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News

We Are All Arlington!' Arlington celebrates its diverse history of 40 years of immigration.

rlington's 22204 zip code used to be the most diverse area code in the entire country," said photographer Lloyd Wolff. In a project put together by the members of "We are All Arlington!" a volunteer committee of community representatives, artists, educators, and Dream Project scholars, that diversity was on display in at Wakefield High School on the evening of Sept. 23.

The program was part of "Welcoming Week," an annual series of events in communities across the U.S. that bring together immigrants and U.S. born residents in a spirit of unity.

— Eden Brown



Lloyd Wolff talks about the book of photographs, "Living Diversity," which is a volume of South Arlington photos he did with Duy Tran, Paula Endo, Xang Mimi Ho, and Aleksandra Lagkueva. Wolff is the son of immigrants who escaped the Holocaust in Germany. To see his book in more detail, see www.lloydwolff.com

Kim O'Connell, the daughter of Vietnamese immigrant, has published on history, preservation, education,



conservation, and other topics. Her articles and essays have appeared in national and regional publications, and she recently published a book: "Little Echoes of Saigon," which she presented at the event. The book, about Vietnamese immigration and the changing face of Arlington, talks about a time when the Vietnamese were not greeted warmly by Arlington residents as they first arrived. They found locals were concerned about the changes they brought and the costs incurred with assisting them.

MIGRANIC All migrants have a right to migrate. All migrants have

The We Are All Arlington event was sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Arlington Public Schools, Comite Pro Bolivia, Studio Pause, Urban Alternatives Foundation, Arlington Public Library, Arlington Arts, John Marshall Bank, and the Dream Project.

Photos by Eden Brown The Connection

Ezama Teferra and Atakhelti Alemseged man the ECDC/ ACC booth at the event. Also speaking at the event was Dr. Tsehaye Teferra, the founder/president of the **Ethiopian Community Devel**opment Council (ECDC), which is established in Arlington in 1983. ECDC offers cultural, economic, education, and social services through its African **Community Center (ACC)** with its branch offices in Denver, Las Vegas, and **Arlington. For more infor**mation, call 703-685-0510.



encouraged to take time to explore creativity and celebrate community. She collected stories of language access from the public and turned them into art, freeing the strories from language and script. See www.StudioPause.com



Hareth Andrade-Ayala stands next to her "Dream Project" poster. Andrade is a poet, activist, and the executive director of the Dream Project, Inc. Since her teenage years, Hareth has travelled across the U.S. to speak on the experience of growing up as an undocumented. In 2012, faced with her father's deportation, Hareth organized a national campaign that came to the attention of policy leaders and pro-immigrant organizations. Mentoring young students in the area is a major part of their work. See www.dreamproject-va.org for more.



News

Ambar Combines Balkan Countryside with Urban Feel

New restaurant on Wilson Bouelvard.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE THE CONNECTION

avorite Balkan dishes with a modern twist have arrived in Arlington with the opening of Ivan Iricanin's new Ambar restaurant on Wilson Boulevard. Iricanin sits at a table refurbished from the previous restaurant and looks around the new space designed by his wife, Nya Gill. "Final touches," he said as the fresh plants are arranged in the overhead room-length rectangular planter, "and opening only two days late."

Iricanin explains the restaurant combines the countryside of the Balkans with an evolving city concept, not just a stereotype but adding the sophisticated side of eastern Europe. "Nya and I travel around Europe. We see things and we like good food everywhere. This is our vision — all sides of what I know."

Gill added, "The overhead flowers are part of the country. A lot research went into what kind of flowers would grow in these light conditions. But our corner location with floor to ceiling windows will bring in a lot of light."



Ivan Iricanin just opened Ambar in Clarendon, featuring the best dishes from the Balkan Peninsula with a modern twist. This is a second location in the United States with a third sister restaurant in Belgrade, Serbia.

Iricanin is sitting along a wall of adjoining pictures forming a border of scenes from Belgrade. "This is a trolley in Belgrade in 1902. These women are harvesting jecam which is a grain used to make bread, and this is taken from a postcard of one of our famous monuments. We bought these from collectors." And there are a lot of vintage elements from old photos incorporated into the decor. Gill points to the ceiling, "meant



Ivan Iricanin partnered with his wife Nya Gill to combine the concept of the Balkan countryside with a more sophisticated eastern European city touch. Gill recently graduated from the Interior **Architecture & Design MFA** program at George Washington University.



Chris Hawkins, chef de cuisine at the newlyopened Ambar on Wilson **Boulevard**, stirs a slowly simmering veal stew with puréed root vegetables and breaded veal sautéed until crispy. He says many of their dishes are a twoday process.

to represent the tin ceilings in Europe. There farm in New York, third generation Serbian. "And we buy veal, pigs, lamb from Amish farms in Pennsylvania."

Ambar opened for dinner Oct. 5 but Iricanin expects to add lunch and weekend brunch in several weeks. During the week they will open at 9 a.m. to have good coffee and breakfast items like egg dishes. At lunch they will offer 15 different sandwiches such as their cold pressed open-faced selections, an idea picked up from a recent visit to Copenhagen. These sandwiches are gluten-free, and there is no top to the sandwich so fewer calories; and the small bread is not baked, but a mixture of pressed seeds. "You eat it with a knife and fork."

In addition to a selection of Balkan wines, the bar will be the first in Virginia to offer several versions of Rakia, the traditional fermented fruit brandy considered to be the national drink of Bulgaria as well as Serbia. For total immersion, combine Rakia with the Balkan Experience which offers unlimited small plates for \$35.



Chris Hawkins shows a porcini Kajmak made with the Balkan creamy dairy product similar to clotted cream.

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7-8 p.m.

are many different patterns on the squares to add interest. Each is painted black, then white, then scraped to look old."

Iricanin says they have a lot of experience with recipes. "We like to improve daily, try new recipes non-stop." He adds that about 70 percent of the recipes are different than the Ambar restaurant on Capitol Hill, which they opened in 2013.

The most popular items have included the stuffed cabbage rolls. "But ours are a little different because they are stuffed with pork belly, root vegetables and jasmine rice." The Balkan kabobs are also a favorite. "We don't do spices, just salt and pepper. The difference is the quality of our meat which we grind every day and never reuse pieces." And of course there are the mussels with a classic lemon-caper cream sauce and with Raika (a fermented fruit brandy).

Chris Hawkins, chef de cuisine, brings out a plate of Kajmak that he says features the Balkan creamy dairy product similar to clotted cream, a special ingredient used in many dishes. Porcini mushrooms are sautéed with yellow onions until they are caramelized "with a sweet flavor." Then pureed and kajmak folded in. Finally walnuts are sprinkled on the top.

Hawkins helped develop the menu with Iricanin and will work with Dejan Pilovic who has moved here from Serbia to be executive chef and partner up with Hawkins.

"Our emphasis is on fresh, locally produced ingredients, like cooking in Europe. There you wouldn't label ingredients organic because that's the norm. And," Hawkins said, "they love meats more than

Iricanin added, "We buy cold cuts from a

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

Senior Adult Programs for Oct. 16-22.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwv.: Langston-Brown Senior Center, 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: Rail trip in Delaware to view fall foliage, Sunday, Oct. 16, \$47; tour Utz & Snyder's factories, Hanover, Pa. plus lunch, Tuesday. Oct.

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of 18, \$32; tour National Cryptologic Museum, Annapolis Junction, Friday, Oct. 21, \$21; Bay Lighthouse Cruise, Annapolis, box lunch, Saturday, Oct. 22, \$63. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Japanese art appreciation, Monday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

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SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

Free Cab Rides. Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 30, 6 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI (8294) and receive a free (up to a \$30 fare) safe way home. AT&T wireless customers can dial #WRAP for the same service. Visit www.soberride.com.

DISPLACED ITT TECH STUDENTS

Northern Virginia Community

College has been working to create a pathway for ITT Technical College students who were displaced when their college suddenly closed earlier this month. NOVA offers staggered course start dates, which may help ITT Tech students get back on track quickly. The next eight-week session begins Oct. 19, 2016 and the spring semester begins Jan. 9, 2017. For details on where to start, ITT Tech students should visit www.nvcc.edu/ itttech/ where there are links and contact information available. Just follow the steps to transfer. Once students have researched the website, they can contact the NOVA campus nearest them by calling 703-

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

Chorale Performance. 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of



Fall Heritage Festival

The Walker Log House at Gulf Branch Nature Center will host a Fall Heritage Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15, 1-5 p.m. To step back in history and try old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, try on a coonskin cap, or work the cider press. Cost is \$5.

Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd at George Mason Drive. The Arlington Chorale, formerly The Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington, opens its 51st season with a concert called "Fall Colors." Free and open to the public. Visit www.arlingtonchorale.org.

MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING The Alliance for Housing

Solutions is holding a series of events in October to help spark a

community conversation on the topic of "missing middle" housing. This term refers to two different but related issues: housing types that fall between single-family homes and mid-rise apartments, and the need for greater housing options for middle-income households. These housing types are rare and typically not allowed in Arlington and similar communities. Events, which are free and open to the public, include a

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Mighty MUSIC

opens the Cathedral Choral Society's 75th season, including Saint-Saëns'

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and Berlioz's

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OPINION

Vote No on Ballot Question One

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum State Delegate (D-36)

ince 1947 the Code of Virginia has provided that any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization can be denied employment, (ii) membership in the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by the employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise is against public policy and illegal. On the ballot on Election Day, Nov. 8, is constitutional amendment question one that would put this provision of law into the constitution. There are 26 states including Virginia that have such a provision in their constitution or in their laws. Why would Virginia need to have these provisions in its constitution as well in the Code?

The answer is a political one. The conservative Tea Party members of the legislature are seeking one more opportunity to demonstrate to their base just how anti-labor union they are. While they term this amendment "right to work," its effect on workers is anything but a right. It gives employers more opportunity to deny workers access to a union or professional organization like a teacher's or firefighter's association. It allows some workers

to gain the benefits of the work of the union or organization without contributing to it as the members do.

Virginia already has the 43rd lowest rate of unionization among workers in the 50 states at 5.4 percent. The number of unionized workers has been declining over recent decades. While professional associations for doctors, lawyers, CPA's, and chambers of commerce and other groups have been given almost free rein in how they organize, this amendment is aimed to curtail activities and growth among persons who belong to teacher, firefighter, police, and factory worker unions and associations. Current law and the proposed amendment are not uniform in the way different labor organizations are treated, and I believe these differences contribute to the widening gap in the labor force in pay and benefits.

Amendments to the Virginia Constitution are proposed in the General Assembly where they must pass with a majority of members voting for them. Once passed, they must be considered by a subsequent session of the General Assembly after there has been an election for members.

COMMENTARY

There were no convincing arguments put forth during the debate as to why the amendment was nec-

essary. Everyone watching the process recognized it for the political purposes it served. I voted against this amendment both times it was before the legislature. I plan to vote against it on Election Day on November 8, and I hope you will join me.

A second proposed amendment to the constitution will also be on the ballot. It would authorize the General Assembly to enact a law that would allow localities to exempt from real property taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency services personnel who is killed in the line of duty. I support this amendment and hope that you will vote for it as well.



George Tyler, a native Arlingtonian and treasurer of Bikes for the World, breaks down another bike.



Helen Gelband takes apart a bike to put in the last truck of the day — the third truck they filled with donated bikes. She occasionally works overseas within the group "Wheels of Africa" which helps promote a bike culture and keeps people able to work and go to school when they have no other transportation.

What a Dump

Arlington recycling event makes junk work for charities.

his E-Care recycling event, which takes place twice a year in Arlington, provides the opportunity to get rid of hazardous household material, trash or junk that cannot be put in the garbage, but also accepts things like eyeglasses, shoes, bikes, and other items which would work in another country. Those who go will also get a glimpse of yet another group of Arlingtonians who are donating a Saturday morning to help people less fortunate. For the next recycling event see: https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/ household-hazmat/e-care/



Karen Hendrickson, chairman of the Board for Bikes for the World, at the event. Bikes for the World has donated over 114,000 bikes since 2005.



Karen and Glen Evans run Art for Humanity in Arlington and take donations at the event. They filled their truck with clothing, linens, and shoes, and many other items which they will use to help the poor to help themselves. For more information, see www.artforhumanity.org. They accept donations all year round at their house in Arlington.

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NEWS

Police Arrest Driver In Pedestrian Collision

he Arlington County Police Department has taken into custody Shahed Quayum, 49, of Arlington, following the Oct. 4 pedestrian collision in the 3100 block of Clarendon Boulevard. Quayum has been arrested and charged with DUI maiming.

Officers were dispatched to an accident with injuries in the 3100 block of Clarendon Boulevard on Oct. 4, at approximately 2:52 p.m. An investigation by the Critical Accident Team determined that a Clarendon Boulevard drove on the sidewalk as it crossed Washington Boulevard, striking a pedestrian in the crosswalk and knocking down a light pole. The pedestrian suffered minor injuries and was trans-

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forum on Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Clarendon Ballroom (9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.), and design galleries on Saturday, Oct. 15 and Tuesday, Oct. 25. These events are being held as part of Arlington County's Affordable Housing Month in October. Visit housing.arlingtonva.us/affordable-

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

at Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-102), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will sponsor the SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference. Mark Shriver, President of Save the Children Action Network, will be the keynote speaker. There will be additional presentations by Virginia Del. Alfonso Lopez ("Tools for Effective Advocacy in the State Legislature') and by Michelle Krocker, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance ("Addressing the Commonwealth's Unmet Housing Needs for Low-Income Households") and state Sen. Barbara Favola, 31st Senate District, Arlington, (Report on the Commission on Youth, TANF Subcommittee) and Debbie Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition for Human Needs, "Making TANF Work for Poor Families." Free. All are welcome. Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or 703-819-0479 or visit www.s-a-l-t.org/ upcoming-events.html for more. Live In Arlington. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at

a presentation called "Who Gets the Beach House?" Attorney Paul M. Melnick will speak and answer questions about estate planning. Melnick is with the law firm of in Northern Virginia, he has developed extensive knowledge Free. Email brandtron@verizon.net, call 703-765-4779 or visit memorialsocietyva.org for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Information Session. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Key Elementary School, 2300 Key Blvd. AMIGOS de las Americas will hold an information session for summer 2017 programs offering a full immersion, cross-cultural experience living with a host family and leading collaborative community service projects in Latin America. More at amigos-dc.org or 571-332-

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit: "B+W." Through Oct.
14, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. MondayThursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. FridaySaturday at The Barry Gallery –
Marymount University Reinsch
Library, 3807 N. Glebe Road. This
exhibit features the works of Karen
Coleman, Dana Jeri Maier, Matthew
McLaughlin and Wayne Paige, all in
black and white. Free. Visit
www.marymount.edu/barrygallery.
Synetic Theatre: "Dante's

Inferno." Through Oct. 30, Various times at 1800 S. Bell St. Synetic Theater will open their entirely wordless 2016/17 Season with a revitalized production of "Dante's Inferno," produced by Paata Tsikurishvili and directed by Irina Tsikurishvili. Tickets start at \$35, \$15 for students, seniors and military receive \$5 discounts. Visit www.synetictheatre.org for more.

Signature Theatre: "The Gulf."

Through Nov. 6, various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Signature Theatre presents the world premiere of "The Gulf" by D.C. playwright Audrey Cefaly; Betty and Kendra waste away a languid summer day fishing on the Alabama Delta. Suddenly, their lazy afternoon turns to chaos when the motor breaks, stranding the two, and their tumultuous relationship, in the Gulf. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

"Freaky Friday." Through Nov. 13, various time at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Heidi Blickenstaff and Emma Hunton will star as mother and daughter in the world premiere production of the new musical "Freaky Friday" at Signature Theatre. Tickets start at \$35. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

Post-Graduate Residency Studio. Through Nov. 17, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Art Center welcomes four emerging artists to participate in the Post Graduate Residency Program. Jihee Kang, Paulette Palacios, Anne Smith, and Danielle Smith, were juried by Paul Shortt, new media curator for Arlington Cultural Affairs. Artists can create and sell work, interact with the public, and network with other artists. The program will culminate in a group exhibition in the Torpedo Factory's contemporary exhibition space, the Target Gallery. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Call for Submissions: Sigworks

Musical Theater Lab. Deadline,
Dec. 1. Two musicals will be chosen
for a two-week development
workshop during the summer of
2017, and each project will receive
public readings at the end of each
week. The projects, under leadership
of Signature's Director of New Works
Joe Calarco, will work with a
director, music director, professional
actors, a stage manager, and a
dramaturge. The writers of the
chosen musicals will receive housing,
travel, and an honorarium. Visit
www.sigtheatre.org for more.

Friday Night Live. 8 p.m. at the Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St., Suite A. Local musicians perform. Free. Visit 1bc.org for more.

Arlington's Historical Museum
Open on First Wednesdays. The
Arlington Historical Museum is open
to the public on the first Wednesday
of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

The museum consists of exhibits chronicling Arlington County's history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org

arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

LGBT & Straight Friends Social.

Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7
p.m.; Mikey's "Bar A" Video Wall, 7
p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club
& Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. For 21
years and older. Free. Visit
www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more
information.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. Age 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more.

Food Truck Thursdays. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the corner of North Irving St. and Washington Blvd. Find a round-up of regional food trucks. Free to attend. Visit www.dmvfta.org.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Storytime. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

Crystal City Sparket. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Sparket — A Creative Market is an extension of DC's Eastern Market with arts, crafts, and handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Open Mic Night. Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., sign ups are at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., at Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com/.

www.lotaclubandcare.com/. **Art for Life.** Third Thursday of each month. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City's "Art for Life" Partnership with National Kidney Foundation brings a new artist each month to The Hyatt



Encore's 'The Best Haunted House Ever' Opens This Weekend

When students from two different high schools sneak into a local haunted house to scare their classmates, utter chaos ensues. At first it seems like the students are just pulling Halloween pranks, but when a spooky zombie and mysterious ghost don't fit into the students' haunting plans it can only mean one thing–they are not alone in the house. The play will run Oct. 14-16 and 21-23 at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 children, students, military, and seniors. Visit www.encorestage.org.

for a reception. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Brunch at Freddie's. Third Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Freddie's Beach Bar, 555 23rd St. The Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance gathers for an all-you-caneat breakfast buffet (\$9.99). All are welcome. No reservation is required. Visit www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305.

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Teen Read Week Author Panel. 7-

8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Celebrate Teen Read Week at Arlington Central Library with this eclectic group of Young Adult authors (Kathy MacMillan, Rahul Kanakia, Tobie Easton, Karen Fortunati) who will share their inspirations and the secrets behind their books in an interactive panel. Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/ 2620474.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Air Force Memorial 10th

Anniversary Celebration. 10-11:30 a.m. at Air Force Memorial, 1 Air Force Memorial Drive. Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Air Force Memorial with a heritage flyover, music by The Air Force Band and more. Free. Visit www.airforcememorial.org.

Jack-O- Lantern Campfire with Costume Contest. 6-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. \$5 fee per person; \$20 maximum per family, due at registration. Call 703-228-

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 14-16

U.S. FreedomWalk Festival. 12-6 p.m. on Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday at Holiday Inn – Rosslyn at Key Bridge, 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive. A three-day long social walking challenge meant to bring together people of different backgrounds. Different trails are offered each day at a variety of distances from 3-27 miles starting at the Holiday Inn. Costs vary. Visit www.usfreedomwalk.org for more.

"In This Convex Hull: A Full Dome Projection." Various times at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Our perception of space and distance are informed by both art and science. In a convergence of these two prisms, Arlington Arts, in partnership with the Friends of the David M. Brown Planetarium present In "This Convex Hull: A Full Dome Projection" by artist Brandon Morse. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org for

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Encore Stage & Studio: "The Best Haunted House Ever." Various times at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. When students from two different high schools sneak into a local haunted house to scare their classmates, utter chaos ensues. At first it seems like the students are just pulling Halloween pranks, but when a spooky zombie and mysterious ghost don't fit into the students' haunting plans it can only mean one thing-they are not alone in the house. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 children, students, military, and seniors. Visit www.encorestage.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Halloween Screen Print Teaser. 10

a.m. at Lee Art Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Resident printmaker, Jun Lee will give a brief overview of the screen printing process starting from selecting a design, setting up a screen to finishing a print. Participants will try their hand at screen printing their own treat bags with a selection of Halloween inspired designs (created by Jun). No experience is required, all materials are included in the fee. Class is open to adults and teenagers (from age 16). Tickets are \$15. Visit www.leeartscenter.org for more.

Linda Hesh Public Art Display. 10
a.m.-1 p.m. at Courthouse Plaza,
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington
Public Art presents artist Linda
Hesh's public artwork. Put the "i" in
C_vic as part of Courthouse 2.0:
Reimagining the Civic. Free. Visit
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Synetic's Family Series: "The Miraculous Magical Balloon."

11 a.m. at Synetic Theater, 2155 Crystal Plaza Arcade, Suite 103. A story of a traveling actor and his magical trunk of tricks and toys expressed through body and facial masks, pantomime illusions, and unique choreography. Students will discover the art of acting without words, opening the door to their imaginations. Tickets are \$10-15. Visit www.synetictheater.org for

Photos by Larry Clemons

Fall Heritage Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Gather around the Walker Log House to celebrate our nation's heritage. Step back into history and try your hand at some old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, try on a coonskin cap, or work the cider press! Write with a quill pen or churn butter and enjoy old-time music. \$5 fee due at the program. Call 703-228-3403.

Moonlight Tango. 7 p.m. at Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, N. Kent St. Tango and Minlona music. Tickets are \$30-35. Visit www.teatrodelaluna.org for more

OCT. 15-DEC. 18

Fall SOLOS 2016. Gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. More than 100 artists living in the Mid-Atlantic Region submitted proposals for this semi-annual exhibition. Jurors Sarah Newman, Independent Curator, and José Ruiz, Co-Director of Present Co. (NY), Director of Furthermore (DC), and Professor in the Curatorial Practice Program at MICA, recommended 14 applicants for inclusion in the SOLOS 2016-17 edition. Fall artists: Michael Booker, Amanda Burnham, Lewis Colburn, Marion Colomer, Liz Guzman, Andrew Hladky, and Michele Montalbano. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for Alice Whealin: "Third Patterns."

Gallery hours at Arlington Arts
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Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Alice
Whealin's artworks reflect personal
concerns and experiences through
alternative landscapes and imagery
of internal bodies. Free. Visit
www.arlingtonartscenter.org for
more.

ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Pints 4 Paws Beer Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Courthouse Plaza Parking Lot, 2250 Clarendon Blvd. Attendees will enjoy unlimited craft beer tastings from New District Brewing Company, Old Ox Brewing Company, Parkway Brewing Company, Ballast Point Brewing Company, Firestone Walker Brewing Company, Green Flash Brewing Company and Crispin Cider Company, as well as delicious food from Rockland's BBQ, The Big Cheese, Union Dog and Mac's Donuts. Tickets start at \$35 for advance purchase (\$40 day-of), and include unlimited tastings and a tasting glass. VIP tickets are \$50 and include unlimited tastings, a tasting glass, an event T-shirt and VIP 'express' entrance. Tickets for nondrinkers and designated drivers are available for \$10 and kids under age 12 are free. Visit www.awla.org for

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Poetry Reading: Naomi Ayala. 2-3:30 p.m. at Marymount University's Reinsch Auditorium, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Born in Puerto Rico, Ayala moved to the United States in her teens, eventually earning an MFA from the Bennington College Writing Seminars. Now living in Washington, D.C., she writes in both English and Spanish, Free, Visit

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

Arlington Reads Book Talk: Colum McCann. 7 p.m. at Arlington

www.marymount.edu for more.

Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Arlington Public Library will present an author talk with internationally

acclaimed writer Colum McCann. author of the international best-seller "TransAtlantic." McCann's topics have ranged from homeless people in the subway tunnels of New York, the Northern Ireland conflict, the effects of 9/11, to the poetic examination of the life and culture of the Roma in Europe. Free. Visit library.arlingtonva.us/ authorcalendar.

Marya McLaughlin Lecture: Justin Kenny. 7:30 p.m. at Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Emmy Award-winning journalist Justin Kenny will deliver the Marya McLaughlin Lecture at his alma mater, Marymount University. Free. Visit www.marymount.edu for more.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 19-23

Fall Book Sale. 4-8:30 p.m. member preview on Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Everything \$3 or less, unless specifically marked: hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. \$1 Day on Sunday. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.beatleyfriends.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 21

Popcorn Campfire. 6-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. This program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and S'mores. \$5 fee per person; \$20 maximum per family, due at registration. Use program #612956-B. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

OCT. 21-NOV. 18

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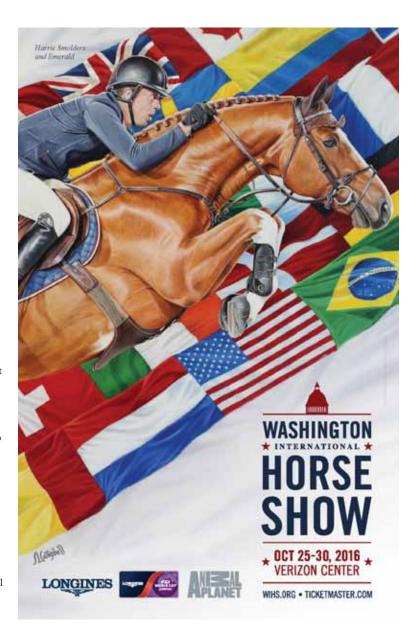
"Impressions." Gallery hours at The Barry Gallery – Reinsch Library, Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. The exhibit features the work of Bridget Murphy, Marymount's associate provost for academic affairs. Murphy, who has also served as a professor in MU's School of Arts and Sciences and the chair of the Graphic Design and Fine Arts Department, uses both traditional and contemporary printmaking techniques. The inspiration for her current work focuses on multiple topics: typographic design, her travels and her garden. Free. Visit www.marymount.edu/barrygallery.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

CROP Hunger Walk. 8 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 601 N. Vermont St. Arlington joins more than 2,000 other communities across the U.S. that host CROP Hunger Walks each year. Sponsored by Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walks raise funds to provide sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance around the world. Over its 39-year history, the Arlington CROP Hunger Walk has raised more than \$1 million to help people struggling to feed their families. Registration is free. Visit www.arlingtoncropwalk.org for

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Workshop. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St. This four-hour workshop will cover the basics of sustainable landscape management as well as best management practices for



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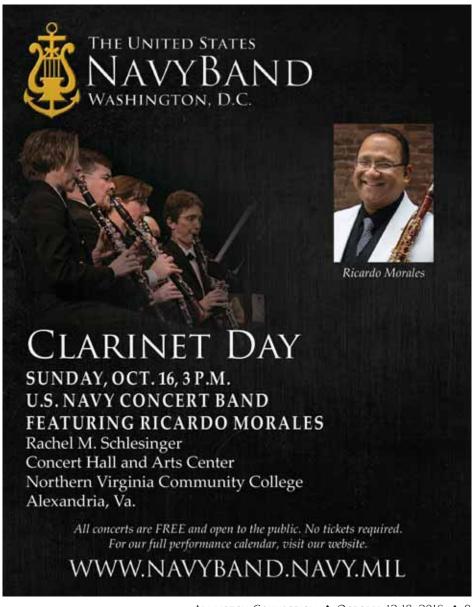
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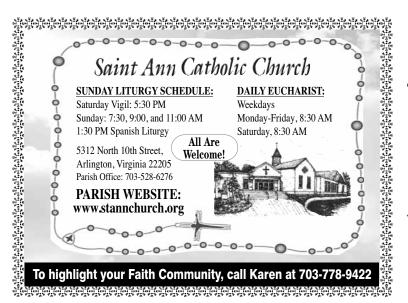
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Walker Chapel Octoberfest. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Walker Chapel United Methodist Church, 4102 N. Glebe Road. The sale features gently used clothing, furniture and household items, crafts, jewelry, boutique, and bake sale. The cafe serves both breakfast and lunch. All proceeds are given to charity and church benevolences. Free to attend. Visit

www.walkerchapel.org.
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Music Box." 11 a.m. at Synetic Theater, 2155 Crystal Plaza Arcade, Suite 103. A collection of comedic vignettes set to music: an average day becomes extraordinary when a surly janitor and an uptight businessman discover a magical mask and chaos ensues. Students are introduced to the art of storytelling without words through imagination, illusions, and physical comedy. Tickets are \$10-15. Visit www.synetictheater.org for more.

Zombie Fun Run. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bon Air Park, 850 N. Lexington St. After the run, enjoy games, moon bounces and inflatables, food trucks and more. Free. Contact DPR-YouthandFamily@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-4773.

Wondrous Woodpeckers

Campfire. 6-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. This program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and S'mores. \$5 fee per person: \$20 maximum per family. due at registration. Use program #612956-B. Call 703-228-6535 for

A Night in Vienna. 7:30 p.m. at Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St. The National Chamber Ensemble (NCE) opens its 10th anniversary season with "A Night in Vienna," in collaboration with the Austrian Cultural Forum, will feature masterpieces by Johannes Brahms and Franz Schubert. General admission tickets are \$33 for adults and \$17 for students, plus applicable service charges. Visit www.nationalchamberensemble.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-23

Mosaic International Showcase.

12-5 p.m. at Fashion Centre at Pentagon City, 1100 S. Hayes St. Celebrating the diversity of its evergrowing shopper population, Fashion Centre at Pentagon City invites local and traveling trendsetters to enjoy its annual Mosaic International Showcase. Guests can submerge into various cultures with food samples, live musical performances from neighboring dance groups, arts and crafts and more. Countries featured in the showcase include Bolivia. Brazil, China, Ethiopia, Indonesia Lao, Mexico, the Philippines and Vietnam. Free. Visit www.fashioncentreatpentagoncity.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Pumpkin Carving Party 1.3 nm at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Arlington Chorale: "Fall Colors." 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Under the baton of Artistic Director & Conductor, Dr. Nancia D'Alimonte,



Naomi Ayala will give a poetry reading 2-3:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 at Marymount University's Reinsch Auditorium, 2807 North Glebe Road. Born in Puerto Rico, Ayala moved to the United States in her teens, eventually earning an MFA from the Bennington College Writing Seminars. Now living in Washington, D.C., she writes in both English and Spanish. The event is free and open to the public. Visit www.marymount.edu for more.

"Fall Colors" will offer a variety of music selections appropriate for all ages, including contemporary works by Alberto Favoro, Stephen Paulus and Eric Whitacre, as well as traditional spirituals, folk and madrigal arrangements. Free. Visit www.arlingtonchorale.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

Poe Garden. 6-7:15 p.m. at Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. Students from Kenmore Middle School's drama club will present selections from Edgar Allen Poe as visitors walk along the lighted garden of Glencarlyn. Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/ 2651896.

White House Behind the Scenes. 6:30-8 p.m. at Aurora Hills Branch Library, Large Meeting Room, 735 S. 18th St. Celebrate the upcoming presidential election with behind-thescenes stories of the White House. Garrett Peck will tell tales of the White House during Prohibition with stories discussed in his book "Prohibition in Washington, D.C.: How Dry We Weren't." Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/ 2650437.

THURSDAY/OCT. 27

Night of Horror. 7:30-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. This event is recommended for brave teens and adults. Featuring authors Paul Tremblay, Jonathan Janz and Bill Schweigart. Books will be available for sale and signing following the book reading. Creepy costumes are encouraged and light refreshments will be served. Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/ 2676745.

FRIDAY/OCT. 28

Three Owls Campfire. 6-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. This program will be filled with entertaining

activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and S'mores. \$5 fee per person; \$20 maximum per family, due at registration. Use program #612956-B. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

Synetic Theater's Vampire Ball. 8 p.m. at 1800 S. Bell St. This year, the Vampire's Ball will follow Synetic's hellish adaptation of "Dante's Inferno." After traveling the nine circles of hell with Dante, guests will dance the night away with music courtesy of Resident Composer and Halloween DJ, Konstantine Lortkipanidze. The event will include an open bar, light appetizers, and a costume contest with Synetic prizes. Tickets are \$50-70. Visit

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Pumpkin Decorating. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Each person will decorate a real pumpkin during the event. Projects include a Frankenstein pumpkin, a sparkle pumpkin, a spider web pumpkin, and more. Cost is \$8 per person. Call

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Day of the Dead. 5:30-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Make Calaveras, the decorative sugar skull masks, enjoy holiday snacks, and see some night animals up close. Afterward, go on a fun night hike through the candlelit forest. \$5 fee due upon registration. Call 703-228- 6535.



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Community Opening Early 2017

The Kensington Falls Church Presents the Parkinson's Communications Club

Announcing an Introductory Orientation with Codrin Lungu, MD and Susan Wranik, MS, MA, CCC-SLP Saturday, October 22, 2016 + 1:30-3:30pm

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he Kensington Falls Church is pleased to announce its collaboration with the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area (PFNCA) to offer the Parkinson's Communications Club. The Club establishes a wellness and prevention program for individuals with Parkinson's disease and their care partners, with a focus on maintenance of communication skills. It stresses the importance of speaking louder to be heard in social settings.

The Parkinson's Communications Club is led by a licensed speech-language therapist, Susan Wranik, who has been trained in LSVT LOUD therapy (Lee Silverman Voice Treatment,

which improves vocal loudness by stimulating muscles of the voice box and speech mechanism through systematic exercises). The Club, however, is not therapy. Rather, it is a group approach to applying the exercises and skills of LOUD and/or other therapies. The first of weekly sessions begins in November 2016 in Falls Church. The program is available at no cost.*

Please join us for an orientation with Dr. Codrin Lungu, Chief of the Parkinson's Disease Clinic at the National Institutes of Health, and Susan Wranik, MS, MA, CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist and President of Susan I. Wranik Associates, LLC. RSVP requested.



Codrin Lungu, MD is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in movement disorders. He is a member of the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area Medical Advisory Board. He is currently involved in collaborative research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in several areas related to movement disorders.



Susan Wranik, MS, MA, CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist and President of Susan I. Wranik Associates, LLC. She provides comprehensive assessment and treatment of speech, swallowing, memory and cognitive issues related to stroke, traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's, dementia and other neurogenic diseases. Home visits. Licensed in DC, MD, VA.



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HomeLifeStyle

Home Improvement for Holidays

Local contractors say there is time to spruce up your house and yard

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

hanging temperatures and falling leaves are a signal the holidays are near. From Thanksgiving through the New Year, homes are filled with guests and schedules are stacked with parties. Getting one's home guest ready by the holidays may be daunting, but it's doable with proper planning and realistic expectations, say local contractors.

Now is the time to begin projects that don't require elaborate planning, building permits or products on back order. "A window and door replacement project could be completed before the holidays if you started the process right away," said Michael Winn, president of Winn Design + Build.

Fall is a perfect time to begin projects that depend on outdoor elements, he noted. "The weather in the fall is generally ideal so it can be a great time to take on those exterior projects," said Winn. "Be ready, be decisive and start now. The fall is a great time to undertake exterior improvements such as new siding, trim, roofing, painting and landscaping."

He added that he recently "renovated a front porch, [adding] new windows, new trim and exterior painting. A fresh coat of paint can do wonders and satiate your remodeling urges until after the holidays when you have the time to tackle something a bit more

While there probably isn't time to complete an extensive kitchen remodeling project, Winn says that smaller projects like adding new countertops, updating plumbing, changing electrical fixtures, painting and refinishing wood floors can be completed before the onslaught of holiday entertaining and breathe new life into a tired bathroom or kitchen.

"A bathroom may be a candidate if it's a 'pull-andreplace' [meaning that] the layout remains the same and the materials you select are stock or have a quick lead time," said Winn. "If you're not already well into the design process, your kitchen or renovation is probably best postponed until after the holidays."

Still, minor cosmetic improvements can give the illusion of a major change. "We recently designed and built a new entryway with built-ins for a client that creates a welcoming first impression for guests as well as needed storage for the owners," said Bruce



Photo by Geoffrey Hodgdon/Wentworth, Inc. Adding built-in shelves, like these by

Wentworth, Inc., can transform an entertainment space in time for the holidays.

Wentworth, president of Wentworth, Inc.

A pragmatic approach to a project is an important factor in increasing the likelihood that it will be ready in time for holiday entertaining. "If homeowners start early and have a realistic scope of work, it could be done," said Wentworth. "Quality work is important with home improvements and fast is not always part of that formula."

Architect Kai Tong of Hopkins and Porter Inc. in Potomac, Md., recently finished a project that he says offers a strategy and timeline that, if started now, would easily result in having an entertainment space by the holidays. His client wanted space for his television and sound equipment, so Tong designed a custom built-in unit for media and display.

"The design was intended to be the visual anchor of the new entertainment space, and to be harmonious with an existing lighted cove ceiling, adjacent columns and other architectural features in the room. The medium-stained cherry wood furthered that harmony," said Tong.

A millwork shop completed the design within six weeks. During that time, audiovisual specialists wired the space while the Hopkins and Porter team completed other renovation work, including preparing the wallpaper and removing existing wall sconces.

Tong said that overall, there was "very minimal on-site disruption."

Securing a contractor to begin a project could be a stumbling block, but not one that is insurmountable. 'Most of the better contractors are in-demand and have production backlogs of two to six months," said Winn. "If your project is small and your timing is flexible, you may be able to squeeze [it] into their schedule. Many contractors have 'gaps' in-between their projects, while they're waiting for a permit to be issued or if they finished a project ahead of schedule. They may be able to accommodate your project if the timing is right."

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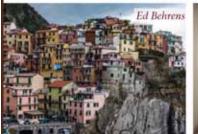
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In The Context Of ...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Having cancer; not that you need to know how I think but, if you're at all curious as to how a diagnosed as "terminal" stage IV, nonsmall cell lung cancer patient thinks, even now, nearly eight years out, read on.

As much as I don't want to think about what I'm doing and why — and just live life as it comes/happens, a "13-month to twoyear" prognosis (originally received on February 27, 2009; oh yeah, certain dates are seared into your memory), I can't. It's not necessarily a lifestyle change that occurs when you're diagnosed, it's more the psychological and emotional hold and affect the diagnosis causes. It permeates and subconsciously — or so it seems, infiltrates your brain and changes the way you think and feel. It's not that you become unrecognizable to friends and family, but you definitely become a victim of your circumstances. It's as if your brain is rewired somehow and you've reached your outer limits where you've lost more than the control of your television set.

To the point/example of what I'm referring to (finally) which precipitated this semi self indulgence: my car and certain repairs, expenses and warning lights which have illuminated, warranting attention after months of neglect. Specifically the car to which I refer is our "second" car, the one we don't rely on for non-local trips: a model year 2000, Honda Accord sedan inherited from my widowed mother in December 2008 — with only 35,000 miles on the odometer. The classic example of a retired person's car with incredibly little wear and tear and extraordinarily low mileage given its put-in-service date: sometime in the year 2000.

As I said, it's not our primary car, but it does get driven regularly given the potential mileage restraints of our 'primary' car's lease. Currently, the Honda has 94,000 miles on it. It's been a good and reliable car which has needed few repairs — other than those to-beexpected, the costs of which have generally fallen with the "usual and customary" range. The car still rides well and overall suits my requirements for a "second" car: it gets me from point "A" to point "B" — and most importantly, back, and it has no monthly car payment. However, there are a couple of inconveniences/concerns which if left alone are not likely deal-breakers but, the expense of fixing them — on a car that is nearly 17 years old, might be.

And the deal which might be broken has to do with yours truly having lung cancer and a somewhat different life expectancy now at age 62 (versus the one I thought I would have when I initially took possession of my parent's car in 2008 — at age 54 and two months, or the one I thought I had a mere two and half months later — just before I was initially diagnosed). Ergo my dilemma is: do I want to spend major money now (for me/us) on repairs whose maximum benefit will not occur until next spring — six months or so, at the earliest, but if tended to now might limit the potential damage/cost later or shall I just wait for divine intervention, so to speak? (The repairs have to do with air conditioning that doesn't cool in the summer, a window the passenger side which does not open all year round, and brake lights and the seat-belt restraining system —"SRS," safety issues

which this idiot is being warned about.) Not unsolvable problems, presumably, unless you have a terminal form of cancer. Considering that reality, don't I want to live more in the present and not worry about a future, a future which is hardly guaranteed? Moreover, shouldn't I damn the torpedoes and live full speed ahead and let the chips: where they may; finding some normalcy/solace in pretending/deluding myself into thinking that all is right in my world? To be determined. Still, I know/feel one thing: if I live like I'm dying, I probably will.

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SCHOOLS



Family Weekend

A jazz brunch, a street fair, comedy night and talent show are a few of the highlights of Marymount University's annual Family Weekend, "Fleur Power: Peace, Love & Family," which will be held from Friday, Oct. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 23. Parents and family members of Marymount students are invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP, go to marymount.edu/FamilyWeekend. Call or email at 703-284-1611 orsengage@marymount.edu.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia awarded \$30,300 in Healthy Kids Grants to address the main causes of childhood obesity by supporting programs that increase physical activity and/or improve nutrition in Northern Virginia public schools. The 2016-2017 Healthy Kids Grants were awarded to the following programs:

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Aidan Farley, of Arlington, is a member of the 2016 Marching Royal Dukes, James Madison University's 440-member marching band. Farley, a second-year student at JMU majoring in music industry, is in the band's trombone section

David Rogers, of Arlington, is a student-athlete this academic year at Union College (Schenectedy, N.Y.). Rogers, a member of the class of 2019, is on the men's crew team.

Megan Grieco, a senior at Yorktown High School, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. On average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. Meghan is the daughter of Michael Grieco and Lisa Campbell.

Anne Devlin, of Arlington, earned a place in the fall 2016 entering class at Bard College at

Simon's Rock (Great Barrington, Ma.).

Barcroft Elementary School lead teacher Kristin Shymoniak was recognized as an outstanding education leader by AASA, The School Superintendents Association. Shymoniak is one of seven finalists for the organization's 2017 Women in School Leadership Awards. Shymoniak received the School Based Award which is given to any female classroom teacher or school based specialist.

Wakefield High School senior Evie Priestman has been given the Equality Award from the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance (AGLA). The award is presented to an individual and one to an organization that have demonstrated a record of improving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ) equality.

The Educational Theatre Association recognizes schools whose theatre programs exemplify and promote high standards of quality in educational

This year, Yorktown joined two other schools across the nation to receive the recognition.

The Yorktown theatre program, under the direction of Carol Cadby, was cited for its distinctive approach in focusing on ensemble, experimentation, and original work, which enables students to develop high-quality, creative theatre. The program was commended for the way it enhances the entire school curriculum, as well as for its inclusivity and success in supporting students of all abilities. It has developed a network of partnerships, including the League of Women Voters and Association of University Women, and community outreach using both performances at other schools and online and local media outlets

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MONDAY/OCT. 24

Design Public Hearing. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Wakefield High School, 1325 S. Dinwiddie St. The Virginia Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation will hold two Design Public Hearings on plans to extend the I-395 Northern Express Lanes for eight miles from Turkeycock Run near Edsall Road to Eads Street near the Pentagon. The draft Environmental Assessment also will be presented for public review and comment, available at the Arlington Central Library (Virginia Room), 1015 N Quincy St. or online at www.virginiadot.org/ 395expresslanes.



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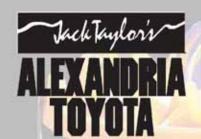




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