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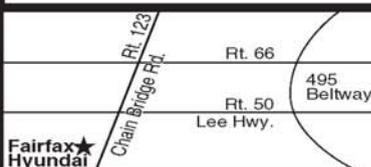
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Woman Killed In Mid-Day Stabbing

In a quiet, suburban area of Arlington last week, a woman was stabbed and killed on a sidewalk in what police are calling an "isolated incident."

The woman was Mona McAllister, 51, who split time between three different addresses in the D.C. area. Police suspect that her boyfriend, Milton Earl Shepherd, 53, of Washington D.C., committed the stabbing.



Shepherd

According to an account of the homicide from Police spokesperson Crystal Nosal, the stabbing occurred a few minutes after noon last Thursday, Feb. 12, in the

1800 block of North Edison Street, a few hundred yards away from Virginia Hospital Center. Nosal said a passerby contacted the police after noticing McAllister lying on the sidewalk. The police responded almost immediately, she said.

According to Nosal, when they arrived at the crime scene, police officers noticed that Shepherd was standing nearby, watching medics work on McAllister. Officers also noticed he was holding a knife. "Once police arrived, he tried to flee," she said. "The police gave him commands to put the weapon down. Then he walked away. He did not comply with commands."

While fleeing from the police, Shepherd cut himself with the knife. Police have not yet determined if these self-inflicted wounds were accidental, Nosal said. Officers used a taser to subdue him and then sought medical treatment for him at a local hospital, though not at the nearby Virginia Hospital Center, Nosal said.

Shepherd's injuries were not life threatening, Nosal said, and he was charged with murder the next day.

— DAVID SCHULTZ

Teenager Charged With Manslaughter

A 17-year-old from Fairfax County was charged with manslaughter last week after he drove in the wrong direction on I-66 in Arlington and killed two women.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 17, the teenager's Mitsubishi Eclipse collided head on into a Toyota Corolla containing Jennifer Thi Nguyen, 35, and Tu Nhi Thi Nguyen, 38, both of whom died shortly afterwards. The women lived on the same block in Washington D.C. and were of no relation.

The teenager, whose name is not being released by authorities because he is a minor, is being charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter and two counts of aggravated DWI manslaughter.

— DAVID SCHULTZ



Doris Jackson, principal at Wakefield High School, gives Secretary of Education Arne Duncan a tour of the school on Feb. 10 during his visit of the school.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Wakefield: Model for U.S.

U.S Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visits Wakefield High School

BY EMMA GONZALEZ
THE CONNECTION

U.S Secretary of Education Arne Duncan praised Wakefield High School last week as a model school for America. "As a country we used to be number one, and unfortunately we're not anymore. Our priorities have lost their place. It's time to bring them back. This school is a prime example of where our priorities should be set," Duncan said.

Duncan arrived at Wakefield High School on Tuesday morning, Feb. 10, at approximately 10:30 a.m. Accompanying Duncan was Superintendent of Arlington Public schools, Robert G. Smith.

Walking into Wakefield's Media Center, students rushed and turned their heads towards Duncan. Principal Doris Jackson greeted Duncan with a smile and introduced him to the audience.

Jackson had led Duncan on a tour of the school and explained its mission. "Here we have great teachers and great students. I want all students to succeed and know that here, they are encouraged academically," Jackson said.

The room grew silent as Duncan and his colleagues approached the podium. "I am so impressed, with both the students' and teachers' commitment," Duncan said. "Whenever I step inside a school I can tell within 90 seconds whether it is a good one or not, and this is a true school. I hope to have my kids attend this high school."

When asked why he picked Arlington to live, Duncan smiled and said, "It's the



Wakefield High School senior Clayton Miller presents Arne Duncan, with a gift from Wakefield High School.

atmosphere. I couldn't have picked a more committed county to put my kids in," Duncan said, "In Chicago, it was a constant fight to get attention. I am attracted to this community because I sense and see the commitment. I see the commitment through the community."

"This work is very personal to me. All schools are important. If it includes education, it's important. It's a world issue we must press on," Duncan said.

THE AUDIENCE BROKE into applause as Duncan paused to look around. "This stimulus package is not only a one-time funding. It's the message it will bring forth and I assure you the economy will pick up," Duncan said.

Students, teachers and parents nodded their heads as Duncan commented on the importance of the stimulus package in order to construct and renovate schools.

"How do we stimulate the economy? How do schools get built? This will create jobs, to build, for unmet needs," Duncan said.

Looking at the audience, he said, "This is a staggering issue. If we do the right thing we could make a change. We must educate our way through our economy."

Real Estate Rebounding?

More Northern Virginia homes are selling after months of sluggishness.

The number of homes being sold in Northern Virginia has dramatically increased in the last several months, according to recent real estate data. And while home prices have remained low, this increase in sale volume could be the first sign that a recovery in the market is on the way.

Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, or MRIS, a firm that collects real estate data for the Washington D.C. area, is reporting that the amount of home sales in some parts of Northern Virginia has doubled compared with this time last year.

Local real estate agent Adam Gallegos has seen this increase first-hand. He was recently looking around for homes with a client in a neighborhood in Springfield and had picked out a few that looked interesting. "[But] by the time we got around to our appointment to look at them," he said, "Every one of them had been sold."

Gallegos said he thinks this increase is occurring because prices have fallen so low that buyers are finally beginning to respond. "It does take a little time for people to react to what's going on in the market," he said. "Prices started to fall and now we're seeing the reaction to that from the consumer."

Gallegos also said that this increase in home sales in Northern Virginia could be a sign that home prices would rise the near future.

However, this hasn't happened so far. According to the MRIS data, the median price for a home sold in Northern Virginia last month was \$320,000, a 20 percent decrease from January 2008.

— DAVID SCHULTZ

David Schultz can also be heard on WAMU 88.5 FM.

Home Sales

The number of homes being sold in Northern Virginia is increasing, after many months of decreases. The following is a list of the percent change in the amount home sales in January 2009 over the previous January:

- ❖ Arlington County: +26.6%
- ❖ City of Alexandria: -2.6%
- ❖ City of Falls Church: No change
- ❖ Fairfax County: +46.8%
- ❖ City of Fairfax: +140%
- ❖ Loudoun County: +31.5%
- ❖ Prince William County: +107.4%
- ❖ City of Manassas: +129%
- ❖ City of Manassas Park: +141.2%

SOURCE: Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc.

Note: Figures are only for homes that sold for more than \$30,000 and less than \$500,000.

Pulling Together

Harambee Ceremony honors the contributions that make a community.

BY AARON STERN
THE CONNECTION

When Janie Key retired from a career as a supervisor in the United States Department of Defense, she could have chosen to sit back and enjoy her golden years peacefully and quietly. Instead she chose to spend them in Arlington Hospital, greeting and registering surgical patients.

"I couldn't stay in the house," Key said of the 3,700-plus volunteer hours she has logged at Arlington Hospital since her retirement. That is nearly two years worth of working hours, noted Planning Commissioner Christian Dorsey as he detailed the service that Key and eight others have provided to the Arlington community throughout their lives at the 12th Annual Harambee Ceremony at Walter Reed Community Center. Dorsey helped lead the annual tradition that he said has grown over the years to honor elder African-American members of the community. The word "Harambee" is a Swahili word that means to work together for a common purpose, and more than 100 of the honorees friends and family showed up on Saturday to honor them for their work.

In addition to Key, this year's honorees were Fred Brooks, Odell Perry (honored, but not present), D. Melvin Green, Ethel Spriggs, Alfred Forman, Marian Lee, Elmer Harris, and Frances Sellers. Those honored have given back through their families, their churches, their neighborhoods and various community and civic groups, people



Elder Fred Brooks



Elder D. Melvin Green



Elder Ethel Spriggs



Elder Alfred Forman



Elder Marian Lee



Elder Elmer Harris



Elder Frances Sellers



Elder Janie Key

Integration Celebration

On Monday, Feb. 23, Arlington County Public Schools will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its integration with a community event at H-B Woodlawn. "Separation, Integration, Celebration" will honor Ronald Deskins, Michael Jones, Lance Newman, and Gloria Thompson, the four students who were the first black students to attend a white public school in Virginia when they walked through the doors of what was then Stratford Junior High on Feb. 2, 1959 following massive resistance from the Governor of Virginia and many local citizens.

"Separation, Integration, Celebration," the title of Monday's program, will feature performances by local church groups, a keynote address by the William T. Newman, Jr., Chief Judge of the Arlington Circuit Court, and a panel discussion with teachers and students who were part of the events that took place 50 years ago this month.

For more information about the event call 703-228-6004.

whose contributions don't gain public recognition yet touch the lives of many.

"These are people we don't typically think of as community heroes, and that's a shame," Dorsey said.

Many of the honorees grew up and began their families in Arlington prior to the desegregation of the county school system and the recent election of President Barack Obama was a milestone that they



Noni Dabney puts a special medallion on Harambee honoree Marian Lee.

could have only imagined a few years ago, Dorsey said.

"We've got a lot of hope in America today," said Dorsey.

As those who fought the civil rights battles of the 1960s dwindle in number, ceremonies such as Saturday's Harambee ceremony are that much more important, said County Board member Mary

Hynes.

"Really so many of the pioneers are getting old and this is really a way to honor them," she said.

Afterwards Harris said that he never expected to be publicly recognized for his work in the Arlington Parks and Recreation Department, where in 1974 he became the department's first black super-



Shameeka "Mimi" Brown and students from the Walter Reed After School Program sound the drums as the honorees are escorted from the hall.

visor, responsible for maintenance of parks in the southern part of the county.

"For one, it was quite a surprise," Harris said of being told he would be honored. "I've lived my whole life not expecting any recognition. It's been an honor I can't describe ... although I don't think I've done anything special."

Freddie Mac To Resume Giving to Local Charities

Troubled mortgage giant was among largest philanthropic givers in D.C. area.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

The Freddie Mac Foundation will continue donating funds to local charities, according to its federal overseer, despite the financial woes of its parent company.

James Lockhart, who was appointed as the conservator of the mortgage financing companies Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, announced last week that the companies' respective foundations would continue their

philanthropic giving, albeit at lower rates than in previous years.

Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were nationalized last year after losing billions of dollars amid the subprime mortgage meltdown.

Many non-profit organizations based in Northern Virginia feared that Freddie Mac, which is based out of McLean, would cease its charitable giving. In 2007, Freddie Mac and its D.C.-based partner Fannie Mae were the largest charitable donors in the Washington area, disbursing almost \$50 million.

Doorways for Women and Families, an Arlington-based non-profit that combats homelessness and domestic violence, was especially dependent on Freddie Mac funds. Its Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, which opened early last year, was built with a \$500,000 grant from the company and is operated with a separate \$300,000 annual grant.

"Without their bold step forward in putting money down for the cause, we wouldn't be sitting in the shelter today nor would the families that have been with us for the last year," said Caroline Jones, client services director for Doorways.

Last summer, when the economic meltdown occurred and Freddie Mac's financial failings were on the front pages of every

newspaper, Jones says Doorways was holding its breath.

"We were in a real holding pattern that was causing Doorways to very soberly look at outcomes that we don't want to ever face, such as closing this home down," she said. "It was looking like a reality for us that we could have to find a way to exist without [funds from Freddie Mac]. And the truth is that there was no answer."

U.S. REP. Jim Moran (D-8) said that Lockhart's decision is a huge victory for local non-profits. Late last year, he and other D.C. area congressmen wrote a letter to Lockhart encouraging him not to suspend the companies' philanthropic activities. "If Freddie

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BULLETIN BOARD

ONGOING ITEMS

Arlington residents who need help repairs on their house, can contact **RPJ Housing**, a local non-profit agency funded by Arlington County. Teams of volunteers do all the work free with skills ranging from novice to professional. These community members repair floors, ceilings, walls, doors and roofs; install grab bars, railings and smoke detectors; address minor plumbing and electrical repairs; build ramps, paint and attend to yard work. Priority is given to seniors, persons with disabilities and families with children. To obtain an application, simply call RPJ Housing at 703-528-5606 ext. 11 or visit <http://rpjhousing.org/programs.html>

Beginning Thursday, March 5, **NAMI-Northern Virginia** offers a free, 12-week education course in Arlington on mental illness for family members of individuals with mental illness. Contact Marie Fordham at 517-213-0668 for more information.

Lent Activities - Clarendon UMC (606 N. Irving, Arlington) will hold a variety of activities during the Lenten Season. Wednesday, Feb. 25 marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday services at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A special "Child's View of Lent" will be held in the Praise Room. Visit www.morefaith.org for details on activities.

FRIDAY/FEB. 20

Summer Activities Fair. 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Learn about day camps, sports camps and more. Free. 703-228-7667.

SATURDAY/FEB. 21

Volunteers Needed. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1423 G. St., Woodbridge. Organized by Catholic Charities of Arlington. Sort goods, arrange dishware, make beds and more. 703-841-3838.

MONDAY/FEB. 23

Lecture on Renewable Energy. 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N.

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Fortnight of Fashion

For the latter half of this month, Crystal City will be transformed into a fashion nexus for the ongoing Crystal Couture festival.

Every night for two weeks, the festival will bring the best of local fashion, music and cocktails to the Crystal City area. Each night of the festival will have a different theme, from Tattoo Tuesday to Wedding Dress Wednesday to Foxy Animal Print Friday. There will be fashion shows, drink tastings, live

D.J. sets and plenty of opportunities to purchase a new wardrobe.

The Crystal City Business Improvement District, a group that seeks to promote commerce in the Crystal City area, is organizing the festival. All events will take place in a vacant retail space on the corner of Crystal Drive and 23rd Street South.

The festival runs every night through Feb. 29. For more information, visit www.crystalcity.org.

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OPINION

Student's Essay Advances to State Competition

Alexander Kopenhaver, a freshman at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington has won first place in the PTA-sponsored Reflections essay contest at both the county and district level comprising Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. His essay now advances to the Virginia state level competition. If successful at the state level, his work would be judged at the national level.



Alexander Kopenhaver

This year's Reflections theme was "WOW." Alexander approached the topic with a non-traditional interpretation, asking his readers "to always remember that things are not as they might seem." Instead his essay focused on the many different interpretations that could be applied to the term "WOW."

Winners of the county competition were honored at a ceremony held Jan. 29. Alexander was asked to read his award-winning essay to the audience during the ceremony. Additionally, in recognition of his writing talent, he was asked by members of the Arlington Writer's Guild, who also judged

the essays, to join and participate in their ongoing activities that assist local writers in a number of ways, including getting their work published.

'WOW'

WOW! A word that to most people means amazement or pleasure. When they hear the word WOW, they think how wonderful, interesting, or maybe exquisite something is or appears. But as teenagers, we always take a different perspective than most people on everything. So let me take my readers down another path.

Have you ever noticed that some teenagers text abbreviations on their phones for words because they do not want to write out the whole word or words? (Of course, teachers and parents hate this habit but we do it anyway.) For example LOL means "laugh out loud" or "lots of luck" — which brings us to our discussion of WOW.

WOW has many more meanings than one would imagine. Diverse groups from computer geeks to citizens in the United Kingdom and everyone in between including exercisers, cowboys and women, all could have a different perspective on WOW. Of course, these groups could use WOW to express a positive emotion, but we must not assume that they would due to the many other various usages of the word. After all, definitions are constantly changing and evolving. Who would have thought 10 years ago that "google" would be an accepted verb? Now that I have your attention, let's "text" our way into our conversation.

WOW TO GAMERS usually means World of Warcraft — a computer game

of strategy and skill. This game is so addicting that it can take hours out of some video gamers' days. It could even cut them off from the real world or worse, be the sole topic of the lunchroom conversation. This is not really a good thing so let's move on

Maybe instead of sitting in front of a computer all day, these gamers might want burn off all those calories gained from eating Doritos and drinking soda. This could be achieved by joining Walk Our Way (a mall walking club). However, side effects may include squinty eyes from the intense sunlight and the desire to purchase more games seen while window shopping during the walk. But the benefits of exercise clearly outweigh these costs.

For those who live in Arlington, Virginia, a night out might include dining at Whitlow's on Wilson. For example, after spending an entire Saturday afternoon reading Reflections essays, some parents might need a night off from cooking and cleaning. Students may also need a good meal after working hard on keeping up their good grades. (Then again, teenagers need no real excuse to eat.) That's where this WOW really comes in handy.

CLOSER TO MY HEART are references to movies. One that is probably well-known to most readers is "War of the Worlds." (Yes, I know it is also an H.G. Wells novel, but that would lead us into a discussion of whether movies are better than books and there's no "WOW" in that conversation.) Many say it was one of Tom Cruise's best movies. After all, it was good enough to be "spoofed" in one of the "Scary Movie" film versions. Other famous movies having this "honor" are "Million Dollar Baby," "The Sixth Sense," "Brokeback Mountain," "Titanic" and "The Shining." Movies certainly don't get much better than this

list. Most received Oscars in some category, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actress.

But closer to the hearts of my fellow female classmates, as well as our British readers and neighbors "across the pond," WOW would refer to William of Wales, better known as Prince William. Of course, many women would also use the traditional definition of WOW cited above when talking about "Wills" and his good looks and British accent that charms all the ladies. But I don't really want to go there, so let's shift gears and move back in time.

Picture cowboys, horses, saloons, show girls and boots. We have now entered the Wide Open West. Although they did not have a clue about texting during these times, they sure could yodel up a good yarn. However, there were problems with the Wide Open West with bandits, violence and robberies. But being the non-sexist male that I am (my mother would be so proud), the biggest problem was how they treated women as second-class citizens. Women could not vote and their main job was in the kitchen cooking and cleaning. That leads to another WOW.

Wider Opportunities for Women — maybe not the best known WOW included in this discussion but probably the most important — is located right here in Washington, D.C. It helps women gain economic independence and helps increase opportunities for women in their jobs and careers. This work leads to more equality between men and women in many different professions.

THUS FAR, we have only talked about the human world. Well, WOW exists in the insect world also. How many readers have ever seen a pond skater Walking on Water? They skim across the
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Growing The Economy

To the Editor:

Stimulate. Stimulation. Stimulated. These words are being abused by society these days as the world grapples with problems big and small concerning the economies. But what if I told you there is one solution in America that not only would grow the economy — on many fronts — but also stimulate society on multiple other fronts? What is that solution?

Seed and the hobby of Backyard Birdfeeding! What? — you are saying. Is there such a thing? How could a hobby possibly stimulate a nation's economy, much less any other ill of society?

Not only could the hobby stimulate the economy, it already does! There are over 60 million Americans that today participate in the hobby of Backyard Birdfeeding. That's 60 million people feeding wild birds in their backyards with bird seed that is grown in the USA. The farmers plant the seed. The farmers harvest and truck the seed. The processors process the

seed. The distributors deliver the seed. Finally the retail stores sell the seed, made in America and eaten every day by wild birds. 60 million people feeding hundreds of birds in their backyards daily equates to thousands of tons of bird seed grown, harvested and sold every year. And all that money goes back through the system the same way it came in. The retailers get some; the distributors get some; the processors get some; and the farmers get some. The restaurant in the farmers' town get some as does the hardware store, grocery store and church. As the hobby of backyard birdfeeding grows, so grows the chain of money back and forth throughout the industry.

In addition to the seed, hundreds of businesses throughout the country produce bird feeders, bird baths, bird houses, books and other gifts that are used to enjoy the hobby of backyard birdfeeding. One business, Backyard Nature Products in Wisconsin, has designed and created a line of very attractive and sturdy bird feeders made entirely out of recycled plastic milk and soda bottles. This one

company has used its ingenuity and experience to help diminish the pollution footprint on the earth and turned that pollution into a life-sustaining object to help the living birds in our environment. This one company, and there are more each year that are going green, sells to over 300 Wild Birds Unlimited hobby stores in the United States and Canada every year. Trash is being reused to make feeders and bird houses. Jobs are being created in this one American town. Money is being made from the sale of these feeders and returned back into the community by the workers who make these feeders.

But the stimulation keeps going. Instead of sitting in front of the television or computer, millions of Americans are physically active in creating backyard habits for the wild birds. Gardening, landscaping, hiking, camping and sightseeing in the wild are all connected with the hobby of backyard birdfeeding and respecting and enjoying nature.

This stimulation equates into people becoming more physically active. Physically active people are

healthier people. These healthy people actively become involved in groups and organizations that promote good stewardship of the planet. Local stream clean-ups, park clean ups, tree planting and many other projects are carried out by these enthusiastic volunteers. These healthy people stimulate the health of our society in hundreds of positive ways. (Have I overworked the word "stimulate?")

This is an example of how one industry really does help to "grow" the economy. The backyard birdfeeding hobby is not alone. There are thousands of entrepreneurs in our country who each day create useful, educational and entertaining products, made in America. From small to large, these companies give to the community, receive from the community and give right back to the community again. This is the real driving engine of the entire United States of America. It is the intricate web of sustaining that needs to be kept intact and not broken.

Michael Zuiker

Michael Zuiker has owned and operated the Wild Birds Unlimited retail store in Arlington, Virginia for 18 years.

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OPINION

A Dream

BY GAUTAM MALIK

I have a dream to follow these words each and everyday.

Where there is hatred, I may bring Love;

Where there is anger, I may bring forgiveness;

Where there is conflict, I may bring peace;

Where there is a lie, I may bring truth;

Where there is depression, I may bring light;

Where there is sadness, I may bring happiness.

I put love and happiness in everything I do, so it is an offering to God.

Gautam Malik, a third grader at Taylor Elementary School, won 2nd place in Arlington County's 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.



Gautam Malik

'WOW'

FROM PAGE 6

surface of bodies of water at the most extreme speed. It is ironic considering my theme though that when one sees them walk at such speeds, the first reaction is "WOW."

Let's not stop at the insect world. There is a whole universe out there ready to be explored. That's right — a Wide Open World. Every little kid has been asked what he/she wanted to be when they grew up. A lot of them responded an astronaut to explore that huge universe out there. At such a young age, they were already talking about their own definition of WOW.

So now I end with some "Words of Wisdom." (That's right. You're catching on now. Another WOW for your texting needs.) Always remember that things are not as they might seem and that "never assume" are words we should all live by. Everyone has a different viewpoint and this makes things so interesting. Even a definition of such a simple word opens up so many different topics and cultures.

But I have to go now ... my phone is beeping with another text message.

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CANVASS: If more than 870 qualified persons apply, a Republican canvass will be held on Wed., Mar. 25, 2009, from 7 to 9 pm, at NRECA, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, to elect the delegates. (The time and location may be changed as warranted; updated information will be available from ACRC.) The canvass will be open to any Republican voter in Arlington, with no fees or pre-filing required. If fewer persons apply, they will be elected automatically and no canvass will be held. For details, see the official Arlington call at www.ArlingtonGOP.org or www.rpv.org. For additional questions, please contact us.

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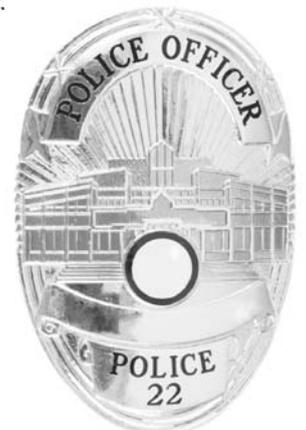
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Signature Scores Big in Nominations

Thirty-nine Helen Hayes Award nominations cover work on six productions.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY

This year's nomination announcement ceremony for the Helen Hayes Awards which recognize outstanding work in the professional theaters of the greater Washington area turned into something of a love fest for artists who worked at Arlington's Signature Theatre. In all, the name "Signature Theatre" was pronounced 39 times out of the 150 nominations announced in 25 categories.

The production drawing the largest number of nominations of all was Signature's "Les Misérables," which is currently running at its Shirlington facility. (It closes on Sunday.) The show earned an astounding 13 nominations including those for outstanding musical and outstanding director of a musical (Eric Schaeffer) musical direction (Jon Kalbfleisch) lead actor (Greg Stone) set design (Walt

Spangler) lighting design (Mark Lanks) and the entire cast was nominated for the Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble as well. The categories for supporting performers were dominated by this one show with three nominations for supporting actress (Felicia Curry, Sherri L. Edelen and Tracy Lynn Olivera) and three for supporting actor (Christopher Bloch, Andrew Call and Chris Sizemore).

TWO DIFFERENT Signature productions tied for second place in number of nominations with nine each for "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and "The Visit," both of which were part of Signature's Kander and Ebb Festival this past year. A third show of the festival, "The Happy Time" drew two nominations, one for David Margulies for lead actor and one for Carrie A. Johnson for supporting actress. "The Visit" had nominations for

outstanding musical as well as for direction (Frank Galati) musical direction (David Loud) and choreography (Ann Reinking). Its stars, Chita Rivera and George Hearn, were both nominated along with two supporting actors, Mark Jacoby and Jeremy Webb. The full cast was also nominated for the Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble.

The nominations for "Kiss of the Spider Woman" included outstanding musical as well as direction (Eric Schaeffer) musical direction (Jon Kalbfleisch) choreography (Karma Camp) set design (Adam Koch) lights (Chris Lee) and this cast was also nominated for the Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble. Both of its male leads were nominated: Will Chase and Hunter Foster.

Signature's production of "Ace" added five more nominations to the total including outstanding musical, another outstanding director of a musical nomination for Eric Schaeffer, Jill Paice for lead actress and both Angelina Kelly and Christiane Noll were nominated in the supporting actress category.

ONE NON-MUSICAL nomination for Signature was for Martin Moran as outstanding actor for his solo show, the autobiographical "The Tricky Part" dealing with his experience as a victim of sexual abuse as a child.

Other work in Arlington to earn recognition this year was at Syntetic Theater, which performs in the Spectrum in Rosslyn and Arena Stage which puts on many of its shows in its temporary home in Crystal City where they have taken up residence while their multi-theater campus in Southwest Washington undergoes massive con-



Greg Stone and Felicia Curry were both nominated for Helen Hayes Awards for their work in "Les Misérables."



struction and renovation.

Three shows that Arena staged in Virginia drew nominations, including the Outstanding Non-Resident Production award for which their "Next to Normal" was eligible because it was first produced at Second Stage Theatre, an Off-Broadway theater in New York. This pits it against such heavy hitters as "The Lion King" at the Kennedy Center.

Work in "Next to Normal" was also nominated for lead actress (Alice Ripley), lead actor (J. Robert Spencer) and two supporting performances, Aaron Tveit and Jennifer Damiano. David Zinn's costume designs for "The Mystery of Irma Vep" earned him a nomination and the show "Resurrection" drew two nominations, one for supporting actor Che Ayende and one for the cast as a whole for the Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble.

Syntetic Theater drew a total of eight nominations in seven categories for work on three of their shows. Irina Tsikurishvili, who has all but dominated the award category of Outstanding Choreography was again nominated multiple

times. This year she's up for the award for both "Carmen" and "Romeo and Juliet." Both of those productions were also nominated for the outstanding ensemble award. In addition, work on "Romeo and Juliet" was nominated for outstanding director (Paata Tsikurishvili) set design (Anastasia Ryurikov Simes) sound design (Irakli Kavsadze and Konstantine Lortkipanidze) and the production itself was nominated for outstanding play. Lortkipanidze was also nominated for his music direction of Syntetic's "Host and Guest."

One other Arlington-related nomination was for the entire cast of Arlington's Keegan Theatre's production of "Translations" which was mounted at the Church Street Playhouse in Washington.

The winners will be announced at a gala celebration on April 13 at the Warner Theatre in Washington followed by an event at the JW Marriott Hotel which has been termed "Washington's biggest cast party."

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway, and edits Potomac Stages, (www.PotomacStages.com). He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.



Sherri L. Edelen and Christopher Bloch were also nominated for their portrayal of Madame and Monsieur Thenardier in "Les Misérables."

CALENDAR

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SATURDAY/FEB. 21

Movie Watch. 2 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "500 Years Later" by Owen Alik Shahadah." Free.

Theater. 7:30 p.m. at Chalice Theatre at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. \$15/student; senior. \$20/adult. Watch "Big: The Musical." 703-892-0202 ext. 6.

Rowing Competition. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Ballston Common Mall. Yorktown High School will hold a competition to benefit Habitat for Humanity. E-mail Odile Rheume at orheume@yahoo.com for more.

Fredericksburg Battlefield Tour. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Learn about one of Robert E. Lee's greatest victories. \$20/person. Registration required, 703-243-4342.

Who Needs the Nose. 10:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about noses through Karen Clemens' book. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Feel The Heritage Festival. Noon at Charles Drew Community Center, 3500 S. 23rd St. Enjoy exhibits, crafts and more. Free. 703-228-0943.

Hanssen Spy Tour. 1 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults can learn about his drops and his story. \$4/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Snug in the Snow. 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N.

Military Road. Children ages 4-6 can learn how animals cope with the cold. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Penguin Party. 3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children ages 4 and up can learn about these animals, play games and more. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

C and O Canal Evening Walk. 5 p.m. meet at Lubber Run Park, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can search for waterfowl at dusk. \$10/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Flying Squirrel Lore and More. 5:45 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can watch these animals glide in. \$4/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Night Hike. 6 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith park, 2411 N. 24th St. Families with

children ages 4 and up can enjoy a walk while listening for animals. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-243-4342.

SUNDAY/FEB. 22

Theater. 3 p.m. at Chalice Theatre at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. \$15/student; senior. \$20/adult. "Big: The Musical." 703-892-0202 ext. 6.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at St. Thomas More Cathedral, 3901 Cathedral Lane. Hear music by the Fairfax Choral Society, Washington Symphonic Brass and Dr. Paul Skevington. Free. Visit stmccathedralconcerts.org or 703-524-2815.

Intro To Birding Walks. 9 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults and

families with children ages 12 and up can learn the basics. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Storytime Classics. Noon at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-8 can learn about Old Mother West Wind and some of her animal pals. Free. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

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TUESDAY/FEB. 24

Music Performance. The Yorktown High School Pyramid Concert, featuring the string orchestras of Yorktown High School, Swanson Middle School, Williamsburg Middle School and Science Focus Elementary School, will take place at 7 p.m. in the Swanson Middle School Auditorium, 5800 Washington Blvd. Free. For more information visit www.YHSOrchestra.org.

Mice Tales. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about mice through activities, stories and more. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 25

Mice Tales. 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about mice through activities, stories and more. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Wild Ones: Winter Babies. 4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 6-10 can learn about animals that lay eggs or have babies in winter. \$2/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

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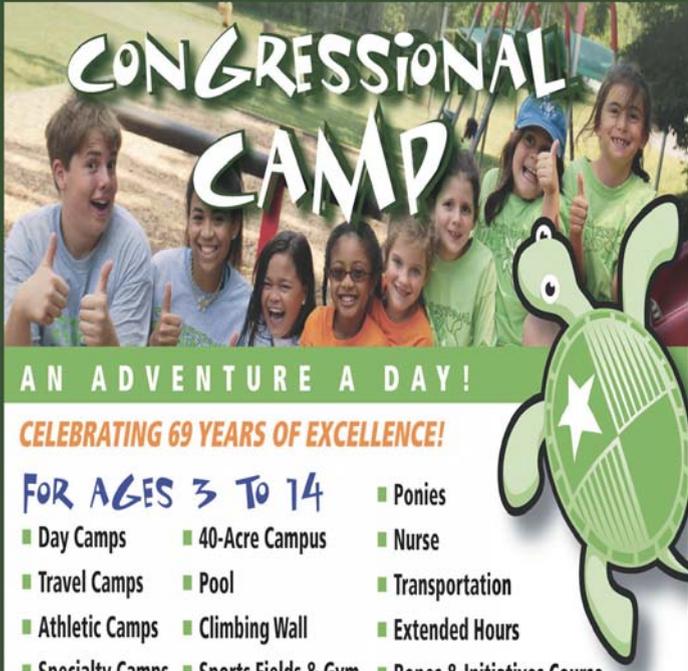
Mac and Fannie Mae were to end their giving," he said in an interview, "It would have a disastrous effect."

Dozens of organizations based in the area – such as SCAN of Northern Virginia, INMED Partnerships for Children, Northern Virginia Family Service and many others — rely on funding from Freddie and Fannie.

"These agencies are living on a shoestring budget," Moran said. "If the largest contributor were to drop out, they would have to go out of business which means there would be hundreds of people out on the street instead of in homeless shelters. That's what it amounts to."

Moran said Freddie Mac would be allowed to donate \$15 million to local charities in 2009, down from a high of \$25 million in 2007. He also said that Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae would no longer be allowed to make political contributions to members of Congress.

"That's verboten," Moran said. David Schultz can also be heard on WAMU 88.5 FM.



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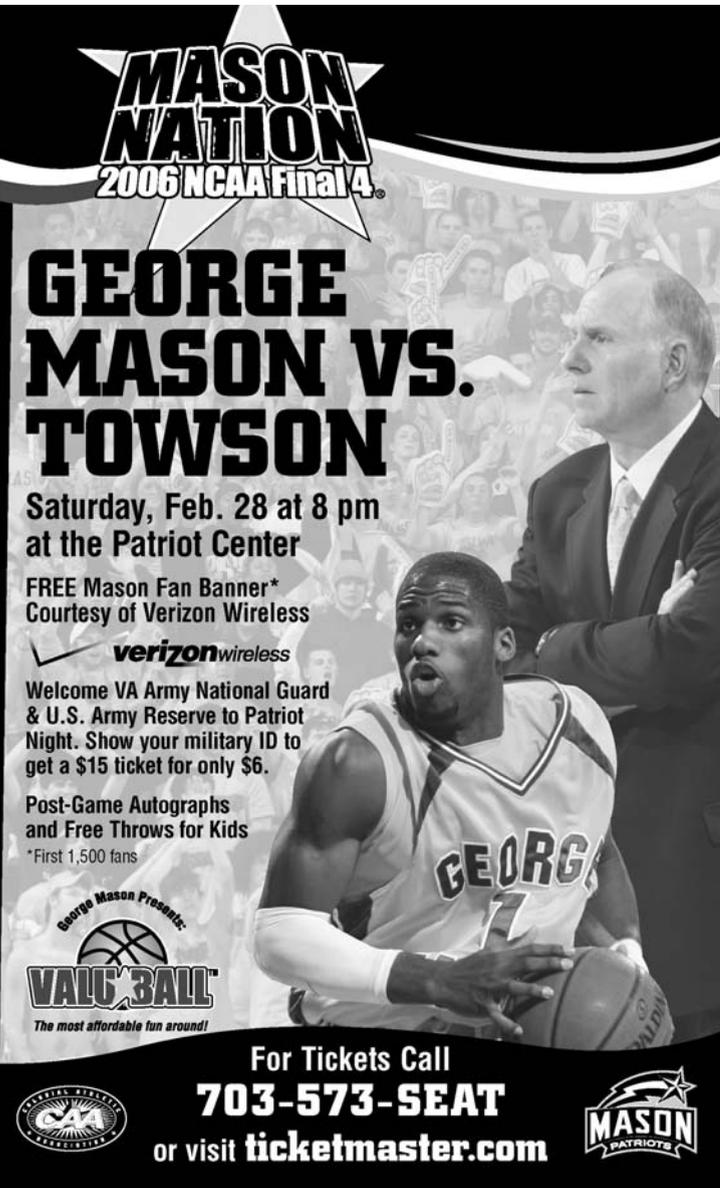
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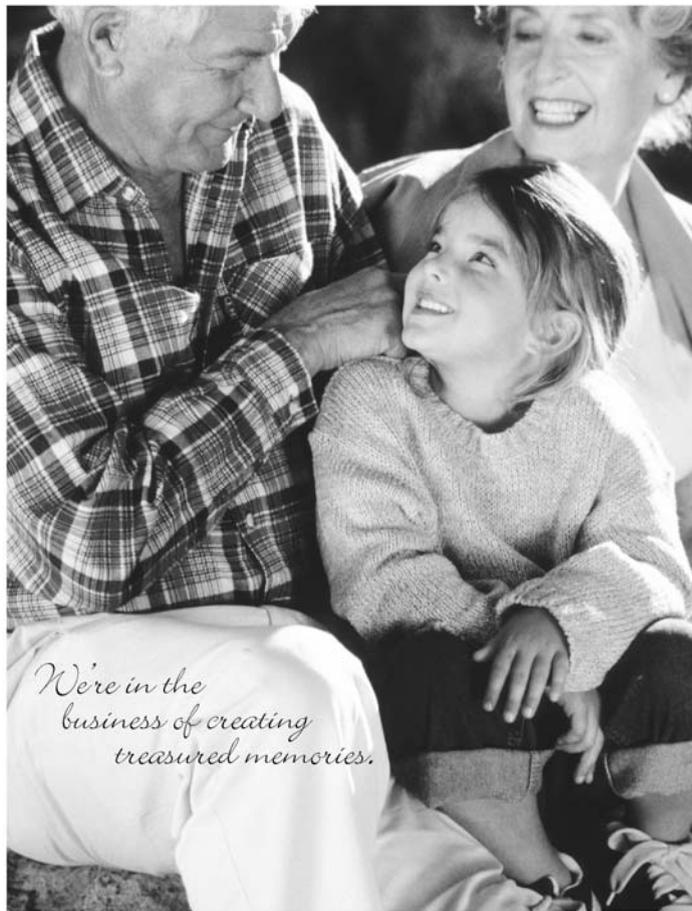


Dorothy I. Herberg, 85, a homemaker, died on Jan. 12, 2009, at Virginia Hospital Center. She had broken her hip 10 days earlier, and although the surgery was a success, she was unable to recover from the trauma.

Mrs. Herberg was born to Thomas and Susan Mount Intile in Irvington, N.J. As a premature infant born nine weeks early and weighing just two pounds, she was not expected to survive. Insisting "Where there is life there is hope," Thomas Intile used sterile cotton to hand-craft tiny clothes for baby Dorothy and helped nurse her to health. Due to the excellent care she received as well as her tremendous will, Dorothy not only survived but thrived in everything she did in life.

Dorothy was a precocious child who graduated near the top of her class at Irvington High School. Although she wanted to become an attorney, her father told her that wasn't for women, so she attended

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District Tournament Up for Grabs

Records thrown out the window as basketball postseason begins.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

Ask coaches at the bottom of the standings and they'll say anything can happen — even a Cinderella-esque rise from the lower rung to the top of the basketball mountain — once the playoffs arrive.

Query the coaches with the best records and the answer is the same, anything can happen, including great regular-season teams falling victim to playoff pressure.

No matter how one slices it, though, the postseason is a time of excitement — both the good and bad kinds — and here in Arlington, it's no different.

The National District tournament for both boy's and girl's teams begins Tuesday night, and no coach knows how either will shake out.

On the boy's side, after top seed Mount Vernon, who went undefeated in district play, the rest of the field is a crapshoot of teams that traded wins and losses throughout the season.

So tightly packed were the National District boy's standings that three teams (Yorktown, Wakefield, and Stuart) tied for second place, with the deadlock broken by coin toss. For tournament purposes, the heads and tails determinant put Wakefield as the No. 2 seed, Stuart as the No. 3 seed, and Yorktown as the No. 4 seed.

Wakefield

The Wakefield boy's (16-6, 8-4): Coach Tony Bentley's crew has had its ups and downs this season after starting the year winning nine of its first 10 games and enters the tournament as the No. 2 seed thanks to winning last weekend's coin flip. Its luck could come in handy as Wakefield's likely semifinal game against Stuart will be played in Arlington. The Warriors defeated Stuart on a buzzer beater at home and lost by 10 at Stuart later in the season.

The Wakefield girl's (2-20, 2-10): Beating just one team in regular-season district play isn't any fun, but the joy of high school postseason is that it really doesn't matter as long as teams turn it on now. If Wakefield can find a way to beat Edison Tuesday, it would secure a spot in the Northern region tournament — a true Cinderella story if there ever was one.

That means rivals Yorktown and Washington-Lee face each other in a first-round matchup, that no matter the disparity in record, could go either way. The game takes place Tuesday night, after the Connection's deadline.

"This is a time where everybody is equal," said W-L coach Bobby Dotson. "It doesn't matter what you did all year."

On the girl's side, another Arlington rivalry will be rekindled with No. 3 seed Yorktown taking on No. 6 seed Wakefield with the winner likely to take on No. 2 seed Edison in the semifinals. The W-L girl's are the No. 4 seed and will take on Stuart in the last-ever basketball game to take place at the school's Rudolph Campbell Gym. The winner moves onto play No. 1 seed Mount Vernon.

Yorktown

The Yorktown Boy's (12-10 overall, 8-4 National): Start the season slowly only to enter tournament time playing its best basketball. That has been the formula for the Yorktown boy's basketball team the past few seasons and this year is no different. The defending National Tournament champion Patriots won three of their last four games to end the season, including a huge confidence-building 50-42 victory over Stuart. But that one loss was to Mount Vernon, the team Yorktown and star Simon Kilday (18 ppg) will have to deal with should it defeat W-L in the first round.

The Yorktown Girl's (13-8, 8-4): The Yorktown girl's enter the district tournament with the No. 3 seed, appropriate since all four of its district losses came to the two top seeds (Mount Vernon and Edison). But the Patriots played both close during the regular season, including five- and 10-point losses to Edison earlier in the season. If Yorktown goes further than expected, it will likely be thanks to guard LaNia Charity (11 ppg) and forward Lena Negri (nine ppg). "The girls are definitely getting ready with that mindset that they need for tournament time," said coach Kim Cordell.

Washington-Lee

The W-L boy's (4-18, 3-9): It has been a tough year for coach Bobby Dotson and his young Generals. They've made a habit of playing teams close for three quarters only to watch youthful mistakes cost them in the end. But W-L has nothing to lose and senior Gavin Trewet wants to cap off his career in style after a difficult final season. "If he plays well, we're pretty tough to beat," said Dotson.

The W-L girl's (6-16, 5-7): It wasn't how coach Angie Kelly drew it up, but W-L enters the district tournament with just what it wanted: a home playoff game. A win against Stuart, who defeated the Generals, 35-30, just last week would put W-L in the regional tournament. That looked near-impossible when the Generals started this season 1-9. "If you scout us, we have different players stepping up each night," said Kelly.



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Senior Simon Kilday (34) will be the catalyst if Yorktown is to repeat as National District tournament champion.

The early-round action is perhaps more important than the semifinal and championship rounds that follow. To get into the Northern Region Tournament next week, teams must win their first-round district game.

"When it comes to the tournament, there's much more sense of urgency," said Yorktown girl's coach Kim Cordell. "It's a much different feel than the regular sea-

son. If you win, you move on. If you lose, you're done."

For both girl's and boy's basketball, tournament action continues Wednesday night with district semifinal action at the home gym of the higher seed. The girl's district title game will be played at 7 p.m. Friday night at Mount Vernon with the boy's title game immediately after.

SPORTS BRIEFS



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Yorktown's Abigail Ortmeier swims the butterfly during last weekend's Northern Region Swim and Dive Championships. The Patriot girls finished in seventh place overall.

Northern Region Swimming

The Northern Region swim and dive championships were held this past weekend at George Mason and both Yorktown and Washington-Lee had swim-

mers and divers qualify for the state championships.

The Yorktown girl's team finished in seventh place in the Northern Region with 140 points. The 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle relay teams obtained or improved their state meet qualifying times. The relay teams will join the individual event qualifiers, Maren Taylor (Diving and 50 free), Abigail Ortmeier (200 individual medley and 100 breast), and Kaitlin Wolla (100 Fly), at the state meet. Kaitlin Wolla set a new team record in the 100 Fly with her 57.08 time (breaking the 1986 record of 57.20 by Christine Smith).

The boys team finished in 23rd place in the region and Andrew Leach advanced to swim at the state meet in two events (200 and 500 free). Andrew joins Brian Coonce (Diving) on the State team.

The Washington-Lee boy's team came in 14th place overall, while the girl's weren't far behind, coming in 19th place in the team competition.

Junior Freddy Crawford led the way for the boy's, finishing in fourth place in the 200-yard freestyle with a state meet-qualifying time of 1:44.03. Crawford also had a state qualifying time in the 100-yard freestyle. Meanwhile, freshman Carl Buergerler was impressive, coming in fourth

place in the boy's diving competition. Junior Jake Huston also notched a state qualifying time in the 100-yard breaststroke.

On the girl's side, senior Sarah DiNardo qualified for the state meet in two events, the 200-yard freestyle (4th place at regions) and the 100-yard butterfly (sixth place at regions).

The state meet is scheduled to take place this Friday and Saturday at George Mason University.

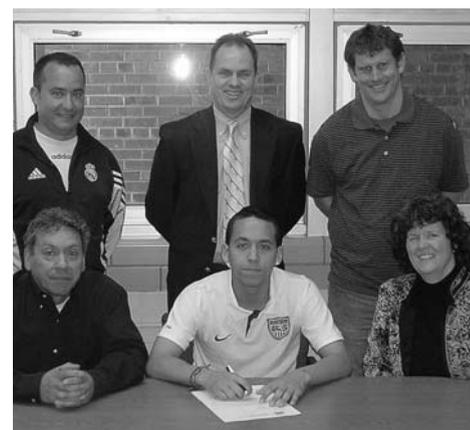
Yorktown Athletes Commit to Colleges

College signing day has come and gone and three Yorktown student-athletes will be taking their talents to the Division-I level next fall.

Amber Haling will report to the Naval Academy this summer and will play on the women's soccer team. She has been a varsity soccer player at Yorktown for four years and will be a leader on the team this spring.

Alex Herrera signed with George Mason University to play men's soccer next year. He is the

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COURTESY OF YORKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Two-time defending National District Player of the Year, senior Alex Herrera (bottom center), recently signed a letter-of-intent to play soccer at George Mason next year.

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COURTESY OF YORKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Yorktown's Amber Haling (center) recently signed a letter-of-intent to play women's soccer at the Naval Academy next year.

Yorktown Athletes Commit to Colleges

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reigning two-time National District Player of the Year and first-team all-Northern Region player. He also has played on several national teams and the DC United developmental team.

Kyle Toulouse will play football at Holy Cross next year. A three-sport standout at Yorktown, he was the National District Offensive Player of the Year this past fall and was first-team all-Northern Region. He will take his skills to the baseball field this spring where was named to the all-region first team.

Northern Region Wrestling

Yorktown senior Nathan Young's star shined brightest during a solid weekend for Arlington high school wrestlers at the Northern Region Championships at Fairfax High School last Saturday.

Young finished in third place in the 171-pound weight class, defeating South County's Arash Katirai 4-1 in the consolation finals. Young went 4-1 overall. Young moves onto next weekend's state meet, to be held at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake, Va. The Patriots' Danilo Downing came in fifth place in the 125-pound weight class with a 3-2 record.

Wakefield's Victor Leavell (135 pounds) and Chris Iofredda (171 pounds) didn't place, but had solid showings with 3-2 and 2-2 records, respectively.

Washington-Lee's Conor Sharp (275 pounds) and Rhyler Heining (152 pounds) both went 1-2. Heining won last week's district title with a broken hand.

Meanwhile, the Bishop O'Connell wrestling team capped off a season that saw it win the WCAC title by coming in second place overall in the Virginia Independent School League state championships this past weekend. The Knights had four individual champions in their respective weight classes. They were Kyle Mason (119 pounds), Nam Dunbar (130 pounds), Johnathon Carpenter (135 pounds), and Mitch Brown (171 pounds).

Northern Region Gymnastics

With proposed Fairfax County budget cuts threatening to do away with the Northern Region gymnastics scene, numerous Arlington gymnasts competed in what could go down as the last Northern Region Girl's Gymnastics's meet ever last Thursday at Lake Braddock High School.

Washington-Lee's Samantha Sachs led the area's contingent with a 13th-place finish in the all-around competition. She had a score of 34.900. Following closely behind was Yorktown's Kelly Duncan, who finished in 17th place with a score of 33.700.

Wakefield's Jovani Garrett was also impressive, garnering third-place honors in the vault competition with a score of 9.500, while finishing in a tie for 10th place on the uneven parallel bars.

W-L's Jazmin Woodson placed ninth in the vault with a score of 9.25, while Yorktown's Joyanna Smith was 17th in the uneven parallel bars with a 8.5 score.

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Money Matters



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

How to get by on one income while really trying? That will not only be the question but the strategy as my wife, Dina, and I, attempt to adjust to the new unemployment paradigm: she's out of work for the first time in our 30-plus years of marriage. Her long-time employer, Tivoli's Restaurant in Rosslyn (the deli and pastry shop remain open, however) closed after nearly 27 years serving the public (25 years during which Dina worked in the second floor lounge as a waitress and bartender).

To say she made friends over all those years would be an understatement of prodigious proportions. To say she networked an entire new family including the owners and their families, employees and their families, and, of course, the thousands of Tivoli customers and their families, together creating a fabric of associations and activities spanning the globe and lasting an entire generation, and then some, would be more accurate.

To characterize Dina's status as out of work is way to simple; disconnected from the only lifestyle she's really ever known and cared about her entire adult life would be more appropriate. And though the loss of Dina's income is significant (and matters more to me since I'm the business end of the relationship; she's the social director), I can certainly appreciate and understand how the loss of a lifestyle can be equally distressing. The joke among our friends has been that Dina doesn't need a new job, she needs a new lifestyle that pays.

Moving forward, the choices we have to make need to be a balance between substance and style, between money and quality of life, between fact and fiction, quite frankly. Having 25 percent fewer dollars to do it with is likely to be a challenge unlike any we, as a couple, have ever endured.

Moreover, given the middle age that we are, with the skill sets we possess, and further considering the inheritances that at present are unknown and unexpected, what we do, how we survive, what money we spend, seem unlikely to be replenished anytime soon by some financial savior riding in on a cash cow. It seems that we will have to make do riding the horse on which we rode in on.

All of which we can manage, I think. It's more that neither one of us expected to be horse-less at our present age, the age at which, accumulating for retirement becomes not only an extremely serious family business but maybe the most important, to the exclusion of all other, family business. And being left to fend more for ourselves than we had expected or anticipated was hardly the plan I had intended. Still, it's not over yet. My father made more money between age 55 and 70 than he had ever made previously, enough to fund my parent's retirement for the 15 years or so they had together before retiring for good.

If I am indeed my father's son, then I will succeed just as he did. It may not be easy but if I've inherited anything from my father (aside from his sense of humor), I've inherited his positive attitude. Dina's being out of work presents us with an opportunity. It's up to us to make the most of it.

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business school where she excelled. After graduating, she worked at the Army recruiting station at 39 Whitehall Street in Manhattan, where she was the general's "right hand man."

Following the end of World War II, Dorothy Intile married Captain Irwin Herberg, a decorated war hero, in July 1946. They had four children: Richard Herberg (wife Sandra) of Charlotte, N.C.; Donna Wittenberg of Fairfax, Va.; Craig Herberg (wife Suzanne) of Fairfax, Va.; and Sara Kukla (husband Jim) of Chantilly, Va.

In 1953, the Herbergs moved to Arlington, Va., where Dorothy resided until her death. Although Dorothy was a "stay-at-home" mom, she was very active in the community. She choreographed several local winning political campaigns, played a significant role in numerous fund-raisers for local charities in her position on the Junior Chamber of Commerce Aids, and led a Girl Scout troop for many years. In the late 1950s, she took the helm of a relative's business when it was failing, and ran D. I. Herberg, Inc., for several years from home. She proved to be an astute business woman and returned the company to profitability while accepting no pay for her efforts.

When Irwin Herberg was diagnosed with cancer in 1970, Dorothy remained by his side, caring for him until his death in 1976. The family matriarch, Dorothy Herberg, was overjoyed by the birth of each of her six grandchildren: Rachel and Gregory Herberg of Charlotte, N.C.; Jeremiah and Timothy Herberg of Fairfax, Va.; and Kristen and Katelyn Kukla of Chantilly, Va.

Dorothy Herberg enjoyed duck pin bowling and contract bridge with the Williamsburg Women's Club in Arlington, Va., where she served as treasurer for many years. Her true joy was spending time with family at frequent dinners and especially at the shore.

In addition to her four children and six grandchildren, Dorothy Herberg is survived by her sister, Barbara Kyle (husband James) of McLean, Va., and by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews scattered around the country from Vermont to Florida, Nevada and Utah.

On Jan. 16, 2009, Father Lee Roos officiated a Funeral Mass at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, Va., celebrating the life of this beloved mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and friend.

Jean Coleman Dyer

Jean Coleman Dyer, 86, formerly of 3220 S. 13th St. Arlington, died Jan. 22, 2009 at Roman Eagle Memorial Nursing Home in Danville, Va. She was the daughter of Walter Coles and Mary Chewing Dyer. She retired from the Pentagon with 30 years of service.

She held various national and state offices within The Daughters of the American Revolution. She also was a tireless volunteer with the Arlington Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors are Ed Thomas and wife Linda of Reidsville, N.C.; Sally T. Wallace and husband John of Milton, N.C. and Margaret W. McSherry also of Milton, N.C.

Graveside services were held at National Memorial Park, Falls Church, on Monday Feb. 16, 2009.

Budget To Be Unveiled Next Week

Arlington County Manager Ron Carlee will submit his proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the County Board next week.

Board members and county staffers have said this could be the most challenging budget in many years for Arlington, with declining property assessments and cuts in state funds forcing the board to make difficult decisions about its spending priorities.

Arlington is facing a nearly \$35 million budget gap for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This means that, if the county's real estate tax rate remains the same, its revenues will be \$35 million less than in the 2008-2009

fiscal year.

Both Carlee and several board members have said that the tax rate will almost certainly have to be raised this year. But they have also indicated they are unwilling to raise the rate to the level that would be necessary to make up the entire budget gap, which means that cuts in county programs will be necessary.

Carlee will present his budget proposal at the County Board's Feb. 24 meeting. The board will hold several public hearings on the budget in late March and will vote on a final version in April.

— DAVID SCHULTZ

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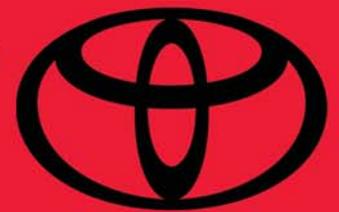
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