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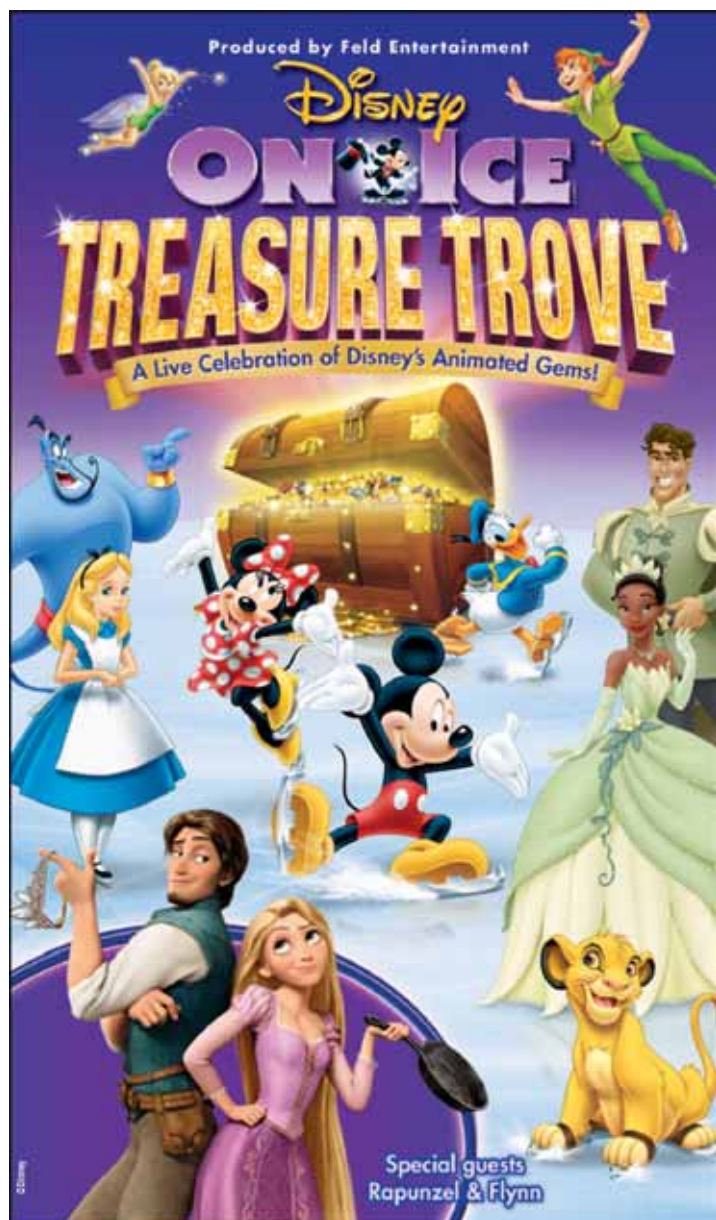
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THURSDAY/FEB. 7

Medicare Explained. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Human Services Center, 2100 Washington Blvd. Learn about the basics of coverage and choices. Registration required, 703-228-1700.

SATURDAY/FEB. 9

Feel the Heritage Festival. Noon-4 p.m. at Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. Features music and dance performances, food, vendors and more. Free. There will be a memory-sharing walk at 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS/FEB. 10, 17

Meditation and Buddhism Introductory Class. 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Buddhist Center, 4001 N. 9th St., Suite 105. \$10/class. Enjoy a guided meditation, lecture with questions and answers. Visit www.meditation-dc.org or 202-986-2257.

TUESDAY/FEB. 12

Pancake Supper. 4:30-7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3022 Woodlawn Ave., Falls Church. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon and more. Donations accepted with proceeds benefiting the youth program. Visit www.htluther.org or 703-532-6617.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 6-8 p.m. at St. John's, 415 S. Lexington St. Enjoy pancakes, applesauce, ham and more. \$5/adult;

\$3/child; children under 6 free.
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 6 p.m. at Church of the Covenant, 2666 Military Road. Free, but donations welcome. 703-524-4115.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 13

Volunteer Training. The TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria are holding training sessions for people interested in learning how to plant, care and maintain trees throughout the communities. Visit www.treestewards.org or 703-527-2349 for application.

Meeting. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will have a meeting at 12:30 p.m. at Culpeper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Karl Van Newkirk will discuss "Arlington in the 18th Century." Free.

FRIDAY/FEB. 15

Summer Activities Fair. 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Learn about summer school, recreation programs, day and overnight camps and camps for children with special needs. Teens looking to volunteer will find a list of available options. Free.

TUESDAY/FEB. 19

Medicare Explained. 10 a.m.-noon at Arlington Human Services Center, 2100 Washington Blvd. Learn about the basics of coverage and choices. Registration required, 703-228-1700.

Meeting. 7 p.m. at Nottingham Elementary School, 5900 Little Falls Road. Hear a presentation on "The State of Youth in Arlington." Free. 703-534-6837.

FRIDAY/FEB. 22

Free Lecture. 11 a.m.-noon at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Terri Remy, M.D. of Medical Associates of Beauregard will present some of the symptoms of menopause, the effects of the changes and how to manage the change. RSVP at 703-558-6859.

SATURDAY/FEB. 23

ESOL Tutor Training Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. \$40 for books and materials. More than 75 new volunteer English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) tutors are needed to help area immigrant adults learn to speak, read, and write English. Currently on a waiting list to be matched with tutors, these adult students are eager to improve their English skills by working one-to-one with a trained volunteer. E-mail volunteers@lcnv.org or 703-237-0866 x111.

MONDAY/FEB. 25

Yoga. 6:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. No registration required. E-mail arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 26

Free Career Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Embassy Suites Crystal City. Professionals who have a college degree or higher can meet employers who are hiring in the fields of sales, management and more. Visit www.psijobfair.com for more.

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Chair of the Arlington County Board Walter Tejada answers questions from Arlington residents at Drew Community Center.

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Residents Voice Neighborhood Concerns

Tejada hears comments on overcrowding, job opportunities and traffic.

BY EDISON RUSS
THE CONNECTION

Residents from all over Arlington asked questions and voiced their concerns about affordable housing and other issues at a town hall-style meeting in Drew Community Center on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Chair of the Arlington County Board Walter Tejada was present to address these concerns during the meeting and to receive forms with residents' concerns and questions to look into them later.

Overcrowding was one of the major concerns voiced at the meeting.

Mary Madden, a Park Shirlington resident, said she was concerned about the lack of affordable housing and the increase in population density that would occur when 294 Park Shirlington apartment units priced from \$1,300-\$1,900, which are scheduled to be demolished in the next two years and replaced with 700 units priced from \$2,000-\$2,600.

Madden also said the residents would need to pay extra for parking.

A Barcroft resident mentioned the increase in Arlington's child population and asked if the county had any plan for dealing with this growth with regard to extra-curricular activities, in addition to providing extra seats in schools, and said that, as of the meeting, there were 1,778 people on a wait list for a Barcroft gymnastics class.

Tejada said that this concern was being addressed by the part of his Moving Forward Together Plan that deals with childhood obesity. He explained that the design considerations for elementary schools have taken into account not only the need for more seats, but for making it easier for children to walk to school.

VICE PRESIDENT of the Nauck Civic Association Portia Clark expressed concern for the number of job opportunities in Nauck, where the median income is \$90,000 a year.

"Nauck is not that affluent," Clark said, "but we need jobs, and we need people to

be trained to be more self-sufficient.

Clark said the county should particularly encourage businesses to hire local workers and focus more on finding out what the current economic opportunities are than restricting certain businesses from entering the area.

Tejada said that the county is always enticing economic opportunities, citing the "Shop Arlington" initiative, which encourages residents to shop locally.

With regard to the concern about restrictions, he also elaborated on his response to a question about the rumor of a big box retailer trying to set up shop in Shirlington a couple of years ago, a situation in which some restrictions had been placed.

"We want to make sure that if something happens there," Tejada said, "it mitigates the impact on the neighborhood, particularly traffic."

In addition to traffic, Tejada said the impact on the character of a neighborhood was also a deciding factor on changes made in Arlington, which he reiterated when a resident voiced concern about the impact of the street car on small businesses.

Expanding Mental Health First Aid

Legislators to consider \$2 million for Mental Health First Aid.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

The idea of first aid dates back to Order of St. John, a medieval society of knights that offered training in how to treat common battlefield injuries. Now, the Virginia General Assembly may be bringing the idea to mental-health services in the wake of the school shooting in Connecticut. Last week-end, the House Appropriations Committee approved \$1.85 million to expand training for Mental Health First Aid — arm today's knights tools for the modern battlefield, whether it be a schoolhouse corridor or a hotel lobby.

"This is an important step forward to improve the capacity of Virginia to address mental-health issues," said Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45), who originally introduced a budget amendment for \$2.5 million. "By training teachers and other community members in Mental Health First Aid, people can better identify individuals who require help and get them the support they need."



Del. Rob Krupicka (D-45)

Mental Health First Aid is a relatively new public education program, first created in 2001 by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Health and Mental Hygiene and the Missouri Department of Mental Health. Instructors explain how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness in an interactive 12-hour course. The overview of mental illness and substance-abuse disorders introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems.

"Being on the front lines, you don't always know if someone has mental illness or if they are just having a bad day," said Evelyn Quiles, an administrative assistant who works in the Alexandria JobLink office. "This training taught us to not pass judgment so quickly, which could lead to

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County Approves Pharmacy's Historic Designation

BY EDISON RUSS
THE CONNECTION

The Arlington County Board voted unanimously in a recessed meeting Tuesday, Jan. 29, to recognize Green Valley Pharmacy located at 2415 Shirlington Road as a historic district.

The pharmacy met three criteria of 11 for historic designation in the Arlington County

Zoning Ordinance, surpassing the minimum of two.

The pharmacy, owned by Dr. Leonard Muse, is the only African American-owned pharmacy to have been continuously operated for 60 years.

The pharmacy is also Arlington's second oldest business — a few months younger than the Friendly Cab Company — and it is a popular gathering place for the Nauck

community.

A number of Nauck residents spoke before the board at the meeting about how they had known Muse since they were children and everything he had done for them.

Muse first requested the designation through a formal letter and a petition that received 143 signatures in November 2009.

A historic marker that costs about \$2,000 will be installed at the site.

PEOPLE

The Final Countdown

Remembering the Space Shuttle Columbia.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

He was just 16 minutes from home. As a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia, Arlington native David Brown was going through final landing preparations aboard STS-107 to conclude what for 16 days had been a routine mission.

At 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2003, that changed. "I'll never forget the tears in my father's voice when he called to tell me to turn on the TV," said Alexandria resident Col. Nathan "Chili" Lindsay Jr., whose father, Gen. Nathan Lindsay, was the 45th Air Force wing commander during the Challenger tragedy. "Dad rarely cried but I knew he was reliving the Challenger incident."

Feb. 1, 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster, the third date in less than a week of three tragedies that claimed the lives of 17 astronauts: On Jan. 27, 1967, three astronauts were lost in the Apollo 1 launch pad fire and on Jan. 28, 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded on take-off, killing all seven astronauts on board.

In addition to Brown, a 1974 graduate of Yorktown High School, other crew members who perished aboard Columbia's final mission were Commander Rick Husband, pilot William C. McCool, Payload Commander Michael P. Anderson, Mission Specialists Kalpana Chawla and Laurel Clark, and Payload Specialist Ilan Ramon.

"Col. Husband was so upbeat and excited about the mission," said Lindsay, a self-described "career space guy" who worked on six of the seven final shuttle missions as part of the Air Force ground support search and rescue team. "Even though he had done this before, he was like a little kid and couldn't wait for the mission to begin."

Lindsay had met Husband during a visit to the Johnson Space Center in Houston while working for Gen. Lance Lord, the



PHOTO COURTESY NASA

Arlington native David M. Brown, a Navy Captain and flight surgeon, served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia.

Commander of Air Force Space Command. He remembers vividly the conversation they had just days before the Columbia's launch on Jan. 16, 2003.

"Col. Husband talked a lot about Col. Ramon," Lindsay said of the first Israeli astronaut to embark on a mission to explore space. "He couldn't say enough what a great guy he was to work with. It was clear Col. Husband truly loved his crew."

NASA's space shuttle program began with Columbia's maiden launch on April 12, 1981 and ended 30 years later on July 21, 2011 when Atlantis rolled to a stop at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

"Working in support of the space shuttle has been the highlight of my career," said Lindsay, who was part of the final Atlantis mission. "While the Columbia incident temporarily suspended the shuttle program, safety features were subsequently designed to allow the crew to escape in a similar situation."

Brown, the son of former Arlington



PHOTO COURTESY NASA

The crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia included Yorktown High School graduate David Brown (left). Pictured with him are Commander Rick Husband, Laurel Clark, Kalpana Chawla, Michael Anderson, Pilot William McCool and Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon.



COURTESY ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

The Space Shuttle Columbia Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Arlington native David M. Brown perished in the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



COURTESY ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

County Circuit Court Judge Paul D. Brown, was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery alongside Columbia crewmates Laurel Clark and Michael Anderson. The Arlington County Planetarium was renamed in Brown's honor five years after his death on Feb. 1, 2008.

"I wasn't able to attend Capt. Brown's funeral but was there when Lt. Col. Anderson was buried," Lindsay said. "I spent some time privately with his family prior to the ceremony. That was a very rough. I remember how his children were about the same as mine are now."

Lindsay, who will retire next year after

24 years of active duty, has been marking the anniversary of the space program tragedies with memorials to the astronauts posted on his Facebook page and in emails to friends.

"The anniversary is a time for me to pause and reflect on where I was when I got that call from my dad," Lindsay said. "I will never forget the sadness in his voice or watching the families and the NASA team waiting hopelessly for Columbia to land in Florida. This week especially, I will think about Col. Husband, Lt. Col. Anderson and the rest of the Columbia crew and say a prayer for the families they left behind."



PHOTO COURTESY COL. NATHAN LINDSAY

Alexandria resident Col. Nathan "Chili" Lindsay is shown July 21, 2011 in front of the Space Shuttle Atlantis at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



The seven-member crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia included Yorktown High School graduate David Brown (top left). Pictured with him are (clockwise): Pilot William McCool, Michael Anderson, Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, Laurel Clark, Commander Rick Husband and Kalpana Chawla.

PHOTO COURTESY NASA

PEOPLE

Joseph D. W. Foster, Esq., joined Marymount University as vice president for development and alumni relations on Jan. 7. In this position, he is responsible for all fund-raising initiatives, including the annual fund, major gifts, and corporate and foundation grants, as well as all alumni relations programs.



Foster holds a B.S. in political science from Campbellsville College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

He comes to Marymount from Eastern Kentucky University, where he served as vice president for advancement for the past seven years.

Foster is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, the American Bar Association, and the Kentucky Bar Association.

Athena Ullrich has been promoted to the position of Vice President at The Business Bank. Ullrich is the client manager of the bank's Ballston Office in Arlington. She also serves as chairman of The Business Bank's Marketing Committee. Ullrich joined The Business Bank in August 2007 with the opening of the then new Ballston Office. She began her banking career as a part-time drive-thru teller in McLean while attending Langley High School.

Ullrich received her bachelor's degree in economics from Virginia Tech. She is active in the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, Leadership Arlington, and several other local organizations.

merce, the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, Leadership Arlington, and several other local organizations.

Air Force Airman **Aaron J. Gove** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Gove



is the son of Jimmy Gove of North Bywood Avenue, Clawson, Mich., and Leslie Gove of South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. He is a 2011 graduate of Clawson High School, Mich.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for Feb. 11-16.

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. Culpepper 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: Tuesday, Feb. 19, Supreme Court Tour, D.C., \$8; Friday, Feb. 22, Dover Downs Casino, Dover, Del., \$11; Saturday, Feb. 23, Anderson House Museum, D.C., \$14. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

FDR excerpts, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 12:30 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Superbugs discussion, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Rubber Stamp Club, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Skyping 101, Wednesday, Feb. 20,

10:30 a.m., Microsoft Store, Pentagon Mall. Free. Must register, 703-228-0955.

Funeral planning, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Women's basketball program, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-4771.

Healthy house plants, Thursday, Feb. 21, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

New arthritis information, Thursday, Feb. 21, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Lee Woodcarvers share tips, Thursdays, 1 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Tips for caregivers of stroke victims, Friday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Celebrate Black History Month, stories, songs, Southern lunch, \$6, Friday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register early, 703-228-6300.

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

Open Tai Chi practice, Saturdays, 9:15 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

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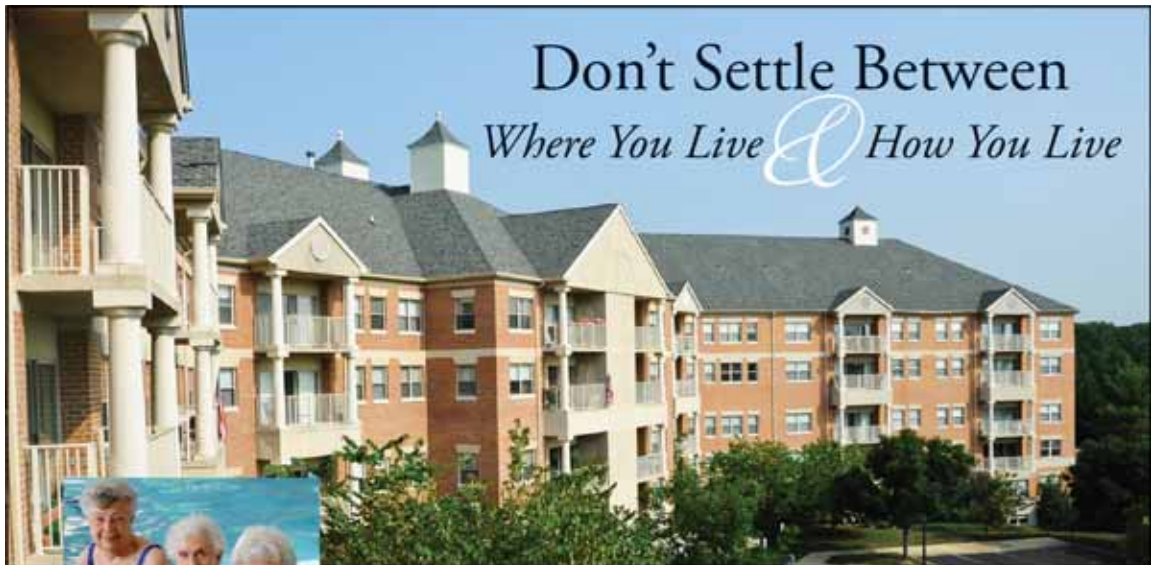
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Sydney Kellenberger and Gina Grantham



Arlington Treasurer Frank O'Leary talks with Susan Reardon.



Andres Tobar and Sharon Davis



Anna Issacson and Sara Woodward

At the 89th Annual Arlington Business Gala

The Arlington County Chamber of Commerce hosted its 89th annual business gala at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City on Saturday, Jan. 26. The gala featured a silent and live auction in addition to a raffle for a seven-night tropical vacation for two in St. Lucia.



Neil Trent of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington and Sue Bell of Homeward Trails talks with County Board Vice Chair Jay Fisette.



Patricia O'Hara, state Sen. Rob Krupicka, Scott, Joey and Linda McGeary



Joel Thevoz and Barbara and Bill Powell.

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CONNECTION



Nancy Goodman and Kamara Napper



Erin Mendalhall and Gene Robinson



Toni Andrews and Lorraine Nordlinger



Edward Dean and Kevin Shooshan

Legislators Consider Mental Health Support

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the wrong conclusions.”

CONSIDER THE SCENERIO: A woman enters a government building and begins acting strangely. She is bald and disoriented, explaining that she can’t remember where she parked. The woman behind the front desk calls Adult Protective Services, which dispatches Alexandria social worker Sue Ellen Mawhinney to the scene. If the front desk worker had been a graduate of Mental Health First Aid, Mawhinney says, he or she might have been able to handle the situation without calling in reinforcements.

“I think the sense was that this was some sort of medical crisis, when in actuality it wasn’t,” said Mawhinney. “I think this training would equip the average person to not necessarily think that this would be something beyond their scope to deal with and to give folks tools that they might not otherwise have to respond to people who are in some sort of crisis.”

The 12-hour course has been

presented to primary care professionals, employers and business leaders as well as school officials and nursing home staff. Many graduates of the class have gone on to become certified instructors in Mental Health First Aid, expanding the universe of people with the skills to help diffuse situations before they escalate out of control.

“The first think you do is listen patiently,” said Alexandria case-worker Wilma Roberts. “You don’t argue. You don’t make it seem like they are a liar.

If the Senate approves the \$2 million appropriation, Krupicka says, he wants to fund the training programs for school staff members across Virginia.

“People need to be aware of the complexity of mental-health issues, and they need to know how to identify them and be sensitive to the challenges that go along with them,” said Krupicka. “Having a Mental Health First Aid training program in place can really help people get the support and services they need so that we can prevent someone from going undiagnosed or unidentified.”

BULLETIN BOARD

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 27

Speaker Series. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at WETA, 2775 S. Quincy St. Leadership Arlington presents “Marketing to the Metro Renter.” Cost is \$40 for members of Leadership Arlington and \$50 for the general public. Lunch and materials are included. Visit www.leadershiparlington.org to register.

FEB 28 THROUGH MARCH 2

Charity Fundraising. Buy fresh Florida citrus, pecans, and pure Vermont maple syrup at the Overlee Pool, 6030 Lee Highway, lower parking lot, off John Marshall Drive. Hours are Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 703-528-1130.

MONDAY/MARCH 4

Making College Affordable. 7-9 p.m. at Wakefield High School, 4901 S. Chesterfield Road. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran hosts a workshop to help students and parents navigate the various opportunities. Free.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 13

Scholarship Deadline. The Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers, Inc. is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who desire a career in the field of education. Visit <http://acsfft.arlingtonncepta.org> for application information and forms.

FRIDAY/MARCH 15

Free Lecture. 11 a.m.-noon at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Nancy Nollen,

MA, MSW will discuss how to maintain healthy conversation between adult children and their parents. RSVP at 703-558-6859.

FRIDAY/APRIL 12

Free Lecture. 11 a.m.-noon at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Refresh your driving skills and find information about how to get around safely from Lincoln Cummings, AARP DSP instructor. RSVP at 703-558-6859.

THURSDAY/APRIL 25

Memory Screening Day. 9 a.m.-noon at Langston-Brown Senior Center. Get a confidential screening to detect any memory problems and get information about successful aging. Schedule an appointment or get information at 703-237-9048.

LOOKING FOR A PRACTICE SPACE

Since 1993, **Guiding Eyes for the Blind’s Dominion Puppy Raising Region** has raised 470 puppies to become guide dogs for blind and visually impaired men and women around the world. For years the volunteer raisers from across Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax County, and McLean have gathered on Sunday afternoons at a local church for their weekly puppy raising class. As of Feb. 15, however, the group will be without a home. The Dominion region volunteers, currently made up of 18 raiser/pup teams, are each given an 8-week-old Guiding Eyes pup to love, nurture, and educate for 12 to 16 months before they return a well-socialized young adult dog for formal guide dog training. Weekly puppy raising classes are run by Guiding Eyes’ Regional Manager to support raisers and their pups.

CRIME REPORTS

The following crime incidents were released by the Arlington Police Department.

ROBBERY, 4400 block of N. 4th Street. At 11:53 p.m. on Jan. 23, as a female victim was walking home from the Ballston Metro station alone, she was approached from behind by a male subject who placed his hand over her face and grabbed her purse. The subject fled the scene on foot and was not located. He is described as a black male, approximately 5’7” tall and 160 lbs. He was wearing a black wool coat, dark jeans, knit hat, light-colored scarf and dark gloves at the time of the incident.

ROBBERY, 700 block of N. Glebe Road. At 2:43 p.m. on Jan. 27, two subjects entered a store together and attempted to steal merchandise by placing items in a bag. The two subjects were confronted by loss prevention while trying to leave the store with the stolen merchandise. The female subject struck a loss prevention employee and attempted to flee by foot. A 22-year-old Arlington woman was arrested and charged with robbery. She is being held without bond. A 27-year-old Falls Church man was arrested and charged with grand larceny and is being held on a \$2,000 secure bond.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 1200 block of S. Courthouse Road. At 8:10 p.m. on Jan. 26, a suspect and victim got into a verbal altercation outside of an apartment.

The argument escalated into a physical fight, and the suspect stabbed the victim. The victim was transported to George Washington Hospital for treatment of his stab wounds. The victim’s injuries were non-life-threatening. A 57-year-old Arlington man was arrested and charged with malicious wounding.

He is currently being held without bond. **BURGLARY**, 800 block of N. Abingdon Street. Between 12:45 and 1:15 p.m. on Jan. 23, an unknown subject(s) entered a locked residence and stole various items to include electronics and cash. There is no suspect(s) description.

BURGLARY, 700 block of S. Adams Street. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1:50 p.m. on Jan. 24, an unknown subject(s) entered a locked residence. It is unknown at this time if anything was stolen. There is no suspect(s) description.

BURGLARY, 600 block of N. Abingdon Street. Between 10 a.m. and 11:37 p.m. on Jan. 25, an unknown subject(s) broke into a residence. The subject(s) forced entry by prying open a basement door. The entire house was rummaged through and several items were stolen from the residence. There is no suspect(s) description.

BURGLARY, 2200 block of S. Pollard Street. Between 9 a.m. on Jan. 25 and 9:02 p.m. on Jan. 27, an unknown subject(s) gained entry into the home by smashing a sliding glass door. The unknown subject(s) stole a gun belonging to the victim. Nothing else appeared to be stolen. There is no suspect(s) description.

BURGLARY, 1500 block of N. Wilson Boulevard. Between 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 and 10:55 a.m. on Jan. 28, an unknown subject(s) broke into a commercial building. The suspect(s) used a tool to force entry into a room within the building and stole eight laptops. There is no suspect(s) description.

BURGLARY, 2500 block of N. Wilson Boulevard. Between 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 and 11:19 a.m. on Jan. 28, an

unknown subject(s) broke into a commercial building. The subject(s) forced entry into an office using a tool. Two laptops were stolen. There is no suspect(s) description.

BURGLARY, 3900 block of N. 5th Street. At 11:20 a.m. on Jan. 28, two suspects were seen breaking into a residence by a neighbor. Both subjects were taken into custody following a foot pursuit. Stolen items, including electronics and jewelry, were found on the subjects and returned to the owners. Two people were arrested and charged with burglary.

STOLEN VEHICLES

Jan. 23: VA XFD-2666, 2003 Chevrolet Econoline, white, 1100 block of S. Wakefield Street.

DC 01232H, 2004 Ford Crown Victoria (taxi), white/yellow 5500 block of S. Columbia Pike. DC H95014, 2002 Ford Crown Victoria (taxi), blue, 5500 block of S. Columbia Pike.

Jan. 25: IL K197616, 2006 Honda Civic, grey, 300 block of N. Madison Street.

Jan. 27: VA WXL3037, 2001 Toyota Camry, silver, 900 block of S. Wakefield Street.

Jan. 28: VA XEV4370, 2011 Ford E-250 Econoline Van, white, 4200 block of S. Four Mile Run Drive.

VA XDB1830, 2001 Ford CVC, silver, 1200 block of S. Courthouse Road.

VA 727157, 2008 Suzuki GXR 600 (motorcycle), black, 1200 block of S. Courthouse Road.

DC H87744, 1998 Ford Crown Victoria (taxi), blue and gray 5500 block of S. Columbia Pike.

VA KHA3185, 2001 Ford E150 Van, white, 4100 block of S. Columbia Pike.

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OPINION

Medicaid Expansion, Transportation and Uranium

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



This week's General Assembly session included "Crossover" on Tuesday — after which the House and Senate may only work on bills approved by the other body. I am pleased that 10 pieces of my legislation have advanced to the House of Delegates for further consideration — including measures to improve the electoral process by simplifying absentee ballot applications and disqualifying fewer of those ballots; and to codify nondiscrimination in state employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

RICHMOND REPORT

The Senate Finance Committee's budget proposal was unveiled on Sunday. Though it has some merit, I was extremely disappointed that federal Medicaid expansion funds were not accepted in the document. Because of this omission, all Finance Committee Democrats united to oppose the draft budget. The expansion of Medicaid in Virginia could cover an additional 400,000 currently uninsured Virginians, resulting in savings from increased preventive care and fewer costly emergency room visits, and create an estimated 30,000 health

care jobs. One hundred percent of the funds for expansion would come from the federal government for three years, and 90 percent thereafter. That money comes from federal income taxes paid for by Virginians, whether or not we accept this "Obamacare" (Medicaid) option. My Democratic colleagues and I will be working hard to win some Republican votes to accept the funding in the final Senate budget.

With regard to the Governor's transportation plan currently being debated, I agree that bold steps must be taken to address our transportation needs but do not believe the governor's bill would adequately serve the Commonwealth as a whole or Northern Virginia.

In years past I have argued against using the General Fund (spent on education, public safety, healthcare etc.) to fund transportation (which has its own dedicated fund). Governor McDonnell's plan to eliminate the 17.5¢/gallon gas tax and replace it with an .8 percent sales tax increase would go against that principle. Further, if the gas tax is eliminated and

replaced by an increased sales tax, Virginia would lose the revenue currently collected when out-of-state drivers buy gas. Instead residents would pay a higher sales tax. We cannot afford this self-inflicted wound to Virginia's economy.

One notable bill that was scheduled to be heard in last week's meeting of the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee was a measure that would have lifted Virginia's 30-year moratorium on uranium mining.

Our climate is distinctly different than that of most locations where uranium is currently mined, and I believe that lifting the ban could have posed serious threats to the Southside Virginia water table and resulted in other significant environmental concerns. After counting the votes of members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources members, including mine, the patron of the legislation decided to strike the bill, laying the issue to rest for this session.

To read more about what I'm up to, visit www.adamebbin.com. Your input helps me represent you better. Call my office at 804-698-7530 or email me at district30@senate.virginia.gov to share your opinion or if we can be of assistance.

LETTER

Hunger's Impact

To the Editor:

As Congress returns to Washington and gets back to the important work of balancing our budget, they are going to have to make some difficult decisions.

I think we can all agree that balancing the budget is important, but we need to make sure Congress does it in a way that strengthens our community by protecting the programs that help struggling families.

That's why I think every member of Congress should visit a local food bank before they make decisions about how to reduce our deficit.

Hunger is a very real problem that affects every single county in the U.S., including ours, and some of the programs that help put food on the table for struggling Americans at risk of being decimated in the name of balancing the budget.

There's no better way to understand the issue of hunger in our community than to see food banks in action. If any of our members of Congress haven't visited a food bank recently, I encourage them to make a visit to see first-hand the impact hunger has on our community.

Jen Boland
Arlington

Guild Donates \$42,500 to Local Organizations

The Dominion Guild has been raising funds since 1986 for distribution to qualifying projects and entities serving the Northern Virginia Community. After the 2012 fundraiser, the Guild donated a total of \$42,500 to five local organizations:

DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES received \$10,000 to provide for 100 nights of shelter and supportive services for women and children fleeing imminent danger from domestic violence in Arlington.

AMEN (Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs, Inc.) received \$5,000 to support the Daily Fund that provides financial assistance to needy Arlington residents who have emergency financial needs.

A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network) received \$10,000 to provide for the development and distribution of 1,000 medical kits for A-SPAN's Street Outreach Program.

PHOENIX HOUSES OF THE MID-ATLANTIC that support individuals, families, and communities affected by substance abuse and dependency received \$5,000 to provide for additional services for clients who are unable to afford care.



Each Fall The Dominion Guild, Inc. hosts an open house and coffee with boutiques. The proceeds from the annual fundraiser are distributed to qualifying projects and entities serving the Northern Virginia Community. After this year's event, the Guild donated \$42,500 to five institutions. Above, a check is given to The Phoenix House. From left are Deborah Taylor, senior VP/regional director; Janice McKelvey, chair of Projects Committee, and Vicki Kirkbride, president of The Dominion Guild.

MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY received \$12,500 to provide for an endowed Dominion Guild Scholarship Fund for women who are residents of Northern Virginia and are returning to Marymount to complete a degree in their chosen field.

IN ADDITION, the Guild continued to honor its five-year commitment to George Mason University College of Health And Human Services to fund scholarships for students pursuing their Ph.D. degrees in nursing.

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WELLBEING

Thomas Jefferson Middle Plans Family Fun Day

Health Fair to include fitness and healthy cooking demonstrations.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Those looking for a mid-winter dose of healthy fun are in luck: Thomas Jefferson Middle School's Parent Teacher Association and the Jefferson Garden are sponsoring the first Jefferson Healthy Family Fun Fair on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2-5 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington.

The event is part of the school's Healthy Eating, Healthy Choices, Healthy Families initiative. Among the planned activities are creative martial arts, Zumba, yoga, an indoor rock-climbing wall, inflatable mazes, a moon bounce, line dancing, healthy cooking demonstrations and indoor gardening.

"This is an opportunity to show more families how easy it is to cook healthy food and include children in healthy eating food prep," said Andie Nelson, who will present a hands-on cooking demonstration at the fair.

"Our PTA is working to create healthy opportunities for all of our families," said Kathleen McSweeney, PTA president. "It is important to help families who come to our school see the connection between food they eat and where it comes from. A lot of our students come from low-income families and live in apartments and don't know how food is grown."

Jefferson Middle School has donated more than 800 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) from the garden.

"There is a real variety of crops, and I like the fact that we can take vegetables home to try," said Garrett Guadalupe-Lane, an eighth-grade student at Jefferson. "I have learned that there is a right way and a wrong way to plant vegetables, and there is always someone in the garden who can

Jefferson Healthy Family Fun Fair

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2-5 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington. The Jefferson Healthy Family Fun Fair is free and open to everyone.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHLEEN MCSWEENEY

The Thomas Jefferson Middle School garden is part of a campus-wide initiative to help students understand the connection between the food they eat and its sources.

teach you how to do it right."

McSweeney says Jefferson has an outdoor garden, which is the largest schoolyard garden in Arlington. "We were just awarded a [\$13,718] Parks Enhancement Grant from Arlington County," said McSweeney. "The grant will allow us to bring outdoor seating to our garden and develop

an outdoor classroom to further integrate environmental sustainability, earth and agricultural science, and healthy food choices into our curriculum."

In keeping with theme of making healthy eating accessible, the Healthy Family Fun Fair will also debut a new initiative called Healthy Bites.

"This series is sponsored by Whole Foods and stars Jefferson students," said McSweeney. "It is designed to show families how to shop for tasty healthful meals."

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IN DECEMBER 2012, 180 ARLINGTON HOMES
SOLD BETWEEN \$1,950,000-\$9,500.

December 2012 Sales in the \$900s



4 5054 26th Road — \$938,000



5 808 Highland Street — \$925,000



2 2425 Dickerson Street North,
— \$986,000



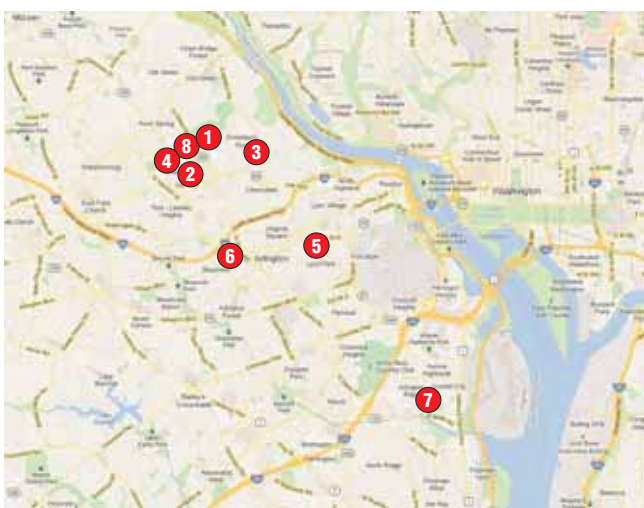
6 851 Abingdon Street North — \$919,500



7 2630 Ives Street South — \$905,000



8 4820 27th Place North — \$905,000



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Address	BR	FB	HB	...	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	..	PostalCode	Subdivision	Date Sold
1 4775 OLD DOMINION DR	5	..	4	..	0	ARLINGTON	.....	\$990,000	....	Detached	....	0.28	.....	22207	.....	SHIRLEY WOODS	.....	12/21/12
2 2425 DICKERSON ST N	4	..	3	..	1	ARLINGTON	.....	\$986,000	....	Detached	....	0.21	.....	22207	.....	COUNTRY CLUB	.....	12/03/12
3 2419 RANDOLPH ST	4	..	3	..	1	ARLINGTON	.....	\$945,000	....	Detached	....	0.24	.....	22207	.....	LEE HEIGHTS	.....	12/20/12
4 5054 26TH RD	5	..	3	..	1	ARLINGTON	.....	\$938,000	....	Detached	....	0.13	.....	22207	.....	MILBURN TERRACE	.....	12/27/12
5 808 HIGHLAND ST	3	..	3	..	0	ARLINGTON	.....	\$925,000	....	Detached	....	0.15	.....	22201	.....	CLARENDON	.....	12/28/12
6 851 ABINGDON ST N	4	..	3	..	1	ARLINGTON	.....	\$919,500	....	Detached	....	0.14	.....	22203	.....	AVON PARK	.....	12/27/12
7 2630 IVES ST S	3	..	3	..	0	ARLINGTON	.....	\$905,000	....	Detached	....	0.47	.....	22202	.....	AURORA HILLS	.....	12/12/12
8 4820 27TH PLN	5	..	3	..	1	ARLINGTON	\$905,000	Detached	0.42	22207	SHIRLEY WOODS	12/20/12

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HOME SALES

In December 2012, 180 Arlington homes sold between \$1,950,000-\$9,500.
This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$410,000-\$9,500 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR .	FB .	HB ...	Postal City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC .	PostalCode	Subdivision
1021 GARFIELD ST N #504	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$410,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	CLARENDON
3650 GLEBE RD S #453	2	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$400,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22202	ECLIPSE ON CENTER PARK
2713 JUNE ST S	2	...	1 ... 1	ARLINGTON	\$400,000	Detached	0.17	22202	OAKCREST
1800 WILSON BLVD #238	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$399,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22201	WILSON BOULEVARD
820 POLLARD ST N #104	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$398,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	HAWTHORN
880 POLLARD ST N #702	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$385,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22203	BALLSTON
1131 FOREST DR	3	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$385,000	Detached	0.22	22204	VIRGINIA HEIGHTS ETC
2837 COLUMBUS ST	3	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$385,000	Townhouse		22206	FAIRLINGTON VIL
2718 UHLE ST S	2	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$384,500	Duplex	0.07	22206	Longbranch Park
1600 OAK ST #809	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$381,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	BEIVEDERE
2928 BUCHANAN ST #A2	1	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$380,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	FAIRLINGTON VIL
2923 23RD ST S	4	...	3 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$380,000	Detached	0.12	22206	NAUCK GREEN VALLEY
1530 KEY BLVD #603	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	ATRIUM CONDO
1021 GARFIELD ST N #325	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$367,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	CLARENDON
4071 FOUR MILE RUN DR #403	2	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$367,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22204	WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON
3127 13TH ST S	3	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$365,000	Detached	0.22	22204	ARL VILLAGE/ARL HILLS
3223 13TH RD S	3	...	1 ... 1	ARLINGTON	\$363,000	Duplex	0.07	22204	MUNSON'S
3713 3RD ST S	2	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$361,250	Duplex	0.07	22204	GLEBE MANOR
3800 FAIRFAX DR #1401	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$356,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	TOWER VILLAS
5300 COLUMBIA PIKE #302	3	...	2 ... 1	ARLINGTON	\$355,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22204	CARLYLE HOUSE
880 POLLARD ST #226	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$350,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	BALLSTON
1530 KEY BLVD #319	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$350,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	ATRIUM CONDO
2465 ARMY NAVY DR #1-217	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$345,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22206	GROVE AT ARLINGTON
1200 CRYSTAL DR #1614	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$340,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22202	WATERFORD HOUSE
3612 1ST RD S	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$340,000	Duplex	0.05	22204	GLEBE MANOR
2807A WOODROW ST S	2	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$333,000	Townhouse		22206	COURTBRDGE I&II
1301 COURTHOUSE RD #1205	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$328,800	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	WOODBURY HEIGHTS
2829 ABINGDON ST #A	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$322,000	Townhouse		22206	FAIRLINGTON VIL
4129 FOUR MILE RUN DR #401	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$321,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22204	WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON
1211 EADS ST #711	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$320,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22202	BELLA VISTA
4819 30TH ST S #C2	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$319,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	FAIRLINGTON VIL
2509 ARLINGTON BLVD #21	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$315,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22201	CAMBRIDGE COURTS
4141 HENDERSON RD #801	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$312,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	HYDE PARK
1805 CRYSTAL DR #402S	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$310,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22202	CRYSTAL PARK -S
4642C 28TH RD S #C	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	THE ARLINGTON
2106 SCOTT ST N #44	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22209	PALISADE GARDEN
3610 KEMPER RD	3	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$309,000	Duplex	0.06	22206	FORT BARNARD HEIGHTS
2719 WALTER REED DR #C	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$303,000	Townhouse		22206	THE ARLINGTON
5406 7TH RD S	4	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$300,000	Townhouse	0.07	22204	COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
1304 MEADE ST N #2	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$296,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22209	ROSSLYN HGHTS
2901 WOODLEY ST S #A	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$295,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	COURTBRDGE I&II
1021 ARLINGTON BLVD #1031	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$295,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	RIVER PLACE
2910 13TH RD S #303	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$290,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22204	COMMONS OF ARL
4189 FOUR MILE RUN DR #301	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$290,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22204	WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON
2914 18TH ST S	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$285,000	Detached	0.16	22204	JOHNSON'S HILL
1200 ARLINGTON RIDGE RD #707 ..	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$284,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22202	THE CAVENDISH
1728 RHODES ST N #5-276	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$282,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22201	COLONIAL VILLAGE
3515 WASHINGTON BLVD #305	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$280,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22201	WENTWORTH PLACE
2465 ARMY NAVY DR #1-208	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$275,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22206	GROVE AT ARLINGTON
2030 VERMONT ST #302	2	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$269,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		22207	VERMONT GARDENS
5000 7TH RD S #301	3	...	2 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$268,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22204	PARK SPRING
124 BARTON ST	3	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$265,000	Detached	0.10	22204	HOLMES
2109 SCOTT ST N #55	1	...	1 ... 0	ARLINGTON	\$265,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22209	PALISADE GARDEN
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Partnership Spotlights ‘Connect With Kids’ Champions

The Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families has named four Connect With Kids Champions for their extraordinary efforts to let young people know they are cared for and valued in the community. The Partnership selects CWK Champions twice annually to acknowledge those who are making a difference in the lives of Arlington youth.

BOB BIGNEY, or “Coach Bob,” takes time out of his schedule as the technical director for the Arlington Soccer Association to do even more for youths on a personal level. For several years, he has carved out time and attention for the students at Carlin Springs Elementary School. Students light up when Bigney enters the cafeteria or comes out at recess to organize lunchtime soccer. He also runs a lunch group for boys who need extra support. Teachers know they can bring Bigney in as an extra support for students who need help getting along with their peers or staying on top of

their schoolwork.

“Coach Bob has been an inspiration for our 4th and 5th grade boys,” said Carlin Springs guidance counselor Gretchen Brenckle. “He has really helped them understand the larger meaning of teamwork.”

ANNE MALLECK teaches English as a Second Language at Long Branch Elementary School. She has made a difference in the lives of her students by teaching them about getting along with one another and modeling good behavior.

Every day, she holds a morning meeting to speak about good peer relations, using examples and role playing to help students understand the lesson. She encourages students to compliment one another and to settle disputes using their words instead of their fists.

GERARDO MERINO: Every Monday the members of the Junior Buckingham Youth Brigade (BYB) are greeted with a big smile from Merino. A one-time member of the

club, he felt it was important to give back to his community so he finds the time between all of his other responsibilities to do so. In the summer of 2012, he volunteered two to three times a week at the BYB summer camp.

“He has an incredible ability to teach the children or teens to feel comfortable with who they are, while also feeling special, cherished and safe,” said Alyssa Duda, BYB director.

As he has developed relationships with the youth, he has begun to be a presence in their lives outside of BYB meetings as well, attending their sporting events or simply taking them out for lunch when he sees them out in Arlington.

MO TAYARI has dedicated his life to connecting with youngsters and fostering a love of soccer within them. As a soccer coach, he is kind yet tough with the boys on his team. Through his own example — he arrived in this country knowing no English, but was able to learn the language, find

work as a soccer coach, and move up in the organization — he teaches his players that hard work and discipline can help you achieve your goals.

“He is one of those people who kids just connect with easily,” said Danielle Leach, a parent from one of his teams. Tayari uses soccer as a language to connect with his players but will take extra time with youths who are struggling athletically, academically or personally, listening to them and providing encouragement.

The Arlington County School Board will recognize Bigney and Malleck in a special ceremony at the Feb. 7 School Board meeting. Merino and Tayari will be recognized by the Arlington County Board at its Feb. 26 meeting.

To nominate a Champion — a person, business or organization that goes above and beyond in building relationships with young people — contact Michael Swisher, assets liaison, at mswish@arlingtonva.us, or 703-228-1671.

Nominations are accepted anytime, but the deadline for the spring nominees is April 5.

18 Arlington Charities Receive United Way Funds

United Way of the National Capital Area awarded 20 grants totaling \$202,000 on Jan. 29 to 18 member organizations serving Arlington County. The funds came through designations to the Arlington Community Impact Fund in United Way NCA’s annual workplace giving campaign. Each of the grants directly addresses United Way NCA’s focus areas of education, health and financial stability.

The Arlington grantees are: Arlington Food Assistance Center, Arlington Free Clinic, Arlington Pediatric Center, Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs, A-SPAN (Arlington Street People’s Assistance Network, Inc.), Ayuda, Borromeo Housing, CrisisLink, Doorways for Women and Families, Friends of Guest House, Goodwill of Greater

Washington, Just Neighbors, Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM), Northern Virginia Family Service, ReSET, SCAN of Northern Virginia, The Child and Family Network Centers, and The Reading Connection.

Each year, United Way NCA solicits funding proposals from its member nonprofit organizations for specific programs and work in these communities. This year, Arlington County member organizations submitted 51 proposals totaling \$895,500. Funding decisions are made by a volunteer, citizen-led task force that works together with area nonprofits, governments, and business leaders to determine where there are gaps in services and where the funds will do the most good.

All donors to United Way of the National Capital Area have the option of directing their pledge to the Community Impact Fund in



Holding the check from left is United Way NCA Chief Operating Officer Kelly Brinkley, Arlington County Board of Supervisors Chair Walter Tejada, and United Way NCA Arlington Regional Council Chair Leah Wallace. They are surrounded by the Arlington Community Impact Fund grantees.

one of United Way NCA’s eight regions including Alexandria, Ar-

lington, District of Columbia, Fairfax/Falls Church, Loudoun,

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A Complicated Answer



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And a further explanation and corollary to last week's column: "A Simple Question," which attempted to sort through my reactions to being asked an extremely innocent, appropriate, well-intended and always appreciated courtesy: "How are you?" and the problem that it sometimes causes me. That problem being: a question which had it not been asked would then not require an answer. An answer that I'll always give, but not before I've given it some thought, which if I hadn't thought about, wouldn't have bothered me in the least. And in the most, it doesn't really bother me, but after four years, a sort of cancer-fatigue has set in. I'm tired of talking about it. "Not that there's anything wrong with that"; being asked the obvious question. Still, if I'm going to keep pretending that my coast is semi-clear, I'd rather not be reminded that five hundred years ago, that coast/horizon represented the end of the world.

This first paragraph was yet another attempt by yours truly to offer some insight into the thought process of a cancer survivor (OK, maybe just this cancer survivor; or a person with some issues, although I would deny that). The related point being that there are the obvious problems being a cancer patient (need I elaborate?) and then there are the less-than-obvious, almost subliminal-type problems which can just as easily ruin your day – and night, as much if not more than a chemo-cocktail infused straight into your body for six hours every three weeks can.

And just like the Philadelphia-born comedian, David Brenner, used to joke about mosquitoes: "It's not the ones you hear you should worry about, it's the ones you can't hear." So too with cancer. There's plenty to worry about that you know – or think you know or have heard about, or maybe have even anticipated: lab work, diagnostic scans, biopsies, surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, doctor's appointments, etc. But it's the down time, the private time alone and away from all the people, places and things with which you've grown familiar and dare I admit, accustomed, that becomes cherished. Then, when you least expect it, a courtesy question inquiring about your overall health, not even one particularly cancer-centric. Still, the question takes you (at least it does to me), right back to cancer central. The one place – for me, I try to avoid. The one place I never imagined I'd be, and now that I'm there often, the one place where I'd rather not be reminded that I semi-reside.

Four years post diagnosis, I realize this jack-pot I find myself in is hardly a winning hand, and it's more than a bad dream. It's a reality. Yet avoiding the nightmare directly – and indirectly, as often as possible, has been my M.O. I can't say I've been particularly successful doing so, but I've had my moments and have made my peace. However, it's the random nature of the spoken and written word that occasionally has undercut my emotional foundation. A foundation built on a lifetime living and learning, trying not to make a bad situation worse; and one striving to not be irrational, unreasonable, illogical and ill-prepared for all that life throws at you. I ceded control four years ago and now when I'm asked, 'How I'm doing?', I'm always reminded how fragile and unpredictable life can be; "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," as Cerphe used to say back in the day, on the original WHFS.

I know – and appreciate – that you have to ask. Please understand that sometimes, I might not feel like answering.

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W-L Gymnastics Wins Fourth Consecutive District Title

Generals look to repeat as Northern Region champions.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Senior members of the Washington-Lee gymnastics team, led by the core group of Mary Lynn Clark, Kylie Auble, Maia Mandel and Madeleine Sendek, will finish their high school careers without having tasted defeat at a regular-season meet — a four-year stretch of success that has included a few championships along the way.

The class of 2013 captured National District titles as freshmen and sophomores. Last season, W-L made it three in a row, but the Generals' talents had

matured to the point where a district championship was no longer the high-water mark. W-L went on to capture the 2012 Northern Region championship — the first region title in program history — and finished second at the state meet.

"I think the taste of victory is really rewarding to the kids and they want to taste that again."

— W-L gymnastics coach Joe D'Emidio

On Jan. 31, the Generals won their fourth consecutive district championship, beating their nearest competitor by nearly 14 points at Washington-Lee

High School. Next up for the Generals is the Northern Region meet on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at Lake Braddock Secondary School, where W-L will have a chance to defend its title.

"They were young as freshmen, so we weren't winning the regionals," W-L head coach Joe D'Emidio said about his talented senior class. "Now they're more mature, they know what it's like to win and when we went to states last year [and placed second], they've got a taste and now they really are



Washington-Lee senior Maia Mandel placed third on the bars during the National District gymnastics meet on Jan. 31.

going for it."

The Generals are showing improvement at a good time. W-L posted a season-high score of 145.5 at the district meet, led by four gymnasts — Clark, Auble, Mandel and Sendek — who posted all-around region-qualifying scores of 35 or better.

"I think the taste of victory is really rewarding to the kids and they want to taste that again," D'Emidio said. "They showed it tonight. Even though they knew the competition wasn't as tough, they had the highest team score for the season. I was shooting for 144, but they did one point better than expected."

Clark won her fourth consecutive all-around district title with a total of 36.95. She finished first on bars (9.475) and beam (9.35), placed third on floor (9) and tied for third on vault (9.125).

"It's been a long road," Clark said. "It just

feels really good [to be part of four consecutive team district titles]. It's bittersweet because it's the last districts ever, but there's no better way to end our gymnastics career."

Does last year's success change this year's expectations? "Our ultimate goal is to win, but we know that we all really need to hit for that to happen," Clark said. "... We have pretty high expectations for states this year."

Auble placed second in the all-around with a score of 36.325. She placed first on floor (9.275), finished second on vault (9.525), took fifth on bars (8.675) and finished sixth on beam (8.85).

"Kylie is our secret weapon," D'Emidio said. "It's always been Mary Lynn, Mary Lynn, but Kylie has been coming up. Coaches and teams are going 'Who's this girl?' She is scoring very well and if it wasn't for her two falls — the one on beam and the one on bars — she would have won all-around [at the district meet]. She's that strong."

Mandel placed fourth in the all-around with a total of 35.5. She placed third on bars (9.375), seventh on beam (8.45), seventh on floor (8.55) and tied for third on vault (9.125).

Sendek was fifth in the all-around with a total of 35.425. She placed fourth on beam (9.05), bars (8.975) and floor (8.725), and finished eighth on vault (8.675).

The top four all-around finishers and any gymnast with a score of 35 or better qualify for regionals.



Washington-Lee senior Madeleine Sendek finished fourth on beam at the National District gymnastics meet on Jan. 31.

W-L sophomore Sophie Hatcher finished sixth in the all-around with a total of 34.675. She had top-eight finishes on floor (second, 9.175) and beam (third, 9.1).

The Northern Region meet is scheduled for a 3:30 p.m. start on Wednesday.



Mary Lynn Clark and the Washington-Lee gymnastics team will look to repeat as Northern Region champions on Feb. 6 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Yorktown Gymnastics Qualifies for Regionals

The Yorktown gymnastics team qualified for the Northern Region meet with a second-place finish at the National District meet on Jan. 31 at Washington-Lee High School.

Yorktown posted a score of 131.525, finishing well ahead of third-place Hayfield, which finished with a total of 122.275. Washington-Lee won its fourth consecutive district title with a score of 145.5.

Yorktown's Sophie Zidlicky placed fifth on

vault (9.05) and sixth on bars (8.625). Katie Dawkins finished fifth on beam (8.875), and sixth on vault (8.75) and floor (8.625).

The top eight finishers in each event qualify for regionals.

Mount Vernon finished fourth with a total of 117.650, followed by Falls Church (92.7), Edison (69.275) and Wakefield (54.8). Wakefield's Leah Corts qualified for regionals on beam (second, 9.1) and bars (seventh, 8.4).

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SCHOOLS

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The following Arlington students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the fall 2012 dean's list:

- ❖ **Patrick E. Morris** is a junior majoring in general engineering.
- ❖ **Ethan B. Roberts** is a sophomore majoring in economics and science.
- ❖ **Courtney V. Scarborough** is a junior majoring in animal and poultry sciences.
- ❖ **Sanjeev K. Thiyagarajan** is a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering.
- ❖ **Allison H. Wilkes** is a senior majoring in English.
- ❖ **Devin J. McCue Emery** is a senior majoring in marketing management.
- ❖ **Katherine M. Seymour** is a senior majoring in psychology.

John Keaton graduated from Washington College with a degree in business management. He is the son of Barbara C. Keaton.

Kathryn Giles graduated summa cum laude from Bard College at Simon's Rock with a Bachelor of Arts degree in German Studies and Literary Studies.

Diana Lay has graduated from Whitman College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

Two Arlington residents graduated from McDaniel College:

- ❖ **Owen C. Baird** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.
- ❖ **Benjamin C. Mattox** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

Claire T. Wahle graduated with a bachelor's of science in psychology from DeSales University.

Two Arlington residents graduated from Skidmore College:

- ❖ **Lauren Gradowski** received a BA degree Magna Cum Laude.
- ❖ **Rena Linden** received a BA degree Summa Cum Laude.

The following Arlington area students graduated from the University of Oklahoma Norman:

- ❖ **Albert Emmanuel Green**, Master of Arts
- ❖ **Cristina Tufts**, Master of Arts
- ❖ **Michael J. Rautio**, Master of Arts
- ❖ **Clemente Hinojosa**, Master of Arts
- ❖ **Juan Pablo Crespo Del Granado**, B.S. in Civil Engineering
- ❖ **Rebecca Lee Marr**, B.A. in Liberal Studies

Emma K. Leheney was named to the University of Mary Washington's spring 2012 President's List. Leheney is a sophomore.

Anne Geraldine Buckalew and **Elizabeth Anne Catalano** have been named to the spring 2012 President's List at Clemson University.

Brian Doyle received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia.

The following Arlington residents graduated with honors from James Madison University:

- ❖ **Chloe Lewis**, magna cum laude with a bachelor of business administration in accounting.
- ❖ **Elizabeth Tedder**, cum laude with a bachelor of science in biology.
- ❖ **Katherine Meehan**, cum laude with a bachelor of arts in communica-



Joint-Use Agreement for Field

Bishop O'Connell High School President Kathleen Prebble and Marymount University President Matthew D. Shank met Jan. 30 to finalize the agreement for joint use and maintenance of O'Connell's new baseball field. The meeting took place in President Shank's office, which is filled with baseball memorabilia. His love of the sport stems from his days as a college player.

tion studies.

Charles Nguyen, cum laude with a bachelor of business administration in computer information systems.

Joseph Anderson, cum laude with a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary liberal studies.

Diana Wahler, cum laude with a bachelor of arts in justice studies.

Leslie Haase, cum laude with a bachelor of arts in media arts and design.

Lisa Musto, cum laude with a bachelor of science in nursing.

Nora Swisher, cum laude with a bachelor of science in physics.

On June 7, **Charlotte Gorman** of Yorktown High School was announced as the winner of the 2012 Arlington Rotary Education Foundation scholarship. The Foundation is the Arlington Rotary Club's non-profit organization and annually awards a scholarship based on a combination of need, community involvement, and merit in the amount of \$8,000 spread over four years.

The following area residents graduated from James Madison University:

- ❖ **Tatiana Cornejo**, bachelor of arts in anthropology.
- ❖ **Frances Loyer**, bachelor of arts in art history.
- ❖ **Michael Tran**, bachelor of science in computer science.
- ❖ **Karen Duval**, bachelor of arts in economics.
- ❖ **Kevyn Easley**, master of arts in Teaching.
- ❖ **Eileen Eder-Moreau**, master of arts in Teaching.
- ❖ **Jessica Everett**, master of arts in Teaching.
- ❖ **Sarah Kyser**, master of arts in Teaching.
- ❖ **Kristen Wolla**, master of arts in Teaching.
- ❖ **Leah Haling**, bachelor of science in engineering.
- ❖ **Douglas O'Keefe**, bachelor of arts in English.
- ❖ **James Heydinger**, bachelor of business administration in finance.
- ❖ **Henry Relph**, bachelor of business administration in finance.
- ❖ **Scott Bentley**, bachelor of science in geographic science.
- ❖ **Michael Gran**, bachelor of science in health sciences.
- ❖ **Ryan Cook**, bachelor of science in integrated science and technology.

Daniel Ferran, bachelor of science in integrated science and technology.

Amanda Martindale, bachelor of science in integrated science and technology.

Meghan Bourne, bachelor of science in interdisciplinary liberal studies.

Madeline Boyd, bachelor of science in interdisciplinary liberal studies.

Erica Buerger, bachelor of arts in international affairs.

Brigid McAndrew, bachelor of arts in international affairs.

Frederick Kerrigan, bachelor of business administration in international business.

Kristen Richardson, bachelor of science in justice studies.

Kyle Fredericks, bachelor of science in kinesiology.

Matthew Leighton, bachelor of business administration in marketing.

Samantha Zito, bachelor of science in nursing.

Krystal Holst, bachelor of arts in philosophy and religion.

Cassandra Jones, bachelor of science in psychology.

Sara Johnson, bachelor of arts in sociology.

Anthony Nebeker-Monch, bachelor of arts in theatre and dance.

Grace Rieman, a junior psychology major at Grove City College, has been named to the spring 2012 Dean's List. She is the daughter of Garth and Deborah Rieman.

Louisa Allen has earned High Honors for the spring semester of the 2012 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

Rebecca Pratt was named to the Marist College spring 2012 Dean's List. Pratt is majoring in Communication - Radio/TV/Film.

Robin W. Gardiner was named to second honors on the Clark University spring 2012 Dean's List.

Marie-Claire H. Walters was named to first honors on the Clark University spring 2012 Dean's List.

The following **Virginia Tech** students have graduated:

- ❖ **Brendan Karlstrand**, Bachelor of Arts cum laude in classical studies.
- ❖ **Aurora Martin**, Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude in music.

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ENTERTAINMENT



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Actors Jefferson Farber (left) and Alex Mills in Signature Theatre's "Shakespeare's R&J," playing now.

Shaking up Shakespeare at Signature

Signature Theatre teams up this winter with Artistic Associate Joe Calarco for a new production of Calarco's play "Shakespeare's R&J." Presented as Signature's first-ever production in-the-round, with a revised script never before heard in North America, Calarco's modern-day drama melds the timeless power of "Romeo and Juliet" with an imaginative new coming-of-age tale.

When a repressive all-male Catholic boarding school bans "Romeo and Juliet" in favor of Latin conjugations and the Ten Commandments, four students unearth a secret copy of the script and steal into the night to recite the prohibited tale of adolescent passion. What begins as a lark gradually yields surprising discoveries about greed, love and adulthood. Brought to life by Rex Daugherty, Jefferson Farber, Alex Mills and Joel David Santner, Calarco's drama within a drama transcends the boundaries between play and player.

Calarco directs the production, running Feb. 5 to March 3, in Signature's MAX Theatre. Scenic designer James Kronzer, lighting designer Chris Lee and costume designer Kathleen Geldard will join Calarco on the creative team.

It's a fitting theme for Calarco, who is no stranger to youth education through the arts. Calarco has worked closely with Signature Theatre in recent years on the Signature in the Schools program, writing more than half a dozen original plays for Signature.

Tuesday and Wednesday performances are at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday evening performances are at 7 p.m. Matinee performances, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, are at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$40 and are on sale now. Tickets are available by phone at 703-573-SEAT, online at signature-

theatre.org or in person at the Signature Box Office at 4200 Campbell Avenue in Shirlington.

Signature is also offering "\$22 for Tuesdays," making available \$22 tickets to the Feb. 19 performance. A Pride performance is scheduled for Feb. 22. Discussion performances are scheduled for Feb. 20 and 26.

At Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, the plebes were as welcome as the Queen herself. In honor of this something-for-everyone spirit, Signature is offering a limited number of \$25 Signature Shakespeare Stalls as a special discount for most performances of "Shakespeare's R&J." These discounted seats can be purchased in advance in person, by phone and online, pending availability.

Student discount tickets are \$30 and must be purchased the week of the performance. Signature is also offering a special discount offer to student groups for this production. Parties of 10 students or more are eligible for 50 percent savings on ticket prices. For more information on student groups, or to purchase tickets, call Shannon Reynolds at the Box Office at 571-527-1831.

The remaining line-up for Signature Theatre's 2011-12 season features the great American musical "Hello, Dolly!" (a co-production with Ford's Theatre), the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Crimes of the Heart" and a new production of Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy "Company."

Signature also produces a Cabaret Series. An extension of Signature's commitment to musical theater, the cabaret series provides a distinct entertainment experience.

More information is available by calling the Signature Box Office at 703-820-9771 or visiting www.signature-theatre.org.

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ONGOING

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 nocturnal acrobats. After an indoor presentation, go outside to see them glide in for an evening meal. Call 703-228-6535 to register. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road.
 ♦ Saturday, Feb. 16, 6-7 p.m. Program #622953-L.
 ♦ Sunday, Feb. 17, 6-7 p.m. Program #622953-M.
 ♦ Saturday, Feb. 23, 6-7 p.m. Program #622953-N.
 ♦ Sunday, Feb. 24, 6-7 p.m. Program #622953-O.

Young Choreographers Competition. Dancers 14-18 years old can enter BalletNova's competition. Applicants must submit a 3-5 minute videotape featuring 3-8 dancers, a short essay and a recommendation from their teacher. Five finalists will be chosen by judges and then the public can vote for their favorite. Through Feb. 17. For more information and applications, contact info@BalletNova.org, or go to the website at www.BalletNova.org.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 6

Bird Walk. 9-11 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-F.

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. Attend the Amethyst session to learn about birthstones and the alternate stones. There will be polished gems and uncut crystals to examine. Find out about the geology, mining, legends, and literature for each gem. All participants will take home a beautiful gemstone in a protective display box. Collect a year's worth of gems, as well as an attractive color photo card to go with each month's birthstone. Call 703-228-3403 to register. Meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. \$10 fee due upon registration. Program #622823-E.

Crystal Couture. 6-10 p.m. at 251 18th Street office building. Browse clothing on the rack or while models walk down the runway. Enjoy makeovers, music and more. 703-412-9430.

Author Signing. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Scott Wallace will discuss and then sign copies of his book "The Unconquered: In Search of the Amazon's Last Uncontacted Tribes." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

THURSDAY/FEB. 7

Learn about Spotted Salamanders. 7:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Learn about the amphibians around the area. Free. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Molars and Canines. 1 p.m. at Gulf

Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, crafts and short hikes in a group. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622813-T.

Crystal Couture. 6-10 p.m. at 251 18th Street office building. Browse clothing on the rack or while models walk down the runway. Enjoy makeovers, music and more. 703-412-9430.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Bob O'Connor will discuss his book "The U.S. Colored Troops at Andersonville Prison." Free. 703-228-6321.

FRIDAY/FEB. 8

Love/Art Reception. 5-8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Art Center, 2100 Crystal Drive. Features the art of "Inside/Outside" paired with wine and chocolate. Free. Visit www.novaartcenter.org for more.

Comedy Performance. Myq Kaplan will perform at 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Kaplan has been feature on the "Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien," "Last Comic Standing" and other comedy shows. \$20. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com.

Theater Performance. See "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mount Olivet Players at 7:30 p.m. at Mount Olivet UMC, 1500 N. Glebe Road. Free, but voluntary collection will benefit youth mission trips. Visit www.mtolivet-umc.org for more.

Survival Skills: Knot Know-How. 4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children age 7-12 can learn how to get out of a tangle and then do a hands-on demonstration. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #622923-H.

Tiny Tot. 10 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children 18-35 months can enjoy songs, crafts, mini-hikes and more. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622813-I.

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Movie Night at the Planetarium. 7:15 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Watch "Contact." \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets. Donations will be used to purchase digital full dome programming to complement the library being developed by Arlington Public Schools.

THROUGH FEB. 8

Exhibit. Marymount University Barry Gallery, 2807 N. Glebe Road, will showcase "Manufactured Reality: Computer Generated Art" by Richard L. Dana, James Huckenpahler and Don Kimes. Free. Each piece of art will jolt the viewer with the unexpected.

SATURDAY/FEB. 9

Gemstone Club. 10:30-11:30 a.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. Attend the Amethyst

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session to learn about birthstones and the alternate stones. There will be polished gems and uncut crystals to examine. All participants will take home a beautiful gemstone in a protective display box. Call 703-228-3403 to register. Meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. \$10 fee due upon registration. Program #622823-F.

Dance. 4 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Children will enjoy "The Big Meow," a family-friendly performance about an orange cat who wants to belong to the band of neighborhood cats, but is ostracized for his loud meow. Tickets \$10-\$15. Visit www.janefranklin.com or call 703-933-1111.

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Feel the Heritage Festival. Noon-4 p.m. at Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. Enjoy music, dance performances, food, vendors and more. 703-228-3329.

Crystal Couture. 6-10 p.m. at 251 18th Street office building. Browse clothing on the rack or while models walk down the runway. Enjoy makeovers, music and more. 703-412-9430.

Screening and Talk. 7:15 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Watch "Oasis in Space" and then enjoy an interactive star talk by planetarium director, Jonathan Harmon. \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets. Donations will be used to purchase digital full dome programming to complement the library being developed by Arlington Public Schools.

Genealogy Workshop for Families. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children will learn techniques for interviewing family members and documenting family history. Free. 703-228-6321.

SUNDAY/FEB. 10

Indoor Track Meet. 7:45 a.m.- noon. For walkers and runners of all ages and abilities. Events: 400m/800m/1500m/3000m race walks; 55m, one mile; 400m, 800m, 200m, 3000m, and 5000m runs. Free for children, \$3 for high school students, \$5 for adults. At Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Visit www.pvtc.org/indoor or 703-927-4833.

Invasive Removal. 2-4 p.m. For adults, families and teens. Help improve wildlife habitat. Join for the monthly work parties to remove destructive invasive plants, and make a real difference. No registration required. Free. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road.

Volunteer Appreciation Day. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St. Volunteers for Wheels of Africa can enjoy a night of special guests, silent auctions and more.

Science Presentation. 1:15 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Dr. SETHANNE HOWARD, USNO retired, will talk about some of the very first



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scientists in recorded history. \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets.

Screening and Talk. 2:45 p.m. doors open at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Watch "Oasis in Space" and then enjoy an interactive star talk by planetarium director, Jonathan Harmon. \$3/child; \$5/adult. Visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org to purchase tickets.

My Home in the Snow. 1-2 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Families with children age 3 and up can learn about local animals making a home in the snow. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403. Program #622853-I.

Teeth and Skulls. 3-4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children ages 7-12 can learn how to tell a herbivore from a carnivore and other details when looking at teeth and skulls. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622823-O.

MONDAY/FEB. 11

Author Signing. Stephen Hayes will read and sign copies of "Light on the Dark Water" at 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Free. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

TUESDAY/FEB. 12

Author Event. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Caldecott Medal winner Chris Raschka will discuss the books "A Ball for Daisy," "The Hello, Goodbye Window" and more classics.

Author Event. 7:30 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley St. Discuss "The Ruins of Lace" with author Iris Anthony. Free. 703-228-5260.

Wine and Chocolate Tasting. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 13

Author Signing. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Garrett Peck discusses his book "The Smithsonian Castle and the Seneca Quarry." Free. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Wild Ones: Fine Porcupine. 4-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 6-10 can learn about these prickly animals. \$5 registration fee. 703-228-6535 to register. Program #622923-E.

THURSDAY/FEB 14

Molars and Canines. 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, crafts and short hikes in a group. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #622913-V.

Whooo Do You Love. 4-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children age 6 and up can share which animal in the world is their favorite and learn how to help them in the wild. \$5 registration fee. 703-228-3403. Program #622823-P.

FEB. 14 THROUGH MARCH 9

Theater Performance. See "Sexo, Pudor y Lagrimas (Sex, Shame and Tears)" at Gunston Arts Center Theater Two, 2700 S. Lang St., on Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. for \$30/adult; \$25/student and senior. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. for \$35/adult; \$30/student and senior. Tickets at www.teatrodelaluna.org or 703-548-3092.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 15-17

SpiritFest: Love is Spirit in Action. Enjoy classes, circles, readings with clairvoyants, tarot readings, numerology, past life regressions and more. Held at Arlington Metaphysical Chapel, 5618 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.arlingtonmeta.com or 703-276-1020 to register.

SATURDAY/FEB. 16

Noche de Luna Reception Performance. 8 p.m. at Gunston Arts Center Theater Two, 2700 S. Lang St. See "Sexo, Pudor y Lagrimas (Sex, Shame and Tears)." \$40/person. Tickets at www.teatrodelaluna.org or 703-548-3092.

Fundraiser. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 North Westmoreland St. The bookstore hosts Voices in the Glen, a storytelling fundraiser for the Island Park, N.Y. library and other libraries that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Free. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Sneak a Peek. 10-11 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children age 6 and up can use items from night vision goggles to observation hives to see what happens behind the scenes. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622823-Q.

Hanssen Spy Talk. 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults can learn about spy and traitor Robert Hanssen and his link to the nature center. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535. Program #622943-O.

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Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th St. in Arlington. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, year round. No dogs are allowed in the market.

ONGOING

Teen Produced Interactive Art and Dance Party. Teens can be introduced to Artisphere's creative opportunities and engage in programming and self-producing art and more. Weekly meetings with varying days. Through Saturday, March 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.artisphere.com for information and to register, e-mail slord@arlingtonva.us.

Yarn Bomb Meet-ups + Stitch Session. Wednesdays through Feb. 28, 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>.

FRIDAY/FEB. 8

Music. Carrie Rodriguez performs at 8 p.m. in the Dome Theatre at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. She is a violinist-turned-fiddler, singer and songwriter. \$15. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

SATURDAY/FEB. 9

Pedrito Martinez Performs. With special guest Sin Meido at 8 p.m. in the ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$20/advance, \$25/door. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THURSDAY/FEB. 14

Movie. Special Valentine's Day screening



Great Caesar at IOTA

Armed with horns, guitars, and everything in between, the six men of Great Caesar produce brass-fueled rock. Great Caesar began modestly as a jazz trio before gathering three more members, swapping instruments, and evolving steadily into the six-piece powerhouse they are today. Great Caesar will be at IOTA Sat. Feb. 9 at 9 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe is located at 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com.

of "Pillow Talk," with Doris Day and Rock Hudson. 8 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$8. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

"Orange Juice in Bishop's Garden" and then chat with the creators. 8 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

SATURDAY/FEB. 16

Series Finale Screening. Watch

THURSDAY/FEB. 21-SUNDAY/MAY 19



Allison Bianco, Gram's Beach House, 2009, silkscreen on chipboard, muslin, fiber foam, 8 x 12 x 4" in INTERWOVEN

At Arlington Arts Center Through March 24

Art Exhibit. Arlington Arts Center will showcase the finalists for "Interwoven: Art. Craft. Design" at AAC, 3550 Wilson Blvd. See a range of media, including video, murals, photography and more. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

Art Exhibit. See Allison Bianco's "Gram's Beach House" and art by a variety of other artists at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703-248-6800.

Art Exhibit. Megan Mueller displays "space+craft" in the Wyatt Gallery at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703-248-6800.

Art Exhibit. David Carlson debuts "Work in Progress," a multimedia work that combines abstract painting and video at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703-248-6800.

International Design Festival. Look around "The Next Wave: Industrial Design Innovation in the 21st Century" at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Free. Features pieces from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Scandinavia and more. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THURSDAY/FEB. 21

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Look around "The Next Wave: Industrial Design Innovation in the 21st Century." Free. Features pieces from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Scandinavia and more. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THURSDAY/FEB. 21-SUNDAY/MAY 19

Juxtaposed: An Interactive Photo Contest. Participants can send in a photograph that blends objects that convey wit, symbolism and/or deeper meaning. Contest runs in conjunction with "The Next Wave: Industrial Design Innovation in the 21st Century" exhibit. Upload photos to www.flickr.com/photos/apartmentzero1. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 22

Music. C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band performs at 8:30 p.m. with dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. in the ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$20. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THROUGH SUNDAY/FEB. 24

Exhibit. Korean-born artist Si Jae Byun addresses the relationship of nature and architecture in a series of works in Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., that juxtapose images and structures associated with the construction of a city apartment with those of nature and even the human body. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

SATURDAY/MARCH 2

Panel. 5-6:30 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Enjoy a conversation on "Who's Hot, Who's Not: The Role of Women in Today's Male Dominated Industrial Design Field." A reception follows. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THROUGH SUNDAY/MARCH 3

Exhibit. MGMT. design created 50 new flags based on the current conditions of a changing nation. They use data visualization in a heraldic form to reveal facts about our country. Free at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

FRIDAY/MARCH 15

Movie and Discussion. 7 p.m. at Artisphere Dome Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Watch "Design is One: Lella and Massimo Vignelli" and then have a discussion with filmmakers Kathy Brew and Robert Guerra. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THROUGH SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Exhibit. See "Delicate/Violent (Delicado/Violento)" by David Amoroso at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Features a series of portraits of local rappers and reggaetoneros depicted in violent postures juxtaposed against delicate backgrounds. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

THROUGH SUNDAY/MARCH 24

Exhibit. "Infestation" by Carolina Mayorga is a multimedia project that will slowly invade Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., in the same way that vermin do. Visit www.artisphere.com or 703-875-1100.

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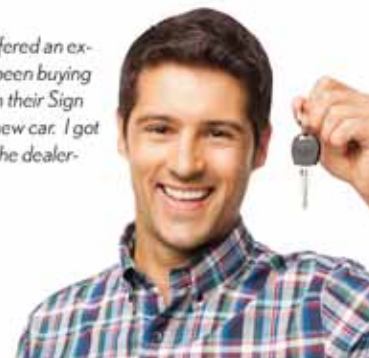
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