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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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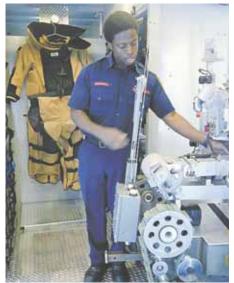


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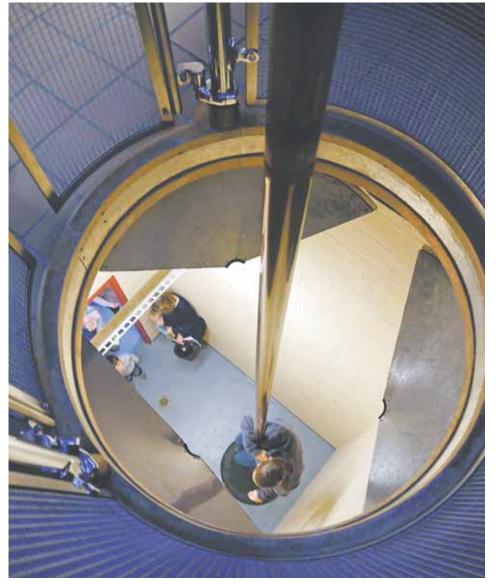
News

Visiting Inside Fire Station #3



Wandekha Kanthula, deputy fire marshal and bomb technician, says the robot is the first line of defense in a suspected bomb report. If this doesn't work out, the firefighters wear the heavy brown suit hung on the wall behind Kanthula which offers them some protection as they attempt to solve the problem.





At left, Stephanie Desai demonstrates an emergency medical kit to curious children. "You probably have one of these stethoscopes in your kit right at home." Desai is an emergency medical technician (EMT) as well as a firefighter stationed at Firehouse #3 in Arlington. She says the sixmember team spends as much time together as with their families and become close to each other. Each firefighter has his/her own room and bathroom, and the firehouse has a gym so they can stay fit. It also has a full kitchen with three refrigerators, one for each shift. Desai said, "It's nice after a long day to have a good meal and some really have a reputation as a good cook." The firefighters have designed and constructed their kitchen eating table with fire hydrants as legs.



Stephanie Desai demonstrates how a firefighter grabs onto the brass fire pole and slides two stories down to the bottom floor when an alarm goes off in Fire Station #3 on Old Dominion Drive. The segmented floor opens when there is enough weight on it, and Desai is off and gone. The trip has to be fast since a firefighter must be dressed in the protective equipment and on the fire truck ready to leave within 60 seconds of hearing the alarm bell.



The Unconventional Race

By Vernon Miles
The Connection

hile the nation chooses between two Presidential candidates of extreme political and temperamental differences, voters in Virginia's 8th District face a different kind of decision. As Democratic U.S. Rep. Don Beyer runs for reelection, he faces opposition from an un-Trump-like Republican candidate.

Republican candidate Charles Hernick

meets at Commonwealth Joe's, a coffee shop in Pentagon City so new it hasn't even had its official opening. It's populated almost exclusively by millennials, and Hernick fits right in. When asked about the political issues that matter to them, the students and baristas at Commonwealth Joe's all answer that climate change and combating student debt are their key voting issues. It's a liberal atmosphere, but that doesn't stop Hernick from trying to win them over.

Hernick represents a new kind of Republican opponent for Beyer. Hernick was 8

8th District election pits
Beyer against Hernick.

years old when Beyer was elected lieutenant governor of Virginia. Like many younger tween the

ant governor of Virginia. Like many younger voters in the district, Hernick moved to the area to work in consulting, focusing on economics and environmental work domestically and internationally in his work with The Cadmus Group. Hernick represents a new generation of Republicans, one more inclusive and free market focused than the GOP at the top of the ticket.

"Republicans in Northern Virginia are a very different breed from those that put Donald Trump on the ballot," said Hernick.

There's a 30 year age difference between the two candidates, but in many ways their ideological stances aren't very far removed. Hernick is a Republican whose chief political inspiration is Bobby Kennedy. He's progressive on social issues, last week earning the endorsement of the Log Cabin Republicans. One of his top campaign priorities is combatting climate change that Hernick says is absolutely caused by people.

But beneath those similarities, Hernick SEE 8TH DISTRICT, PAGE 12



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News

Lessons in Housecleaning

Learning to be green.

he five-week Green Housecleaning class for immigrant women began in 2013 as the vision of Andres Tobar, director of the Shirlington Employment and Education Center (SEEC), who said, "We have SEEC that was established in 2000 to help find connect immigrant daylaborers with temporary employment, but these are almost always men. There was nothing for the women. This Green Housecleaning class gets to women with the toughest challenges."

Tobar said when he looked around he saw a lot of Hispanic women cleaning houses and he thought by teaching them to use environmentally safe products they would be more marketable. "And they are." Since then, there have been eight sessions funded by Rock Spring United Church of Christ, Our Lady Queen of Peace, and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches as well as general support from community organizations.

Sandra Short, who runs a housecleaning business of her own, teaches this class. She says green housecleaning is better for everyone's health — the people who live in the houses that are cleaned, especially children, and the housecleaners themselves as well as helping the environment. Short incorporates hands-on training to be sure the women in the class can put what they have learned into practice. "And always be sure you do a good job on the vents. Ladies look. You think they don't, but they do. Some people want you to clean behind the stove." Short points to the large front windows at the Arlington Free Clinic where this session is being held. "We cleaned those windows last week for practice with vinegar and water. Add some lemon juice and some essential oil to make it smell nice."

Claudia Delgado, one of the women taking the class, interjects that she used 20 Mule Borax to clean her dishwasher last week.

"It's amazing how it cleans." Short said, "You prepared it at home after we did it here? Excellent." This is the last class so Short will ask them what they remember, then review and then test. Claudia Delgado will use what she learned to clean her house, Ana Delgado to clean the church and Ana Castillo to clean the first house in her new business.

- SHIRLEY RUHE



The last Green Housecleaning session in this five-week class gathers around a table of organic cleaning products as the group gets ready to review what they have learned and put it into practice. These classes are sponsored by the Shirlington Employment and Education Center (SEEC) and funded by local churches and organizations. Arlington Presbyterian Church has a provided space for many of these classes. From left are Sandra Short, instructor; Claudia Delgado, class member; Andres Tobar, executive director of SEEC; Ana Delgado and Catalina Torres, both class members.



Ana Castillo babysits for the children of women taking the green housecleaning class sponsored by SEEC. Andres Tobar, director of SEEC, says that having a babysitter available makes it possible for many of the women to take the course.



Claudia Delgado says she loves the green housecleaning classes that teach her how to use organic cleaning products that are "for health and very important to have quality." She heard about the class from her church and uses what she learns to clean her own house.



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Business

Generations of the Bean Arlington entrepreneurs quit their day jobs to launch coffee shop.

By Vernon Miles THE CONNECTION

or many people, coffee is a utility. It's a necessary pick-me-up to get through the the long work day. That's how Chase Damiano saw coffee until he met Robbie Peck. For Peck, coffee was something more. It was an art. More than just a stimulant, for Peck, every cup of coffee is a blend of carefully selected scents and tastes. When their coffee shop, Commonwealth Joe's Coffee Roasters, has its grand opening Saturday, Oct. 22, Peck and Damiano hope to change how Arlington County sees coffee.

The coffee shop at the heart of the rapidly developing Pentagon City is the first brick and mortar location for the local coffee roasters.

Peck started Commonwealth Joe's in 2012 as an extension of his mother's passion for coffee. She roasted for her friends and family, but never had the interest in business or marketing to expand beyond that. At the time, Peck was working at a consulting job in the area, starting Commonwealth Joe's as an online-only way of selling his family's freshly roasted coffee.

Damiano was working as a consultant at the same office job as Peck. The two of them worked closely on various projects and



Commonwealth Joe's CEO Robbie Peck (left) with COO Chase Damiano (right).

when Peck started selling coffee, Damiano became his first customer.

By 2013, Commonwealth Joe's was starting to pick up steam. The company began travelling to farmer's markets and selling in person. Peck left the consulting job to focus on his coffee start-up.

"I knew I didn't want to be there; I wanted to be an entrepreneur," said Peck. "To be entrepreneurial means taking a calculated risk. Ultimately, the worst case scenario was going back to what I was already doing before. At least I'll know that I went for it."

At the farmers' markets, Peck learned that the fundamental success of their brand would depend on building strong relationships. He used the connections built through those markets to sell their coffee in local stores, like Frenchman's Corner in Culpepper, the Clifton Wine Shop, and random stores throughout the region. One coffee shop, The Java Shack at Courthouse Plaza, proved to be the growing brand's big

Twenty years ago, The Java Shack's owner Dale Roberts left his job to start up a coffee

"It was a passion for me," said Roberts. According to Roberts, the coffee shop craze hadn't taken off yet in the area, still being a mostly West Coast phenomena. "We were more of a neighborhood hangout coffee shop. It was different back then, things like pour-overs and stuff were not popular. We had a French press, but that was about it. So after 20 years, I was ready to do other things. I'd met [Peck] when he first started with Commonwealth Joe's and I saw his passion and his energy. It was there the way it was back in '95. I thought he might be the perfect person to have him take over, because I didn't want it to all just go away."

In 2015, Peck and Damiano took over The

"We didn't change the name," said Peck. "It's special. It means a lot to people. [Roberts] knows everyone in Arlington, and [The Java Cafe] means a lot to people here. [Roberts] taught us a lot about friendliness and hospitality."

But behind the scenes, Peck and Damiano were making major changes to the coffee shop. The pay and hours system, manually done since the shop's inception, were modernized. Peck said the surface of the shop stayed the same, but, beneath that, the nuts and bolts of The Java Cafe were completely reworked. The result was one of the most profitable years ever, and yet Peck said the size of the space was keeping them from fully exploring their ambitions. Running The Java Cafe taught the pair the basics of running a coffee shop, but Peck and Damiano were still interested in having a bar with a pour-over space, nitro cold brew, and other amenities that would have to be built into a new space.

While managing The Java Cafe, Peck and Damiano began working more with local

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OPINION



Members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Arlington, wait for the start of the assembly. Attendance totaled 1,100



The Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles of Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, reviews VOICE's accomplishments since its founding eight years ago.

Multi-Faith Group Pursues Social Justice

Campaign involves housing affordability, public education investment, immigrant rights, criminal justice reform, and gun safety.

efore 1,100 faith community leaders at Oakton High School on Oct. 16, Attorney General Mark R. Herring added his name to those of more than 105 other state and elected officials around the country who are calling on gun manufacturers to step up gun safety efforts.

This market-based approach to reducing gun violence is the brainchild of Metro IAF, a collective of local and regional citizens power organizations including VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) comprised of more than 50 Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Unitarian faith institutions, higher education institutions, and school parent/teacher groups in Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria.

Helping the Homeless

Arlington Street People's Network (A-

SPAN), presents Lora Rinker with a

special award on the first year anni-

versary of the grand opening of the

last October. Sibert explains that

new Homeless Services Center (HSC)

efforts to end homelessness in Arling-

ton began 25 years ago when Rinker

served meals from her front porch on

N. Jackson Street in Arlington. Sibert

warm heart and much love." Rinker's

efforts have led to a full service year-

round resource center that provides

shelter, hygiene, mental health care,

said, "This has been her vision for

the last 25 years. It began with a

VOICE is urging state officials and Northern Virginia officials and law enforcement leaders to sign on to its Do Not Stand Idly By gun violence prevention campaign, which urges gun manufacturers to step up smart-gun research and development.

Herring was one of the state and local leaders speaking to the 1,100 VOICE leaders gathered to launch a new, 4-year organizing agenda to build power to effect change on issues of concern to Northern Virginia residents.

The new campaign, based on listening sessions with 3,000 NoVa residents, will challenge state and local officials to work with VOICE to increase investment in affordable housing, expand pre-k for low-income families, strengthen public education, tackle the roots and effects of the unjust and inequitable criminal justice

system, combat the climate of racial-ethnic and anti-Muslim intolerance, work for immigration reform, and improve gun safety and policecommunity relations. VOICE leaders said the organization is moving aggressively to increase its membership and build more power to achieve the changes that are needed to enable Northern Virginia to live up to its promise of a high quality of life for all residents and to enable the region to attract new jobs and sustain economic vitality. "We get things done," the Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, emphasized after reciting a litany of VOICE successes over the past eight years since the organization's founding. "This is what democracy looks like."

For information on VOICE, see www.voiceiaf.org.



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The HSC has a commercial kitchen and a chef who cooks lunch and dinner each day. Chef Glenn Johnson has prepared a special spread for the A-SPAN event Oct. 13 celebrating the beginning of the 25th year of efforts to end homelessness in Arlington. He points to the pumpkin soup with a bit of crabmeat (his favorite) as well as the salmon mousse, spanakopita, shrimp with gold sauce and other special dishes scattered around the festivities. Kathleen Sibert, president and CEO of A-SPAN, says they served 28,000 meals last year.



Alia Iqbal, finance director for A-SPAN, hands out name tags at the Oct. 13 event held to celebrate one year in the new Homeless Services Center at 2020-A N. 14th Street in Arlington. Attendees buy raffle tickets for a painting donated by a 68-year old artist who is one of the homeless clients; Kathleen Sibert opens a closet to show off the yoga mats for a class offered at the HSC and David Guas, chef at Bayou Bakery, has brought jambalaya and prah-lines, not pray-lines, to send home in white carry-put cartons. He delivers leftover muffins from Bayou Bakery a block away for the breakfast at the HSC each day.

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Business

Growing a Business

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developer Vornado to provide coffee for events. Their work began to take them more into Crystal City and Pentagon City, where Peck said they found an area of the county in the middle of a massive transition.

"It was really growing," said Peck. "But when we bought the lease here, the building on 12th Street wasn't open yet. The area looked empty, but we had to envision what the future of this area looked like."

But it's not 1996 anymore, and The Java Cafe isn't the only other coffee game in town. There are four Starbucks within a few blocks of Commonwealth Joe's, all of them closer to the Pentagon City and Crystal City Metro stations. While he was managing The Java Cafe, Roberts said he saw a flood of coffee chains move into the area and be forced out soon thereafter.

"I could name a dozen coffee places that opened and failed," said Roberts. "[They had a] lack of passion for coffee and community involvement, those are the two things that I feel make Java Shack successful. We just had really good coffee; made with pride. What makes a coffee shop is the passion for coffee and for people, otherwise you're not going to be successful."

Peck says their store is going to have to prove to the local community that its quality can beat the competition's price and convenience

"It's the same decision people make with craft beer," said Damiano. "Are they going to get a \$7 pitcher of Bud light, or going to spend \$9 for something like DC Brau. It's a choice, but people are increasingly interested in quality and paying a little more if we can show people that our coffee is bettor."

Bulletin Board

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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 571-332-6916.

FRIDAY/OCT. 21

Nomination Deadline. The Washington-Lee Athletic Hall of Fame will recognize those individuals who through their accomplishments have brought distinction and pride to the school and community as either an athlete, coach, administrator or as a contributor to the

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Entertainment

Signature Theatre Stages 'Freaky Friday'

Musical about mother and teenage daughter who magically swap bodies.

By Steve Hibbard
The Connection

ignature Theatre in Arlington is staging the Disney musical, "Freaky Friday," from now through Nov. 20.

When an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again before mom's wedding. Based on the novel by Mary Rodgers and the Disney films, "Freaky Friday" is a contemporary update of an American classic in which a mother and daughter see what it is to be a family and experience each other's lives first-hand, if only for a day.

Three film versions have been made about the story, with the original 1976 version starring Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster. The second, a Disney TV version in 1995, starred Shelley Long and Gaby Hoffman; and the third film in 2003 starred Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan.

The Signature play is by Bridget Carpenter, Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey, and based on the novel by Mary Rodgers and the Walt Disney motion pictures.

Jason Gotay plays the role of Adam, the epitome of a cool, popular, charismatic and smooth 16-year-old who has a crush on Ellie, the play's heroine. "In the annual school-wide scavenger hunt, Adam is the

'list master,' he said. "He creates a list of clues for the kids to solve, challenging them to step out of their comfort zone and work together to win the hunt."

As far as challenges, he said: "My biggest challenge was finding ways to make him a real kid, not just the 'perfect' teenager. Adam is totally confused by Ellie's behavior and is forced to deal with his feelings for her throughout the course of the play. This gives him something to fight for."

He added: "Instead of playing Adam as just the 'cool' kid, I had to search for ways to humanize him and make him someone that audiences can relate to.

"I think that anyone who has ever been a child or a parent can find something to relate to in this musical. This story teaches us to look at things from different perspectives and helps us understand one another."

He added: "I also think that audiences will fall in love with this amazing score and laugh until they can't breathe like I do every night."

Alan H. Green plays the role of Mike, Katherine's fiance. "He is a good guy who meets Katherine because he was contracted to refinish her kitchen cabinets. I see him as a man with a bitter divorce in his past and so he is happy and grateful to have found love again and a family with Katherine and her two kids," he said.

Working with the creative team at Signa-



Signature Theatre is staging "Freaky Friday" through Nov. 20.

ture has been wonderful, collaborative and stress free, he said. "I can't say there have been any working challenges — And having to be in love with the wonderful Heidi Blickenstaff has been a treat," he said, adding "Honestly the biggest challenge has been making myself cook at home instead of going out to eat for every meal at all the great restaurants here in Shirlington Village.

"I really hope the audiences leave the show intrigued by the idea of experiencing the world through someone else's lenses. There would be so much more compassion and understanding in our country if we would even try to do that. I also hope they leave with a lot of joy — cause it's just a real good time."

Signature Theatre in Arlington is staging "Freaky Friday" now through Nov. 20. Tickets are \$40 to \$108. Show times are Tuesdays through Sundays evenings, with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. The venue is located at 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Call the box office at 703-820-9771 or visit www.sigtheatre.org.

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ONGOING

Encore Stage & Studio: "The Best Haunted House Ever." Through Oct. 23, 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.

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 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.

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Fall SOLOS 2016. Through Dec. 18,

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 www.arlingtonartscenter.org for

Alice Whealin: "Third Patterns."

Through Dec. 18, gallery hours at
Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson
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personal concerns and experiences
through alternative landscapes and

imagery of internal bodies. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for

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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 roundup 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

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

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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
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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/.

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 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.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

Arlington Reads Book Talk: Colum

McCann. 7 p.m. at Arlington 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.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 21-22

Robert Powell III. 10 p.m. Friday. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday at

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Robert Powell III left behind a high flying career in politics to chase his dreams of becoming a stand-up comedian. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.ArlingtonDrafthouse.com.

OCT. 21-NOV. 18

Printmaking Exhibit:

'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 more.

Sustainable Landscaping

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 environmental landscaping. Come learn about soil protection and soil building, native plant selection, invasive plant management, and techniques to minimize storm water runoff and urban heat island effects. Intended for property managers, homeowners, and those interested in promoting sustainable land stewardship practices in an urban environment. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or emailmgarlalex@gmail.com.

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.

Synetic's Family Series: "The

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.

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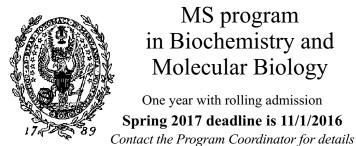
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Opening Speakeasy: "Social

Rituals." 6-9 p.m. at 34zero9 Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd. Christina Girardi explores the visual and social subjects of the bar through drawings made on-site and from photos of bars she has collected from her social encounters. Through these mixed media drawings, she makes an attempt to mimic and recollect setting, sound, color, and taste of the aesthetics surrounding these memories created through the social habits of today's young urban and suburban populations. Free. Visit www.34zero9.wixsite.com for more

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 ever growing 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

OCT. 22-NOV. 29

Art Exhibit: "After Hours: Social Rituals." Gallery hours at 34zero9 Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd.

Christina Girardi explores the visual and social subjects of the bar through drawings made on-site and from photos of bars she has collected from her social encounters. Through these mixed media drawings, she makes an attempt to mimic and recollect setting, sound, color, and taste of the aesthetics surrounding these memories created through the social habits of today's young urban and suburban populations. Free. Visit www.34zero9.wixsite.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Pumpkin Carving Party. 1-3 p.m. 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, "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



"After Hours: Social Rituals" explores the visual and social subjects of the bar through drawings made on-site and from photos of bars the artist, Christina Girardi has collected from social encounters. On display at 34zero9 Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd. Visit 34zero9.wixsite.com/34zero9artstudios.

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/

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

Oktoberfest Beer Garden. 4-8 p.m. at Plaza on 19th. Grab a drink, sing along, and see a live performance by The Polka Brothers, the New York City musical sensation whose lively melodies are guaranteed to make you dance. Don't leave before you get your free fall temporary tattoo done by a local artist. Free. Visit

www.rosslynva.org for more. **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.

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 www.synetictheatre.org for more

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 28-29

Rvan Hamilton Live. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. He's often lauded for being a clean comedian, although his audiences span a broad spectrum. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.ArlingtonDrafthouse.com

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 703-228-7790.

HOME SALES

In August 2016, 277 Arlington homes sold between \$2,410,000-\$85,000.

This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$414,900-\$194,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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8th District Race Pits Beyer Against Hernick

is still true-red. When a student at the coffee shop brings up debt forgiveness and free college, Hernick braces himself to deliver an unpopular answer for many millennial voters.

"Where is free college going to come from?" asks Hernick. "We can increase our taxes on corporations but they will move abroad. Corporations are already fleeing higher taxes to places like Ireland. I'm troubled by the idea of free college tuition."

Instead, Hernick says the government needs to try and focus on fixing the fundamentals of the economy to ensure that graduates have decently paying jobs to pay back their debt. By improving the health of business, Hernick says a stronger commercial tax base can help finance government subsidies to public colleges.

Hernick also says the country needs to rework bankruptcy to eliminate student debt. Currently, student debt doesn't go away when someone files for bankruptcy.

Hernick says he disagrees with many climate change deniers in the Republican leadership.

"I've been telling Republicans that they're doomed if they can't work on climate change issues," said Hernick. "People want to see action."

But while Hernick's beliefs on the subject are closer to Beyer's there's still disagreement between the two. Hernick opposes Beyer's proposed carbon tax, saying that Republicans will never agree to it. Hernick favors cap and trade measures, specifically starting with the trade side to ease other Republicans into the idea as financially sound.

"The far-right is worried about damage to the economy with [climate change-preventative measures], so we start with trade," said Hernick. "That won't hurt the economy, it will help build renewable energy, and it's something we can get passed within two years."

Hernick also says workplace efficiency within the federal government has to be a priority for any member of Congress in the 8th District.

"The kind of inefficiency that resulted in the Metro issue and the [current situation] at the Department of Veteran's Affairs plagues the federal workplace," said Hernick. "A whole batch of millennials are looking at government work but are leaving this area because it's not a good place to work. There's hiring freezes and incompetent employees are impossible to fire. We're losing a lot of good young talent."

Hernick says he disagrees with the conventional wisdom that Virginia, even Northern Virginia, is a guaranteed Democratic win. At a local level, Hernick says he drew a lot of inspiration from Arlington County Board member John Vihstadt's election and subsequent reelection to the overwhelmingly Democratic Arlington County Board.

"He built a fiscal platform with a broad coalition," said Hernick. "He won because he focused on the issues that matter. We're one of the youngest and most diverse areas



Republican Congressional Candidate Charles Hernick at Commonwealth Joe's.

of the country. If I can get my message out, I can win '

Hernick says the 20 percent of millennials voting for Gary Johnson gives him hope for his candidacy as well. On election day, Hernick says he plans to vote early and then travel the district to introduce himself outside other polling stations.

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer meets at The Royal Restaurant, a diner serving Old Town Alexandria since 1908. It's a quieter and more sedentary atmosphere than Commonwealth Joe's, but one whose walls are adorned with pictures of famous visitors.

It's been two years since Beyer took office, stepping into the shoes of longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.

"I was surprised Hernick got the nomination," said Beyer. "I respect his positions on climate change and we end up agreeing on

For Beyer, climate change and environmental work has been at the center of his campaign. While respecting Hernick's positions, Beyer says it is naive to think Republican leadership is going to be willing to work on climate change issues, referencing Cap and Trade measures similar to what Hernick is proposing that were brought up in 2010 and actively campaigned against by Republicans. Instead, Beyer has been pushing for a tax on carbon emissions, one aimed at environmental deterrence rather than as a revenue source.

"One hundred percent of that tax revenue will go back into people's pockets," said Beyer. "I think Republicans will like this version more because it isn't about increasing revenue to the government."

Beyer says he's spent the last two years in office trying to reach out to Republicans and has found only 10 even willing to talk about the issue, with several of them retir-

"To pass a carbon tax [and other environmental reforms], Democrats will have to be in the majority," said Beyer. "If we are, we can get the Republicans onboard."

In the meantime, Beyer says he's continuing to meet with Republicans one on one to work on changing their minds.

Beyer's stance on free college would have



Democratic U.S. Rep. Don Beyer at The Royal Restaurant.

gone over well with many of the patrons of Commonwealth Joe's. Beyer supports free community college to help make the first few years of school tuition and debt free. Beyer says the government needs to work to help make it possible to refinance student loans.

Like Hernick, Beyer says many of the longterm fixes for tuition costs are going to have to come from systematic reforms. For Beyer, that means reforming the budget process to be more bipartisan and enact harsher consequences for Congress if no budget is passed.

Beyer also says his candidacy is about pushing for economic empowerment of women and what he calls the "economic transformation of Northern Virginia." Beyer says the government needs to invest more heavily in the nation's infrastructure, especially in a district with a failing Metro and crumbling bridges.

In 2014's five candidate race, Beyer won with 63 percent of the vote, more than double Republican Micah Edmond. Frank Shafroth from George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis said it will be difficult, but not impossible, for a Republican to win in the 8th District.

"[Northern Virginia] voters have elected any number of Republicans to the City Council, and some have gone on from there to distinguished careers in the Virginia Legislature," said Shafroth in an email. "There is a tendency to vote for merit and integrity, notwithstanding party. So being a more liberal, as opposed to conservative [Republican], has benefitted former leaders like Connie Ring and Bob Calhoun, who both earned bipartisan support in going from the Council to distinguished service in Richmond. That being said, it is difficult to unseat incumbents who have earned support and trust over the years, so the challengers this year, in a state trending heavily against the head of the Republican ticket, face a greater than usual challenge."

Beyer and Hernick won't be the only names on the ballot. Independent Julio Gracia, a former FBI agent, has been running a low budget campaign. Like Beyer, Gracia believes in more free community college, stricter environmental regulations, and universal healthcare. However, Gracia says his political "experiment" is aimed at running a campaign and getting people involved in politics without the filter of representing a political party. "It's really just my wife and I going around Fall's Church knocking on doors and talking to people," said Gracia. "You start to realize that many people share the same frustrations. We need politicians who are more in touch with the people in their district."

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development and success of the Washington-Lee athletic program. Nomination forms will be made available through the Student Activities office and the WL Athletic Booster organization. See washingtonlee.apsva.us/ post/now-accepting-w-l-athletic-hall-famenominations/ or call the Athletic Department at 703-228-6207.

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Advice from the Pros

Local private school admissions directors share wisdom they'd offer to their own children.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

rom interviews to essays to standardized tests to open houses, the season for submitting independent school applications is underway. For families vying for a spot at the area's most elite schools, the process can be fraught with anxiety, stress and confusion as parents and students wade through the myriad academic options in the Washington, D.C., region.

Admissions decision-makers at five local private schools share advice that they might offer their own children, underscoring the importance of finding the best fit rather than trying to fit into a top school if the environment might not match a student's personality.



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Applying for a slot at one of the area's top private schools, such as BASIS Independent McLean, can be fraught with tension.

Matti Donkor, interim director of enrollment management at The Madeira School in McLean:

"Enter the process very open-minded. I don't believe in saying, 'This is the one school for me.' I believe in knowing the core things that are important to you like the school's community, culture and traditions, but also in understanding that you might find those characteristics in a variety of schools. I think students and families should be engaged in the [application] process. I think we do the school visit

and that is the only interaction you have with the school. Find out what else is happening on campus, connect with other students and alumni. Really take the time to understand the culture of the school and whether it appeals to you."

Lisa Knight, director of admission, Flint Hill School, Oakton:

"Take time to learn about the school community. Shadow for day, attend several [school] community events, go and experience the community for yourself. Notice how you feel when you are on campus. Do you feel welcomed? Are current students and teachers greeting you in the hallways and classrooms? Do they notice you? Can you see yourself growing academically, intellectually and socially there? Are you comfortable with the teaching style and methods? Do you value what the school values?"

Richard S. Moss, director of admission, The Heights School, Potomac, Md.:

"Teach your child how to make a pros and cons list. Help him or her thoughtfully consider the options. Ultimately, your child needs to know that he is a valued advisor to the ultimate decision makers: the parents. It's an opportunity for parents to nurture trust. It is a mistake to lead your child to believe that one school is the be all and end all to life's

problems. That's a high bar, and, more importantly, you don't want to crush a child's spirit if he doesn't get in."

Michael Cresson, director of admissions, Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington:

"I recommend all students looking at various schools make sure that they are comfortable. Definitely shadow and visit during open houses to get a true sense of the community and school. I tell students to make sure they are comfortable and happy

> with their choice because they only get to go to high school once."

Sean Aiken, head of school, BASIS Independent, McLean:

"I would advise students not to get too caught up in their resumes and records and instead work to discuss passions and projects that excite and interest them.

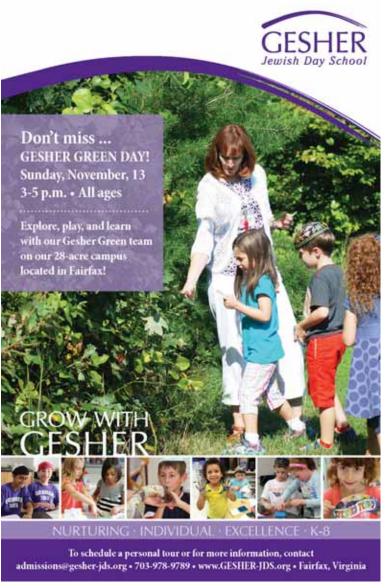
How will the school help you explore your ideas in greater depth? In what areas do you want to improve? I'm always impressed with students who are hungry to know more about the world."

Julie C. Lewis, director of admission and financial aid, Alexandria County Day School, Alexandria:

"I recommend that families "Take the time to visit a wide-range of schools, not just the ones your friends' kids attend, to really get a feel for what appeals to you as a family and will work best for your individual child. The Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington's website (AISGW.org) is a fantastic place to start your research and may lead you to a school you were not previously familiar with. Once you've created your list of schools, visit each of them and don't be afraid to ask as many questions as needed to really get a sense of the academic program and school community."







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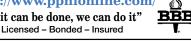
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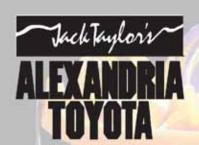




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