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PEOPLE

Growing Up with a Changing County

Conversations and haircuts

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

A local resident gets up in the old leatherette chair on a Tuesday morning. As he starts to cut hair, Jim Moore said, "I'm sorry to hear your dad died. He always looked so young."

Moore's Barber Shop sits in a low-profile red brick building in the High View Park section of Lee Highway, its hand-painted sign and barber pole reflect the history within. The shop feels like an old country store. For those who have come there for years to get a haircut, hear the latest news, or chat with the owner, it is a look back in time, walls papered with photos of clients, awards and memorabilia from the '60s, a firefighter's helmet, and family photos. There are three old-time barber chairs, with leather strops hanging down, a toy box, and eight chairs lined up against the wall for clients who come as much for conversation as for the haircut.

Moore knows them all and asks them about their families or talks about the week's events. He welcomes everyone with the same open smile, and he talks freely about the history of the shop as he cuts hair with his partner Clay Pinson.

His dad came from North Carolina, Samson County, moving to Arlington in 1957 because he had a buddy from barber college who started a shop where the Kentucky Fried Chicken is now, in the Hall's Hill/High View



Jim Moore with Marques Jenkins.



Clay Pinson at work.

PHOTOS BY EDEN BROWN/THE CONNECTION

Park neighborhood of North Arlington. His buddy needed a partner because business was brisk. Hall's Hill is one of Arlington's historic African-American neighborhoods. The area had been an antebellum estate. Some current residents are descended from the estate's slave families. Some joined the community in the early 1900s, while others came, like Moore, in the '50s.

Next door from the shop was Goosby's, a night club where people got stabbed, women of the night got clients, and gambling and drinking went on through the night. The rough people showed up around 6 p.m. The senior Moore had grown up in the country, in an agricultural area where hard work was valued. He decided to make his hours 8 a.m.-6 p.m. so that he could be out of the area when Goosby's opened. The hours of Moore's Barber shop remain the same today. Moore

went home to be with his family, even though the regulars at Goosby's chided him about not joining them for some fun after work. He turned them down; another North Carolina belief was that one's reputation was the most important thing one had.

Moore branched off in his own shop in 1960. In those days, barber shops were an all-male bastion, full of vice, but Moore kept a shop which went against the trend of the time: no swearing, no Playboy magazines, no gambling. Then, as now, many local customers were white. Moore was kind to clients and their children, another remnant of his Carolina heritage. "One white lady with two young sons — she was a divorcee — had no one to watch the children while she ran errands or went to work," Moore said. "She would drop off her two boys at dad's barber shop for a few hours, knowing they'd be in a good, safe place." In 2008, when the shop won the James B. Hunter Human Rights Award, she stood up from the audience and acknowledged Moore for his generosity.

In North Arlington at the time, no matter what one did for a living — doctor, lawyer, barber — if you were African-American you lived in Hall's Hill. The doctors just had nicer homes. Everyone knew everyone else, and their reputation. Often, Moore had clients come in who couldn't pay. He gave

them haircuts on credit. Moore said his father's beliefs were underlined for him when he saw one client slide from richest to poorest. "He had a construction company, and he had been coming to the shop for many years. He went to Goosby's a lot. He had race cars and the nicest house in Hall's Hill. He lived the fast life, and lost his money gambling, eventually dying penniless. His children paid the price. Although they still live in Hall's Hill, they live in subsidized housing."

Moore's barber shop was not the only black-owned business on Lee Highway: they were all owned by African-Americans. But it was the only one unscathed in the '68 riots. The bicycle shop across the street, the High's where Subway is now, the VW garage on the other side of Columbus were all African-American-owned. There was an A&P on the corner; the ramp for the carts is still there. In those days, no one had cars, so you would take your groceries home in a cart, and the local children used to make tips taking carts home. Segregation was in full swing. When Moore's mother went into labor in the early '60s, despite living across the street from Arlington Hospital, they were refused and had to drive into the District to a hospital. At the end of Culpeper Street and 17th there was a line of demar

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Commemorations of Martin Luther King Jr. and President Barack Obama are on the wall.

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County Manager Avoids Tax Rate Increase

Homeowners to face rise in property taxes through higher assessments.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

According to Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan, there are no new surprises in the the fiscal year 2016 budget. There is no growth or new programs. But beneath the surface there are several notable changes that could have a sizable impact on the lives of many Arlingtonians.

The proposed FY 2016 budget is \$1.16 billion, a roughly 0.7 percent increase over FY 2015's adopted budget of \$1.15 billion.

In the fall of 2014, Donnellan's staff projected a \$4 million funding gap. According to Donnellan, the healthcare and retirement costs were sufficient to close the gap the county had predicted in the fall. Donnellan noted that any remaining funds saved from the healthcare and retirement savings were invested into key programs that had previously been funded with one-time funds.

The schools, however, did not have the same windfall. While the schools, which had projected a \$24 million gap, have whittled the number down to a \$13.6 million gap. Arlington County Board and the public school system have had a revenue sharing agreement since 2001, meaning that Arlington Public Schools directly receive a percentage of the total tax revenue. Since 2012, Arlington schools have received 46 percent of the total tax revenue, and this year funding to the schools is projected to increase from \$432.2 to \$445.5 million, a 3.1 percent increase over last year's budget.

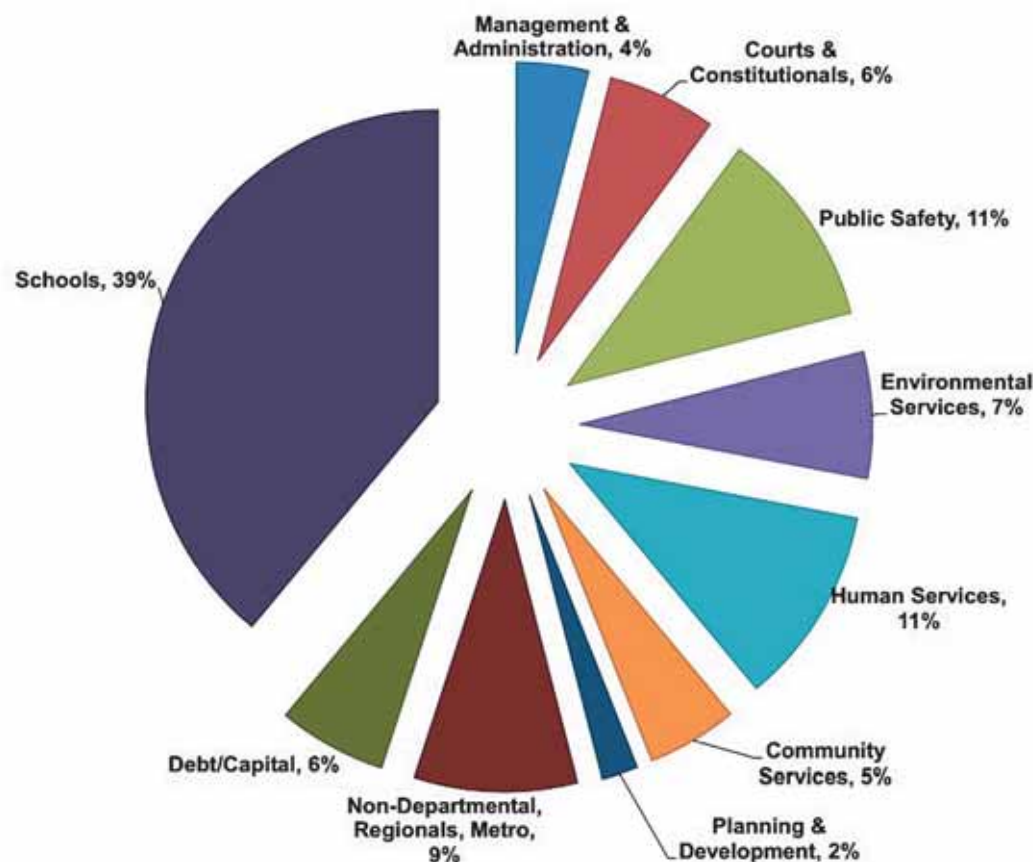
Donnellan said that her office still needed to work with the school superintendent, who proposed his own budget on Feb. 19.

"In a year like this, we probably wouldn't raise taxes," said Donnellan, "but we have to consider the school needs."

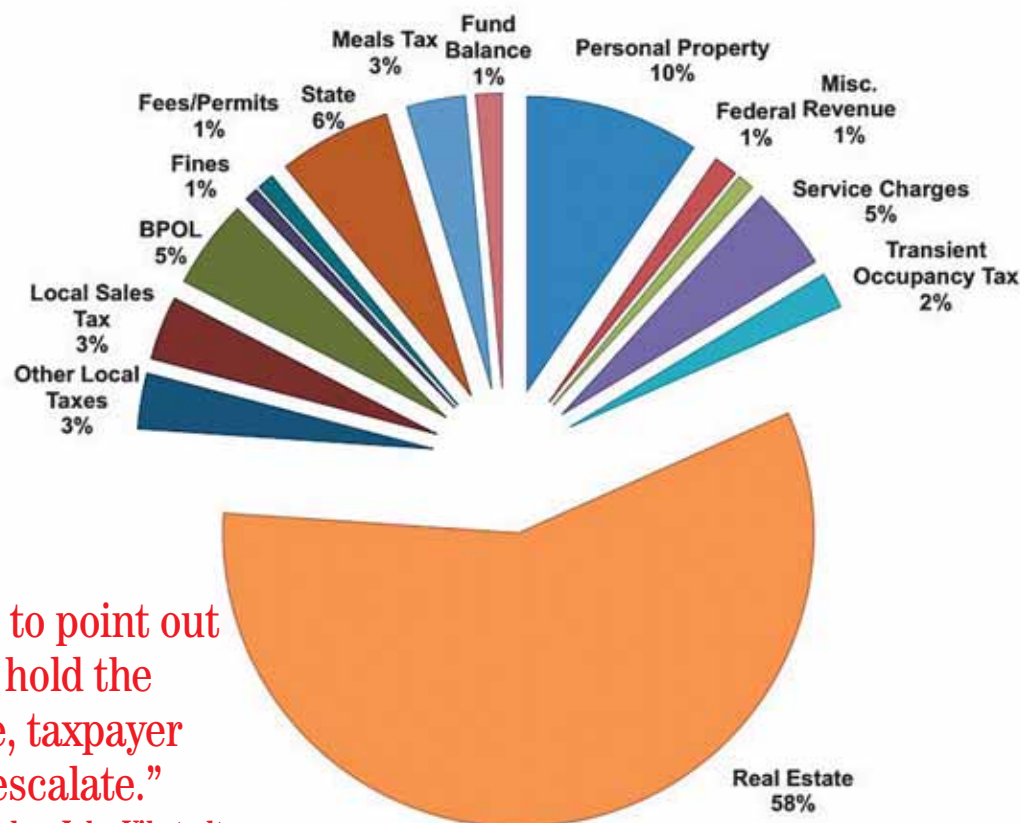
If the council decided to assign additional funding to programs, like the schools, or cut tax rates, the County Manager's office prepared additional cut options. Donnellan laid out \$4 million on potential cuts the board would be able to make if asked.

The first category of potential budget reductions would be certain efficiencies and

FY 2016 Proposed Budget General Fund Expenditures



FY 2016 Proposed Budget General Fund Revenues



"It's important to point out that even if we hold the line on the rate, taxpayer costs will still escalate."

— County Board member John Vihstadt

realignments, totaling \$1.4 million. This could mean merging similar school and park after-school programs, converting a metrobus service line into Arlington Tran-

sit service.

For more drastic reductions, Donnellan laid out potential cuts to local services, including the long-discussed closure of the

fiscally challenged Artisphere. Donnellan said some of that program's funding would be reinvested into Arlington's Cultural Affairs program. The \$2.4 million reduction in Arlington County services could also mean cuts to the bike/pedestrian program and employment services. These cuts could also impact the community energy program, a plan adopted in 2013 to push for greener energy programs throughout the county.

While the proposed budget keeps the base real estate tax rate at the current level, for the average Arlington homeowner, the tax and fee burden will increase from \$7,286 to \$7,567. This means it is \$281 more expensive in annual taxes to own a home in FY 2016 than it was in 2015. According to the Arlington County Budget, this reflects a 4.9 percent increase in the average monthly residential property assessment and a 1.7 percent increase in the water-sewer rate due to inflation and additional personnel and maintenance costs. According to Donnellan, local taxes other than real estate tax are expected to remain relatively flat, with only a 0.6 percent aggregate decrease.

The budget includes employee compensation steps. Most qualifying employees will receive an average pay increase of 3.35 percent. Donnellan noted that each step or pay increase was based on merit and performance.

While she expressed her office's belief that there would not be a real estate tax rate increase over FY 2015's \$0.983 per \$100 of assessed value, Donnellan suggested that the County Board approve advertisement of an increase to \$0.996 as a precautionary measure. The advertised tax rate would be the maximum rate that the county may adopt.

At its Feb. 21 meeting, the County Board voted unanimously to approve advertising the suggested tax and fee levels, though some did so unhappily.

"This is the outer limit of what we could do," said County Board member John Vihstadt. "It's not necessarily what we will do, and from my perspective it's not what we should do. I'd like our end point to be no increase in the property tax rate. It's important to point out that even if

we hold the line on the rate, taxpayer costs will still escalate. They've escalated year after year from rising assessments ... We need to make difficult choices now."

‘Adopt It Forward’ at Animal Welfare League of Arlington

Select shelter animals receive boost they need for adoption.

BY KERRY MCKEEL
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For people who cannot adopt themselves but want to help shelter animals find homes, Animal Welfare League of Arlington’s Adopt It Forward program offers a special opportunity to help shelter animals who may be harder to place and often spend a long time in the shelter. Some animals are simply overlooked and languish in the shelter for extended periods of time. AWLA’s Adopt It Forward program can help give these pets an adoption edge.

“It has been demonstrated with similar programs throughout the animal welfare community that waived adoption fees help to shorten the length of time an animal spends in a shelter environment,” said Neil Trent, president and CEO of AWLA. “It can really make a significant difference in finding homes for animals that have been liv-



ing at the shelter awhile, older animals or animals with medical needs.”

Individuals or businesses can Adopt It Forward by sponsoring one of these pets. Shelter staff identifies animals that need a boost toward finding a forever home. People may visit the League or view the pets at www.awla.org to select the Adopt It Forward animal they would like to sponsor. Eligible animals are identified by an Adopt It Forward sign on their cage or kennel and a banner on their website photo. Once an

Adopt It Forward sponsor pays the adoption fee, which covers the cost of the animal’s vaccines, microchip and spay or neuter surgery, the kennel of the designated animal then gets a sign notifying potential adopters that the fee for adoption has already been paid. Individuals or business interested in sponsoring an animal in this program can call 703-931-9241, come into the shelter to pay the sponsorship fee or complete the Adopt it Forward donation form online and mail it in with a tax de-

ductible payment.

From December 2014 to February 2015, 23 animals have been sponsored and 16 have been adopted.

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For selection of adoptable pets, visit www.awla.org. Download the Animal Welfare League of Arlington’s free Arlington Pets App, or stop by the shelter at 2650 S. Arlington Mill Drive.

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Picking Up Protects People and Pets

Both people and dogs can get sick from a variety of pathogens that can be found in dog poop — Giardia, Salmonella, Parvovirus, and round and hookworms to name a few. Children are especially vulnerable because they are apt to play on the ground or walk outside without shoes. Roundworms, for example, can be contracted through the skin. Depending on the pathogen, simply sniffing another dog's poop may be enough to infect a dog.

"When owners do not pick up after their dogs, a social norm is created that leaving poop on the ground is acceptable in that area. This encourages others to skip picking up," said Jen McDonnell of Arlington's Department of Environmental Services. "That's why it is so important to pick up after your dog, every time. The more poop that is left on the ground, the more bacteria and pathogens that wash into



of licensed dogs in Arlington: 7,141

Estimated amount of poop generated per day PER DOG: 0.45 pounds

Estimated total amount of poop produced per day in Arlington: 3,246 pounds

Estimated total amount of poop produced per year in Arlington: 1,184,756 pounds

Four Mile Run."

The recent efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay have highlighted nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment as pollutants, but bacteria as a pollutant has not received as much publicity.

Four Mile Run is listed as "impaired" by the State of Virginia for excess bacteria. Wildlife, humans, and dogs are the primary sources of Arlington's stream bacteria. Leaking sanitary pipes and incorrectly plumbed pipes can deliver human sources of bacteria to streams

through the storm drain system.

Dog poop contains nearly twice as much fecal bacteria per gram as human waste, making it an especially troublesome bacteria source when it is left on the ground.

Learn more about Four Mile Run at <http://www.novaregion.org/index.aspx?NID=213> and <http://environment.arlingtonva.us/streams/stream-monitoring/>.

Article contributed by the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 25

Community Program: Turf and Alternatives. 7-8:30 p.m. at at Fairlington Community Center, 3308

S. Stafford St., Arlington. VCE Master Gardeners of Arlington/Alexandria will present a program on Turf and Alternatives to Turf and will focus on how to have a luxurious lawn with minimal harm to the environment. The program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested at mgmv.org. The VCE office can be reached at 703-228-6414 or mgaralex@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 28

Listening with the Ears of the Heart. Immediately after services at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Rabbi Leila Gal Berner will be presenting Listening with the Ears of the Heart: A contemplative approach to the Torah portion Tetzaveh - priests, vestments and eternal light. Email admin@kolaminvrc.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 5

Funeral Planning Decisions, They're Part of Life. 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. Learn about planning for one's own funeral or that of a loved one. Topics will include memorial services and costs associated with funerals. Call 703-228-5999 for more.

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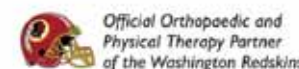
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Managing Mental Illness in Jails

Natasha McKenna's death provides window on national concern.

A national report released on Feb. 11 highlighted the prevalence of people with mental illness incarcerated in local jails.

"Serious mental illness, which includes bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and major depression, affects an estimated 14.5 percent of men and 31 percent of women in jails — rates that are four to six times higher than in the general population. ... While most people with serious mental illness in jails, both men and women, enter jail charged with minor, nonviolent crimes, they end up staying in jail for longer periods of time." See vera.org.

Natasha McKenna, a woman with a long history of severe mental illness, died on Feb. 8, five days after being repeatedly shocked with a taser, restrained, hooded and forcibly removed from her cell by six deputy sheriffs "pursuant to its protocols for managing combative inmates."

McKenna, a small woman according to press

reports, had been held in the Fairfax County Detention Center since Jan. 26, on a warrant from the City of Alexandria. Fairfax deputies were forcibly extracting her from her cell so she could be transported to the Alexandria jail.

Here is part of the police release on the incident:

"During the struggle to restrain McKenna, a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team deployed a conducted energy weapon (Taser) on McKenna. While being restrained, deputies placed a spit net (which is designed to restrict and prevent spitting) on McKenna.

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A nurse from the ADC medical staff was present at that time to check on her prior to transport and cleared her for transport. Deputies attempted to put her in a medical transport chair, but McKenna continued to be combative and was moved to a restraint chair for transport."

To understand a little of what was happening, search for images of "spit net" and "prisoner restraint chair."

When the emergency response team was getting ready to load McKenna into a vehicle, "medical personnel from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office checked McKenna and determined she was experiencing a medical emergency."

McKenna never regained consciousness.

The incident was recorded on video, but "the video is currently retained as evidence by detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department and will not be released at this time."

Less than two weeks after McKenna's death, the public knows a lot more about the details of this incident than previous cases involving the Fairfax County Police, but questions of what happened, how and why, greatly outnumber answers.

It is standard operating procedure in the United States to warehouse disruptive people with mental illness in jails. A 2006 Special Report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that 705,600 mentally ill adults were incarcerated in state prisons, 78,800 in Federal prisons and 479,900 in local jails, according to the National Institute for Corrections.

We have to ask what constitutes humane, effective treatment for people with mental illness, and often substance use disorders, who end up in jails. Are the brutal images of Natasha McKenna's handling a common experience for people with severe mental illness in jails? While deaths resulting from such incidents are rare, they do occur. What can be done to provide treatment?

— MARY KIMM

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Addressing Campus Sexual Assault

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



With only a few days left in this year's legislative session, the General Assembly has finished much of its business. Republicans have defeated commonsense proposals to raise the minimum wage, close the health care coverage gap, and my bill to keep guns away from toddlers. Negotiators from the House and Senate are inching closer to a final budget deal. Governor McAuliffe has already begun signing some bills into law.

Even so, a handful of high-profile issues have yet to be resolved. Notably, we are still working towards a final compromise on how best to prevent and respond to sexual assaults at our colleges and universities. In both the House

and Senate, multiple pieces of legislation were introduced to address this critical issue; those bills were eventually rolled into two vehicles. As of this writing, those remaining bills — SB712 and HB1930 — differ slightly, but the basic outlines are very similar.

Both bills strike a careful balance between protecting the rights and privacy of victims and keeping college communities as safe as possible. Each proposal would require colleges to establish memorandums of understanding with local victim support services, ensuring that students who have been assaulted are aware of and able to access resources to help them. Both bills require university employees who become aware of a sexual assault to report it to their school's Title IX coordinator. Each bill establishes review teams to promptly assess the

cases that are brought to that coordinator. Based on those proceedings, each bill provides for team members to determine whether to release identifying information about the victim and begin a law enforcement investigation.

It's important to me that the final legislation explicitly protects victims' anonymity during assessments, and leaves post-assessment decisions about how to proceed in the hands of the Title IX coordinator. (These have been points of dispute between the House and Senate.) In any event, we need to make our students safer and prevent future tragedies.

Passing a compromise measure, however, will not mean our work is done. As we strive to prevent future crimes, we must also seek justice for those who have already been hurt.

Last year I co-sponsored SB658, a biparti

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Caring for Veterans

To the Editor:

Thanks for Ashley Claire Simpson's article, "Arlington: Health Initiative Focuses on Veterans," in the Arlington Connection, Dec. 2, 2014 (<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/dec/02/arlington-health-initiative-focuses-veterans/>).

It tells of yet another step (this one by the American Academy of Nursing) toward more much needed individual attention given to veterans.

It seems that a more individualized approach to veterans' health is also being explored by

the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), not only for diagnoses, but also for actual treatment.

The VA and the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) are now researching possible complementary treatments for veterans that will be more holistic, patient-centered, and less drug-based. To find effective treatments, NCCIH Director Josephine Briggs, MD, is seeking authentic "individualization" by directing the research to be conducted more in real-life settings and less in the laboratory.

Real-life accounts seem to support that approach. I recall a spirituality.com broadcast of

the real-life accounts of Col. (Ret) Janet Horton, U.S. Army chaplain who served overseas as well as at the Pentagon on 9/11. Col. Horton explained that wounded and traumatized soldiers responded more successfully to care when she tried to look past diagnosis labels and embrace more of each soldier's own spiritual identity. This certainly seems to make sense. Cherishing a patient's identity and giving individual attention holds a lot of promise for helping veterans (and others) experience better health.

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"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for March 9-1.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Wednesday, March 11, Capt. Pell's Fairfax, \$7 (trans. only); Friday, March 13, National Portrait Gallery, D.C. 1960's exhibit, \$7. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Classical music appreciation, Monday, March 9, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Strength training classes at TJ, Mondays, 9 a.m., \$60/15 sessions or \$4 drop in. Details, 703-228-5920.

Pickleball games and instruction, Mondays, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

History roundtable, territorial additions, Tuesday, March 10, 11:15 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Beginners full fitness exercise, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Lee. \$60/15 sessions or \$4 per class. Details, 703-228-0555.

Arlington Mill Trekkers, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Table tennis, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., -12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Pros and cons of probate,

Wednesday, March 11, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free; Register, 703-228-6300.

Preparing gardens for Spring, Wednesday, March 11, 2 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Music and movement class, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Duplicate bridge, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$5. Register, 703-228-5722.

Arlington Walking Club, Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Culpepper Garden. \$4. Register, 703-228-4403.

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Cats and Children Connect Through Reading

Animal Welfare League of Arlington launches Paws and Read program.

BY KERRY MCKEEL
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
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Schoolchildren in the Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. metropolitan areas have an opportunity to improve their literacy by reading books to shelter cats through the Paws and Read program, which will launch on March 2 to coincide with Dr. Seuss' birthday and to celebrate his world renowned book, "The Cat in the Hat." The Paws and Read program is an Animal Welfare League of Arlington educational initiative designed to help children improve and enhance their reading skills, while at the same time provide shelter cats with socialization and TLC.

Unlike human listeners, the cats are nonjudgmental, and animals can be a source of comfort and support for children as they learn. According to a study conducted by Tufts University Paw for People Visitation Team, "Kids who did this im-



Children may read to shelter cats through the Paws and Read program in March.

proved their reading skills compared with those who read to human volunteers."

"Children that have difficulty reading are often self-conscious when reading in front of other classmates," said Jennifer Pickar, director of community programs, AWLA. "Having a playful, purring companion around can make reading more fun and help to build the child's self-esteem."

The Paws and Read program benefits the shelter cats as well. Each year AWLA receives about 900 cats with an average



length of stay of 35 days. With no time limit for any of its animals, some cats may live at the shelter for months before finding permanent homes.

"Cats are inherently social creatures and enjoy human interaction," said Kevin Simpson, director of behavior and adoptions, AWLA. "The rhythmic sound of a child's voice can be soothing and provide our shelter cats with an outlet for human socialization while they await adoption."

There are plans for the Paws and Read

program to expand to include dogs and small companion animals. But for now, children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate, for free, in 20-minute reading sessions with shelter cats on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1-5:20 p.m. Parents must accompany their children to the reading sessions. Children may choose a book from AWLA's selection of stories or bring their own. AWLA will feature Dr. Seuss books in March to honor the

late author's birthday.

Cats participating in the program are identified with "Purrfect Reader" signs on their cages.

"It is satisfying to see the children engaged with the shelter cats in a relaxed and fun environment, where they don't have to worry about someone telling them they pronounced a word wrong or skipped part of the story," said Pickar. To register for the Paws and Read program visit, www.awla.org or 703-931-9241 ext. 213.

Archie's Teachable Moments

Archibald Calvin Hamish MacBeth (aka Archie) is too smart. He is a three and a half year old Lakeland Terrier (think Airedale and shrink to the size of a breadbox), that we got six months after the death of our perfect Lakeland Murphy — who was named for Murphy Brown on the grounds that terriers are feisty. Murphy wasn't. In fact, she was a bit of a wimp, but the loveliest, cuddliest dog whom we adored. We'd wanted a smart dog (terriers are known for their brains) but she wasn't the sharpest tack in the box — we sometimes thought maybe she wasn't really a terrier despite her American Kennel Club papers. Little did we know how nice it was to not have the smartest dog on the block.

When we got Archie, we little knew what we were getting into. He was a year old and we took him because it is so difficult to get Lakeland Terriers (there are only about 25 breeders in the country). We learned almost instantly that Archie was no Murphy. He was male, for one thing, a difference we hadn't even considered (nor did we have the choice if we didn't want to wait a couple of years to get another Lakeland.) And he was the sharpest tack in the box. He was so sharp we were constantly getting pricked. For one thing, he talks. Not by barking, mind you. He talks telepathically. Here's one way. Archie likes to play (Murphy didn't). Archie likes to destroy toys — rapidly. But more than anything, he likes to chase a tennis ball. When he wants to play (all-too-often) he will race over and throw a toy at our feet. But if we throw it, he doesn't chase it but rushes over the counter where he knows the tennis balls are kept and perches expectantly — face turned back at me. "No, Archie, I'm not going to throw a tennis ball." He then gazes longingly up at tennis ball counter. "I want a tennis ball — not that toy!" "No! Bring me your toy and I'll throw it." His head swivels from me to the counter. "Unh, unh. I want a tennis ball." Sigh.

At night, Archie insists on being tucked into bed — his way. If he's sleeping on his bed in the living room, I'll turn out the light and head down the hall to bed. Within five minutes, he'll slink down the hall (he's not allowed in the bedrooms — or the hall for that matter), poke his head around the door and say: "You forgot to put me to bed." Sigh. Why



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Archie

can't he just sleep on his dog bed? Why does he insist on sleeping in his crate? Why can't he just go put himself in the crate? Looking insistently at me, he goes "Come on. You know the deal here. You need to put me to bed." Double sigh. I follow. Once out in the sunporch, I open the back door, tell him to go "do it" and off he goes. Once finished, he races back to the door, I open it and he trots to his crate and turns around.

Now if I just walk away, he will race out and say: "You're not done here." Or if I just shut the door — and hang a towel over it like usual — he will push his way out and say: "You forgot to lock the door." So I lock the door. No way can I outsmart this dog.

Really, we do love this dog but it might be nice if he wasn't quite so smart.

— JAN HEININGER

The Parrot and the Microwave

"Nimbu" is a bright green Alexandrine parrot who has demonstrated a certain amount of independence since coming to Arlington on Christmas morning 2013. Nimbu is a bigger, healthier version of the parrot we got in Crawford Market in Bombay in 1994, "Mitu," who learned to imitate every squeaky thing in the house, particularly the microwave alarm. When Nimbu arrived, my daughter wrote: "Mom, whatever you do, turn off the microwave beeper before he learns it!" It was already too late.

Last summer I got Nimbu's wings clipped, so he couldn't fly more than a few feet, and then started taking him out in the garden. He was content to ride along and nibble on branches when I put him down. This worked so well, I took him for a walk with the dog. I was confident neither could fly. About two blocks down the street, Nimbu took wing, not just tentatively, but as if he were a 747 headed for Europe. I looked in amazement. The dog looked in amazement. I thought he would easily tire or land on a wire. He kept going higher. He was green, all the leaves were green, and he was not answering my increasingly desperate attempts to cajole.

I went home, googled "How to find a missing parrot," printed 20 posters, and then went looking. I looked all day. The internet says you have to find your parrot before it gets dark. Finally at about 5 p.m. I heard a microwave beeping in the tree about four blocks away. He had landed in a yard with a former parrot owner as resident, and that kind neighbor allowed me to sit and watch him come slowly down the tree, descending 100 feet branch to branch. But as he got close to us, he took wing again, flew around the house in a rather obnoxious display of freedom, and spent the night out. I don't know how he slept, but I slept badly, thinking about what the internet had said about what bad things happen to parrots at night. The next morning, I got up early and heard the microwave at least six blocks away. He was going father away. I started mentally composing the words I would say to my son when he got off the plane the next day from camp. Then, happily, that afternoon a neighbor only two blocks away told me she had heard a microwave beeping in her yard and might have seen a bird looking at her ... but he had flown off.



PHOTO BY EDEN BROWN

Nimbu

I told her he liked orange juice and couldn't resist it if he saw it, and that wonderful lady stood outside for the rest of the afternoon holding up a glass of OJ. I gave up and went home at 5, thinking about making one last round at dusk. I got a text on my smartphone: "I have your bird." A young man who was in the garden heard the microwave beep, and said, "hmmmm not quite bird like." He had seen the poster on the telephone pole, and ran inside to get food. Nimbu needed no more encouragement. He flew down, helped himself to bread and water, then climbed onto the young man's shoulder, looked at him, and said "Hi" in his most flirtatious voice. He remained there, chatting away, recounting the story of life on the "outside," the new neighbors he met, the birds he heard, and the wonderful feeling of being all by yourself at the top of an oak tree when the night gets very quiet in Arlington

— EDEN BROWN

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OPINION

Partisan Gridlock

FROM PAGE 6

san bill that required state and local law enforcement to inventory the untested physical evidence recovery kits (PERKs) in their possession — that is, the kits used to collect and preserve physical evidence following a rape or sexual assault.

The findings were troubling. Virginia has a backlog of at least 2,279 unanalyzed PERKs — and I expect the final total to be above 4,000. Evidence from these kits is often the key to putting rapists behind bars. If we're truly going to crack down on sexual violence, it's not enough to pass new protections. We also have to ensure that existing laws are working as they should. That means giving our Department of Forensic Services the resources it needs to work through this substantial backlog.

In 2014, I carried a successful budget amendment to do exactly that. My proposal provided \$600,000 over two years so the Commonwealth could hire new forensic scientists to work through these untested PERKs.

The original budget as introduced would have sharply reduced

that funding. I have worked to protect it, and the budget put forward by the Senate Finance Committee restores much of the money the Department of Forensic Science was slated to lose. I have every hope that the final budget — the compromise to which both the House and Senate will eventually agree — will do the same.

The legislature this year meets for just 46 days. That isn't enough time to solve all the problems we face — especially in the face of partisan gridlock on so many critical issues. Still, I take heart in knowing that on this issue, at least, Democrats and Republicans have been able to come together to do what's necessary and right. It's a path I hope my colleagues will follow on many, many other issues when we reconvene next year.

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It is my continued honor to represent the citizens of the 30th Senate District.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Lili Bekele graduated from Stevenson University (Owings Mills, Md.) in December 2014.

Sarah Katherine Sondheim was named to the president's list at Clemson University (Clemson, SC) for the fall 2014 semester. Sondheim is majoring in early childhood education.

Dawit Tsigie was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2014 semester. Tsigie earned highest honors.

Daniel Scholl, 19, recently completed a wilderness expedition starting in Lander, Wyo., with the National Outdoor Leadership School. Scholl's

Semester in the Rockies course was split into four sections where 12 students and a group of instructors accompanied him.

Kyle Bell was named to the Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY) dean's list for fall 2014 semester. Bell is a member of the class of 2017 and is majoring in fashion merchandising.

John Lewis has been named to the Emerson College (Boston, Ma.) dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. Lewis is majoring in film production.

Margaret Klappert Stewart was one of 71 students participating in The Sophomore Experience at Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC). The event was held in January 2015 in Charlotte, N.C. Margaret is the daughter of Edward and Shelley Stewart.

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ONGOING

Films of Modern Love. Thursdays in February, 3 p.m. at the Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington. February's movies matinees take on divorce, virtual reality, fictional dream girls and, of course, love. Call 703-228-5710.

Citrus Sale. Through Sunday, March 1, at Overlee Pool, Main Pump House, 6030 Lee Highway, Arlington. The Lions of Arlington Northwest will be selling fresh Florida citrus, Georgia pecans, and Vermont maple syrup. Open Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 703-528-1130.

Paint Parties. Through Sunday, March 1. Sessions vary. Crystal City Art Underground, 1659 Crystal Square Arcade, Arlington. \$20 all inclusive ticket includes two hours of studio time, 16x20 canvas, a live DJ, pizza, beer/wine (21+ only) and non-alcoholic drinks and encouragement and guidance from our art-trained creative enablers. "All-Agez" sessions Sunday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, March 1, \$10. Visit artjamzdc.com for more.

"Othello." Through Sunday, March 1 at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. WSC Avant Bard presents "Othello," a story of love, betrayal and uncontrollable compulsions, William Shakespeare's tragedy unfolds against the backdrop of war in the Middle East and the struggles of veterans to cope with their traumas. \$30-\$35. Visit <http://wscavantbard.org/season-3/othello/> or call 703-418-4808.

SELECT — Curated Exhibition. Through Friday, March 6. Fridays, 4-11 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. SELECT 2015 will be one of the last exhibitions held at Artisphere. The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, includes works by 104 emerging and established artists in a variety of media, selected by top curators from the region's most important institutions, notable independent curators, and the WPA Board of Directors. Visit www.artisphere.org for more.

"No Hay Que Llorar" (No Need to Cry). Through March 8, 8 p.m., Gunston Arts Center, Theatre Two, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. A play by Roberto "Tito" Cossa (Argentina), in Spanish with English subtitles. Post-performance discussions every Friday night. Tickets at "Thursdays for All," \$20. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., \$35. regular admission, students and seniors \$30. Sundays at 3 p.m., \$25 general admission. Reservations can be made at www.teatrodelaluna.org. Free parking, handicapped accessible.

"Much Ado About Nothing." Through March 22, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St., Crystal City, Arlington. One of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies, set in 1950's Las Vegas. \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$20. Senior citizens and military receive \$5 off. Group discounts are available. Tickets available at synetictheater.org or by calling 866-811-4111.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/FEB. 27-28

Children of Eden. 7:30 p.m. at Chalice Theatre, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington,

4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington. From Stephen Schwartz, the composer of Wicked, Godspell and Pippin, comes a beautiful re-telling of the most ancient of stories; humankind's struggle to understand the source of creation and the meaning of life. \$15-\$20. Visit www.coe-uucava.eventbrite.com or www.uucava.org for more.

Stand Up Comedy. Friday, 10 p.m.; Saturday 7 and 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Draffthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Jen Kirkman is a stand-up comedian and the author of the book, "I Can Barely Take Care of Myself." \$22. Visit ArlingtonDraffthouse.com.

FRIDAY/FEB. 27-SUNDAY/MARCH 1

"The Three Musketeers." Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Encore Stage & Studio presents "The Three Musketeers." This new Encore twist on the classic Alexandre Dumas adventure is recommended for children ages 6 and older. Encore is delighted to provide an accessibility matinee performance on Saturday, March 7 at 3 p.m. with accommodations for children and families with special needs, including ASL interpretation and assisted listening devices as well as Braille and large print programs. In addition, Encore Stage & Studio will be hosting a food drive, collecting canned food for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. \$10-\$12 at www.encorestage.org or 703-548-1154.

SATURDAY/FEB. 28

Final Shows at The Comedy Spot.

The Comedy Spot, Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. ComedySportz and The Blue Show are moving to DC IMPROV. All past and present performers join together onstage for the final ComedySportz and The Blue Show. Visit comedyindc.com or call 703-294-LAFF.

Peace, Love & Party: Family Day.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S Stafford St., Arlington. Create memories and enjoy dancing, craft stations, making a heart-healthy snack, wellness games, face painting, free blood pressure screenings by Virginia Hospital Center and all things love. Free, registration is not required. Youth ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Most activities are geared towards families with children. Call 703-228-4773.

Get Ready for Wood Frogs. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington. Get ready for our earliest amphibians. After the first "warm" rain of spring, hear them "quacking" in the pond. Where do they all come from? Families with children 5 and up. \$3 fee due upon registration. Call 703-228-3403. Program #622855-J.

Lunar New Year Celebration. Noon-6 p.m. at Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, 1100 S. Hayes St., Arlington. Shoppers are invited to join the mall for a Lunar New Year Celebration on the Metro level in partnership with the Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Featuring live entertainment and several hands-on activities. Visit simon.com.

Winter Fun. 1-2 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St., Arlington. Kinder Haus presents Frozen Stories and Snowball Games. Ms. Laura will read stories and Ms. Dana will lead the games. Ms. Jen will help too. For ages 3 years and up. Sign up at the desk or call 703-527-5929.

Feel The Heritage Festival. 1-6 p.m.

'Kid Victory' at Signature

World premiere musical from composer John Kander and playwright Greg Pierce.

By STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Signature Theater is staging "Kid Victory," the highly anticipated and chilling world premiere original musical from composer John Kander and playwright Greg Pierce from Feb. 17 through March 22.

The story involves 17-year-old Luke who returns home after vanishing a year earlier. Profoundly changed, Luke and his parents struggle to adjust to life following his disappearance. Only finding solace with Emily, the quirky proprietor of a garden shop, Luke grapples with a past undone and a coming of age that came too late to a boy who just wants to fade away.

This is the second collaboration between the legendary Kander ("Chicago," "Cabaret") and Greg Pierce ("Slowgirl").

Jake Winn plays Luke, a teen who has just returned from a year of abduction.

"He's traumatized, and he's just trying to get everything back to normal," said Winn. "He's also really into boats."

Winn said it was an incredibly challenging piece to begin with because it deals with a really intense subject matter that doesn't let us or the audience off the hook.

"I'd say the biggest challenge has been not only tackling the subject matter but doing it justice," he said. "The script and score is so beautifully complicated, and finding all of the layers, details and nuances in there has been quite a rewarding challenge."

at Drew Community Center, 3500 23rd St. South, Arlington. Arlington County will celebrate its rich African-American heritage at the 23rd annual *Feel the Heritage Festival*, featuring a variety of activities, including live music and dance, a "Hall of History" with photos and artifacts from Arlington's historically African-American churches and organizations, free children's activities, delicious soul food and a great selection of vendors. Free. Visit <http://parks.arlingtonva.us/events/feel-the-heritage-festival/>.

"Dual" Gala. 5-10 p.m. at Artisphere 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The Let's Help Kids 5th birthday celebration "dual" gala will raise money for children in the metro area. Adults will enjoy a night of music, dancing, food, cash bar and a silent auction. Children will play the night away in a chaperoned children's room that will feature glow-in-the-dark fun, thanks to the Artisphere's black room. The children's party



"Kid Victory" runs Feb. 17 through March 22 at Signature Theater in Arlington.

Winn adds, "No one knows what (if anything) will work in front of an audience. So we're all just using our best artistic judgment and taking risk wherever we can, but it's a lot like jumping off a building with no net in sight — the whole thing can come crashing down."

Winn said he wants the audience to leave thinking, or talking, or at the very least humming. "Just so long as it sparks some sort of lingering excitement, I'm happy."

Emily, portrayed by Sarah Litzsinger, is the owner of the offbeat lawn and garden shop in town.

"She's cool, quirky and complicated," Litzsinger said. "She employs Luke and through their friendship, provides a safe environment for him to open up about his time away."

She says she thinks it's always challenging when playing a character that has so many facets. "This

piece certainly doesn't shy away from complex emotions, but as an actor it's what I love. I always start with: 'How is the character like me? How is she not like me.'" She said, "I'm also loving how our director, Liesl Tommy, guides us through these tough emotional moments. She's always challenging us to not be too safe."

"I know when I listen and watch in rehearsal, I'm swept away by a myriad of emotions," Litzsinger said. "The music and lyrics by John Kander and Greg Pierce are just phenomenal."

Signature Theatre is staging "Kid Victory" through March 22 — Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 and 7 p.m. Specialty nights include *Inside Signature* with Jake Winn on March 5; *Pride Night*, March 13; and *Discussion Nights*, March 11 and 17. "Kid Victory" contains explicit content; viewer discretion is advised. Signature Theatre is located at 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Visit www.signature-theatre.org or call 703-820-9771.

beautiful re-telling of the most ancient of stories; humankind's struggle to understand the source of creation and the meaning of life. \$15-\$20. Visit www.coe-uucava.eventbrite.com or www.uucava.org for more.

Dance Performance. 5 p.m. at Atlas Performing Arts Center – Lab Theatre II, 1333 H Street NE, Washington, D.C. Arlington-based Jane Franklin Dance presents "Niche," a premiere dance theatre performance featuring live original music by Mark Sylvester. \$19-\$22. Visit www.janefranklin.com for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 2

Off Book: Signature at the Library. 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, The Village at Shirlington, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Jessica Hershberg and Alex Brightman will be at the Shirlington Library to talk about Nick Blamiere's new musical "Soon." Free, no reservation required. Call 703-

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TUESDAY/MARCH 3

National Pancake Day. Participating local IHOPs celebrate by giving away one free short stack of pancakes with the hopes that patrons will make a donation to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Area Chapter in lieu of payment for pancakes. Visit www.ihop.com.

Synetic Theater Benefit. 6:30 p.m. at Synetic Theater Lobby, 1800 S. Bell Street, Crystal City, Arlington. Synetic will host a 1950's Las Vegas stylized benefit in Crystal City. Centering on a special performance of "Much Ado About Nothing," the event will kick off with pre-show savories and sips and close with a post-show champagne and dessert reception with the artists. Funds raised will help support Synetic Theater's mission. \$250. Visit synetictheater.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 5

Inside Signature with Kid Victory.

1 p.m. at the Mead Lobby, Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Jake Winn, Luke in the world premiere musical Kid Victory, sits down with Signature to talk about both working with John Kander and Greg Pierce as well as working as a young actor in today's theatrical market. Free. No reservation required. Visit www.signature-theatre.org for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 6

40th annual Washington

Antiquarian Book Fair. 5-9 p.m. at Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington. The Washington

Antiquarian Book Fair is the rarest, most curated antique book fair in the D.C. region. \$8-\$14. Tickets, schedule and program at www.wabf.com.

Live Music. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at The Rhodeside Grill, 1836 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The Rhodeside Grill in Arlington presents a three-band show with Big Green Cherry, Starryville and Lesson Zero. Call 703-243-0145 or visit www.rhodesidegrill.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 6-8

"The Three Musketeers." Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Encore Stage & Studio presents "The Three Musketeers." This new Encore twist on the classic Alexandre Dumas adventure is recommended for children ages 6 and older. Encore is delighted to provide an accessibility matinee performance on Saturday, March 7 at 3 p.m. with accommodations for children and families with special needs, including ASL interpretation and assisted listening devices as well as Braille and large print programs. \$10-\$12 at www.encorestage.org or 703-548-1154.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 6-7

Children of Eden, 7:30 p.m. at Chalice Theatre, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington. From Stephen Schwartz, the composer of Wicked, Godspell and Pippin, comes a beautiful re-telling of the most ancient of stories; humankind's struggle to understand the source of creation and the meaning of life. \$15-\$20. Visit www.coe-uucava.eventbrite.com or

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Fun Dog Show. March 7, 11 a.m., Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Register your dogs to win the contests ranging from Best Tail Wag to Best Irish Costume. The show starts at 11:15 a.m., and afterwards all dogs are welcome to walk in the annual Old Town Alexandria St. Patrick's Day Parade. Register at www.ballyshanners.org/parade/ParadeInfo_dogshow.htm.

Super Pet Expo. Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly. The Super Pet Expo is the largest, most amazing event for animal lovers in the DC Metro. Learn, shop and be entertained with hundreds of vendors and fun activities. Before the expo on Saturday morning, join us and hundreds of other dogs and the people who love them to attempt to set a doggie-kissing record in the Dulles Expo Center parking lot, 9 a.m. Visit www.superpetexpo.com for more.

City Walks. Four-week session begins Saturday, March 28 at Villages of Shirlington. This class is for the dog that responds really well to basic obedience cues at home or in the classroom but could use more practice around everyday distractions. This class is also great way to continue socializing your dog to new surroundings and helping them to feel comfortable with a variety of visual stimuli and sounds. It is a class that is well worth repeating to perfect good manners in public settings. Four-week session, \$165. Visit www.furgetmenot.com.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 7

Nova Teen Book Festival. 9:30 a.m. at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 North Stafford St., Arlington. One More Page co-hosts the second annual Nova Teen Book Festival, an all-day free literary festival featuring more than 20 Young Adult authors participating in breakout sessions, author panels and book signings. See novateenbookfestival.tumblr.com.

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Antiquarian Book Fair. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington. The Washington Antiquarian Book Fair is the rarest, most curated antique book fair in the D.C. region. Visitors can touch, discover and purchase rare books, manuscripts, autographs, maps and

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Wakefield's Tham, Bentley Receive Conference 13 Honors

Dominique Tham, a senior on the Wakefield boys' basketball team, and head coach Tony Bentley were recognized as the best in Conference 13 this year.

Tham was named conference Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. The 6-foot-4 forward, who earned 5A North region Player of the Year honors as a junior, is a dominant force at both ends of the floor.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bentley was named conference Coach of the Year. He led Wakefield to a 21-1 regular-season record. As of Feb. 24, the Warriors' only loss this season was a one-point defeat against Eastern High School of Washington, D.C. Wakefield is ranked No. 4 in the Washington Post's top 20.

Wakefield senior guard Marqua Walton and junior guard Deng Nhial received first-team all-conference honors. Sophomore guard Alan Treakle was named to the second team. Nhial earned a spot on the all-defensive team.

On Monday, Wakefield defeated Lee 78-44 in the conference tournament semifinals, improving the Warriors' record to 23-1. Wakefield, the tournament's top seed, hosted No. 2 Edison in the championship game on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.



Wakefield senior Dominique Tham was named Conference 13 Player of the Year.



Conference 13 boys' Coach of the Year Tony Bentley instructs his Wakefield Warriors on Monday during the conference semifinals. Wakefield defeated Lee 78-44 to advance to Tuesday's championship game.



La'Shea Thomas and the Wakefield girls' basketball team entered the Conference 13 tournament as the No. 2 seed.

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Lyrin Hatcher and the Wakefield girls' basketball team defeated Mount Vernon 54-37 in the Conference 13 semifinals on Monday at Wakefield High School.

Yorktown Boys Qualify for Regionals

The Yorktown boys' basketball team defeated Madison in the Conference 6 quarterfinals on Feb. 19, earning a trip to the regional tournament.

The Patriots, who lost to Hayfield in the conference semifinals, will compete in a regional contest later this week.

Yorktown Wrestler Kappel Goes to States

Yorktown wrestler Jason Kappel competed at the state tournament on Feb. 20 at Robinson Secondary School.

Kappel lost his first match in the 195-pound bracket to Woodbridge's Jonathan Berry, 10-3.

Kappel qualified for states by finishing runner-up to eventual state champion Tyler Love of Centreville in the 6A North region.

Wakefield Girls Earn Championship Game

The Wakefield girls' basketball team, seeded No. 2 in the Conference 13 tournament, beat No. 3 Mount Vernon 54-37 in the semifinals on Monday.

The victory earned Wakefield a trip to the championship game, where the Warriors faced No. 1 Edison on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Monday's victory improved Wakefield's record to 15-8.

Gymnastics Competition Delayed

The individual portion of the VHSL state gymnastics competition, originally scheduled for Feb. 21, was postponed to Saturday, Feb. 28 due to inclement weather concerns. Competition begins at noon at Patriot High School.

Washington-Lee's Sophie Hatcher and Yorktown's Bella Kane qualified to compete in the all-around.

Moore's Barber Shop: Conversations and Haircuts

FROM PAGE 2

cation between the white and the black areas of North Arlington. "There are two named streets there that intersect, Albemarle and Culpeper, the only place where you have that in Arlington, because of that wall. You can still see the wall in parts. The country didn't integrate schools until after four black students were allowed into Stratford Junior High in 1959. Other aspects of life in Arlington remained segregated until '72. It was a badge of shame for Arlington County," said Moore.

At age 7, Moore started working in his father's shop, sweeping the floor. He made \$7 a week and his father made him put \$3.50 in the bank. He got to



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Photo of Washington Redskin Bobby Mitchell

spend the rest, and was a regular at Miss Allen's Country Store, at Columbus and 19th. She had penny candy and homemade candied apples. Moore said he bought a lot of those apples, making himself popular with friends. "There was a real sense of com-

munity around that store. That sense of community is gone. Most people have been priced out of Hall's Hill. Arlington is trying to create community with the "Urban Village" theme of development. That won't bring it back, that just creates a bar-crawling night scene," said Moore.

The barber shop was an exciting place to grow up in. Redskins players used to come in for haircuts, commuting from D.C. to Virginia. The first black Redskin, Bobby Mitchell, got his hair cut there. Moore's father used to go out on the field with the Redskins. Warren Brown, the Washington Post journalist, got his hair cut at Moore's, as did U.S. Ambassador to Fiji, C. Steven McGann. The shop had a tough time in the '70s when the Afro was popular and people

let their hair grow. "That's when the 'Shape Up' was born," said Moore. People came in every two weeks to get their Afro shaped up and that kept the business going. Moore's father was a volunteer firefighter at the station in Hall's Hill and Moore continued the tradition, responding to the call at the Pentagon on 9/11.

One recent morning, two clients got to chatting while waiting. They discovered a mutual interest in New Delhi, India, and exchanged emails. "It's like this all the time," said Moore. "People are always meeting someone they haven't seen in years, or leaving the shop having made a connection with someone."

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The front of the Cherrydale Veterinary Clinic and the statue of St. Francis of Assisi behind it.

Heaven and Earth The best of both for pets.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

Many say faith and science are incompatible. But every so often, they appear together in unusual settings. One example is a local animal hospital.

Forty-odd years ago, Robert C. Brown, DVM, founded Cherrydale Veterinary Clinic in Arlington. Presently, the practice is self-restricted to dogs and cats, as opposed to "exotic" animals. A further limitation is found in what may be taken for its motto: "Emphasizing Wellness and Geriatric Care."

According to Belle Z. Cadiz, clinic administrator, treatment of "senior citizens" of the feline and canine worlds is a specialty of the practice.

Brown's card announces the "mission" of his clinic in a phrase that goes beyond care of animals arriving in his office, and extends to those who arrive with their pets. His words are "to enhance the physical and psychological well being of people by enhancing the quality of life and longevity of their pets." Echoing this philosophy, a plaque at the entrance reads "Through this door pass the most caring people and the most cared for pets." All this may explain why the clinic was a winner in 2014's

popular vote for the "Best of Arlington."

The building housing the clinic is compact and fits into a small strip of businesses.

But there is more to it than a commercial face. Out of sight in the rear is a small exercise run for dogs. Behind that is a garden with a statue. Cadiz created the multilevel garden. She smiles when pointing out a small enclosure. "Catnip," she explains; the plant produces a "recreational substance" frequently built into toys and other products for cats.

However, the focal feature of the garden is the statue. Brown was unavailable for interview, but answered posed questions through Cadiz. To begin, he noted that the statue "represents St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of domestic animals." Stories say that Francis often attracted animals, both domestic and wild, and spoke to them as "brothers and sisters." As to the reason for having such a garden figure, Brown said in treating patients "We need all the help we can get." More than a decoration, the statue can serve as a reminder to the three dozen staff members of the dignity due those members of the animal world entrusted to their care.

In a closing comment, Brown admitted to having another figure of St. Francis at his home in Great Falls.

Details

Cherrydale Veterinary Clinic
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Scottie loves playing soccer at the Madison Dog Park.
— Phyllis Russo



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Annie Ruhe (left) dressed like Spook Ruhe (right) on her first Halloween.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But real-time once again: February 20, 11 hours, approximately, after our regularly-scheduled, post-scan meeting with the oncologist at 10:00 this morning. The news could have been better, and realistically assessing, it could have been worse. But since it wasn't better, it was definitely worse. Something "fluffy" (my oncologist's description) has appeared and begun to take some kind of shape in my left lung. It's not exactly a nodule or a tumor yet, but it's something that wasn't there previously. Oddly enough, all the other tumors that we've been monitoring didn't grow, nor were there any fluid issues to consider. Nevertheless, something new seems to be forming.

In discussing its appearance with my oncologist, he said if the mass was smaller, he wouldn't be too concerned and if it was larger he'd be more concerned. But its size is in the middle. Compounding his level of concern - and complicating his medical opinion, is that I remain relatively asymptomatic, giving him no clues and/or indications to corroborate a malignancy or even a possible pneumonia. Consequently, this appointment became a serious discussion about varying options to determine a prudent course of action treating forward; the kind of appointment which we haven't had for over 18 months, since I was last hospitalized in August, 2013.

To say we've been living on easy street, accordingly, this past year and a half is a bit of an oversimplification. To say we've occasionally taken for granted my amazing good fortune is likewise a bit of a presumption. We have, however, gotten accustomed to an ebb and flow, focusing more on the good and less on the bad. But since an updated determination concerning this growth can't be made for two months, until my next CT Scan (advanced by one month due to these new circumstances), waiting, wondering and worrying will be the inescapable order of the day, week and months ahead; a bit of a different mindset than we've been used to of late. Over this interval, my treatment will continue on as usual: chemotherapy every three weeks with Alimta, so long as my kidney function allows it. In the short-term interim, I have been prescribed five days of antibiotics in case this growth is pneumonia, not cancer. Regardless, we still won't know anything for a few months, unless, of course, I develop some new symptoms.

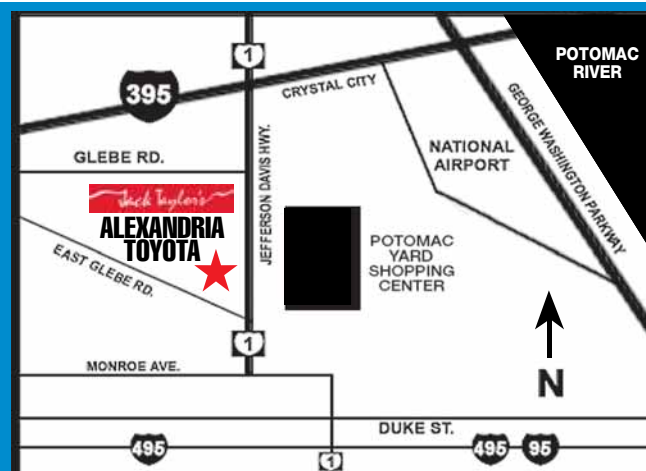
I can't deny that receiving this news earlier today was discouraging. I'll probably need some time to assimilate it, rationalize it, understand it and ultimately deal with it. But "it" is definitely now top of mind once again, not where I want it and certainly not where I need it.

Still, life goes on, as I often say, and it's a life I've been extremely fortunate to have had, given the "13-month to two-year" prognosis I received back in late February, 2009. (I always put the "prognosis" in quotes because that's what my oncologist told Team Lourie.) In fact, next Friday is February 27th, my six-year anniversary of surviving a terminal diagnosis, I'm proud to point out. And even though I've been there and done that years longer than anticipated, doing this doesn't get any easier.

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