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County Manager Offers \$11.1 Million in Optional Cuts

County Manager Mark Schwartz has offered the County Board, upon its request, a package of \$11.1 million in optional cuts to his proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. The package includes \$7.4 million in potential cuts to the on-going budget and \$3.5 million in potential cuts in one-time funding. Schwartz's proposal came in response to a request from the County Board that he propose options for cutting the equivalent of one penny on the tax rate from his proposed budget.

The potential reductions would affect a range of county services, including human services, libraries, parks and recreation, community planning and housing and economic development. The options also include eliminating both planned service improvements in the streetlight program and additional staff for the county jail. Schwartz also recommended that, based on the principles of revenue sharing between county government and Arlington Public Schools, \$3.5 million of the cuts from the on-going budget and \$1.7 million of the cuts from the one-time budget come from the APS budget.

Members of the public can learn more about the Proposed FY 2018 Budget, and provide online feedback at <https://budget.arlingtonva.us/fy-2018-proposed-budget/> on potential reductions and/or tax increases through the Budget Feedback Form. The County Board will take testimony in March at its public hearings on the budget and on the tax rate:

- ❖ Tuesday, March 28 – County Board Public Budget Hearing – 7 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, March 30 – County Board Public Tax Rate(s) Hearing – 7 p.m.

The board is holding a series of Budget Work Sessions in March, which are broadcast live on ATV, the county's cable channel, (Comcast 25 and 74 and Verizon FiOS 39 and 40), and live-streamed on the county website. These meetings are open to the public, but the board will not take testimony.

Man Sentenced for 1999 Murder

A man who fled to Guatemala following the 1999 murder of Eva Veliz in the Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights neighborhood of Arlington County was sentenced in the Arlington County Circuit Court on Friday, March 17. Judge Daniel Fiore imposed the maximum judgement permitted by the plea agreement and sentenced Ludvin Estrada, 41, to 45 years in prison.

On May 11, 1999, at approximately 4:33 p.m., Arlington County Police responded to the report of a 27-year-old female victim located deceased inside the trunk of a vehicle parked in the 1300 block of N. Pierce Street. The investigation revealed that on the evening prior the victim, Eva Veliz, and the subject, Ludvin Estrada, had been out dancing and were seen leaving together at approximately 2:45 a.m. on May 11, 1999. At some point during the evening, a verbal altercation ensued between the two and the subject strangled the victim causing her death. Estrada immediately fled to Guatemala.

A warrant was issued for Estrada in 1999 but efforts to locate him in Guatemala were unsuccessful. In 2012, the case was assigned to the Arlington County Police Department's Cold Case Unit. Through a review of the case files, crime scene evidence and laboratory results detectives located additional information that verified Estrada's involvement in the murder.

In September 2016, following a joint investigation by the Arlington County Police Department, the U.S. Department of State, the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs, the United States Marshals Service and Guatemalan Law Enforcement, Estrada was extradited to the United States to face charges in the 1999 murder of Eva Veliz.

County Approves Plan to Expand, Renovate Stratford School Building

The Arlington County Board on March 18 approved 5-0 a use permit request from Arlington Public Schools for a 40,000-square-foot addition to the existing Stratford School at 4100 Vacation Lane. The board also approved a related Certificate of Appropriateness that ensures that the new construction and alterations to the existing building, named a local historic district in 2016 for its role in desegregation, keep with preservation design guidelines.

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Lions and Tigers and Bears County constricts exotic animal regulations.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

There are a number of hazards firefighters commonly expect when entering a burning building: Falling debris, sudden blasts of heat, etc. What the Arlington firefighters responding to a call in 2008 probably hadn't expected was to burst through the door and find themselves facing a house full of loose, venomous snakes.

That incident sparked the first series of Arlington regulations on exotic animals, banning venomous snakes. But so far, these regulations remain the only ones in the county. Any animal not prohibited at the federal or state level is allowed in Arlington. This includes wolf or cat hybrids, massive snakes, raccoons, and even monkeys. But new regulations could change Arlington's exotic policy.

At its March 18 meeting, the County Board considered new policies that would limit exotic animal ownership in Arlington. The new policy would prohibit Arlington homeowners from owning "... any live monkey (nonhuman primate), raccoon, skunk, wolf and wolf hybrids, coyote, squirrel, fox, leopard, panther, tiger, lion, bear, small wild cats including hybrids (i.e., bobcats, lynx and caracal), ratites (flightless birds), sugar glider, or any other warm-blooded mammal, venomous snake or reptile that can normally be found in the wild state, or any other crocodylian, including but not limited to alligators, crocodiles, caimans and gavials ..." as well as several varieties of scorpion and spider.

Current exotic pet owners would not be required to part with their companions, but would instead have to register their animals with the county. There was some discussion on the County Board about whether this would also apply to people who move into the county after the passage of the new regulations, but as written they would be required to surrender their animal.

According to the County Board report, the new regulations serve to help protect both

residents and animals in the county, to help protect Arlington's public safety officials, and to align Arlington within the code of nearly all of the neighboring jurisdictions.

The regulations went through several changes based on public input. Hedgehogs, initially banned, were taken off the list, as were all birds except ratites. The limitations on scorpions, spiders and centipedes were adjusted to include specific genuses.

Limitations on snakes were initially determined by length, but stretching out a snake to measure it can be harmful to the animal, so the limit was later determined by weight. This was one of the primary topics of discussion during the public hearing portion of the meeting. Snake weight can



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY JENNIFER TOUSSAINT, ARLINGTON'S ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Loose six-foot long albino ball python.



Loose six-foot long albino ball python in a dog cage at the Animal Welfare League.

vary greatly depending on how recently they've eaten, so snake owners were wondering whether this would be taken into consideration during weight checks. Others said the snake weight limitations felt arbitrary.

"I've had snakes that weight up to 175 pounds that I've brought with me to birth-

days for 4 or 5 year olds," said Bonnie Keller, from Virginia Reptile Rescue. "Clearly they weren't dangerous. Reptiles are one of the fastest growing segments of the pet population. Rather than try to fight against this change, it's better to try and figure out how we encompass [it]. We're no longer on the fringe. We're no longer the freaks."

For several speakers, the overly broad language led to confusion over what was and wasn't allowed. Dillon Danutz noted that the ban on reptiles that are also found in the wild in Virginia could be misconstrued as limited pet bearded dragons or gekkos,

as a local housepet, particularly capuchin monkeys. According to Toussaint, most are bought from a breeder in Virginia Beach. These and other exotic animals frequently crop up on Craigslist (none currently available).

"I try to prepare my officers for every probability," said Toussaint, "but there's no way for some of the exotics that are permitted. I don't wear a kevlar suit. Somebody's cat hybrid, if it got loose, I'm running around chasing it in a shirt and pants."

The most troublesome escaped pets are

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Six-foot long albino ball python slipping into the Arlington sewers.



Loose six-foot long albino ball python.


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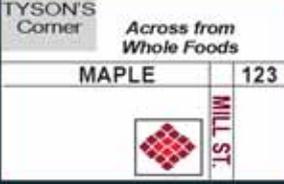
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A-SPAN To Host Coming Home Breakfast

A-SPAN will hold its fourth Coming Home Breakfast on the first floor of the NRECA Building on Friday, April 7. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program and breakfast to follow from 8-9 a.m. Keynote speaker is Pinkie Mayfield, vice president for corporate affairs of Graham Holdings Company.

Funds raised at the Coming Home Breakfast help fund A-SPAN's expanded health care services for some of Arlington's most vulnerable including street medical outreach, the nurse practitioner, medical respite in the Homeless Services Center, prescription drugs and follow up medical care.

A-SPAN's mission is to secure permanent housing and provide life-sustaining services for Arlington's most vulnerable individuals through outreach and relationships. Their vision is to end homelessness in Arlington. Kathy Sibert, president and CEO of A-SPAN, said, "Housing is like healthcare. We see dramatic improvements in people's lives and health as we move individuals from homelessness to a home."



Kathy Sibert, President/CEO A-SPAN.

Synergy Home Care Receives Award

Synergy Home Care based in Arlington received the 2017 Best of Home Care – Provider of Choice Award from Home Care Pulse. The award is granted to top-ranking home care providers, based on client satisfaction scores gathered by Home Care Pulse, an independent satisfaction research firm for home care.

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Stratford is currently home to two APS programs, the H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program and Stratford program. APS plans to relocate these programs to a new school on Wilson Boulevard and convert this location to a neighborhood middle school that would seat up to 1,000 students.

The major addition, which will include a new library, an auxiliary gym, core classrooms, science labs and other teaching spaces, and a new student commons area, is part of the School Board's 2015-2024 Capital Improvements Plan. As part of the redevelopment plan, a private driveway for drop-off and pick-up will extend across the site and a new traffic signal will be installed at Old Dominion Drive. The existing athletic field will be re-graded and rebuilt. At the request of the County Board, APS agreed during the public hearing to examine the feasibility of redesigning the field to meet Ultimate Frisbee requirement. A total of 144 parking spaces will be provided on- and-off-site. APS is committed to obtaining a LEED Silver green building certification for the addition.

Free Tax Assistance in Arlington

Get help preparing taxes at several Arlington locations this season. The program, geared toward low- and moderate-income households, offers the services of certified tax preparers. Income limits are \$35,000/year for individuals and \$54,000/year for families.

Visit publicassistance.arlingtonva.us/tax for more information, including what forms and documentation will be needed. Sponsored by AARP and Community Tax Aid.

Tax Day is Tuesday, April 18 this year because April 15 falls on a Saturday and Monday, April 17 is Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia.

- ❖ Central Library — through April 18, 1015 North Quincy St., Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- ❖ Columbia Pike Branch Library – through April 15, 816 S Walter Reed Drive, Tuesdays 1:15 – 7:45 p.m., Fridays – Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- ❖ Department of Human Services – through April 18, 2100 Washington Blvd., Tuesdays 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- ❖ ECDC Enterprise Development Group – through April 15; 901 S. Highland St., Tuesdays 6 – 9 p.m., Fridays 6 – 9 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Two Sentenced in Fraud Scheme

Two men were sentenced on Friday, March 3, in the Arlington County Circuit Court for their role in a fraud scheme targeting Arlington County residents. John Patrick Walsh, 32, of Culpepper, Va. was sentenced to seven years in prison, with all but two years suspended, on the charges of false pretenses and conspiracy. He was ordered to pay restitution to the victims in the amount of \$62,100 and ordered to five years of probation upon release from incarceration. Mark Sisk, 31, of Boston, Va. was sentenced to six years in prison, with all but two years and five months suspended, on three charges of false pretenses. He was ordered to pay restitution to the victims in the amount of \$62,100 and ordered to three years of probation upon release from incarceration.

On Sept. 10, 2016, Walsh and Sisk approached the victim's residence in the 4800 block of N. 27th Street and fraudulently claimed to be contractors working in the area. They advised the elderly residents that they were in need of serious home repair and that failure to comply could result in the home catching fire. Throughout the month of September, Walsh and Sisk misrepresented the need for work and provided false information to the victims that work had been performed. Through a series of repeated home repair scams, the victims were defrauded of \$62,100 in cash.

Detective K. White was the lead detective.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, for March 27-April 1.

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

Senior trips: Riverside Dinner Theatre, Fredericksburg, "Saturday Night Fever," \$65; Darnall's Chance House Museum and Dutch Village Market, Up-

per Marlboro, Md., Thursday, March 30, \$10. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS:
Teens teach basic Bridge, Monday, March 27, 3 p.m., Gunston Community Center. Register, 703-228-5722.

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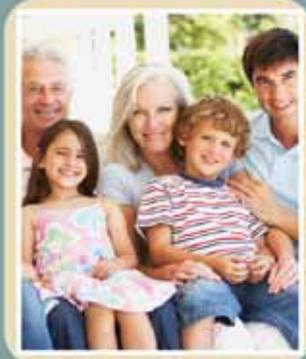
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Giving Parents an Educational Alternative

The Sycamore School to open July 1.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

There's a new school in town. The Sycamore School, opening on July 1, at the Arlington Center, 4600 North Fairfax Drive, will be a non-religious affiliated private school.

Head of School and Founder Dr. Karyn Ewart emphasizes the "personalized experiential learning" aspect of her new school. She believes there is a demand for this school, based on a study she and colleagues performed. Parents are concerned about overcrowding, class size, teaching to the Standards of Learning (SOL) exams, and the fact some children get lost in the transition from elementary school to middle school.

The Sycamore School's mission is to provide a nurturing education; she wants to see children get a passion for learning, self-discovery, and their community. While academic development is number one on the school's agenda, social and emotional growth, and civic engagement, are right up there on the list of goals. Ewart says she wants to encourage inclusivity, and will probably opt for mixed age classes in the middle years, with small classes focusing on student-teacher collaboration. Ewart says the middle school years are a pivotal, predictive, and possibly life-altering stage of development. She wants to eliminate some of the excessive stress that comes from traditional and often overcrowded schools.

There is an overcrowding problem in Arlington County in the middle school years. According to Frank Bellavia, a public relations specialist at Arlington County Schools, there are currently 5,468 middle school students enrolled in Arlington. By 2018-19 that number will be at 6,035. By fall 2019, Superintendent of Schools Patrick Murphy plans for middle schools around the county to have 44 new trailers. APS says classrooms will remain at the same size despite the rise in numbers, with additional teachers and relocatables.

Ewart says the problem with many middle schools, even private schools, is that they often take the approach that "one size fits all." In her school, some children will be going to competitive four year colleges, and some will find a different path to a career. The important thing is that they will all graduate with a sense of what they want to do, their strong points, and their passions. "There are too many kids living at home in their parents' basement," said Ewart, "who do not know what to do after college, or have not grown socially or personally as they progressed academically. We hope by providing an education that fits them better, and is practical, we can give them better life skills."

As a clinical psychologist, Ewart has a background in adolescent psychology, learning disorders, and counselling. She was head of



Dr. Karyn Ewart and Science teacher Bryan Shaw stand at the Sycamore School table at Westover Farmers Market on a Sunday morning. The name "Sycamore," says Ewart, symbolizes the school in the sense that it is an organic form which gives kids roots to grow strong.

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EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

school and clinical director at the Accotink Community Alternative Learning Center in Accotink, where she oversaw an Asperger's program and therapy services for learning disabled children, monitored individualized education plans, and started keeping track of best practices so that if she ever opened her own school, she would know what works. Her curriculum will encompass some of these elements, including some from Mindful Schools, Universal Design for Learning, Framework for 21st Century Learning, and Common Core State Standards.

"What doesn't work," Ewart said, "is when a school is too good at accommodating kids. There are so many accommodations in specialized schools, and then the kids go to college and suddenly they have to be their own self-advocate, and they don't know how to." Her goal is to infuse children with executive functioning schools in middle school, and then in high school, give them increasing amounts of responsibility to use those skills.

Heather Kirby, a therapist who has known Ewart for more than 15 years, said she is not surprised Ewart took on the challenge of starting her own school. She has never been one to shy away from hard work and a challenge, and she has always believed there had to be a better fit between mental health and education. In Ewart's school, the student who is not failing but is not flourishing either will be able to get an individualized education plan. Kirby thinks the school will be successful; she knows parents will breathe a sigh of relief when they meet Ewart, who is knowledgeable and driven, but gentle and compassionate at the same time. "Most knowledgeable and driven people aren't gentle and compassionate," Kirby said. "But Ewart, a mother herself, is liked by kids and parents, and at the same time, is organized, detail-oriented, and won't overlook a problem."

The Sycamore School will start out at just 6-8th grades, and then move to 6-12th. The school aims to have a cross section of students, some from parochial schools, some from public, and about 50/50 girls to boys. There is an

application process, and the school hopes to be able to attract students from all income levels. They have accepted 4-5 students already, with a few more in the pipeline, and have a goal of 20 students when the school opens in September. Eventually, they hope to have 30 students in each grade, with a total of just over 200 students. Financial aid based on need will be available.

Ewart is excited about the school's self-paced learning, remediation in areas where it's needed, civic engagement, and learning outside the classroom. "If it's a science course on streams," Ewart said, "it will take place along Four Mile Run." "Middle school students can be moody and can disengage," Ewart said. "We want to be able to recognize that, and then get them re engaged." Ewart says there is a market for the urban school model where students go into the community, and she plans, for instance, to have students go into the Jefferson Retirement Community around the corner and either read to the elders, or help them with computer literacy, or find out what the needs are and what will generate excitement on both sides. "Too often," she said, "community service is just a box that gets checked, not a genuine engagement."

Ewart said The Sycamore School will have a \$20,000 base tuition per year and \$1,000 for activities and technology.

Sycamore School is next to the Metro and easily accessible. Because of this, Ewart plans to reach out to local businesses in Arlington, not only to help her fund the school, which right now is drawing on Ewart's personal investment, but to be a partner in education. When the children are studying finance, they will engage with a local bank or accountant. She hopes to offer structured internships to her students so they can learn by doing, and prepare for the real world. "This is very much a 21st century learning model," she said. "We will also offer foreign languages according to parent and student demand, recognizing that learning a language occurs best in an immersion."

Dr. Brooke Carroll, a former head of the Seneca School, is on the board of directors of the Sycamore School. "This school is the way to do schooling," she said. "It's learning in the real world instead of the classroom." Carroll

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Snapshots

Spring arises in North Arlington.

Regulating Exotic Animals

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often reptiles. Toussaint said people are often afraid of reptiles and can react violently to them, attacking the animal with shovels or rocks. These can also be very quick and difficult to catch. When the calls or pictures come in of an exotic reptile on the loose, Toussaint said more often than not it's of the animal slipping into the sewer system or into the small cracks under homes.

For a week and a half, Toussaint once chased a six foot long albino ball python across the county. It was known to be on the loose, people took photographs, but by the time Toussaint showed up it was either gone or unreachable. She was finally able to contain the snake, though by that point the python had already managed to damage herself, covered in ripped scales and other abrasions.

"Recently, it's been all about snakes," said Toussaint. "We've been getting snake calls with snakes that aren't native to the area. Two months ago, we found an anaconda in a toilet. We picked up a boa dumped in a dumpster in the cold. These animals are

ending up in places they shouldn't and people are freaking out, but I can't highlight this enough: it's an animal welfare issue. We're dealing with animals not being cared for appropriately." Toussaint said she's particularly happy to hear about the registration process for animals already living in the county. An exotic animal registry, which will be free to current exotic pet owners, will make it easier for Toussaint to return missing animals to their owners.

"People have passed exotic codes banning x, y, or z, but there's no stipulation for all the animals that fall into that category when [the regulation passes]," said Toussaint. "They could be sold on Craigslist or given to family members that don't know how to care for them, or they end up owning them illegally when they love them. When these laws are passed elsewhere, it misses that piece. People legally acquired these animals, and I don't think that's a humane approach."

Given the amount of public feedback on the exotic pet regulations, the County Board voted to delay the exotic pet ban until reconsideration on June 17.

Giving Parents an Alternative

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said she was introduced to Ewart by a colleague and was immediately impressed with her philosophy and the way she was going about setting up the new school.

"My school is not a threat to APS," Ewart said, "but we can make some parents happy that aren't happy now, and that would be good for APS too."

Ewart said she believes the plans of the new U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to give parents a choice about schools, could work if DeVos follows the Florida program, which she calls very interesting. Florida's scholarship tax credit program allows the

money to bypass state coffers. Corporations or individuals offset state tax liability by donating to a nonprofit scholarship fund. The money from this fund is then given to families to pay for tuition at private schools.

To learn more about The Sycamore School, and its summer camp, see www.thesycamoreschoolva.org, or attend info sessions on April 18 from 6-8 p.m., and April 23 from 2-4 p.m. at the Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 East Broad Street, Falls Church. Prospective students can participate in three consecutive half hour "pop up" classrooms while adults can observe or talk to staff about the curriculum.

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- Draw boundaries that enable you to honor your loved one and, at the same time, preserve your well-being.
- Identify resources for support.
- Discover important ways to care for yourself so you can stay strong, courageous and committed.



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Diane Vance is the Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter. She has been immersed in dementia care professionally and as a caregiver for many years. Diane served as the Director of Dementia Care Services in Assisted Living and Director of an Adult Medical Day Program for elderly individuals with cognitive impairments. As a passionate advocate for those with dementia and their families, she has provided invaluable support to many.



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Two Easter Egg Hunts on April 11.

Double Your Easter Egg Hunts

Cather up your Easter basket and join the Easter bunny at Potomac Regional Overlook Park on April 11 at 11 a.m. Children will gather in the upper lot where they can fashion bunny noses out of large popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners and fuzzy balls and as well as make wearable bunny ears while awaiting the arrival of the Easter bunny at about 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 per child if bought in advance on-line or \$15 per child if purchased the day of the event.

After resting from the earlier hunt, head

to Walker Chapel Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 15 at 3 p.m. It will be held at Walker Chapel Methodist Church on Glebe Road. This is a celebration of Easter with a familiar Easter bunny face hopping through the hundreds of eggs hidden by the youth from the congregation. Advice from a church member is to be at the gate when it opens because “the eggs go in a flash.” There will be other activities including face painting.

— SHIRLEY RUHE

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Evil Dead, The Musical. Through March 25, 7:30 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. A tale of five college students who travel to a cabin in the woods and accidentally unleash an evil force. Call 703-228-1850 for more.

“Mrs. Miller Does Her Thing.” Various times through March 26 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

The Gospel at Colonus. Various times through March 26 in the Avant Bard, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. General admission is just \$30 on Friday; \$35 on Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees. Call 703-418-4808 for more.

Arlington Arts Light & Shadow Class. Through March 29, 4:30-6 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. This new multimedia course focuses on value, arguably one of the most important elements of art. Exercises in charcoal, acrylic, chalk, and collage will lead to dramatic, high-contrast images. \$195. Visit education@arlingtonartscenter.org.

Pickleball. Through March, noon-3:30

p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Call 703-228-7790 for more.

John Glenn Exhibit. Saturday and Sundays through March 31, 1-4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Arlington Historical Museum, 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Includes his waterski from when he went waterskiing with Jackie Kennedy in 1962 as well as items celebrating his Mercury flight as the first American to orbit the Earth. Glenn lived in north Arlington at the time. He presented the waterski to the AHS, and it is autographed. 571-243-1113 or garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

“Purple Reign” Group Show. Various times through March 31 at the Arlington Artists Alliance Gallery, 2100 Crystal Drive. An all-media show devoted to the color purple. Member artists were challenged to create colorful works that evoke the majesty and magic this color can elicit. Opening reception: Friday, March 3, 5-8 p.m. Visit www.galleryunderground.org for more.

Video Gallery. Various times through April 1 at Metro Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd. David Carlson “Water Unspoken” Video Gallery Experience. Visit www.metromicrogallery.com for more.

Cycling Volunteers Needed. The 20th annual Armed Forces Cycling Classic needs volunteers for the June 10-11 race. Sign up by April 15 and get a free class at CycleBar Columbia

Pike. Email info@arlingtonsports.org for more.

Midwestern Gothic. Various times through April 30 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. A world premiere thriller with a musical twist. Visit www.sigtheatre.org or call 703-820-9771 for more.

Healthy Lifestyle Runs. Saturdays, 9 a.m. at Roosevelt Island, George Washington Memorial Parkway. American Cancer Society partners with parkrun USA to promote fitness in the fight against cancer. Free. Visit www.parkrun.us/rooseveltislanddc/ for more.

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

Culinaire’s Winter Lunch. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Art Institute of Washington, 1820 N. Fort Myer Drive, 12th floor. Culinaire, the student-run restaurant of the Art Institute of Washington, is now serving lunch from their winter menu on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Visit www.artinstitutes.edu/arlington 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.

FRIDAY/MARCH 31

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2411 24th St. N. Highlights include an art show and sale featuring the works of more than 30 Arlington-based artists, in paintings of many genres, ceramics, sculpture, artists cards, unframed works and more. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Sustainable Landscaping 3: Plant Selection, Design & Planting. 9 a.m.-noon at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn how to select plants that will function best in your location, focusing on the 3,000 native and naturalized plant alternatives to commonly used non-native plants. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 2

Edible Landscaping and Fruit in the Garden. 7-8 p.m. in Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Fruit plantings can add beauty & sources of food in your garden. Call 703-528-5406 or visit mgnv.org for more.

Organic Vegetable Garden. 1-4 p.m. in Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Get answers questions about organic gardening, including controlling pests and diseases without the use of chemicals. Call 703-528-5406 or visit mgnv.org for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 7

Rosslyn CAFÉ project. 6-8 p.m. at the Bennett Park Art Atrium, 1601 Clarendon Blvd. The Community, Arts, Food and Entertainment (CAFE), will bring you local food, art and music every Friday night. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

APRIL 10-14

Spring Break Theater Camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Synetic Theater Camp, 2155 Crystal Plaza Arcade T-19. Pirate Island Camp, study the history of pirates from Davy Jones to the buccaneers of the Middle Ages while creating museum exhibitions through performance and

visual art. Visit synetictheater.org/ for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12

Planning and Planting the Herb Garden. 7-8 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn basic techniques on how to plan and plant an herb garden at home. Visit mgnv.org or call 703-228-5990 for more.

MONDAY/APRIL 17

Water Use and Gardens. 7-8 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Irrigation, hand watering, rain barrels, ollas, storm water re-use. Visit mgnv.org or call 703-228-5990 for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 22

Home Show and Garden Expo. 210 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd St. Learn of new ways to update the home and add value to the property. Visit www.arlingtonhomeshow.org/ for more.
Annual Spring Gala. 6-11 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 S. Hayes St. Arlington Community Foundation fundraiser. \$300. Visit www.arlcf.org or call 703-243-4785.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 22-23

Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the plaza, 3003 Washington Blvd. Visit www.artfestival.com, email info@artfestival.com or call 561-746-6615 for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 26

Container Gardening:-- Hands-on Workshop. 7-8 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Grow herbs and other edibles on your patio, balcony, front stoop, or back deck. Visit mgnv.org or call 703-228-5990 for more.

JUNE 10-11

Cycling Volunteers Needed. The 20th annual Armed Forces Cycling Classic needs volunteers for the June 10-11 race. Sign up by April 15 and get a free class at CycleBar Columbia Pike. Email info@arlingtonsports.org for more.

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.

LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3-7 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.

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

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Lagman, served atop noodles.



Polow



Kabobs

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Try Uyghur Traditional Cooking

If you like to experiment with new cuisines, join the crowds experimenting with Uyghur (pronounced WEE-grr) restaurants, popping up around the area. Queen Amannisa in Crystal City was the first to open in 2015.

Lagman, offered in several different varieties with chopped, braised or minced lamb or chicken and combinations of peppers and other vegetables, is a popular and traditional dish. It is served atop fresh hand-pulled noodles made from wheat flour, water and salt. The skill of the chef is measured in the length of the noodle that is created as the base of the dish. Owner Yimamu Maimaiti says that people think the food is Chinese until they have eaten there and find out Uyghur food is a crossroads of Central Asia. "We have our own culture."

Another traditional Uyghur dish is Polow which is made in the Uyghur region of western China. It is described as the most classic and typical Uyghur rice dish that takes hours of work to cook and prepare it. The menu describes it as a "healthy

and strong dish of Uyghur history. There is a saying people are living longer because of eating Polow." It is served with a salad of thinly sliced cucumber and tomato and a small dish of homemade yogurt.

Although a wine and beer menu is available, Maimaiti says he sells more tea than liquor. "For instance, the rose tea that has been enjoyed for a long time. It is said to reduce inflammation, ease coughing and protect against heart disease and cancer." He adds that most of the teas are shipped from their country.

Customers can be seen peering at the table next to them and asking "what's that?" According to Yimamu Maimaiti, the owner of Queen Amannisa, one of the most popular choices is the kabobs with a choice of chunks of lamb, chicken or ground lamb. In addition, for a special meal a whole lamb roast can be ordered in advance.

— SHIRLEY RUHE

CALENDAR

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 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-can-eat breakfast buffet (\$9.99). All are welcome. No reservation is required. Visit www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305.

THURSDAY/MARCH 23

Heart+Pints Bazaar. 5-9 p.m. at Pallette 22 4053 Campbell Ave. Advon Real Estate is hosting the 7th Annual gathering together local and free-trade artisans as well as makers and crafters for an evening to benefit the non-profit, the Arlington Food Assistance Center Visit AdvonRE.com or call 703-663-7171 for more.

David Bowie Documentary. 7:45 p.m. in the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. The documentary film about David Bowie created by the Victoria and Albert Museum, London in 2013, is being re-released in cinemas worldwide. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Marymount's 2017 Spy Film Festival. 2-4 p.m., "The Secret Game" followed by a discussion with Dr. Mark Benbow; 4:30-6:30 p.m., "The Lives of Others;" 6:30-8:30 p.m., "Austin Powers." All shows at

Marymount's Reinsch Auditorium, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Visit www.marymount.edu/ or call 703-522-5600.

MARCH 24-MAY 6

Artomatic Kicks Off 2017. Various times at Exhibition space, 1800 S. Bell St. A variety of creative work, including visual art, music, film, live fire performances, poetry, dance, fashion, workshops and special events showcases. Visit www.artomatic.org/ for more.

MARCH 24-MAY 6

OCEAN Yoga. 1-2 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Campbell Room. Tricia Londres, owner of OCEAN Yoga, will instruct students of all levels and ability. Mats not provided. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/3062874 for more.

MARCH 20-27

Restaurant Week. Arlington Chamber of Commerce is in partnership with the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association to participate in a region-wide restaurant week, with specials at selected restaurants. Visit www.arlingtonchamber.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 25

"Sister, I Like Your Style." 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive. The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Northern Virginia Chapter for the Annual Luncheon and 24th Ebony' Image Awards that honors distinguished women in the community. \$65. Visit www.ancc.org/ for more.

8th Annual Move Me Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Bowen

McCauley Dance presents a variety of experiences and performances to culturally underserved students and their families. Visit www.bmdc.org for more.

National Chamber Ensemble.

7:30 p.m. at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St. The Four Seasons of Vivaldi and Piazzolla. \$33 for adults and \$17 for students. Visit www.nationalchamberensemble.org or call 703-685-7590 for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 26

Put Your Best Fork Forward. 2-5 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Teaches children about food through games and activities and provides families, caregivers, and teachers nutrition tips through a variety of 5-minute presentations. Free. Email cooking@afac.org for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 31

Opening Reception for Spring Art Week.

1-5 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 24th St. N. Highlights include an art show and sale featuring the works of more than 30 Arlington-based artists, in paintings of many genres, ceramics, sculpture, artists cards, unframed works and more. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for more.

MARCH 31-APRIL 1

Barrier Dance Production. 7:30 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Explores stories of flight, migration, climate and the environmental impact of barriers. Visit www.janefranklin.com/ for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Arlington Kids' Stuff Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal

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Aprilfest

It's one-stop shopping at Walker Chapel United Methodist Church Aprilfest to be held on April 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. People often line up outside the church door to be first in line for browsing through the thousands of books that are stacked on tables and line the walls in Fellowship Hall. On the way back to the car, check out the hostas, impatiens, herbs and other plants, annuals from a local nursery or perennials grown by parishioners. A long list of plants can also be ordered in advance. After loading up the trunk once again, return to the church for lunch prepared by the men or pick up a snack at the bake sale run by the youth. This event is held the fourth Saturday of April each year to raise funds for 27 charities vetted and supported by Walker Chapel. The church is located at 4102 N Glebe Road.

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The Art of Comedy. 10 a.m.-noon at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 24th St. N. Learn the art of writing and performing stand-up comedy. Ages: 12 and up. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for more.

Betches Who Brunch Comedy. Noon, at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Signature snarky and honest humor. \$25. Visit ArlingtonDrafthouse.com for more.

Dance on the Terrace. 1-2 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 24th St. N. The Sultanas Dance Troupe presents an al fresco performance of Ancient Art Movement on the front terrace at the Hendry House (weather permitting). Free. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for more.

Active 20-30 Gala. 7-10 p.m. at Bennett Park Art Atrium, 1601 Clarendon Blvd. Annual gala provides young adults with opportunities for personal growth and leadership development through volunteer projects that improve the quality of life for local children in need. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 2

Michael Aram Judaica Trunk Show. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. An assortment of

Judaica items and gifts for the home. Visit SisterhoodTreasures@gmail.com or call 703-946-6401.

Paint Your Favorite Animal. noon-1 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 24th St. N. This is a hands-on activity where children can paint their favorite animal as artwork to take home and share. All materials provided. Visit

www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.
Organic Vegetable Garden. 1-4 p.m. in Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Get answers questions about organic gardening, including controlling pests and diseases without the use of chemicals. Call 703-528-5406 or visit mgnv.org.

Crescendo Concert. 3 p.m. at The Jefferson, 900 North Taylor St. Repertoire to include Mendelssohn, Beethoven, and John Williams. Visit www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org or call 703-910-5161 for more.

Edible Landscaping and Fruit in the Garden. 7-8 p.m. in Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Fruit plantings can add beauty and sources of food in your garden. Call 703-528-5406 or visit mgnv.org for more.

APRIL 3-28

Devine Light Art Show. Various times at the Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. The opening reception to meet the artist is on April 7 from 5-8 p.m. Visit www.galleryunderground.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 5

Rembrandt and Poetry. 12:15-1:15 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 24th St. N. Savor the religious paintings of Rembrandt and listen to the poems of Marilyn McEntyre and several local poets. Min: 5, Max: 12. Free. Register at rustylenn@earthlink.net. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 7

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SATURDAY/APRIL 8

Children's Book Signing. 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, Inc. 6260 Seven Corners Court, Falls Church. Local children's author and Arlington resident Paula Bordenkecher to sign her book, "The Adventures of Casey Formoonzago." Email CRM2712@bn.com or call 703-536-0774 for more.

Annual Potomac Cleanup. 2-4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Improve Arlington's part of the Potomac by taking out the trash, bags and gloves will be supplied. An adult must accompany volunteers under 18 years old. Email gulfbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-3403 for more.

Invertebrates Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. The program will be filled with activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and S'mores. Email longbranchnaturectr@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-6535 for more.

Sounds Of The Caribbean. 7 p.m., at Rosslyn Spectrum Theater, 1611 N. Kent St. Teatro De La Luna presents Joe Falero Band. Call 703-548-3092 or visit www.Teatrodelaluna.org.

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SCHOOLS

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Nora O'Neil, from Arlington, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at Loyol University Maryland (Baltimore, Md.).

The young screenwriters listed below had their screenplays selected for the first-ever Winter Screenplay Forum — the culmination of the midyear Screenplay Contest, which fielded more than 90 entries from all four high schools as well as four middle schools.

The panel of judges selected just under 40 of these entries, which the authors heard read by professional and student actors on the Feb. 28, as well as receiving audience feedback in a live interactive event moderated by the judges. Selected screenwriters and filmmakers from Wakefield, Washington-Lee, Yorktown, H-B Woodlawn, Gunston, Kenmore and Williamsburg include: **Sullivan Atkin** — Lost Boy; **Joshua Bannon** — Myriad; **Dalante Bell** — Brotherly Problems; **Carolyn Bradley** — It's Time; **Carolyn Bradley** — New Year's Eve; **Olivia Campbell** — Torn Apart; **Richard Capitan** — The Gourd Lord; **Grace Chen** — This is a Mime; **Olivia Coldren** — Lautaro; **Jaden Cordaro** — Untitled; **Owen Cullen** — Cereal; **Atalie Dempsey** — Chin Up; **Allison Ferrell** — Brother; **Pearson Frank** — Cliffhanger; **Leah Hall** — The Ride Home; **Emily Huber** — The Man with the Bright Red Hair; **Nathaniel Klein** — The Ballad of Mr. People; **Maddox Kromash** — Alcatraz?; **Henry Lehman** — Operation Hastings; **Rafay Mahmood** — Untitled; **Lauren Martin** — Blood's Thicker than Water; **Sophie McNally** — The Couch; **Anna Moan** — Last Summer; **Delina Ogbe** — The Diary; **Henry Pulley** — A Cigarette; **Sofia Reecer** — Cayden's Legacy; **Marlon Reyes** — Shake My Head; **Cameron Rischard** — Gourd War; **Fernando Rocha** — Paisano; **Mason Seeger** — Recovery from an Adventure; **Emma Siegel** — This Little



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20th Production

Congressional School in Falls Church reached a musical milestone when it held its 20th musical production, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr." on March 17. The production brought together a cast and crew of students from Kindergarten - Grade 8, and entertained an audience of 300 family members, friends, alumni, faculty and staff. Visit www.congressionalschool.org.

Light of Mine; **Justice Stewart** — Untitled; **Quinn Sumerlin** — Untitled; **Rena Taylor** — Enough is Enough; **Elizabeth Tippens** — Gone Purple; **Adam Voight** — Shoes; **Aidan Walker** — Hand Sanitizer Odds; **Olivia Rosen, Margaret Lawler, Elle Souders, and Audrey Ogea** — The Secret Life of Elizabeth Cochran. Visit facebook.com/arlingtonstudentfilmfest for more.

Talia Rosen, of Arlington, a third-year distinguished major in history, has received an undergraduate research award at the University of Virginia.

Shalynn Day, of Alexandria, earned dean's list honors for the fall 2016 semester at Mount St. Mary's University (Emmitsburg, Md.). Day is the daughter of Denise Hoffman and Darrick Day.

Alfred Bozzo, of Arlington, has made the dean's list at High Point University (High Point, N.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Sydney Thode, of Arlington, has made the dean's list at High Point University (High Point, N.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Caroline Tucker, of Arlington, has made the dean's list at High Point University (High Point, N.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Erin Kifle, of Arlington, graduated from Western Governors University (Salt Lake City, Utah) with an MBA in management and strategy.

Ray Thomas, of Arlington, graduated from Western Governors University (Salt Lake City, Utah) with a Master of Science in information technology management.

Job Fair

More than 120 prospective teachers attended the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair at Paul VI High School in Fairfax on Saturday, March 11. Job seekers had the chance to meet with principals from more than 30 Catholic schools. School administrators are looking to fill 150 teaching positions for the upcoming school year. There are teaching opportunities in pre-school, elementary school, middle school, and high school. If interested in Catholic school jobs, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/Catholic-School-Jobs/ for a complete listing.



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2017-18 Decal Design Winner Named

Amy Kohan, a 10th grader at Wakefield High School, is the winner of the 2017-18 Vehicle Decal Design Competition for her design, "Arlington Sees Stars," Treasurer Carla de la Pava announced last month at the County Board meeting.

Kohan's design, which features a photograph of the David M. Brown Planetarium, will appear on more than 160,000 vehicles in Arlington County. In October, the Arlington County Treasurer's Office invited high school students who reside or attend school in Arlington to submit a design for the 13th Annual Vehicle Decal Design Competition. In December, a Citizens' Panel convened to narrow the record-breaking 235 submissions to just four finalists.

The Treasurer's Office used Instant Runoff Voting for the second year to determine the winner. Residents were asked to rank their selections in order of preference (first choice through fourth choice). During the six-week voting period, more than 3,200 Ar-



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lington residents voted.

Kohan will receive a cash prize of \$750, thanks to the generosity of the Arlington Community Federal Credit Union. The three runners-up will each receive \$500.

The other finalists were:

❖ Schuyler Workmaster, 10th grader at Bishop O'Connell High School, for her design, "The Arlington House"

❖ Sydney Machion, 9th grader at Wakefield High School, for her design, "We Are Arlington"

❖ Marjorie Henriquez, 11th grader at Wakefield High School, for her design, "SkyRoss"

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When It's Time For More Space



Are you expecting a new baby or have parents or in-laws moving in? Adding space can be a great way to not only make your home function better for you, but increase resale value as well. Two popular ways to add space... adding onto the back or adding a second story.

An addition that attaches onto the back of the house is one of the most common ways to add space. They provide a great opportunity to add light and great views and access to the backyard. Being mindful of scale on any addition is important. An addition that is too large can overwhelm an existing structure. One solution can be to design the addition into several parts that blend with the existing structure.

Raising your roof to allow for a second story addition can be another great way to go especially if limited by lot size. A second story can entirely change your home's curb appeal. Many families who opt for this solution will move bedrooms to the second floor, allowing for a nice open floor plan on the first floor.

 Russ Glickman, founder of Glickman Design Build, is a Master Certified Remodeler and Certified Aging in Place Specialist. The award-winning Glickman Design Build team has completed thousands of general remodeling and accessible design projects in the Metro DC area and is passionate about the work they do. Their work has been featured in a variety of publications.
Visit GlickmanDesignBuild.com or call 301.444.4663 to learn more.

HOME SALES

In February 2017, 173 Arlington homes sold between \$2,100,000-\$122,500. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,100,000-\$440,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
1728 BARTON ST	6	5	1	ARLINGTON	\$2,100,000	Detached	0.18	22201	LYON VILLAGE
2329 VERMONT ST	4	5	1	ARLINGTON	\$2,050,000	Detached	0.25	22207	LEE HTS
2527 UTAH ST N	5	5	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,800,000	Detached	0.29	22207	LEE HEIGHTS
824 DANVILLE ST	5	5	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,775,000	Detached	0.19	22201	LYON PARK
1826 VAN BUREN ST	6	6	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,725,000	Detached	0.26	22205	EFC METRO
3112 TRINIDAD ST	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,720,000	Detached	0.23	22213	BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
3630 POTOMAC ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,710,000	Detached	0.23	22213	STONELEIGH
2033 UTAH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,700,000	Detached	0.14	22207	WAVERLY HILLS
1600 OAK ST #1915/1914	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,700,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	BELVEDERE
3626 VACATION LN	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,695,000	Detached	0.18	22207	LORCOM GROVE
6615 19TH ST N	5	5	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,530,000	Detached	0.14	22205	EAST FALLS CHURCH METRO
5626 24TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,489,000	Detached	0.16	22205	TUCKAHOE VILLAGE
4631 41ST ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,480,000	Detached	0.23	22207	GOLF CLUB MANOR
2609 LORCOM LN	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,375,000	Detached	0.71	22207	WOODMONT
1555 COLONIAL TER #100	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,300,000	Mobile		22209	THE DAKOTA
1946 EMERSON ST N	5	5	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,247,500	Detached	0.11	22207	BETONIA
6610 19TH RD N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.24	22205	EAST FALLS CHURCH
2101 21ST RD N	3	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,200,000	Townhouse	0.06	22201	HILLCREST
4240 25TH ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,195,000	Detached	0.16	22207	LEE HEIGHTS
2408 1ST RD S	6	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,187,000	Detached	0.12	22204	LAWRENCE BUTLER
1600 CLARENDON BVD #W309	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,175,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22209	WOOSTER & MERCER LOFTS
1562 COLONIAL TER N	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,167,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22209	HIGHGATE
664 29TH RD S	5	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,149,000	Detached	0.18	22202	OAKCREST
4609 26TH ST N	4	4	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,139,000	Detached	0.23	22207	FOREST HILLS
2625 18TH ST N	5	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,125,000	Detached	0.12	22201	LYON VILLAGE
1528 COLONIAL CT	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,095,000	Townhouse	0.03	22209	HIGHGATE
1715 CALVERT ST N	3	1	2	ARLINGTON	\$1,070,000	Detached	0.14	22201	LYON VILLAGE
4739 34TH RD N	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,030,000	Detached	0.24	22207	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
4762 1ST ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,020,000	Detached	0.14	22203	ARLINGTON FOREST
4359 LEE HWY	4	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,010,000	Duplex	0.11	22207	CHERRYDALE
4502 7TH ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,004,900	Detached	0.13	22203	D'ASTRE'S BALLSTON
3900 6TH ST S	4	5	0	ARLINGTON	\$975,000	Detached	0.12	22204	ALCOVA HEIGHTS
800 BARTON ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$971,000	Detached	0.10	22201	LYON PARK
2413 13TH CT N	3	3	2	ARLINGTON	\$970,000	Townhouse	0.02	22201	COURTHOUSE HILL
4118 27TH RD N	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$950,000	Detached	0.23	22207	JAMES MARCEY JR
5558 15TH ST N	5	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$925,000	Detached	0.20	22205	LARCHMONT
2018 WESTMORELAND ST	4	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$920,000	Townhouse	0.03	22213	18 WEST
5500 36TH ST N	7	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$900,000	Detached	0.23	22207	WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE
2637 FLORIDA ST	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$899,900	Detached	0.17	22207	MILBURN TERRACE
4818 9TH ST S	4	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$885,000	Detached	0.14	22204	BARCROFT
5410 LITTLE FALLS RD N	5	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$885,000	Detached	0.26	22207	YORKTOWN
1319 S. QUINN	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$877,015	Townhouse	0.00	22204	CARVER PLACE
1210 QUANTICO ST N	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$875,000	Detached	0.15	22205	MADISON MANOR
3715 WAKEFIELD ST	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$875,000	Detached	0.23	22207	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
1737 13TH ST S	4	3	2	ARLINGTON	\$874,900	Townhouse	0.00	22204	CARVER PLACE
2421 QUINTANA ST N	4	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$870,000	Detached	0.14	22207	SOMERSET
4713 16TH RD N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$826,000	Detached	0.14	22207	WAYCROFT WOODLAWN
888 QUINCY ST #2002	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$815,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	THE RESIDENCES AT LIBERTY CTR
1418 RHODES ST N #B103	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$807,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22209	RHODES HILL SQUARE
2001 15TH ST N #114	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$790,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	ODYSSEY
1414 GLEBE RD S	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$785,000	Detached	0.14	22204	ARLINGTON COMMONS
2229 VERNON ST N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$767,500	Detached	0.16	22207	LEE HEIGHTS
825 22ND ST S	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$765,000	Detached	0.10	22202	ADDISON HEIGHTS
6133 12TH RD N	4	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$750,000	Detached	0.18	22205	MADISON MANOR
1309 S. QUINN ST	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$740,285	Townhouse	0.00	22204	CARVER PLACE
1313 S. QUINN ST	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$737,295	Townhouse	0.00	22204	CARVER PLACE
1101 ARLINGTON RIDGE RD #1212	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$732,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22202	THE REPRESENTATIVE
1881 NASH ST #508	1	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$722,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	TURNBERRY TOWER
5125 23RD RD N	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$715,000	Detached	0.15	22207	GARDEN CITY
900 JACKSONVILLE ST	6	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$700,000	Detached	0.24	22205	BON AIR
1600 OAK ST N #526	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$686,200	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	ROSSLYN
1021 GARFIELD ST #341	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$680,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	CLARENDON
2621 KENMORE CT S	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.02	22206	SHIRLINGTON CREST
5816 2ND ST S	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$661,300	Detached	0.14	22204	GLEN CARLIN
3409 WILSON BLVD #810	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$660,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22201	ARC 3409
1228 LINCOLN ST	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$660,000	Duplex	0.06	22201	BALLSTON - VIRGINIA SQUARE
1021 GARFIELD ST #318	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$660,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	CLARENDON 1021
3601 2ND ST S	4	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$657,500	Detached	0.11	22204	GLEBE MANOR
1276 WAYNE ST N #125	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$645,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	WILLIAMSBURG
4831 LITTLE FALLS RD	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$640,000	Detached	0.17	22207	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR/CRESTON
4829 9TH ST S	5	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$630,000	Detached	0.13	22204	BARCROFT
851 GLEBE RD N #1505	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$628,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	CONTINENTAL
851 GLEBE RD N #320	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$623,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	CONTINENTAL
3409 WILSON BLVD #302	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$605,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		22201	ARC 3409
3336 2ND ST S	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$574,000	Townhouse		22204	DOMINION SQUARE
4061 COLUMBIA PIKE	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$568,500	Townhouse	0.03	22204	ALCOVA ROW
1301 SYCAMORE ST	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$565,000	Detached	0.13	22205	WHITEHAVEN
2506B ARLINGTON MILL DR #2	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$565,000	Townhouse		22206	WINDGATE OF ARLINGTON
2720 ARLINGTON MILL DR #802	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$552,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22206	SHIRLINGTON VILLAGE
1205 GARFIELD ST #609	2	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$550,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	STATION SQUARE
2611 JUNE ST	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$545,000	Detached	0.21	22202	AURORA HILLS
650 15TH ST S #B	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$545,000	Townhouse		22202	SOUTHAMPTON
2913 COLUMBUS ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$542,500	Townhouse		22206	FAIRLINGTON
3026 GLEBE RD	3	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$542,000	Townhouse		22206	ARLINGTON RIDGE TERRACE
3605 1ST RD S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$535,000	Duplex	0.07	22204	GLEBE MANOR
1820 OAKLAND ST	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$530,000	Detached	0.19	22204	HUNTERS
4401 11TH ST N	2	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.03	22201	BALLSTON
1804 NELSON ST S	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$525,000	Detached	0.12	22204	DOUGLAS PARK
1805 CRYSTAL DR #307S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$507,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22202	CRYSTAL PARK CONDO
2500 ARLINGTON BLVD	7	4	0	ARLINGTON	\$495,000	Detached	0.11	22204	NONE NOTED
4309 36TH ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$489,900	Townhouse		22206	FAIRLINGTON
28 S PERSHING DR	5	4	0	ARLINGTON	\$487,500	Detached	0.25	22204	BARCROFT
3835 9TH ST N #1004E	1	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$486,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22203	LEXINGTON SQUARE
1021 GARFIELD ST #521	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$485,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	CLARENDON 1021
1024 UTAH ST #919	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$485,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	WESTVIEW AT BALLSTON
2422 WALTER REED DR #2	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$480,000	Townhouse		22206	WINDGATE
1021 GARFIELD ST N #547	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$475,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	CLARENDON
1021 GARFIELD ST #528	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$472,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	CLARENDON 1021
2406 S WALTER REED DR #4	2	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$471,700	Townhouse		22206	WINDGATE OF ARLINGTON
3015 COLUMBUS ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$470,000	Townhouse		22206	FAIRLINGTON
4133 FOUR MILE RUN DR #A	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$458,500	Townhouse		22204	WEST VILLAGE ST SHIRLINGTON
1322 GLEBE RD S	2	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$455,000	Detached	0.15	22204	DOUGLAS PARK
817 IVY ST	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$450,000	Semi-Detached	0.05	22204	WESTMONT
5004 9TH ST S	2	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.02	22204	ARLINGTON RUN
951S SCOTT ST #2	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$440,000	Townhouse		22204	COLUMBIA COURT
2933 COLUMBUS ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$440,000	Townhouse		22206	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGES

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BUSINESS



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Grand Opening

Comcast celebrated the grand opening of its Arlington Xfinity Store on Saturday, March 4, with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony of a new 6,700-square-foot store located in Arlington's Courthouse neighborhood. Pictured are Comcast employees and Xfinity Store sales representatives joined by Sam Spalding, Arlington Community Foundation director of Programs and Donor Services; Wanda Pierce, executive director, Arlington Community Foundation; Kate Bates, president and CEO Arlington Chamber of Commerce; John Vihstadt, Arlington County Board; Frank Jazzo, chair of the Arlington County Information Technology Advisory Commission; Mary Crannell, vice-chair of the Arlington County Information Technology Advisory Commission; Jack Belcher, Arlington County chief information officer; John Gallagher, Chamber board member; and Joe Prentice, Chamber board member.

BUSINESS NOTES

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in D.C., plans to relocate next year to Potomac Tower at 1001 19th St. N. in Rosslyn.

Jennifer Schiffer, Lauren Rote, Andrea Davison, Jennifer McCammon and Zach Williams have been named shareholders of Bean, Kinney & Korman, P.C.; they were previously associates of the firm.

Continental Beer Garden will open in April 2017, says Curt Large, owner of the new establishment that will be just a stone's throw away from the Continental Pool Lounge, which he also operates. Continental Beer Garden will be a new restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating located on the corner of 19th and North Moore streets.

The Grocery Manufacturers Association, a trade organization based

Hoarding Conditions Found in Fatal Fire

One person is dead and another critically injured after a house fire March 5 at 2623 S. Grant St.

Arlington County Fire Department crews arrived on the scene shortly before 9 p.m. to find dark smoke coming from all levels of the single-family home and flames on the first floor.

After neighbors reported that the two residents of the home were unaccounted for, crews had difficulty entering through the front door because of hazardous hoarding conditions inside. Widespread clutter in the home not only delayed search, rescue and suppression efforts but was also found later to be a factor in spreading the flames, according to ACFD.

Both victims were ultimately located on the first floor and removed from the home. The fire was brought under control in about 20 minutes.

An adult male was pronounced dead at the scene and an adult female was transported to the Virginia Hospital Center in critical condition with life-threatening injuries.

Some 60 firefighters responded to the blaze, including personnel from Alexandria Fire Department, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Fire Emergency Services and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Fire and Rescue.

ACFD fire marshals are investigating the origin and cause of the blaze and have been unable to confirm the presence of any working smoke alarms in the home.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

ANNUAL ROAD PAVING

It's almost time for annual road paving. The season begins early next month and ends in late October, hitting those streets showing deterioration and related issues from winter. Concrete repairs in advance of paving began a few weeks ago. This week the County began mailing notification letters to residents whose streets will be paved this season. Follow-up door hangers will be delivered just before the work starts. Keep an eye out for "No Parking" signs. Once signs are posted, streets must be cleared of all vehicles. Use a driveway or park on an adjoining street. Failure to do so may result in towing. If your vehicle is towed, call the Arlington County Police Department at 703-558-2222.

Membership Drive. AGLA's Winter Membership Drive is now in progress. There's strength in numbers in a world where discrimination persists. AGLA needs continued support to continue to serve as a strong local beacon for equality. New or returning members should visit agla.org/join-agla/.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Food Distribution Volunteers. 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Columbia Grove Apartments, 1010 S. Frederick St. Weekly volunteers are needed every Tuesday to assist with food distribution. Work includes set up, distribution and break down. Sign up at volunteer.leadercenter.org.

Volunteer with AGLA. AGLA is building capacity to better serve the community. Volunteering can include helping out at AFAC on Community Service Day, coordinating special events

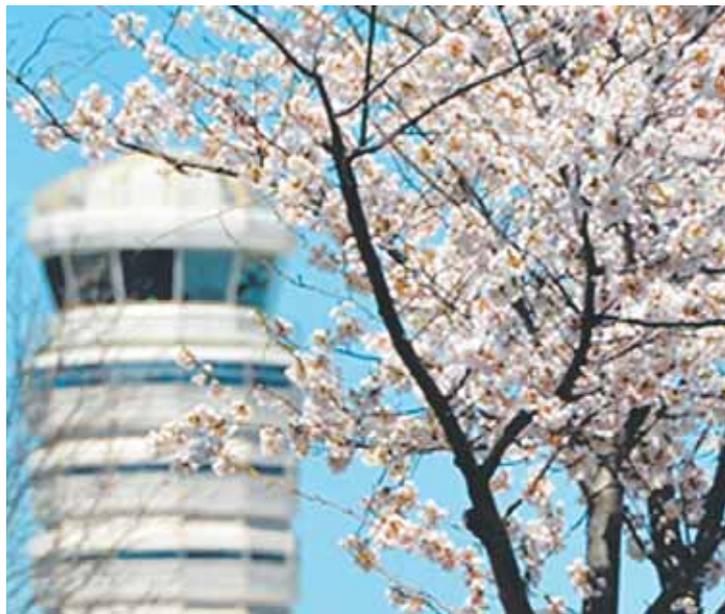


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Festivities at Reagan National

Cherry Blossom Festivities at Reagan National Airport will include pink lighting to illuminate the parking garage stairwells at Reagan National at night throughout the festival; passengers will be entertained by Cherry Blossom stilt walkers strolling through airport halls pre- and post-security from 1- 5 p.m. on Fridays, March 31, April 7 and April 14; TapSnap photo entertainment will take souvenir photos with passengers from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 24 and April 14; and paint sessions by Japanese Sumi-E artist Yoshiko Oishi Weick while cellist Peter Kibbe performs on Friday, April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During each weekend of the festival, visitors can park at Reagan National in Garage B and C for a special \$10 rate, providing access to the National Mall via Metrorail. See FlyReagan.com/CherryPark using promo code: **Cherry2017. Only weekend stays of eight hours or less are eligible for the special rate.**

(holiday party, forums at the library, scholarship reception, theater outings, movie nights, karaoke nights, coffee shop nights) or assisting with smooth operations (membership committee, communications committee etc.). Email info@agla.org for more on volunteering.

TUNE IN

Ageing Matters. 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays on WERA 96.7 LP FM on Arlington's community radio station. Each week host Cheryl Beversdorf interviews individuals with expertise about a broad array of aging related topics affecting the lives of older adults and their loved ones. Visit www.facebook.com/agingmatterswera to listen to programs.

THROUGH APRIL 18

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. 10 a.m.-7p.m., Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays, Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Available free to taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. 703-829-6192

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 22

Medicare Talk. 1:15 p.m. at the Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Arlington County AARP Chapter #284 will meet in the first floor auditorium for the program "Medicare Status and Update" presented by Ridge Multop. Open to the public - there is no requirement to

be a member of AARP to attend.

Help Design Community Center. 6:30-9 p.m. at Barrett Elementary School, 4401 N. Henderson Road. Nearly 200 kids, teens, adults and senior adults kicked off the new Lubber Run Community Center design work session in February. Come see what was learned and help move forward with the building design. Learn more and sign up for project updates at projects.arlingtonva.us/types/parks/lubber-run-community-center-project/.

Dangerous Speech. 7 p.m. at the Walker Chapel UMC, 4102 N. Glebe Road. The March Walker Chapel Forum will be on "Dangerous Speech: How to recognize it and counteract it." Susan Benesch, Faculty Associate of the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University will speak. She founded and directs the Dangerous Speech Project, to study speech that appears to increase the risk of intergroup violence - and to find ways to prevent this without infringing on freedom of expression. Visit www.walkerchapel.org/forum for more.

Gardening Talks & Demonstrations. 7 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. The Arlington Food Assistance Center and the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia will sponsor a series of talks and demonstrations about gardening. In addition to basic gardening techniques, topics will include wild edibles, pollinators, food preparation and preservation, and more. For a complete schedule, visit www.afac.org/plot-against-hunger/pah-events/.

THURSDAY/MARCH 23

Community Meeting on Homelessness. 7-8:30 p.m. at Marymount University Conference Center/Reinsch Library Building, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Use the 26th St. entrance to campus. Parking garage to the left. How many people in Arlington are homeless? What trends or patterns are we seeing? What is being done to prevent homelessness? Join the partners of Arlington's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness for this annual session on homelessness in our community. Visit departments.arlingtonva.us/events/community-meeting-homelessness/.



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Winter's Last Roar

A Snow Bear at Arlington's Swanson Middle School.

Watching the End of Winter

Mr. and Mrs. Snow on Williamsburg Boulevard.

Saint Ann Catholic Church

<p>SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM 1:30 PM Spanish Liturgy</p>	<p>DAILY EUCHARIST:</p> <p>Weekdays Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM Saturday, 8:30 AM</p>
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I Can't Forget What I Don't Remember



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I wouldn't say I'm forgetting things, but according to my wife, Dina, I certainly don't seem to be remembering them, at least as she does. Naturally, this "misremembering" could be attributed to the condition which likely affects many couples who have been over hill, over dale and over many dusty trails in nearly 39 years of marriage, as we have. Nevertheless, identifying the condition doesn't soothe the savage beast. Another possible/probable explanation is the ever-unpopular, recently-confirmed actual occurrence common to many cancer patients receiving chemotherapy: "chemo brain."

Even though I'm a veteran of these cancer/chemo wars apparently doesn't make me immune to its harmful effects. Quite the contrary in fact. Survival is wonderful, but years-long treatment does take its toll. And for a cancer patient now in his ninth consecutive year of treatment, the bell tolls for me. Fortunately, I can still hear the bell. The question is: will I remember having heard it? I say, absolutely! My wife says: not so fast.

All kidding aside, I can see this difference of opinion becoming a problem. At present, I'm not the least bit (well, maybe a little bit, otherwise; why would I be droning on about it?) concerned about a few of our memories fading since I don't believe that they have. I'm inclined to invoke an opposite-George Costanza here and say it's her, not me. Not surprisingly, my wife will play the part of one of George's ex-girlfriends and say it's definitely me. So what else is new? Nothing. The question/worry is: will this become a chronic problem?

Which in a way is what all us heretofore "terminal" cancer patients want. Obviously, a cure for what ails me/others similarly diagnosed would be ideal, but the more realistic scenario is that one day, cancer will be treated as a chronic condition, like diabetes, not a terminal disease as my stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer was originally characterized by my oncologist on Feb. 27, 2009 (you bet I remember that date!). Oh yes, that is a date that will live in infamy. Unlike Pearl Harbor, however, where thousands died, and unlike the message delivered by Franklin Delano Roosevelt that same day, when the sober news was first heard by a nation then at war, only three people heard what my oncologist said to me that day, and only my life was at stake, though certainly my wife, Dina and my brother, Richard were impacted, even though they weren't he ones receiving a grim prognosis.

As Dina and I regularly reminisce about our life together, we regularly have different recollections. She's entitled. I'm entitled. There might be a right. There might be a wrong. But without Warner Wolf around to "go to the videotape," the chance that we'll remember a shared memory similarly or at all considering there's now almost four decades worth of stuff is unrealistic, isn't it? I mean, we're different people. We process and store information differently. In fact, I might say, it's likely a miracle if we did actually remember, identically, people, place and things.

The older one gets, the greater the cumulative information in our brains and apparently, the less chemical/muscular ability we have to access/retrieve all that information. Not remembering or remembering differently is nothing more than the passage of time rearing its ugly head. Now combine that inevitability with the toxicity of chemotherapy — and God knows what else my cancer is affecting, and what you have here is a sitting duck. If I were to believe totally in this inevitability or in my wife's assessment, I would say there's disintegrating hope for me. But I don't. I believe in the power of me. I believe in the power of positive thinking and in always seeing the bright side — and joking/laughing about all of it. So what if I don't remember or remember differently, it probably wasn't worth remembering anyway.

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Virginia Y. Sinclair, age 90 of Great Falls Va passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by friends and family on Monday March 20, 2017. Virginia was born November 2 1926 in Greene New York to Helen and Clarence Young. She graduated from Albany State Teachers College studying the classics and then married Alexander Malcolm Sinclair who was visiting on leave from the Naval Academy.

Ginny had a long and varied career in many parts of the country as a public school teacher. Her military family moved around from base to base during two wars. She finished her public school career in Fairfax County at Herndon Intermediate teaching english. She then started her beloved Grandmothers Back Room childrens' clothing store and worked everyday until she was eighty five years old. Her faith, and involvement in St. Francis Episcopal Church, was her mainstay. She had many roles in the church since the beginning of the parish, when they worshipped in a modest building in the field. She taught Sunday school, arranged flowers, sat on the vestry, helped bless the animals, sat on the selection committee for several new rectors, and in general supported and helped the church. Her faith was a central part of her character as well as her very strong work ethic.

She is survived by two daughters; Amy S. Dahm (Henry), Elizabeth S. Larson (Willard), five grandchildren, Alexander H. Dahm (Kerry), Nicholas S. Dahm, Tyler Larson, Zachary Larson, Katelynn Larson, and one great grandchild Felix P. Dahm.

She was predeceased by her husband Rear Admiral Alexander Malcolm Sinclair in 2009.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday March 25th at St Francis Episcopal Church Georgetown Pike Great Falls Virginia, 22066. Reception to follow. A private burial service will be held in Greene, New York at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Capital Caring.



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Founders' Week activities at Marymount University ran from Feb. 20 to Feb. 24. In addition to the President's Luncheon, events included a "Food for the Soul" talk by President Matthew D. Shank, a discussion on "The Five Languages of Love," and an opening reception for "Unaccompanied," a photo exhibition by Oliver Contreras on Friday at the Barry Gallery.

Encouraging Dialogue

Discussing peace and justice at Marymount's Founders Day.



Dialogue is mainly listening with the goal of understanding and generating new ideas to make the world a better place, Sister Kathleen Kanet told an audience at Marymount University. "Every one of us is different," Kanet said. "I believe that God created us unique and wonderful and blessed, and we have within us the thing to make peace and do justice. But we have to believe that ourselves."

Kanet and Sister Virginia Dorgan of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) were the keynote speakers at Marymount's Fifth Annual Founders' Day, which honors the Catholic university's founding order. It was a homecoming for both. Kane's first mission was an assignment at Marymount in 1963. Dorgan is an Arlington native who attended Marymount High School, housed at the time on the Marymount University campus.

For many years they ran The Network for Peace through Dialogue in New York City, a non-profit organization they founded that was dedicated to connecting grassroots communities, both local and global, in order to identify and research common issues and solutions in the areas of making peace and promoting just action. It ended formal operations on Dec. 31.

Dorgan touched on the RSHM tradition of education and addressing social issues. Today, it deals with issues ranging from immigration to human trafficking.

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crowd gathered in Marymount's private dining room a handout with the following dialogue practices:

- ❖ Listen for understanding, with equal respect for each person.
- ❖ Speak from your heart, as well as from your mind, when you are moved to make a contribution from your own experience.
- ❖ Suspend judgment. Let go of any need to be right or have a right answer. Try to suspend certainty.

❖ Hold space for differences. Embrace all points of view. Change the "buts" to "and." Remain open to all outcomes.

❖ Slow down. Let there be spaces and silence in the dialogue.

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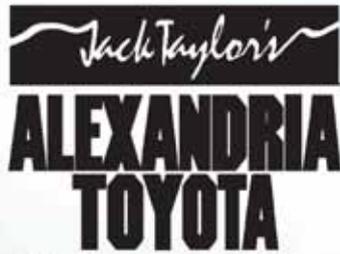
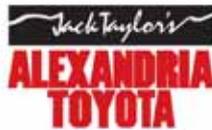
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