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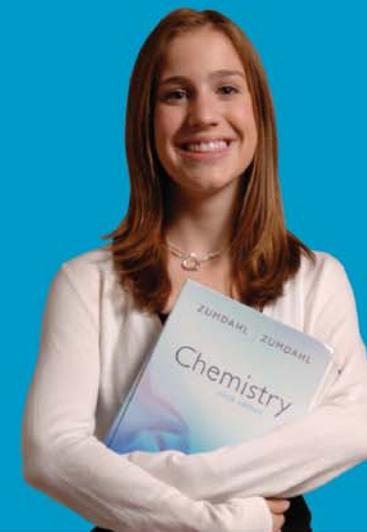
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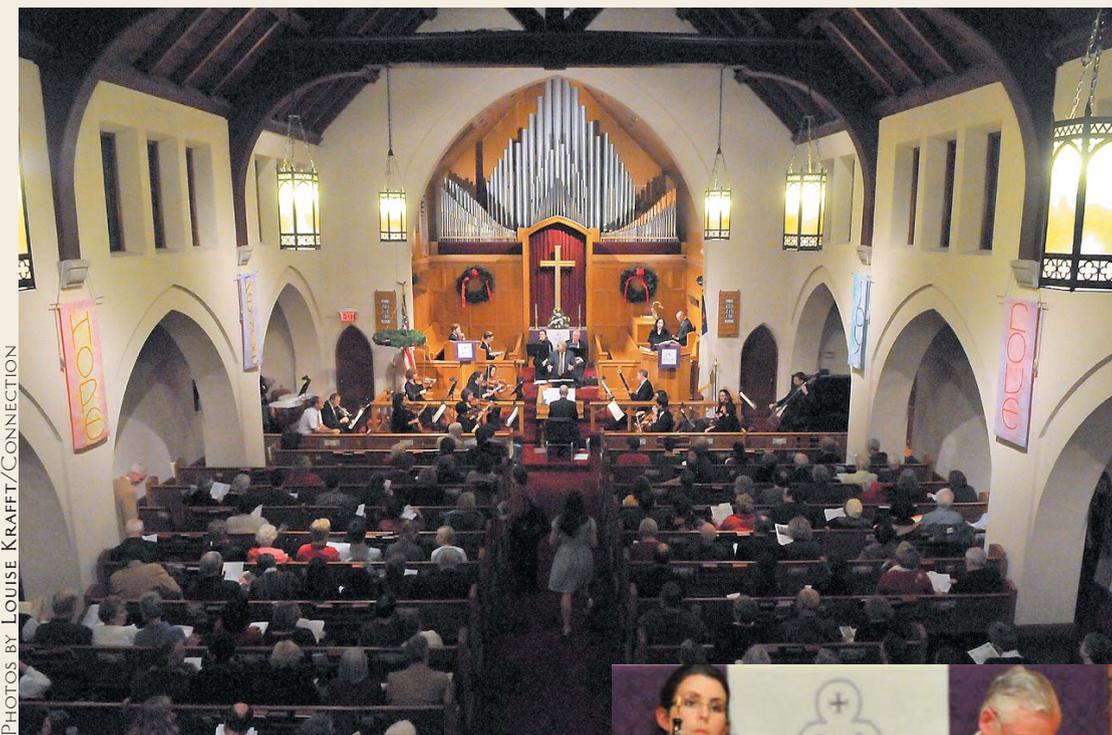
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The church has been decorated for the season with greens, ribbons and candles.

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"Part the First: Prophecy of Messiah and Its Fulfillment" was conducted by Dr. J. Reilly Lewis with soprano Amaya Arberas, mezzo-soprano Eudora Brown, tenor Jason Rylander and baritone Scott Taylor. Marlisa Woody, Laura Chang, Magaly Seay on Violin I. Jennifer Wade, Jeanne Su and Karin Kelleher on Violin II. Martha Weiss and Mary Ann Tortolano on viola. Marion Baker and Kristin Gilbert on cello, Mark Bergman on bass. James Moseley and Janna Ryon on oboe. Doug Kehlenbrink on bassoon. Dennis Edelbrock and Chuck Seipp on trumpet. James Swarts on tympani, Paul Skevington on harpsichord and David Lang on the organ completed the orchestra for the performance.

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Conductor Dr. J. Reilly Lewis has served as the organist and choirmaster of Clarendon United Methodist for the past 33 years. Lewis is also the founder and music director of the Washington Bach Consort and the music director of the National Cathedral Choral Society.

County Mourns Loss Of One of Its Own

Longtime employee dies after coming into contact with power line.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

County and state officials have launched a joint investigation to determine how a government employee could have been electrocuted at the site of a water main break in north Arlington last week. The deadly accident happened the day before Thanksgiving at Old Glebe Road between North Dittmar Road and North Glebe Road. Longtime county employee James Bea, 59, received a fatal jolt of electricity and another county employee suffered electrical burns.

"This is a tragic reminder for us all, on Thanksgiving eve, that every day, county workers do difficult and sometimes dangerous work to keep this community running," said Deputy County Manager Marsha Allgeier in a written statement. "The county already is working with Virginia OSHA to investigate this accident and to determine its cause."

The water main unexpectedly burst on the morning of Nov. 24, sending a crew of county workers scrambling to the site. They worked through the day and into the evening to fix the torrent of

water gushing out of a fire hydrant. By nightfall, county workers set up a lighting rig to work through the evening. After day-break Tuesday morning, Bea was removing the lighting rig when the accident occurred. The Arlington County Police Department and the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Administration are jointly investigating the cause of the accident.

"They are treating this as an industrial accident," said Ben Barksdale, chief fire marshal. "I don't know at this time if there were any safety violations at all. Again, that will come from the investigation by OSHA, Risk Management and the Police Department."



James Bea

"He loved his family. He loved his co-workers. He loved working for the county. It's an enormous loss."

— Environmental Services Director Bob Griffin

COUNTY OFFICIALS organized a press conference Wednesday afternoon, although details were still sketchy about exactly how the accident happened. Senior county officials recalled Bea as a dedicated employee with 24 years of experience working

with the county. They praised his commitment to service, and described his death as a poignant reminder of how dangerous day-to-day operations can be.

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Hanke Leads Restoration Anglican Church

By SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

For 10 years, Northern Virginia native Rev. David Martin Hanke worked with young people wrestling with questions surrounding their purpose and meaning in their lives in conjunction with The University of Texas at Austin.

Now, the former pre-med major turned minister hopes to expand his mission of providing individuals with the answers to these questions and meeting the needs of a multiethnic community to Arlington's new Restoration Anglican Church's youthful population. He was installed in the church at the beginning of this year; the church held its first service on Jan. 25, 2009.

Restoration was formed from a group of 70 Ar-

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lington residents led by the religious organization CANA. Bishop Martyn Minns (CANA) and a group of his leaders called on Hanke to become the spiritual leader. Minns ordained Hanke through the Church of Nigeria.

Under Hanke's leadership, the church has already established ties with community organizations to meet the physical needs of the larger community. The Restoration Anglican Church has worked extensively with Arlington Food Assistance Center.

"We had a great time building a partnership with

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Woman Dies After Traffic Accident

The Arlington County Police Department is investigating a fatal accident that occurred Saturday, Nov. 28 in the 1800 block of South Fern Street in Arlington.

Shortly after 7 p.m., police responded to an accident involving a single vehicle and a pedestrian. A 30-year-old man was driving a sedan through the intersection when he struck a pedestrian.

Larisa Taranova, 65, of Arling-

ton, was transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. The occupants of the striking vehicle stayed on scene and were interviewed by police. No charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing.

Police ask that anyone who witnessed the accident or has information relating to this incident call Detective Robert Icolari at 703-228-4240.

PEOPLE

Learning as a White House Intern

Mariangela Anzalone

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

Arlington resident Mariangela Anzalone was recently accepted into the 2009 White House Internship program. She works in the Office of Scheduling and Advance and assists the staff with their duties. The office manages the President's schedule and supports the advance team for Presidential events. She talked with the Arlington Connection about the program, her career goals and her favorite hobbies.



Mariangela Anzalone

number. The internship program appealed to me because it was a fantastic opportunity to serve the Obama Administration and our country.

Describe how you felt when you found out you were accepted.

Anzalone: I was in shock. I called my mom, told her, and then told her I'd call her back later because I couldn't talk about it quite yet. Same for my best friend and boyfriend. I had to go to a meeting immediately after I found out (for a different internship), and I remember my entire body was very cold and my hands were shaking. I just couldn't believe that I had been

given the most amazing opportunity.

Was it a lengthy process to apply for the internship?

Anzalone: The application itself is not particularly lengthy; there are a few essays and recommendations, in addition to a short-answer form. However, the thought and consideration that went into the application was lengthy, yes.

What do you hope to gain from this internship?

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How did you hear about the program?

Anzalone: I knew about the internship program from friends who had participated in it during both the Clinton and Bush administration. I read on the White House blog that applications were open, so I applied.

What motivated you to apply? What about the program appealed to you?

Anzalone: President Obama has inspired Americans across the country to answer the call to serve one's community for years; I am included in that

A Bridge to China

Advice to the young: Travel.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION



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Rose Chou

"My mother had always said the moon was rounder in China," said Rose Chou. While she was growing up in Long Island, N.Y., Chou said she had heard quite a bit about Asia from her Chinese mother. Shortly after Chou's graduation from Hunter College she decided to take a position teaching English at a school in Hong Kong. "I wanted to go over there and see what it was like for a year or so and ended up staying for 36 years."

Chou, the youngest in her family, was born in China but her parents brought her to the U.S. when she was just a month old. She remained in the States until she graduated. "As soon as we walked in the house we had to speak our Chinese dialect otherwise our parents would not talk to us." Chou described herself as a bit of a homebody and noted she did not have any

Chinese friends until she attended college. But when the opportunity in Hong Kong was offered Chou said she did not hesitate; her parents were both dead by then and her older siblings were married and starting families. "I must have been a little bit crazy because people in Hong Kong wanted to come over to the States ... and here I was going there," said Chou.

When asked how she navigated the transition, Chou said, "It wasn't a big cultural shock, it felt very comfortable, outside of the fact that I couldn't speak

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PEOPLE

To Russia, With Love

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

As a child Christina Petrides remembers admiring the books her parents had inherited from her paternal grandfather. She asked her father about the beautiful books with the exotic letters on the shelves and was told “that’s Russian.” Petrides says in her young imagination, these books surely contained “the secrets to life or the magician’s book of spells.” “The books ignited Petrides’ lifelong fascination with Russia.

Her father, George Petrides was in the Army and Petrides was born at Fort Sam Houston. The family lived in several cities while Petrides was growing up, primarily in the South. Petrides describes her “Army brat” childhood as idyllic but says that school was difficult. “I had a very hard time learning to read ... I can’t spell worth a darn.” When it was time for college, Petrides took the opportunity to satisfy her great interest: she only looked at schools with Russian programs. Her father had taken two years of Russian in college and her paternal grandfather spoke seven languages, including Russian.

When asked whether she shares her grandfather’s gift for languages, Petrides laughs. “I did not inherit his ability to learn languages, I have been slogging by to learn Russian.” She describes her abilities as competent, rather than fluent. As a doctoral candidate in Russian history at Georgetown University, Petrides has to be able to read two foreign languages.



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Christina Petrides and her craft table at the Court House market.

While pursuing her Russian studies, Petrides has been a permanent fixture at the Court House market on Saturdays. She and another jewelry designer, Diana Papizzan, share a booth. “I’m a girl and I love sparkly things and I used to cut out pictures of jewelry when I was a girl,” Petrides said. But she did not start designing jewelry until she worked for a homemade-jewelry store in Augusta. “You were cheerfully expected to learn how to make and repair jewelry,” Petrides said.

THIS PAST SUMMER the 35-year-old Petrides was absent from the market for several weeks while she was in Russia doing preliminary research for her doctoral dissertation. This was the third time Petrides has visited Russia. She had planned to study how the Russian Army had dealt with infectious disease during World War I. “I had the perverse experience of

finding that there was too much information,” Petrides said. Her conservative estimate was that it would take her more than two years just to go through the material.

Petrides came up with an alternate plan: to write the first English biography of Nikolai Ivanovich Pirogov. “It just sounds like he was just an all-around good guy; I’m looking forward to writing about him.” Petrides was surprised to learn that Pirogov has a significant place in Russian medical history and is considered a national hero and yet she had never heard of him. “There’s something very uplifting about writing about someone who is undeservedly unknown to the West.”

“I’m the daughter of a doctor, he’s [her dad] an anesthesiologist and interestingly Pirogov was one of the first physicians to use anesthesia,” Petrides said. Pirogov is considered to be the founder of

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Learning as a White House Intern

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Anzalone: Honestly, this is just about the best opportunity a person could have, if that person is interested in policy. Already I’ve gained invaluable experience in the office and the field, and have met amazingly talented individuals. In addition, we as an intern class have been exposed to senior level policymaking and makers on a daily basis. I just take each day as it comes.

Will you be working on any projects related to the President’s administration?

Anzalone: I was fortunate enough to participate in the President’s trip to College Station to meet with former President George H.W. Bush in honor of his commitment to community service through the Points of Light institute.

What’s your educational background?

Anzalone: I attended the University of Chicago for my undergraduate degree in political science. I’m

currently getting my master of public policy at Georgetown University’s Public Policy Institute.

What are your career goals?

Anzalone: Generally, I think I’d like to leave the world a little better than I entered it. That probably means a career in policy, which is a great way to effect change. The one thing I’ve learned is that life happens, and things change. If you had told me five years ago that this is where I’d be right now, I never would have believed you. So I’m open to what life throws at me.

Do you want to work in politics or something related to politics?

Anzalone: Policy, yes. Politics maybe.

Do you have any hobbies?

Anzalone: Loads! I love to bike around the District and Northern Virginia. I like to read anything from the NY Times to the latest chick lit from Marian Keyes. And obviously, policy and politics.



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Frequently, it is the local retail or service person who is active in fund raising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events. They know how important local traffic issues can

be. They have a lot at stake.

Still, it's a different world than it was one or two holiday seasons ago, and many families, even families who feel financially secure, are approaching this holiday season differently than in the past. We want to do things more simply, we want what we do to be less harmful to the environment, we want our children to learn the pleasure of receiving and being grateful without being overwhelmed.

Still almost all of us will be doing some significant holiday shopping in the next month. While you're at it, be sure to spend a portion of your shopping dollars close to home.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes

with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of the shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face some of the toughest challenges imaginable right now. The costs of being in business have grown tremendously while revenues are not.

Competition from Big Box stores, expanded shopping malls and shopping online make the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. In this area, almost everyone will do some shopping online.

But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores.

Here's To Hope

The 7th annual "Toast To Hope" raised funds to support the nonprofit SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) on Nov. 14, at the NRECA Conference Center in Arlington.



Shawn McLaughlin with two of his children Rosemary and Patch.



Erin and SCAN founder Dave Cleary with Kevin Grin.



Kevin Grin, Mary Kudles and SCAN executive director Diane Charles.



Accepting the Cleary Award for Argon ST president and CEO Terry Collins is vice president Joe Carlin. The Cleary Award recognizes individuals and organizations whose dedication and commitment to children and families stands out in ways that make a positive in the lives of children.



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Kiwi, strawberry and fresh cream topped meringues from Cassatt's Kiwi Café & Gallery on Lee Highway. In-kind sponsors for the annual event featuring food and drink also included: Potomac Selections & Arrowine, Barbourville Vineyards, DelFosse Vineyards & Winery, Lost Creek Winery, Rick's Wine & Gourmet, Virginia Imports Ltd., Dogfish Head Alehouse, Guiffre Distributing Company, Lavender Moon Cupcakery, Westin Arlington Gateway Starbucks, Clarendon Grill & Crystal City Sports Pub, Del Merei Grille, Dishes of India, Kora, Ramparts Tavern & Grill, Tempo Restaurant, Toscana Grille, 7-Eleven, Cheesetique, Fern Street Gourmet, Harris Tetter at Hyde Park Plaza, Heidelberg Pastry Shoppe, Kitchen Gourmet & A Company of Caterers, Vintage Wine Consulting, Lebanese Taverna and Whole Foods.

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OPINION

Finding Jeanne

BY JEANNE MAHONEY

My wake up call came when my 13 year old attempted suicide on Mother's Day in 1995.

Instantly, I realized that I was wrong about staying in my abusive marriage. It was not "what was best for my children."

So at the age of 50 and after 31 years of marriage, I had to start over ... and this time for real. Over the years, I had left before, only to return and be coerced into believing that I could not make it on my own.

After all, he had always told me he'd kill me if I ever left him and that I would never get a dime of his money. He told me that I was a bad mother and stupid and that I could never raise the children without him. He isolated me from my family.

Over the years, he kicked me, punched me, and broke several of my bones.

But that all changed when my 13-year-old baby wanted to die. I could not allow my abusive marriage to steal her life and her potential. I had to save her.

I ended up in Arlington. While at the courthouse trying to get help, I noticed a flyer put there by Doorways for Women and Families. They were forming a support group for abused women.

That one flyer turned my life around. When I arrived at Doorways, with six children, no money, and no home, I was beyond desperate. Doorways gave me what I needed to help myself.

The support group was my lifeline. They taught me the skills I needed to survive. I made friends of my very own in the group. We laughed and cried together. We were taught how to make a safety plan and to recognize the signs of an abusive personality. Most importantly, we learned that it was not our fault. We were victims.

My abuser had taken away my power. But slowly, I was taking it back. I even started believing in myself.

Today, we are healthy. My children are excelling. I have a good job, and I'm a dotting grandmother. I moved from being a Doorways' client to being a member of its board. I am so proud of myself and my children, but I will never forget how much abuse hurts.

That's why I spend time encouraging women to find their power. I want to be their wake up call. In my quest to save my daughter, I found myself. I know that other women can too.

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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 2

Author Event. 7 p.m. "In Fed We Trust: Ben Bernanke's War on the Great Panic" by David Wessel of the Wall Street Journal. At the Shirlington Branch Library, Arlington.

Jewelry Auction. 6:30 p.m. Quinn's Auction Galleries will hold a jewelry auction of the collection of the late Mrs. Gloria A. Steffan of Arlington to benefit college scholarships for Arlington County students. At Quinn's Auction Galleries, 431 N. Maple Street, Falls Church. Call Matthew Quinn at 703-532-5632 or e-mailed to info@quinnsauction.com.

DEC. 2-13

"Striking 12." To join Arena Restaged Part Two. Pop-Rock Comedy and Holiday Musical for people who dread the holidays. At Arena Stage in Crystal City. Tickets for "Striking 12" range from \$25 to \$45. Showtimes are Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 3 and 10 at 8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 4 and 11 at 8 p.m.; Sunday Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sunday December 13 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Call 202-488-3300

THURSDAY/DEC. 3

Light Up Rosslyn Ceremony. 5:30 p.m. At 1100 Wilson Blvd., in front of the WJLA-TV/ABC-7 JumboTron. At

6:45 p.m. meteorologist Doug Hill will join local dignitaries to flip a giant light switch and illuminate the Rosslyn rooftops for the holidays.

DEC. 3-5

Lions Fund-raiser. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Northwest Arlington Lions Charities Fund-Raising. Fresh Florida citrus and pure Vermont Maple Syrup for sale at the Overlee Pool lower parking lot, 6030 Lee Highway. Call 703-243-7938.

DEC. 3-6

The Nutcracker. Sponsored by BalletNova (formerly The Center Dance Company/Arlington Center for Dance). Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at 1 and 5 p.m. Over 350 tickets are being made available free to children and families from economically disadvantaged communities. Tickets range from \$14 - \$25 (lower Thursday night prices from \$8 - \$20). At the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre. Tickets are available online at www.BalletNova.org, or call 703-778-3008.

FRIDAY/DEC. 4

Miracle on 23rd Street Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Schedule: 6:30 p.m. Caroling led by the Calvary Methodist Church Choir; 7 p.m. Board member Jay Fissette and SOC CEO Linda Chandler light the tree; 7:15 p.m. Santa Claus arrives; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Children visit with Santa. Hosted by SOC Enterprises. At 750 South 23rd Street, Arlington. Call 703-521-4441.

DEC. 4-6

Artful Weekend. Features 40 artists working in oil, pastel, water media, collage, ceramics and more. Works will be on sale priced for every budget. Friday 6-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Arlington Artists Alliance. At the Hendry House, Fort C.F. Smith, 2411 N. 24th Street, Arlington. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

Holiday Market at Del Ray Artisans. Handmade fine arts and crafts from local exhibitors and delicious bake sale items to benefit Food for Others. Free and open to the public. Check www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for times and directions. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4827.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Singles Dinner and Movie Night. Fixed price dinner served family-style, beginning at 5 p.m. at T.H.A.I. in Shirlington (4029 Campbell Ave.), followed by movie of your choice at AMC Loew's 7. Cost of \$30 at door includes dinner, soda, tip and movie ticket. RSVP required. Sponsored by New Beginnings, a support group for separated/divorced men and women. Call 301-924-4101 or visit www.newbeginningsusa.org

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. Performs the works by Duke Ellington, Jean Luc Ponty and American standards. At the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. The adult price \$20; \$10 youth & student; Call 703-548-0885 or visit <http://www.alexsym.org>, and click on "Buy Tix" for tickets. Call 703-548-0885.

Country Western Dance. 7:30 p.m. is



DEC. 10-12

Andean Film Festival. 7:30 p.m. \$10/nightly, three-day pass is \$25. "Ventana Andina" offers different programming streams on each of its three nights - from Andean culture, to social issues, to a special program of horror films with uniquely Andean characters and themes. At the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, Rosslyn Plaza Building, 1611 North Kent Street, Arlington. Go to www.ticketmaster.com or call 703-573-7328. Visit www.planetarlington.com.

a line dance lesson. Open dancing from 8:30-11 p.m. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. This will be the Association's annual Toys for Tots dance. Therefore, bring an unwrapped toy to donate. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Admission is \$10/ members, \$12/non-members. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

Holiday Boutique. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift selections will include hand-crafted jewelry, imported linens,

luxury natural beauty products, embroidered bags, global handicrafts, baby gifts, home decorator items, and more. December fund-raiser for Arlington Historical Museum Building fund. Sponsored by Aurora Hills Women's Club. At Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 935 23rd Street South, near Crystal City. Contact Susan Small at 703-739-0659 or smallsue@mac.com.

Annual Messiah Sing. 5 p.m. Free. With the Metropolitan Chorus, Barry Hemphill, artistic director. At First

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Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 601 North Vermont Street, Arlington. Call 703-933-2500 or go to www.metchorus.org.

Help Stop the Hunger. Noon until 4 p.m. Those wishing to donate food can drop off their non-perishable food items at Aquatic Adventures Scuba Academy, 7700-B Richmond Highway. All of the food items will be delivered to United Community Ministries.

DEC. 5-6.

Artful Weekend Art Show and Sale.

At Fort C.F. Smith Park. Come and browse works of art for unique, original gifts for the holidays. The Alliance will show the works of 35 of its members at this event. The event will be open Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6 from noon until 4 p.m. During the Art Show, the Star Dust Dance Band will play. Fort C.F. Smith Park is located at 2411 N. 24th Street.

Mistletoe Mall Artisan & International Crafts Fair.

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from 1-4 p.m. handmade jewelry, pottery, apparel, gifts and more. At Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd (corner of George Mason & Rte 50), Arlington.

DEC. 5-JAN. 10

"The Snow Queen." Price: \$12, \$15 at the door, \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Dates: Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, 30 at 12:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, 26, 27 at 3:30 p.m.; Jan. 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Presented by the Synetic Family Theater, Shirlington Village, 4041 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Call 1-800-494-8497 or visit <http://classika.org>.



SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Jazz Concert. 8 p.m. Presented by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performing works by Duke Ellington, Jean Luc Ponty and American standards. At the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater. At the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. \$20/adults; \$10/youth & students; Call 703-548-0885 or visit <http://www.alexsym.org/buyTix.shtml> for tickets.

SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Holiday Concert. 6 p.m. Annual holiday concert with performances by the New Horizons Band and Levine School of Music's Virginia Big Band. At the Levine School of Music, Westover Baptist Church, 1125 N. Patrick Henry Drive, Arlington. Call 703-237-5655 or www.levineschool.org

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic.

3 p.m. NOVA Community Chorus with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. At Bishop Ireton High

School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Pre-concert lecture at 2:15 p.m. Call 703-845-6097 e-mail: mwhitmore@nvcc.edu.

Service of Lessons and Carols.

7:30 p.m. Free. Presented by St. Thomas More Cathedral, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. Visit stmccathedralconcerts.org.

Yoga Workshop for People with MS. 2-3:30 p.m. Offered as an introduction to yoga and its benefits for overall wellness and managing MS. At the YMCA Arlington, 3422 North 13th Street, Arlington. call 1-800-344-486 or email: wellness@msandyou.org.

Alternative Gifts Fair. Noon to 3 p.m. Fair trade and handcrafted items from around the world will be available for purchase. For a complete list of vendors, visit www.mtolivet-umc.org; click on Outreach/Alternative Gifts Fair. At Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 N. Glebe Road, Arlington. Call 703-527-3934.

Living Nativity: Silver Anniversary Edition. Live animals and costumed participants recreate the story of Christ's

coming with music, scripture and tableaux in the stable on the lawn. At Cherrydale United Methodist Church, 3701 Lorcom Lane, Arlington. Go to www.cherrydaleumc.org.

Messiah Sing-Along. 7:30 p.m. With the adult choir, soloists and orchestra (Don Witman, conducting). Sing-Along participants are encouraged to contribute non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. At St. Peter's Church, 4250 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact the Church office at 703-536-6606, or info@saint-peters.org.

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SCHOOLS

Carly Maalouf of Arlington was selected to play Pooty in the UMW production of "Reckless." The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walid Maalouf of Arlington, Maalouf is a 2008 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School. A sophomore theatre and education major, Maalouf previously appeared in the UMW production of "Our Town" as Mrs. Seames and has been named to the dean's list. Performances were held Oct. 22-25.

Gov. Tim Kaine presented **Claremont Elementary School** in Arlington with the Governor's Nutrition and Physical Activity Gold Award at a school ceremony on Oct. 21. Claremont is the first Arlington school to receive the award and one of eight schools across the state to receive the award.

The program promotes health and wellness in Virginia's public schools by encouraging good nutrition and increased physical activity.

David Greenawald of Arlington has gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To qualify for the marching band, students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall. Greenawald is a junior majoring in geosciences in the College of Science.

The Virginia Staff Development Council recently recognized **Washington-Lee High School teacher Julie Cantor** and **Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Mark Johnston**.

Cantor received the Teacher Leader Award. The award recognizes a teacher who is enthusiastic and committed to promoting and demonstrating meaningful learning in school. Cantor is an

instructional lead teacher at Washington-Lee and runs the school's remedial, independent, self-paced education program (RISE), which helps students who pass a course but fail the corresponding Standards of Learning (SOL) test.

Johnston received the School Administrator Professional Learning Award, which recognizes an administrator who ensures that every educator engages in effective professional learning so every student achieves.

Tammy W. Hui of Arlington received a master of business administration degree from Western New England College on Oct. 15, 2009.

Laura S. DiNardo, daughter of David and Kim DiNardo of Arlington, recently performed on flute and piccolo

with the Kenyon College Symphonic Wind Ensemble during the annual family Weekend Concert. A graduate of Washington Lee High School, DiNardo is a senior majoring in anthropology at Kenyon College in Ohio.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America recognized four Arlington elementary students in the 2009 National Veterans Day Poster and Essay contest.

Henry fifth-grade student Casey Wilson won the fifth- and sixth-grade essay category.

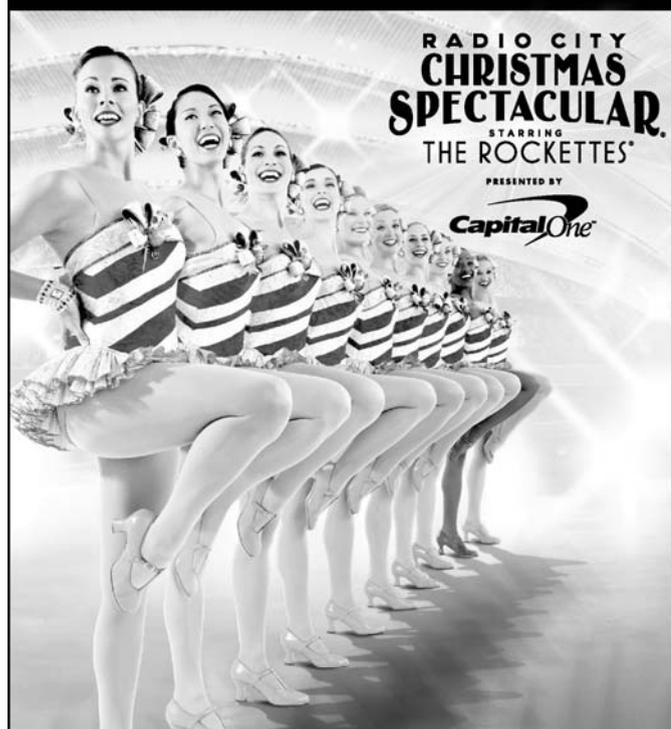
Henry second-grade student Anamitra Barua was a finalist in the first and second grade poster category. Randolph third-grade student Ronie Arandid and Henry third-grade student Grace Jones were named finalists in the third- and fourth-grade poster category.

PEOPLE NOTE



Eliana Gil, Ph.D., LMFT, RPT-S, director of clinical services at ChildHelp Children's Services of Virginia in Arlington, was presented the National Play Therapy Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association for Play Therapy (APT) on Oct. 10 during its annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Presented for only the sixth time, the award acknowledges a lifetime of play therapy achievements, contributions, and service. For nearly four decades, Gil has focused upon child abuse and neglect, helped professionals to identify and respond to child protection issues, and promoted play therapy as a primary intervention in the treatment of child trauma.

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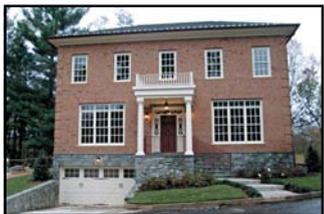
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YHS Girls Coach Looks to Rennert To Lead

Garrison speaks highly of Patriots' lone senior.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

First-year Yorktown girls basketball coach Dave Garrison spoke highly of Lindiwe Rennert's leadership qualities during an early season practice.

"She's a third coach," Garrison said. "She picks things up from the start. ... We're really looking for her leadership and from day one she's shown that."

A coach appreciating leadership from a player is nothing new. But the primary reason Garrison expects Rennert to assume the role of responsibility is her place as the team's only senior. Rennert, honorable mention all-National District as a junior, will be relied on for low-post scoring and rebounding, while serving as the team's elder stateswoman.

"She leads by example," Garrison said. "I can look to her. If we need to make a correction, she'll communicate what needs to be taken care of sometimes before we do. She understands what it takes to win. She brings that to practice every day."

Rennert, who averaged 8.3 points per game last season, said she trusts her teammates and doesn't feel any pressure about being a leader.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Led by new head coach Dave Garrison, center, the Yorktown girls basketball team returns five players, but only one senior for the 2009-10 season.

"Particularly, with the returning players," she said, "there's a strong level of leadership throughout [and] I don't feel the need to take it upon myself."

What has Rennert noticed about her new coach?

"[He brings] a whole new level of intensity," she said, "that I think we're going to benefit from right away."

THE PATRIOTS will see how they're jelling during their season opener against Robinson at 7:45 p.m. on Dec. 2. Also re-

turning from last season's team, which finished 14-10 and lost to Westfield in the opening round of regionals, are: juniors Lena Negri, Brooke Huffman, Peyton Lee and sophomore Emily Rebh.

Garrison said Negri, a second-team all-district selection and the team's top scorer last season, will be a strong rebounder. Along with Rennert and Negri, Huffman will be looked upon to make an impact inside.

Lee and juniors Tricia Leano and Kelly John are the team's top perimeter players on a team which Garrison said will look to

play an up-tempo brand of basketball.

"We're going to get up and down the floor," he said, "really push the ball and try to create in transition."

Other Patriots on the roster are: junior forwards Julia Callan, Michelle Casteel and Ava Negri, junior guard Ashley Stephens, sophomore forwards Lauren Dresser and Michelle Schmidt, and sophomore guard Mya Barr.

"She leads by example. ... I can look to her. If we need to make a correction, she'll communicate what needs to be taken care of sometimes before we do."

— Yorktown head girls basketball coach Dave Garrison on senior Lindiwe Rennert

Garrison takes over as Yorktown head varsity girls coach after coaching the school's freshman boys team for five years. His assistant is former Wakefield head girls basketball coach DeV Vaughn Drayton.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Aerials Launch Their Season

The Arlington Aerials Level 4 girl's gymnastics team competed in its first meet of the season on Nov. 15 in Chantilly. Each Aerial gymnast medaled in at least one event.

The star of the 7-and-under age group, was Rebecca Stewart, placing first in all events; vault with a score of 9.275, an 8.0 on the uneven bars, a 7.7 on balance beam and a 8.775 on floor routine. It was Stewart's first competitive gymnastics meet.

In the 8-year-old level, Katarina Olsen placed second on the floor with a score of 8.575, third on the beam with a score of 8.7 and fifth on the uneven bars, scoring 8.55 Olsen placed second in the overall competition.

Claire Fergusson placed first on the balance beam at 9.05, second on the uneven bars with a score of 8.9 and fifth on the vault with a score of 8.95. Fergusson finished third in the 8-year-old level.

Gabrielle Spranger placed second on the vault with a score of 9.450 and fourth in the floor routine with a score of 8.4, placing her fourth in the all-around competition.

Olivia Potter placed third in the floor

event with a score of 8.575 and placed sixth in the 8-year-old level all-around competition.

Bella Golden placed first on the vault with a score of 9.5 and placed seventh in the all-around competition.

Sophia Maceo finished third on the uneven bars with a score of 8.7, which put her in eighth place for the all-around.

In the 9-year-old level, Naomi Bergena placed second in two events, scoring 9.375 on the vault and 8.5 on the uneven bars. She also placed third in the floor routine. Bergena placed third in the all-around competition for the Arlington Aerials.

Taylor Young placed first on the vault with a score of 9.4 for the 9-year-old level. She also placed fourth on uneven bars with a score of 8.275, placing her sixth in the all-around competition.

Katie Moore finished fourth on the beam with a score of 8.55 and fifth on the uneven bars with a score of 8.2. Moore placed seventh in the all-around competition.

The 10-year-old level star of the competition was Katherine Webster, who placed first in the overall completion, scoring 9.25 on vault 9.4 on bars, 8.85 on beam and 8.025 on floor.

Gabrielle Sorresso placed fourth in the all-around competition, placing first on vault with a score of 9.45 and third on uneven



Each member of the Arlington Aerials gymnastics team medaled in their first meet of the season on Nov. 15.

bars with a score of 8.9.

Twyla Peabody placed second on the bars with a score of 9.0 and fourth on the vault with a score of 9.175.

Brittani Roundtree placed sixth in the floor routine, scoring 7.9.

Rounding out the 10-year-old group, Jackie Snow placed fifth on vault, scoring 9.125

In the 11-and-up age group, Susannah Laane was the third-place winner in the all-around event. She placed first on the un-

even bars with a score of 9.275, second on the vault with a score of 9.125 and third on balance beam with a score of 8.55.

Allison Meakem placed first on vault with a score of 9.150 and second in the floor routine with a score of 7.875. She also placed fourth on the beam (8.15) and the uneven bars (8.7), earning her fourth place in the all-around event.

Completing the 11-and-up age group was Rachel Cleaveland, who placed third on the uneven bars with a score of 8.925.

Advice to the Young: Travel

FROM PAGE 4

their dialect." She said she enjoyed all the new sounds, new sights, and new smells and loved going to the open market for the fresh food. "When you're in your 20's everything is exciting and new."

Chou worked at the school with her brother's Chinese mother-in-law who was originally from Canada. "The students were polite, the classes were very orderly, the teachers had full control and there was respect for the teacher." Chou developed friendships and enjoyed going hiking on the weekends.

A Chinese-American friend introduced her to the man Chou would fall in love with and marry. "One day out of the blue, he called me up and asked me if I wanted to go to a movie, 'Giant' was playing at the time and I said, 'Oh, that would be very nice' and it started from there." She and her husband had three children, Lisette, Ian and Tse Chu. Her husband worked in public relations and their life was very busy: "My husband had good connections with the consulates in Hong Kong ... we always had affairs we had to attend." Chou gave up teaching after her third child was born.

Chou said it had been her husband's dream after Nixon went to China to start a magazine introducing foreign technology that "would form a bridge." He started publishing The European Industrial Report, a quarterly and later The American Industrial Report. Her husband died unexpectedly and Chou found herself running the business.

To Russia, With Love

FROM PAGE 5

field surgery. At the same time that Florence Nightingale was coming up with the idea of a female nursing corps, Pirogov also introduced the concept in Russia. And he invented new methods of amputation, still used today.

AFTER HE LEFT the Army Pirogov became a superintendent of schools and fought for the rights of women, minorities and the indigent to receive an education. "He's a feminist, he was a champion of the downtrod-

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Remembering singer Peggy Lee, Monday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m., Culpeper Garden Senior Center.

"I had said the last thing I will ever do is sit behind a desk in an office and I was 17 years sitting behind a desk," she laughed.

The publication eventually became The International Industrial Report and with Chou at the helm it grew from 12 employees to 36 and in addition to the magazine, a company offering translation services was added. "It was a challenge, I never knew anything about business." Chou maintained the contacts her husband had made at the consulates and traveled to get the advertising contracts; she estimates she traveled to 22 countries to conduct business including trips back to the United States.

"I retired in 1992 and lived in Falls Church while my children were in college," said Chou and added, "Things had changed ... Many people find that after living overseas that it is a big adjustment." Chou is now living in Arlington and said that she is grateful for the traveling she's done. "I would encourage any young person to go travel, have a look around because it will open many windows and give you a different perspective on life."

In a reflective moment, Chou said, "I had hard times after my husband died but I am so glad I stayed because we built up the business and I was able to make a living and put my children through school and they had a good education under the British system and I am grateful for that." She smiled adding, "The road you travel, you meet so many wonderful people and it's the people, they make up for any hardships."

den ... he's one of those rare characters in any society, but particularly in the Russian empire of that time."

In addition to her work on Pirogov, Petrides has completed translating a 135,000-word novel for a Russian writer she met on a previous trip to Russia. "I'm looking for a publisher for the English language version of 'Grounded in Love'."

And those Russian books that seemed so exotic in her youth? Petrides laughs: "They were things like the Russian/English dictionary and Russian, level one."

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The Cancer Club



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

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Now that I'm in, though, it is indeed a club. One without walls and secret handshakes, but a club nonetheless. There aren't exactly meetings per se (although there are support groups) and there aren't exactly dues (although there are a lot of don'ts and shouldn't-anymores); nor are there membership drives or incentives to upgrade your membership. However, unlike many other clubs, once in, you're in for life; whether you're an active, under-treatment member or a formerly under-treatment/inactive member. Moreover: membership, participation, attendance does not have its advantages. It's been my experience, diagnosis to date (nine months, approximately) that membership only offers disadvantages.

Sure, you meet wonderful, caring, nurturing, well-meaning health care professionals; as well as supportive, empathetic, similarly-struggling, cancer-diagnosed patients – some of whom you see regularly (depending on your infusion schedule). Others you see less frequently, sort of in passing (no pun intended), when scheduled appointments, scans, lab work, etc., cause you to be in the same place at the same time. And, of course, there is comfort in sharing, and knowing that you are not alone, and seeing familiar faces, even if they are faces you've seen when visiting (I use that term loosely) your oncologist or after receiving treatment, is soothing, sort of.

However, as important as feeling a part of something (that is so much bigger than you) and part of a group of similarly affected individuals is concerned, still, it's the being-alone time that can't be prevented. Being left with your own thoughts, in your own personal space – and time, is when the rubber really meets the road. Diversions and interactions with other cancer patients certainly help pass some of that time, and make that time less lonely and scary, but it's hard to hide from yourself (and you know where you live).

It's at the end of the day, literally and figuratively, when whatever you've gained or absorbed from these fellow club members needs to take root once again. Remembering what was said, what shared experience was recounted, what encouragement was expressed, what explanations and characterizations of treatments, protocols, procedures, etc. was discussed and most importantly, what appreciation of some of the pain and suffering you've endured, physically and mentally was understood, which is so helpful and so rewarding that, if I wasn't already a member, I'd try to form a club whose members were so likewise engaged.

Cancer is certainly not for everybody (thank God!), but for those of us already in the club, membership matters. I wouldn't say there are privileges, but there are possibilities.

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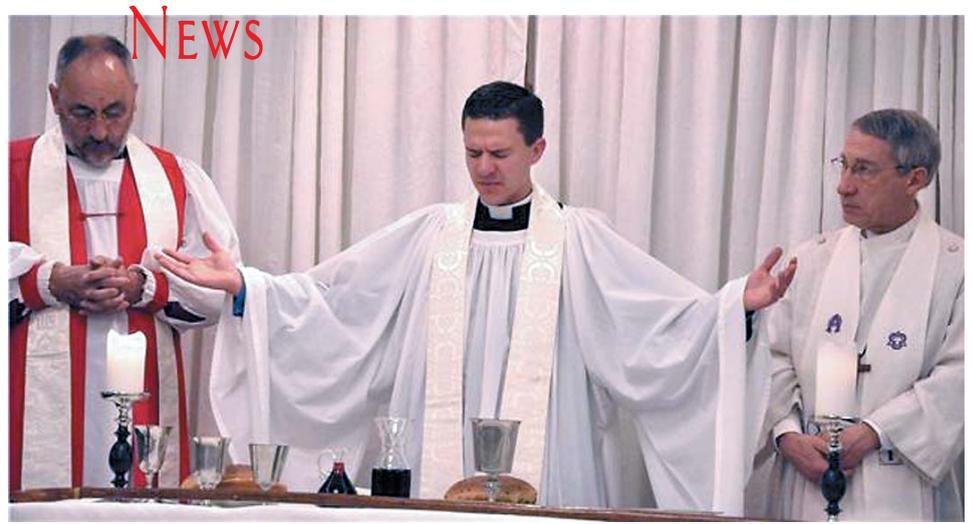
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The Rev. David Martin Hanke, center, with Bishop Martyn Minns of the Convocation of Anglicans in North America on the left.

New Church: One Year On

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the Arlington Food Assistance Center [AFAC]. Over 50 of our members have worked in their warehouse and over the summer we've gone out to the Columbia Pike Food Market collecting food and taking it to the AFAC to give out to the needy and vulnerable in Arlington," he said.

Moreover, the church has partnered with the social services agency in Arlington and adopted five families from Thomas Jefferson Middle School to give thanksgiving dinners to them.

On Thanksgiving Day, they planned to partner with the Christ Church of Arlington for a road race called a Turkey Trot and the donations from the race will benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center and Arlington/ Alexandria Homeless Coalition.

ONE OF THEIR GOALS for the coming year is to start a welcoming program to serve the growing immigrant community in Arlington.

"We have people who teach English and helping immigrants become accustomed to life in the United States," Hanke said.

He is also excited about the presence of college students among their small congregation. "We have several students at Georgetown, Marymount University and George Mason University who are curious about the church and who Jesus is."

Hanke described the challenge in his vocation as "listening to people and praying with them, which would reveal that everyone is hurting in some way in their goals."

It was this confusion about life goals that led Hanke to the ministry.

During his days as a pre-med major, he began to seriously think about the meaning of his vocation and trying to find purpose in his life. He found it in the ministry and helping others seeking answers to the same perplexing questions. Upon graduating from William and Mary College in 1994, he moved to Austin and began a ministry with working with college students at the University of Texas. Hanke is married with three children. He worked with his wife, Laurel, in his ministry at University of Texas-Austin since 1996.

After obtaining a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston in 2004, he joined the Anglican Church.

HANKE DESCRIBES himself as "kind of a Christian mutt" because he has belonged to a number of denominations from United Methodist to non-denominational. But his heart is with the Anglican Church because it is "historically rooted, loves the scriptures and very multiethnic and worldwide."

"One of the biggest challenges of pastoring is listening to the challenges that people face and praying that God would reveal himself in such a way that they will not 'sell out for something less.'"

"In a nutshell, it's that all of us experience a lot of pain in life. How do you help people get to a place where they can be set free and get the answers to the things that cause them pain?"

His advice to those who are seeking a career in ministry is: "It's one of the best jobs out there. Trust that God is the one that holds everything together and to love your people with everything you got."

Thanksgiving Eve Tragedy

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"He loved his family. He loved his co-workers. He loved working for the county," said Environmental Services Director Bob Griffin. "It's an enormous loss."

The accident happened in a quiet residential setting near the Walker Chapel United Methodist Church. After Thanksgiving, the Rev. James Earley mentioned the accident in his Sunday sermon and

began a collection for Bea's family. Church members say they are saddened by the loss, and grateful the county has such dedicated workers to brave horrible conditions in the service of others.

"I never saw such a flood in my life," said Jean Price, a volunteer at nearby Walker Chapel United Methodist Church. "It was nothing but muddy water, and it was coming out of there so fast it flooded the whole area."

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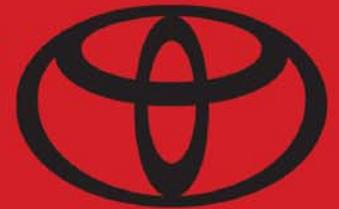
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