROUGH DEC. 3

Annual Fruit Sale. The Arlington Host Lions will host its first citrus sales through Monday Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. until dark at the Wells Fargo Bank on the corner of N. Glebe Road and Lee Highway. The second sale will be Jan. 23-28, 2013. The following fruit will be sold at the following costs per case: Pink/white grapefruit at \$30 per case and \$16 per half; Navel oranges at \$28 per case and \$14 per

half; Tangeloes at \$26 per case and \$14 per half; Hamlin juice oranges at \$25 per case and \$13 per half; and Tangerines at \$18 per half case.

TUESDAY/DEC. 4

Birding Trip to Westmoreland Co.

8 a.m.-5 p.m. For adults. Join for an excursion to Westmoreland and George Washington's Birthplace National Monument. Waterfowl, bald eagles and winter birds are all possible sightings. Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, a bag lunch and a drink and snacks for the day. Call 703-228-3403 to register. \$40 fee due upon registration. Program #622843-A. Meet at the parking lot at Lubber Run Recreation Center,

300 N. Park Drive.

Fiction Club. 7 p.m. The One More
Page Book Fiction Club meets to discuss The Rules of Civility by Amor Towles. One More Page Books is located at 2200 North Westmoreland St. Visit

www.onemorepagebooks.com.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 5 Children's Holiday Magic Show. 7-

8:15 p.m. Featuring Ring 50 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Free. A donation of canned food items or new toy will be collected for local charity. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. Email Danny Selnick at daniel.selnick@yahoo.com or call 703-347-5540.

rd Walk. 9:30-11:30 a.m. For adults. Free. Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for an informal walk through Long Branch and Glencarlyn Parks in search of resident and migratory birds. Experienced and beginning birders welcome. Bring binoculars and field guides. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at the

parking lot at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Program #622943-D.

Gemstone Club. 4-5 p.m. For children age 7-11. Register children only. Budding geologists and gem lovers are invited to join for a year's worth of fun and collecting at the Gemstone Club. Call 703-228-3403 to register. Meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. \$10 fee due upon registration. Program #622823-

Wine and Jewelry. 6:30 p.m. One More Page Books hosts a Sparkling Wine and Jewelry Evening. Customers can taste several sparkling wines while browsing jewelry from Stella and Dot. One More Page Books is located at 2200 North Westmoreland St. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

THURSDAY/DEC. 6

Brown Bag Thursdays. 1-2 p.m. Nova Y. Payton, an audience favorite as Motormouth Maybelle in Hairspray, returns in the role of Effie White in the landmark musical Dreamgirls. Signature's Mead Lobby, 4200 Campbell Ave. Call 703-820-9771 or visit

www.signaturetheatre.org.

Film: Bad Santa. 7:30 p.m. The A.V.
Club's New Cult Canon brings Terry Zwigoff's dark comedy Bad Santa toArlington Cinema & Drafthouse located at 2903 Columbia Pike. Admissions are \$6.50. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com.

Jewelry Trunk Show and Art **Reception**. 5-8 p.m. To celebrate "Illuminations" and "Metroscapes: NOVA/DC" the Northern Virginia Art Center will hold a reception featuring the Gallery jewelers. Christine Bartoletta of Society Hill Designs and Julie Jernigan of Jules' Jewels will hold a trunk show of their latest designs and inspirational, one of a kind jewelry. Treats to eat from King Street Blues, and treats for the eye will be on hand. Live music will be provided by the duo Suburban Hearts. Free and open to the public. At 2100 Crystal Drive. Call 571-483-

0652 or visit www.novaartcenter.org. **Jan Brett Storytime.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. For children 2 and up. December is Jann Brett's birthday month. Come to celebrate it by reading some of her books about winter's creatures. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs

Road. Free. Program #622923-A. **Book Discussion**. 7 p.m. Economist and author Charles Kenny visits One More Page Books to talk about his new book, Getting Better: Why Global Development is Succeeding, and How We Can Improve the World Even More. One More Page Books is located at 2200 North Westmoreland St. Visit

www.one more pagebooks.com.

THROUGH DEC. 6

Art Exhibition. Marymount's Barry Gallery will exhibit Paintings and Collages by Judy Bass. The Barry Gallery is located in the Reinsch Library on Marymount's Main Campus, 2807 North Glebe Road. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6

DEC. 6 THROUGH JAN. 6

"A Trip to the Moon." This

whimsical, original piece is based on the 1902 silent film by Georges Méliès. Hours are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. At Crystal City Theater located at 1800 S. Bell St. Crystal City. Call 800-494-8497 or visit

www.synetictheater.org. Regular tickets are \$35-55. Parking is free after 4 p.m., on weekdays, all day on weekends.

FRIDAY/DEC. 7

Miracle on 23rd Street. 6:30 p.m. Linden Resources, Inc. is hosting its annual Miracle on 23rd Celebration. Free and open to the public: a festive tree lighting, Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck, holiday music performances, children's activities, local dignitaries in attendance, and tasty holiday goodies. Sales proceeds will be donated to non-profits. Visit www.linden.org or call 703-521-4441. Linden Resources is located at 750 23rd St. South.

Free Concert. 7:30 p.m. The concert features Angela Peterson Winter, soprano and Barbara Peterson Cackler, piano. At Central United Methodist Church, 4201 N. Fairfax Drive. A reception follows. Visit www.cumcballston.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 7-8

Comedian. 10 p.m. Kurt Braunohler is a comedian in New York City and the host of IFC's new comedy game show Bunk. Admission is \$20. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com. At Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse is located at 2903 Columbia Pike.

SATURDAY/DEC. 8

Free Holiday Showcase. 6 p.m. Dance Asia is presenting the 3rd annual Colors! Holiday Showcase at Thomas Jefferson Auditorium located at 125 South Old Glebe Road at 7 p.m. Free. Tickets can be reserve in

www.danceasiacolors2012.eventbrite.com. Donations are welcome. Visit www.danceasia.me or contact info@danceasia.me.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of mixed chamber music presented by string musicians from Prelude: The Arlington Youth Orchestral Program. At 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Tickets are \$8 at 703-548-1154 or www.encorestage.org.

Bird Watching for Beginners. 9-11 a.m. For Adults and teens. Winter is a great time to learn about bird watching. \$5 fee due upon registration. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Program #622943-G.

Winter Tree ID. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For adults and teens age 14 and above. Learn to identify the trees of Arlington parks by their bark and shape. Wear cold weather clothes. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. \$5 fee due upon registration. Program #622943-J.

Civil War Forts Van Tour: Forts of North Arlington. 1-4 p.m. Ages 12 to adult. Register children and adults: children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Begin the program at Fort. C.F. Smith and travel by van to Forts Bennett, Ethan Allen and finally Fort Marcy in Fairfax County. Call 703-243-4342 to register. Meet at Fort C. F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. North. \$15 fee due upon registration. Program #622743-A.

Civil War Discovery: Build a Fort. 10-11 a.m. For ages 7-11. Register children only. Use "Lincoln Logs" and dirt to design and build replica forts. Call 703-243-4342 to register. Meet at Fort C. F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. North. \$5 due at registration. Program #622723-A.

DEC. 8-16

Craft Show and Sale. The Hendry House at Fort C.F. Smith Park in Arlington is hosting the 7th annual Holiday House, which is a juried arts & crafts sale by local artisans. Wednesday noon to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. There will be a children's corner with items priced under \$15. Fort C.F. Smith Park is located at 2411 24th St. North. Call Sharon Casey at 703-243-7329.

SUNDAY/DEC. 9

Free Concert: The 50-voice NoVA.

4 p.m. The community chorus will perform part 1 of the oratorio plus the "Amen Chorus" and "Hallelujah Chorus" with professional soloists and chamber orchestra at Arlington Presbyterian Church, 3507 Columbia

www.novalightschorale.jigsy.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 9, JAN. 13 & FEB. 10

Invasive Removal. 2-4 p.m. For adults, families and teens. No registration required. Free. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road.

DEC. 11-23

Holiday Shows. Holiday Guys and Holiday Follies are limited-run holiday shows, part of Signature Theatre's 2012/2013 season. Holiday Guys plays in the ARK Theatre. Tickets start at \$41. Visit www.signature-theatre.org Signature Theatre is located at 4200 Campbell Ave.



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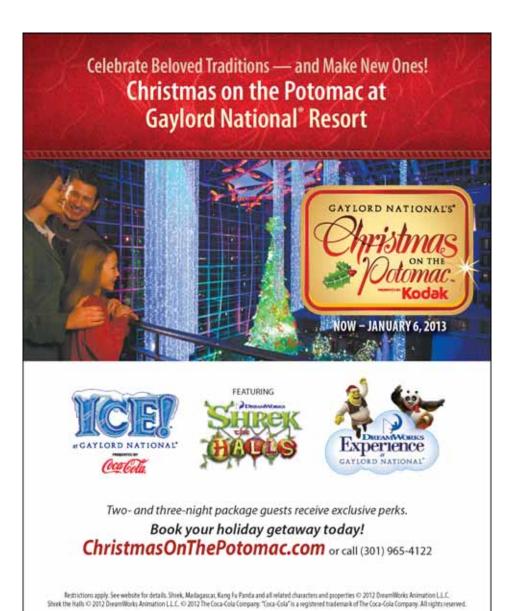
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ONGOING

Storytime at Kinder Haus Toys.

Storytime will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Children attending events must be accompanied by adults. 1220 N. Fillmore. Visit kinderhaus.com or call 703-527-5929.

Yarn Bomb Meet-ups + Stitch

Session. Wednesdays through Feburary, 6-9 p.m. Free. Create a yarn bombing temporary public art project in Rosslyn. Meet other knitters at Town Hall, 1901 N. Moore St. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Free. Visit http://pinklineproject.com. No meet-ups on Nov. 21 or Dec. 12, 26(.

THURSDAY/NOV. 29

Big Easy Express. 8 p.m. Directed by Emmett Malloy, featuring Mumford & Sons, Big Easy Express documents a cinematic musical journey. Britain's acclaimed Mumford & Sons, Indie folk heroes Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros and Tennessee's Old Crow Medicine Show climbed aboard a beautiful vintage train in California, setting out for New Orleans. \$10. At Dome Theater of Artisphere, located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 30

Virginia Socamu

Clarendon

Boister: Live Soundtrack To Buster Keaton's Silent Film Steamboat

Bill, Jr. 8 p.m. \$15. Creating an unequaled musical and film experience, the Baltimore-based ensemble Boister performs a live soundtrack to the 1928 classic Buster Keaton film Steamboat Bill, Jr. At Dome Theater of Artisphere, located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 1

Raul Midón. 8 p.m. \$22. Raul Midon's music unleashes a dazzling percussive guitar style complimented by his silky, soulful tenor that has drawn comparisons to Donny Hathaway and Stevie Wonder. At Dome Theater in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

THURSDAY/DEC. 6

Light Up Rosslyn. 5:15-6:45 p.m. Join the Rosslyn Business Improvement District's annual Rosslyn skyline lighting ceremony across from Artisphere in front of 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

Artisphere Dome Projection. 5:15-11 p.m. See Chris Coleman and Laleh Mehran's projection on the exterior of Artisphere's Dome, Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

DEC. 6 THROUGH DEC. 23

Project 2012.002r. Free. Local arts transform Artisphere's Education Lab into a site specific new media installation entitled Project 2012.002r, which explores emotional disconnectedness and the act of the search, addressing the experience of distance between people in society, both literal and social. Project 2012.002r will be accompanied by a short explanatory film and slideshow that shows the artists' process in the Bijou Theater directly across from the installation. At Education Lab + Bijou Theater in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

DEC. 6 THROUGH JAN. 20

W3fi: A Digital Experience Revealing The Connections Between Our

Online + Offline Selves. By Chris Coleman + Laleh Mehran. Free. At Terrace Gallery. Opening reception is on Thursday Dec. 6 from 7-10 p.m. Artists Chris Coleman and Laleh Mehran transform the Terrace Gallery into an immersive digital installation, using multiple projections mapped specifically for the space. W3FI animates the walls with ideas and realtime information gathered from Artisphere visitors and the region at large. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

and Friday from 5:30-10 p.m.

FRIDAY/DEC. 14

Ellen Cherry + Naked Blue. 8 p.m. \$12. Emmy nominated singer/songwriter Ellen Cherry is a full-time touring and working performer based in Baltimore.

Onsite residency hours are Wednesday

working performer based in Baltimore. Jen and Scott Smith make up the band Naked Blue. Their live performances have taken them to six countries and across the U.S. creating fans wherever they go. At Dome Theater in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

Music. 8:15 p.m. Nationally touring songwriters and Arlington residents Taylor Carson and Justin Trawick will be performing together with their full bands

'Six Characters

created a flea market of her original work in the WIP Gallery. During her residency, she will be making placards to display on Art on the Art Bus while creating and selling new work in her Hand Drawn Bazaar. The space will be transformed into a flea and farmer's market theme with silk screened cards, postcards, stickers and ephemera. Items are available to purchase at the Terrace Gallery desk. Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 16

Annual Holiday Concert. 4:30 p.m.

\$28; \$15 for student. Presented by the National Chamber Ensemble, the performance will feature music,

international guest artists and young musicians ages 11 to 21, who will perform with the ensemble. Highlighting the evening will be the performance of Bach's beautiful concerto for violin and oboe with oboist Ronald Sipes and guest violinist Rimma Sushanskaya. The concert will conclude with a caroling sing-along

to get everyone ready for the holidays. Rosslyn BID executive director Cecilia Cassidy returns as host. At Spectrum Theatre located at 1611 N. Kent St. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

FRIDAY/DEC. 7

Victoria Vox + Christylez

Bacon. 8 p.m. \$12. Victoria Vox, has been warming the hearts of her audience across the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe. Her songs are honest, moving, but also lighthearted. Christylez

Bacon is a GRAMMY nominated progressive hip-hop artist and multi-instrumentalist from Southeast D.C. At Dome Theater in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 8

Popped-Up Videos Live. Holiday edition. 8 p.m. Holiday videos get the pop up treatment with fun facts and jokes hosted by music-video historian Andrew Bucket with special guests and prizes. \$10. At Dome Theater in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

Kelly Hogan. Hogan will be coming to Arlington in support of her highly anticipated new solo album I Like To Keep Myself In Pain. She will be performing at the IOTA Club & Cafe located at 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com.

THROUGH DEC. 9

Johnathan Monaghan: Rainbow

Narcosis. Free. At Works in Progress Gallery, Town Hall. Appropriating a range of imagery from video games and corporate logos to religious iconography, Rainbow Narcosis is a hallucinatory vision both haunting and humorous. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

Six Characters In Search Of An

Author. Set during a rehearsal for Luigi Pirandello's The Rules of the Game, the play finds actors and a director interrupted by orphan characters, seeking to have their story told. Previews are available from Nov. 11 through Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The play will be open on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and run through Dec. 9 (times vary). Tickets are \$10-\$50. At Black Box Theater of Artisphere, located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

DEC. 12 THROUGH FEB. 3

Art On The Art Bus: Hand Drawn

Bazaar. Free. Elizabeth Graeber creates work for Art On The Art Bus at Works in Progress Gallery in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

In Search Of An Author' Set during a rehearsal for Luigi Pirandello's "The Rules of the Game," the play finds actors and a director interrupted by orphan characters, seeking to have their story told. The play will run through Dec. 9 (times vary). Tickets are \$10-\$50. At Black Box Theater of Artisphere, located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

at IOTA Club & Cafe (2832 Wilson Blvd.). This show will mark their final band performances of 2012, a year that brought both Taylor and Justin personal and musical success. Doors will open at 8 p.m. and special guest Cassidy Ford will play an opening set at 8:15 p.m. followed by Taylor Carson and finally

Justin Trawick. Tickets are \$12 and

available at the door. Visit

www.iotaclubandcafe.com

SATURDAY/DEC. 15

Grump At Artisphere. 12-6 p.m. Free. Ballroom Grump is the best ever alternative holiday craft show where people can shop local this holiday season. Join 40 local makers as they show and sell handmade goods. From kids clothing made from vintage t-shirts and handmade soap to plush anteaters and t-shirts about zombies eating pizza. And enjoy a tacky-sweater photo booth and DJ. Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

Ethan Lipton + His Orchestra: No Place To Go. 8 p.m. \$22. The Obje

Place To Go. 8 p.m. \$22. The Obie Award-winning show delivers an irreverent and personal musical ode to the unemployed. Lipton is joined by his incomparable "orchestra" of Eben Levy (guitar), Ian Riggs (upright bass) and Vito Dieterle (sax), a trio that's been playing with him for over seven years. At Dome Theater in Artisphere located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

THROUGH DEC. 15

Beth Baldwin: Artist-in-Residence.

Free. Open studio hours Nov. 12-Dec. 15: Friday 6-10 p.m.; Saturday Noon-6 p.m. In a 500-square-foot studio located off of Artisphere's main entrance lobby, Baldwin will create her one-of-a-kind animals and houses made from recycled materials in full view of the public eye. Patrons are welcome and encouraged to walk through her studio, watch her work and ask questions during her residency hours. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 15, 29 & JAN. 12, 26

Elizabeth Graeber Hand Drawn Bazaar. 5:30-10 p.m. Graeber has

THURSDAY/DEC. 20

The Dark Side Of The Earth: A

Special Solstice Sonic. Polish those dancing shoes and get ready for some traditional American dancing with loud, high energy music perfect for brightening up the dark winter night. Dance lessons start at 7:30 p.m.; Live music and dance are from 8-11 p.m. \$8. In the Ballroom in Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit

FRIDAY/DEC. 21

www.artisphere.com.

Scrooged. 8 p.m. \$8. A modern twist on Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale A Christmas Carol, Bill Murray stars as a cynically selfish TV executive, Frank Cross, who gets haunted by three spirits bearing lessons on Christmas Eve. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 22

It's A Wonderful Life. 8 p.m. \$8. George Bailey spends his entire life giving up his big dreams for the good of his town, Bedford Falls. Jimmy Stewart stars in this endearing holiday classic, listed by the American Film Institute as the most inspiring film of all time. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

THROUGH JAN. 5, 2013

Roberto Bocci's Streams + Spaces.

Free. At Mezz Gallery. Roberto Bocci's Streams + Spaces in Between is a portrait of the distance between two geographical locations. A 100-foot experimental panorama maps the distance between Arlington and Washington, D.C. and relocates urban environments within the art gallery. The artist talk with Don Russell, Juror at 6 p.m. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-875-1100 or visit www.artisphere.com.

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In October 2012, 222 Arlington homes sold between \$1,700,000-\$65,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$715,000-\$542,500 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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Yorktown Football Falls to Stone Bridge in Region Final

Patriots can't hold early 22-point lead against Bulldogs.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

fter surrendering a touchdown to Stone Bridge on the opening drive of the Division 5 Northern Region football final, Yorktown found itself backed into a third-and-17 on its own 30-yard line.

Facing the potential of being buried early, the Patriots responded with a momentumswinging highlight play.

Quarterback Will Roebuck threw a pass to Nick Yore. The senior receiver then lateraled to running back M.J. Stewart, who raced down the left sideline for a game-tying touchdown. The hook-and-ladder covered 70 yards and jump-started the Patriots against a Stone Bridge program that had won five of the previous seven region titles.

For the next 10 minutes, things went about as well as they could for Yorktown. Stone Bridge turned the ball over four times and the Patriots turned each Bulldogs miscue into points. With 9:30 remaining in the second quarter, Stewart scored his third touchdown of the afternoon, giving Yorktown a 29-7 lead.

Stewart walked toward the sideline and saluted Yorktown fans as the Patriots appeared capable of upsetting a Northern Region powerhouse.

"We had all the hype," Stewart said after the game. "We did what we wanted to do initially: come out, play with fire, play with intensity and we did that."

Unfortunately for Yorktown, Stone Bridge



Yorktown receiver Nick Yore catches a pass during the Division 5 Northern Region championship game against Stone Bridge Nov. 23.

started to play like a program that appeared in four state championship games in the last eight years.

The Bulldogs pounded the ball on the ground and slowly chipped away, cutting the Yorktown lead to 29-22 at halftime. Fifty-five unanswered points later, Stone Bridge was on its way back to the state play-

No. 1 Stone Bridge defeated No. 2 Yorktown, 69-50, on Friday afternoon in Ashburn. After a slow start, the Bulldogs built a 62-29 lead on their way to a sixth region championship in eight years. Meanwhile, the Patriots finished as the Northern Region runner-up with a 12-1 record for the second consecutive season.

"When we got up 29-7, I thought, well, maybe [we could win]," Yorktown head coach Bruce Hanson said. "But [the Bulldogs are] smart guys. They just lined up and just kept pounding us up there. They didn't panic."

Stone Bridge took control of the game in the third quarter. Trailing 29-22, the Bulldogs forced a Yorktown three-and-out on the opening possession of the second half. Rassaun Goldring returned the ensuing punt 41 yards for a touchdown, cutting the Patriots lead to one. Yorktown lost a fumble on its next offensive play, leading to a 1-yard touchdown run by Stone Bridge's Christian Strahin, which gave the Bulldogs a 34-29 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Stone Bridge outscored Yorktown 33-0 in the third quarter, during which the Bulldogs dominated the field position battle.

"I think we got a little depressed at halftime that they had come back like that," Hanson said. "We came out and they just kept kicking the ball in the end zone and we couldn't get a first down. That's the difference in the game."

While Yorktown fell short, the Patriots put up a strong offensive effort. Yorktown was one of only two teams to score more than 14 points against Stone Bridge this season. The previous high was 28 by Fairfax on Nov. 2.

Stewart had another big game for Yorktown, amassing 233 yards of offense and five touchdowns. He carried 20 times for 141 yards and three touchdowns, and had 92 yards and two scores receiving.

Roebuck completed 14 of 28 passes for 315 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions against what he called "the most prolific pass [rush] I've seen in my life." Along with the hook-and-ladder score, Roebuck threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Stewart, a 34-yard scoring toss to Nick Yore and a 70-yard touchdown pass to Micah Gregory.

"We had a bunch of big plays that worked for us," said Roebuck, a junior. "... Just the experience of playing in big games, I think that helps a lot [for the future]."

Yore caught five passes for 124 yards. Gregory had five grabs for 99 yards.

"It feels good from an offensive standpoint," Yore said. "... We were able to throw the ball on them when

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On defense, Stewart intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble for Yorktown. John Brennan, Eric Stahr and John Yoest also recovered fumbles for the Patriots.

In the last three seasons, Yorktown posted a 33-4 record, won three National District titles and reached the region championship game twice.

"To make it [to] back-to-

didn't panic."

— Yorktown football coach Bruce Hanson

back [region finals] and have two undefeated [regular] seasons is great," said Yore, a senior. "[The] program is on the rise. ... It feels good to put Yorktown on the map and having people talk [about] us."

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SPORTS



Yorktown players raise their helmets during a team huddle at the Division 5 Northern Region football final.



Yorktown running back Arturo Brown carries the ball against Stone Bridge in the Division 5 Northern Region final on Nov. 23.



Yorktown receiver Micah Gregory catches a pass against Stone Bridge.



Yorktown offensive players stand on the field during the Division 5 Northern Region football final against Stone Bridge. From left are Will Roebuck, Micah Gregory, Eric Stahr, Bennett Vogelsang, Liam Schmidt, Jason White. Paul Yeonas and Jason Smith.





Yorktown head coach Bruce Hanson, right, talks to quarterback Will Roebuck during the Division 5 Northern Region championship game against Stone Bridge on Nov. 23.

Yorktown fans traveled to Ashburn to support the Patriots against Stone Bridge in the Division 5 Northern Region football final on Nov. 23.

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Contrary to last week's column, if I do pay for it now (things I can't afford), then I'll be so in debt later that I may end up saying "bye" anyway - from the stress of it. And if that were to happen; dying with a smile on my face, so to speak, would I be truly better off now anticipating that later was not going to be my problem? Do I want to be a modern day version of George Raft, the American actor from the 1930s and 40s best known for his portrayals of mobsters, who said about his Hollywood money: "I must have gone through \$10 million during my career. Part of the loot went for gambling, part for horses and part for women. The rest I spent foolishly.

My problem is that I don't want to spend my money foolishly, just in case I continue to outlive my original prognosis. There's plenty of things I can afford to do without, but money unfortunately is not one of them. The real question, to me, is: do I want to take responsibility for my own actions (lifestyle choices, purchases, miscellaneous financial commitments) and live within my means, or do I want to spend selfishly, live my life and let the chips – or rather bills, fall where they may? After all, eventually (if you know what I mean?), payment may be difficult to collect. And given the fact that as a stage IV lung cancer patient, I am considered "terminal," which means my best years may be behind me, don't I have enough problems at present whereby I shouldn't worry too much about what happens later (somebody else's problem by then)? Then again, if I do pay now, surely there would be a sense of satisfaction/sense of accomplishment, but would paying for any of it (or all of it) now compromise my future? Need I be overly concerned about later when the ship I'm presently steering is listing and taking on water?

Stress hardly provides aid and comfort when imposed on a cancer patient and more so than on an able-bodied, non-terminal man or woman. Finding that balance between what I need today to get me to tomorrow, versus what I need tomorrow to get me through today, is the axis on which that bane of my existence turns. Do I indulge myself? Do I deprive myself? Do I live like there are plenty of tomorrows? Or do I live like tomorrows are in short supply? Do I reach for the brass ring (on the Merry-go-round of life, metaphorically speaking) or do I saddle a real horse and ride off into the sunset? Is time on my side or is it running down my leg?

Unfortunately, there's nothing that I can do today to guarantee me a tomorrow. I have cancer. However, living recklessly, irresponsibly, selfishly may in an awkward way get me through today easier than if I towed the typical Kenny-type line (I'm funny, but I'm not fun). Nevertheless, I keep coming back to an emotional instinct I have: I don't want to give up on myself or my future and paying now assures that I won't. I do plenty of pre tending but I'm not going to pretend that I'm the reincarnation of George Raft (besides, he was also an excellent dancer, which I'm not). He may have known what he was doing; I'm not really sure I do.

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(1) OFFERS INCLUDE VA TAX, FREIGHT, \$399 PROCESSING FEE ACQUISITION FEE AND \$0 SECURITY DEPOSIT. 36-MONTH LEASE WITH 12K PER YEAR. (2) TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT PLUS TAX, TAGS, FREIGHT AND \$399 PROCESSING FEE DUE AT SIGNING. (3)0% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR 30 MONTHS ON NEW 2012 CAMPLYS. 0% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR 90 MONTHS ON NEW 2013 COROLLAS. OFFERS FOR WELL QUALIFIED BUYERS WITH APPROVED TIERT. CREDIT THROUGH TES. EXCLUDES \$399 DEALER DOC FEE. (4) BASED ON BLACK AVAILABLE FOR 36 MONTHS ON NEW 2012 CAMBRYS. 014 APR FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR 60 MONTHS ON NEW 2013 COROLLAS. OFFERS FOR WELL CUALIFIED BUYERS WITH APPROVED TIERT+ GREDIT THROUGH TIS. EXCLUDES \$399 DEALER DOG FEE. (4) BASED ON BLACK BOOK TRADE VALUE MINISE EXCESS MILEAGE AND RECONDITIONING. (5) COVERS NORMAL FACTORY SCHEDULED SERVICE FOR 2 YEARS OR 3 YEAR COMES RIST. THE NEW VEHICLE CAMBOT BE PART OF A REINTAL OR COMMERCIAL FLEET, SEE PARTICIPATING DEALER FOR COMPLETE PLAN DETAILS. VALID ONLY IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND ALASKA. (6) TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES, NOT A LAPPLICAMITS WILL QUALIFY. REBATE OFFERED BY TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, SIS.A., INC. REBATE WILL BE APPLIED ON LEASE CONTRACTS, FIRST TOWARD THE AMOUNTS DUE AT LEASE SIGNING OR DELIVERY WITH ANY REMAINDER TO THE CAPITALIZED COST REDUCTION OR FINANCE CONTRACTS, ONE REBATE FOR EASE OF FINANCE OFFERED BY TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. REBATE WILL BE APPLIED ON LEASE CONTRACTS, FIRST TOWARD THE AMOUNTS DUE AT SIGNING OR DELIVERY WITH ANY REMAINDER TO THE CAPITALIZED COST REDUCTION, OR TOWARD THE DOWN PAYMENT ON FINANCE CONTRACTS, ONE REBATE PER FINANCE OR LEASE TRANSACTION. NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE TOYOTA COLLEGE GRADULATE REBATE PROGRAM. SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, (8) ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS MUST BE IN CURRENT ACTIVE DUTY STATUS IN THE U.S. MILITARY, (9) 0% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR 36 MONTHS ON PRIUS PLUG-IN FOR QUALIFIED BUYERS. (†) WHICHEVER COMES FIRST FROM DATE OF TOUR PURCHASE. (††) FROM DATE OF TOUR PURCHASE. (††) FROM DATE OF TOUR PURCHASE. (††) 19% APR FINANCING ON ALL CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLES FOR UP TO 80 MONTHS WITH APPROVED CREDIT ON SELECT MODELS THROUGH TPS. \$399 DEALER DOC FEE. SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE FINANCING DETAILS. (††††) UP TO \$5,000. ALL OFFERS EXPIRE 11/30/12.