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'Alarming Statistics' on AIDS

More people are living with AIDS, but why isn't prevention working?

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

The statistics are "alarm-ing," according to the minutes of a recent Arlington Community Services Board. More and more people in Arlington are living with the infection that causes AIDS and the full-blown disease. As options for treatment of the disease have progressed in the last two decades, the number of people who are living with HIV and AIDS have grown to the highest level yet. If recent trends continue, Arlington County will have more people living with

AIDS than have died of it.

"I would never use the word 'alarming,'" said Dr. Reuben Varghese, public health director for Arlington County. "But the numbers are concerning — especially because this is a preventable disease."

Last autumn, Varghese participated in a panel discussion as part of what health officials dubbed Substance Abuse Awareness Month that highlighted the relationship between substance abuse and risky behavior. The county's public health director said the larger picture for the county is that modern advances in medicine have allowed for greater survival rates.

That includes both people who have contracted the virus known as HIV and others who have full-blown AIDS.

"If the number of people who live increases — and, of course, you hope it will — that number of people living with HIV and AIDS will continue to increase

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Living and Dying from AIDS in Arlington County

Diagnosis	Living	Dead	Total
HIV	624	48	672
AIDS	701	776	1,477

Note: This data comes from the third quarter of 2009 from Virginia Department of Health. The department collects cumulative records of the number of people who have been diagnosed with HIV who have died, a statistic that includes deaths from causes other than HIV or AIDS. Likewise, the presentation of the number of people in the dead category for AIDS includes people who have been diagnosed with AIDS but may have died from other causes.

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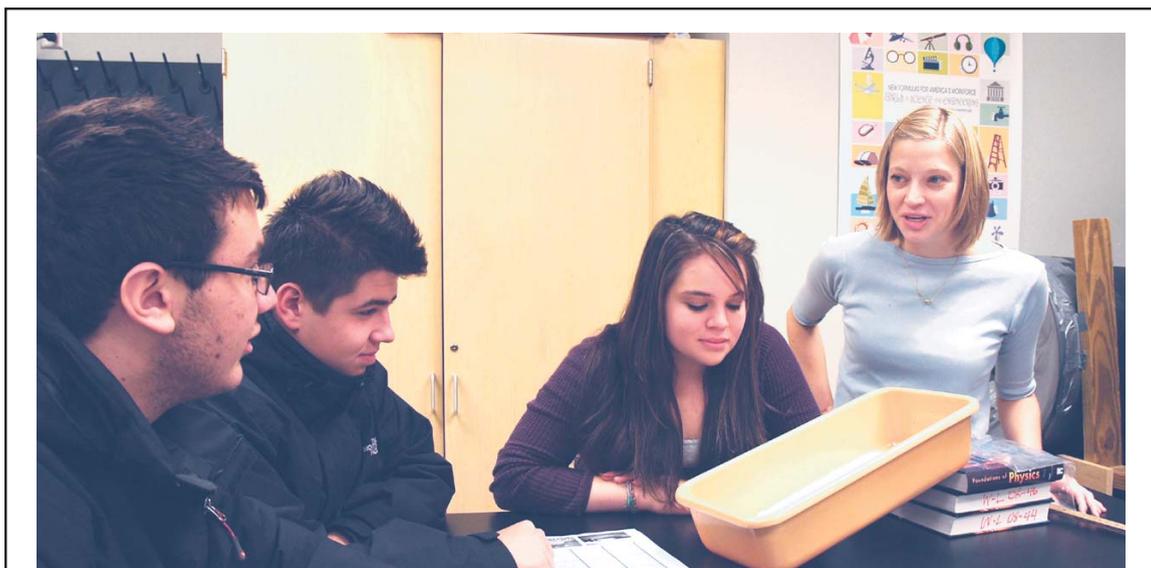


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From left, Peter Patrianakas, Halil Cakar, and Nicolette Elm talk through ideas with teacher Katherine Shirey concerning the flow rate of their glacier.

Teacher's Journey to South Pole

Washington-Lee High physics teacher prepares for research project in Antarctica next November.

BY MECHELLE SCHLOSS
THE CONNECTION

Washington Lee High School physics teacher Katherine Shirey will be heading to the South Pole to conduct research experiments in late November 2010. As a chosen fellow of the Knowles Science Teacher Foundation, she will be working on the world's largest telescope built to detect neutrino particles, the IceCube Neutrino Telescope. Shirey will be picking up the baton from fellow KSTF colleague, Casey O'Hara, physics teacher from Belmont, Calif., currently working in the South Pole on the IceCube project. According to KSTF, this will be "the biggest research project ever attempted in Antarctica."

How long have you taught at Washington-Lee?

I started in the fall of 2007. This is my third year.

Where did you grow up, attend high school school/college? What years did you graduate?

I grew up in Arlington with my parents and two sisters. My parents are still in Arlington, my dad Robert is active in volunteering in my classroom now that he's retired. I graduated from Yorktown High School in 1999. Attended the University of Virginia (BA Physics 2004, BA studio art 2004) and the Curry School of Education at UVA (Master of Teaching 2007).

Did you know early on that you wanted to pursue a math and science oriented career? Was teaching always on your radar? What motivated you to pursue a teaching career?

Teaching was always at or near the top of my "What I want to be" list. It was obvious at the

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Being Counted

Missed residents mean lost federal funding.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

The 2010 Census is on the horizon and Juan J. Callejas is doing his utmost in Northern Virginia to ensure that everyone is counted. As a partnership specialist working for the U.S. Census Bureau, the Arlington resident is doing community outreach to raise awareness of the census, support the census and inspire participation. Questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households in mid March; Census Day is April 1.

Callejas breaks it down to three words: "It's education, motivation and action."

He adds another three words: "It's easy, it's important and it's secure."

With only 10 questions, taking approximately 10 minutes to complete, it's the shortest form in history. The data collected by the Census determines how federal funds are allocated to states and localities and it determines the distribution of Congressional seats. By law the Census cannot share personal information with anyone, including other federal

agencies and law enforcement entities and this law is in effect for 72 years.

The Honduran native who served in the Army and has a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in education says he sees the Census as a big research project. In addition to teaching at the college level, Callejas has also worked for the State Department. He believes his experience in academia and government is perfectly suited for what's required in his present position: "The Census is community mobilization."

With only 20 employees for the entire state of Virginia, Callejas says the partnerships the Census has established with trusted community leaders are critical to help them reach the "hard to count" groups: immigrants, people living in facilities, college students, undocumented workers.

"The data received from the Census influences everyone in their everyday lives."

— J. Walter Tejada,
County Board member

Arlington County Board member J. Walter Tejada is one of those leaders working with the Census. "In an effort to reach all residents in the hard-to-count population, outreach is being conducted through personal connections and social media," said Tejada. The county is also spreading the word through its Web site, its e-newsletter, Insider and a bilingual (English/Spanish) article in the bi-monthly publication, The Citizen,

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Workshops Culminate in Children's Theater Festival

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

One might say that part of Nucky Walder's job is to be in touch with her "inner" child. Walder who describes her position as a producer and "whatever" with Teatro de La Luna is playing with puppets as she prepares for the upcoming children's bilingual theater festival at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater.

"The arts open so many windows into a child's imagination," said Walder.

For more than 14 years Walder and a team of dedicated staff and volunteers have created bilingual (Spanish/English) theater experiences for children in Northern Virginia. The bilingual festival has all kinds of activities to keep children engaged and entertained: coloring, reading, story telling, singing and dancing. Walder notes that it is also an opportunity

When & Where

Children's Theater Festival, Jan. 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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To learn more or to volunteer visit www.teatrodelaluna.org

for the children in Las Lunitas (Little Moons) to perform the play they have been working on at the Saturday theater workshops. "The play they are performing will have an environmental message — we have to take care of Mother Earth."

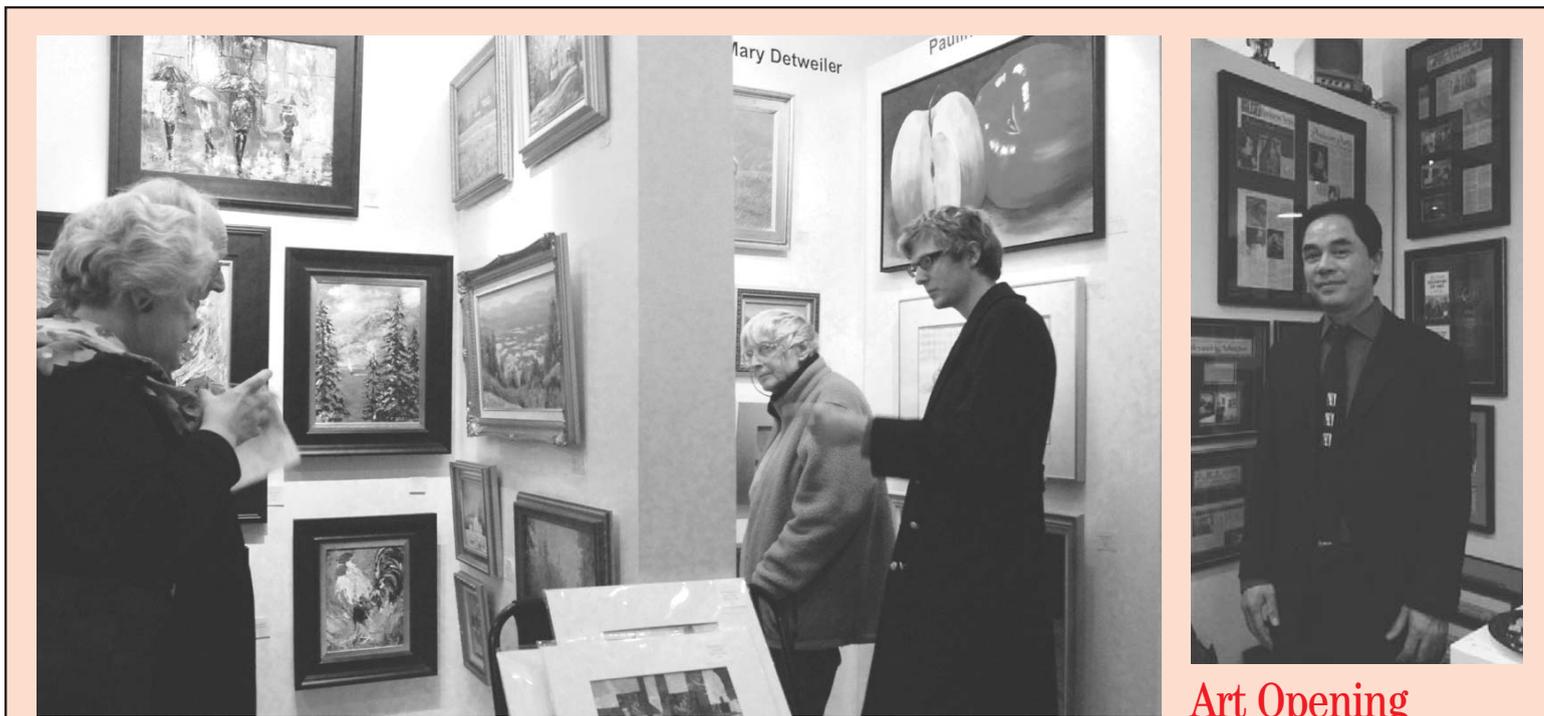
The bilingual theater workshops are conducted on Saturdays for six weeks, culminating with the children performing a play for a live audience. Having this type of commitment is a great way to motivate children to do their best, according to Walder.

In addition to the festival and workshops, Teatro

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Nucky Walder with her puppets.



PHOTOS BY LASHAWN AVERY/THE CONNECTION
Guests enjoy the artwork on display at the Lac Viet Gallery art opening in Arlington on Jan. 9.

Art Opening
Gallery owner Duc Nguyen.

Children's Theater Festival This Saturday

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also offers a poetry marathon to develop children's interest in literature and create poetry. Luis Aberto Ambroggio, a local poet from Argentina worked with a group recently. "The kids were giving him the words and they were creating the poem together," said Walder. She added, "It was one of the favorite exercises for the kids." Surveys from participants and teachers give Walder valuable information to continue to improve Teatro's programs.

Teatro de La Luna which has a schedule of theatrical productions in Spanish for adults began to do programs for children in 1996. "We started just in Spanish but quickly realized we had to do bilingual," said Walder adding, "For the teachers who may not speak Spanish, it's much better." Walder works closely with schools in Arlington and provides study guides on their Web site for educators and parents to enhance the learning experience.

Walder is quick to express her gratitude to the community that supports her efforts. "Arlington gives us the framework to do what we do — to have an audience that appreciates theater." She has seen the many benefits for children that come from these experiences: "It's very

"The Cat and the Seagull" is being performed at the Children's Theater Festival at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater on Saturday, Jan. 16.



different than watching television; there's a communion between actor and spectator."

Funding for the festival is provided in part by Arlington County through the Cultural Affairs Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, Arlington Com-

mission for the Arts and Arlington Community Foundation.

As she pulls up photographs of the festival from past years, Walder smiles. "I love working with the kids. It is so gratifying to see the happiness in their faces."

With Treatment, More People Living with AIDS

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each year," said Varghese. "

FOR MORE THAN a decade, those living with HIV and AIDS in Arlington County could get help at the Whitman Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia. But a lack of funding prompted the clinic to shut its doors about a year ago just as the Inova Juniper Program was opening its doors on Lee Highway.

Inova says most of the patients served at Whitman Walker have now moved to the Juniper Program, which recently received a \$250,000 grant from CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

"We think Inova Juniper Program meets a critical need in the Arlington community, and it was important for CareFirst to step up and provide the resources to increase access to HIV and AIDS care for the region," said CareFirst vice

president Maria Harris Tildon in a written statement announcing the grant.

And the need for care continues to grow. According to May 2009 report from the Virginia Department of Health, blacks in Northern Virginia are seven times more likely to be living with HIV/AIDS than white.

And males in Northern Virginia are three times more likely to be living with HIV/AIDS than fe-

males. A record one in every 410 Northern Virginia residents is living with AIDS.

"We now manage HIV and AIDS as a chronic disease, more like diabetes than something that's terminal," said Karen Berube, director of the Inova Juniper Program in Arlington. "At the same time, we are seeing a large portion of our clients also have a need for mental health services and substance abuse services."

New Officers for Democrats

The Arlington County Democratic Committee (ACDC) last week elected its officers for the 2010-2011 term. The Committee elected Mike Lieberman, 30, the Committee's youngest chair in nearly 30 years, to be its new chair, and it elected Maureen Markham as deputy chair.

An accomplished party activist, Lieberman has held numerous positions in the party including: finance director, president of the Arlington Young Democrats, and precinct captain. He has also served as campaign manager for Walter Tejada for County Board (2007) and for Larry Fishtahler for School Board (2003). He and his wife Dara live in the Arlington Forest neighborhood of Arlington.

The officers selected to lead ACDC for 2010-2011 are as follows:

- ❖ Chair — Mike Lieberman
- ❖ Deputy Chair — Maureen Markham
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- ❖ Finance Chair — Bree Raum
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- ❖ Parliamentarian — Melissa Bondi.

Greens Endorse Referendum

At its January monthly meeting, the Arlington Green Party endorsed the efforts of the Arlington Professional Firefighters and Para

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Health Matters

Toroy Lilly and Michael McCarty are having their blood taken by American Red Cross Volunteers Tana Shabutler and Roslynn Bowens during the blood drive at Crystal Gateway Sport and Health Club on Jan. 5.



Tony Blankenship is donating blood for the American Red Cross at Crystal Gateway Sport and Health Club.



Author Brian Boyle is signing his autobiography, "Iron Heart," outside Crystal Gateway Sport and Health Club.

Making Sure All Are Counted

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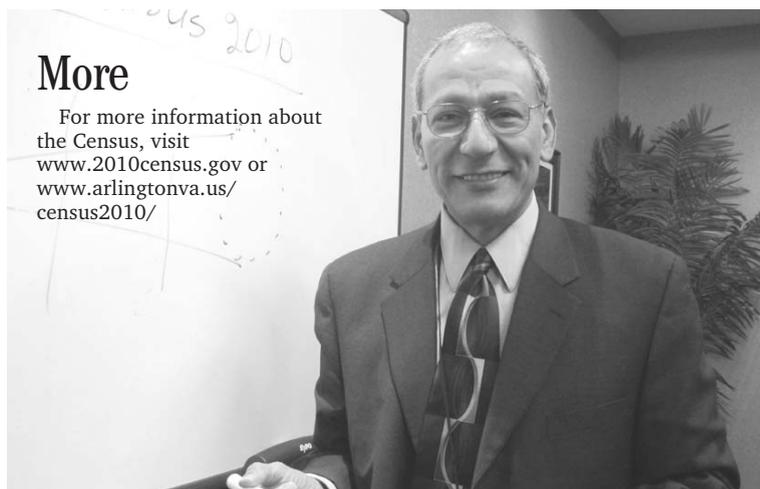
which is mailed to every household in Arlington.

A complete count committee (CCC) has been formed, consisting of community and government leaders. Tejada says the main goal of the CCC will be to build awareness of the Census and promote the value of accurate and complete census data. He adds, "The CCC has broken up into 11 subgroups including: education, media, faith-based, business, linguistically isolated Hispanic and Latino, linguistically isolated Asian, linguistically isolated African and Middle Eastern, homeless, working poor, elderly, and young and African American."

Tejada has hosted two forums with community leaders, with a third planned for March. He has also done several interviews on Spanish language radio and television programs. On the day he was contacted for comment, Tejada had done a half hour live radio interview. "An accurate census count helps us determine what resources our community needs

More

For more information about the Census, visit www.2010census.gov or www.arlingtonva.us/census2010/



Juan J. Callejas, partnership specialist working for the U.S. Census Bureau.

going forward. The data received from the Census influences everyone in their everyday lives. It is essential for Arlington to continue developing and to make sure that the residents are provided with the services that they need."

Callejas agrees about the impact the data has on local communities. "The \$400 billion from the federal government is based on the 10

questions in the Census," he said adding, "All the formulas are affected by these numbers. The counts are crucial for education, nutrition, health, housing and transportation." He notes that the people who have the greatest need for services are also the ones who are hard to count. "The Census is our opportunity to get our taxes back into our communities."



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NEWS

Teacher Ventures to South Pole in November

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start of my junior year physics class that I would pursue physics in college. Physics was a subject that answered all of the questions I had long pondered. I was so surprised that there was a subject that addressed my curiosities about the universe and our surroundings. It was strange that I'd always been told physics was hard, but my teacher Deborah Waldron, who is still teaching at Yorktown High, made it really fun and relative. I wanted to do that too, to get the interesting parts of physics to as many students as possible because I really feel that it is relative to all of our experiences and lives.

What brought you to Arlington, and Washington Lee?

I wanted to move to a bigger, metropolitan area and knew that I would enjoy living near my parents and one of my sisters. W-L was hiring so it was an obvious first choice for a job. I know about a dozen or so teachers working in Arlington now that were in my class in high school. Evidently, we all had the impulse to move back here and contribute to the community that did a great job teaching us. I think that as a group we are evidence of how well Arlington supports its students and families.

What kind of feedback are you getting from your students about your upcoming trip to the South Pole?

My students are interested in my South Pole trip, but for the students this year, the trip is a very long way off and that's still a little too abstract for them to get interested in. They are interested in the South Pole in general and had an opportunity to flush out and correct some Antarctic misconceptions that they held. The students are demanding and want educational subjects that they can relate to. It's been pretty exciting to find

Imani Bigsby, left, and Chelsea Craddock are layering two different colors of the glacier goo to test what happens when ice is laid and formed at different ages.



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Senior Rock Battle discusses with teacher Katherine Shirey the movement and formation of a round-edged glacier as it passes through a narrow channel.

ways that their everyday can relate to the South Pole and the research happening there.

Through KSTF and PolarTrec we have been in contact with Casey O'Hara, a Knowles fellow and physics teacher from Berkeley, Calif. We have been following his journey and doing some activities that he's also tried at the South Pole, like making ice cream. In fact, last summer Casey and I, with four other KSTF fellows, spent three weeks training for the South Pole experience and brushing up on our astrophysics so that we'd understand the project fully. We even led activities at an upward bound summer camp in Minnesota to test out strategies with real students. Our collaborative efforts have helped to make this whole Antarctic unit more meaningful and comprehensive for my students. I think it is definitely more interesting for them because so many classrooms and teachers are connected and involved.

When is your departure, and how long will you be there?

I will leave late November 2010 for four weeks at the South Pole, plus travel time on each end. While I'm away a long-term sub will take my place at W-L with fi-

nancial support from KSTF.

Will you be able to web cast back to the students at Washington Lee while you are there?

Yes! I will be able to communicate via satellite internet and satellite phone for about six hours a day. The hours the satellite is visible for communication happens to coincide with the school day here at W-L, which makes it very convenient! I will also be able to do skype-style video chats, Wimba powerpoint presentations, audio, and regular text, photo, and video sharing.

How did you become involved with KSTF and IceCube?

I joined KSTF in 2006. I found out about the KSTF fellowship from my teacher prep program. KSTF is an ambitious organization. By supporting and providing high quality PD to well-qualified new teachers, they hope to improve the science and math education of students all across America. They project that by 2011 they will have touched around one million students.

At the 2008 summer conference Jim Madsen, head physicist for IceCube at University of Wisconsin River Falls, and Eric Muhs, a secondary physics teacher who went as a teacher liaison to IceCube, spoke to the fellows about teacher involvement in science and the importance of students witnessing real research, and teachers as scientists. Several of us were smitten. We didn't just want to go into the field, we wanted to go to the South Pole with IceCube. We applied through PolarTrec and Casey was accepted to go this year, 2009. Through a KSTF/IceCube collaboration I will go next year. It will be the first time that such a large network of teach-

ers is involved with a teacher-researcher partnership. With the opportunity to go two years in a row, it will be really interesting to see what deep connections we can create.

What are you doing to prepare yourself emotionally and physically for your stay in the South Pole?

Not too much at this point. I will have some helpful lessons from Casey, I'm sure, and have attended trainings in Alaska and Wisconsin to learn procedures and science for the mission. Someone at my gym suggested I do core strengthening — ha!

What effect do you hope your involvement in the IceCube project will have on your students at Washington-Lee?

I hope they learn about what scientists do just as much as they learn about neutrinos and IceCube. I think this collaboration is a unique glimpse into the lives of scientists (and graduate students) and the research they conduct. Many students think that science is a static topic dictated from a book to the world. Science is an ongoing, tentative, and human endeavor.

This message of the nature of science is a big part of my classroom instruction. The involvement with IceCube is a terrific example. IceCube is subatomic particle-astro-physics, but it's also true that there's a lot of other sciences and math involved too which makes great ties to topics in my class and other classes the students have previously had. Even if the neutrino physics elements are too much of a jump for some of my students, there are useful connections for every student.

What type of research experiments and other responsibilities will you specifically be responsible for while you are there?

I will be working hands-on with the IceCube neutrino telescope and IceTop array. I will be testing and setting up photo-collector modules, filling tanks with water and preparing the electronics to collect data.

Will you be making other trips like this in the future?

I would certainly like to explore other ways to involve real-world science in my classroom. I don't know if I'll ever get to visit Antarctica again, but I would love to explore the possibility.



VIEWPOINTS

What does the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday mean to you?

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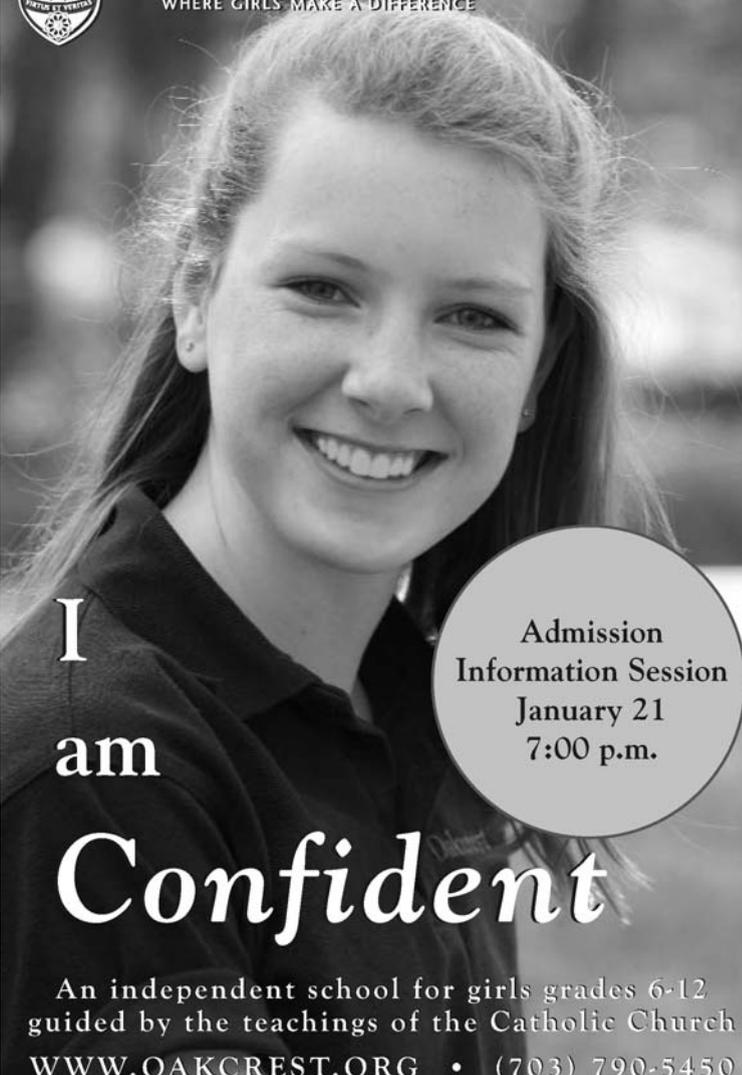
Ned Patterson, Arlington: "Freedom. The history of freedom, and its continuation."

Grace Lockerham, Arlington: "A time to be home with my family to reflect on our freedoms."





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ONGOING

Encore Choral. Conducted by Jeanne Kelly. Will meet on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at the Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper Street, Arlington. First rehearsal on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. call Jeanne Kelly at 301-261-5747; 571-215-6118 or email Jeanne.kelly@encorecreativity.org. Visit the Web site <http://encorecreativity.org>.

Tree Stewards. Volunteer to improve the health of urban trees through educational programs, tree planting and maintenance throughout Arlington and Alexandria. The next volunteer training program will be held Tuesday evenings, from Feb. 16 through April 27 at the Walter Reed Community Center in Arlington. \$120 covers the cost of the course, a training manual and all handout materials. Deadline for applying is Jan. 22. Call 703-228-6423 or email TreeStewards_ArlAlex@verizon.net.

JAN. 12-MARCH 7

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JAN. 13-FEB. 21

"Unleashing the Wild Beasts." Opening reception on Sunday, Jan. 17 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy some refreshments while exploring each artists' interpretation of the "Fauvist" art movement. Sponsored by the Arlington Artists Alliance. At Cassatt's Café, 4536 North Lee Highway, Arlington. Call 703-894-0504.

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Joint Choral Concert. 7 p.m. Free. Washington-Lee High School choral department is hosting a countywide choral concert with 400 students. In the Washington-Lee auditorium. Call 703-228-6004

JAN. 14-16

Citrus Fruit Sale. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fresh Florida citrus, pure Vermont maple syrup and pecans for sale. Sponsored by the Northwest Arlington Lions Club. At the Overlee Pool lower parking lot, 6030 Lee Highway, Arlington. Call 703-243-7938.

JAN. 15-FEB. 6

"Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?" 8 p.m. nightly; Saturday/Sunday matinees 2:30 p.m. (No matinee Jan. 16). Sponsored by the American Century Theater. At the Theater Two, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. Tickets are \$26-\$32. Tickets can be ordered online at www.americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555.



SUNDAY/JAN. 24

Happy Birthday Wolfgang. 4 p.m. \$25 admission, \$15 students. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's loveliest chamber music including the Piano Trio in C Major, Duo for Violin and Viola, Piano Quartet in G minor and more. With the National Chamber Ensemble, Leonid Sushansky, artistic director. At the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington. Call 703-573-SEAT or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

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SATURDAY/JAN. 16

Breakfast Reach Out Meeting. 9:15 a.m. \$3.25 donation. Sponsored by Arlington Aglow. Speaker Mike Bickle, founder of the International House of Prayer, via DVD. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3439 Payne street, Baileys Crossroads. For reservations, call Betty Rose Forsell at 703-671-9264.

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At the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St., "LL" Level, Arlington. Call 703-548-3092; www.teatrodelaluna.org.

Country Western Dance. 8:30-11 p.m. \$10/\$12 admission. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. BJ Brown will be the DJ. Eileen Scott will review the "Quarter to Six" line dance beginning at 7:30 p.m., and Cliff and Donna Carlson will teach a beginners' "East Coast Swing" couples dance at 8 p.m. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Visit the Web site, www.nvcwda.org or call the hot line 703-860-4941.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

Martin Luther King Celebration. 7 p.m. The award-winning Washington-Lee Jazz Big Band will perform, as will a combined choir featuring gospel singers from Arlington's Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church, Macedonia Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church and St. John

Baptist Church. Mixed throughout the program will be readings from the winners of the 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay contest. At the Thomas Jefferson Auditorium. Go to www.arlingtonnova.us.

MONDAYS, JAN. 18 AND 25

The Kadampa Way of Life: Practical Advice for Daily Happiness. At the Vajrayogini Buddhist Center — Arlington Branch Class. At The Griffin Center 3800 Fairfax Dr., Suite 5, Arlington. Cost is \$12. Visit www.meditation-dc.org or contact us at 202-986-2257 or email info@meditation-dc.org

MONDAYS, JAN. 18-FEB. 8

Theology on Tap. 7 p.m. gather; 7:30 p.m. talk followed by questions. The goal is to provide a forum for young adults to learn about and discuss their faith in a relaxing social setting. (Must be age 21). At Pat Troy's Ireland's Own, 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4535.

TUESDAY/JAN. 19

National Chamber Players. 6:30 p.m. Free. National Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Nurit Bar-Josef joins National Chamber Players artistic director James Lee and other members. 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. concert. Meets at Pendleton Hall, Episcopal High School, 3900 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. Admission: \$10. With the Craig Sparks Swingtet who bring life to the songbooks of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Duke Ellington. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

THURSDAY/JAN. 21

Lunchtime Chamber Concert. Noon to 1 p.m. Free. Strauss: Selected Songs; Shostakovich: Quartet No. 3, op. 73. At the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850 or visit <http://www.arlingtonarts.org>.

Holistic Moms Network. 7-9 p.m. The Arlington/Alexandria Chapter meeting. Special Performance by Groovy Nate. Meets at Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. Go to <http://arlexva.holisticmoms.org>. Email: holisticmomsaralex@gmail.com or 703-824-6167.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Dance Competition. 4-7 p.m. \$3 admission. The finalists for "So You Think You Can Dance Contest" perform. At Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services' Teen Services Division. Call 703-324-TEEN.

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Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. Admission \$10. With the Big Three Trio. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

ENTERTAINMENT

Transhuman Conditions. Opening reception is Friday, Jan. 29 from 6-9 p.m. The show runs from April 29 to April 3. Features 10 artists thinking about the future of the human body — from living forever, to redesigning our appearance and abilities at will, to leaving behind reality as we know it and starting over in a virtual world. At the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.



Image by Arlington artist Jason Horowitz.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Arlington Public Schools announced the winners of the 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest. This year, students were asked to write an essay about an organization or project in their community that deserves a day of service.

The six first-place winners will read their essays and receive awards in recognition of their achievements at Arlington County’s 41st annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Additionally, 11 second- and third-place winners will be recognized.

The 2010 essay winners are:
Elementary Girls
1st Place: Gwen Taplin – Grade 3, Long Branch Elementary School
2nd Place: Hannah Soler – Grade 4, Jamestown Elementary School
3rd Place: Arai Long – Grade 5, McKinley Elementary School
Elementary Boys
1st Place: Austin Stout – Grade 5, Patrick Henry Elementary School
2nd Place: Preston Atkins – Grade 5, McKinley Elementary School
3rd Place: Kyle Gerner – Grade 4, Arlington Traditional School
Middle School Girls
1st Place: Isabella Day – Grade 6, Williamsburg Middle School

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2nd Place: Gemma Harris – Grade 6, Swanson Middle School
3rd Place: Norma Chambi – Grade 6, Kenmore Middle School
Middle School Boys
1st Place: Corwin de Boor – Grade 7, Gunston Middle School
2nd Place: Mathew Nice – Grade 8, Thomas Jefferson Middle School
3rd Place: Mussa Seid – Grade 6, Kenmore Middle School
High School Girls
1st Place: Shakiya Harrison – Senior, Wakefield High School
2nd Place: Rachel Merriman – Goldring – Freshman, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
3rd Place: Deaja Nash – Senior, Teen Parenting Program
High School Boys
1st Place: DaShawn Grady – Senior, Wakefield High School
2nd Place: Camilo Abreso – Junior, Arlington Career Center
The winning essays will be available online at www.apsva.us on Jan. 22.

Rachel J. Reeder of Arlington, a junior majoring in international studies, was named to the Dean’s List at Bridgewater College for the fall semester. The following area residents have been

“Stick Fly.” Tickets are \$25 to \$66. A comedy at Arena Stage in Crystal City that explores the role of race and privilege in the African-American social aristocracy. Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. At Arena Stage in Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington. Visit www.arenastage.org, by phone at 202-488-3300.

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named to the Dean’s List at Providence College for the Fall 2009 semester:

- ♦ **Nathan Johnson of Arlington**, a member of the class of 2012.
- ♦ **Aaron Keller of Arlington**, a member of the class of 2011.

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- ♦ Michel Ajjan, Yorktown High School – to attend Bucknell University
- ♦ William Baker, Washington-Lee High School – to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison
- ♦ Mekdes Kebede, Wakefield High School – to attend Grinnel College
- ♦ Jeremy Letourmel, Wakefield High School – to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison
- ♦ Lana Mahgoub, Washington-Lee High School – to attend Grinnel College
- ♦ Laura Razzuri, Wakefield High School – to attend Bucknell University
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Profile in Real Estate – Jennifer Boeke Caterini

Jennifer Boeke Caterini has lived in Arlington for almost 30 years. Her love of homes began with visiting open houses and buying and selling several of her own. She is now a licensed real estate agent working with both buyers and sellers.

Jennifer enjoys the challenge of negotiating a contract or working closely with a client and experiencing the Eureka! moment of finding the perfect home. She prides herself on providing outstanding, friendly service with integrity and value. Jennifer recently joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and belongs to the Northern Virginia

Association of Realtors; and has been a multi-million dollar producer for the last 5 years.

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Jennifer believes in giving back to the community and helped establish the Arlington Free Clinic, serving on their board. After a trip to India her family founded the Calcutta Foundation to assist the poor of Calcutta. She has served on numerous boards and is very involved in her church and children's school. The Caterinis live in Waverly Hills.



Jennifer Boeke Caterini, Arlington Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Veteran Coach Mon Grooming Assistant Sweet

Washington-Lee coaches mix experience, youth.

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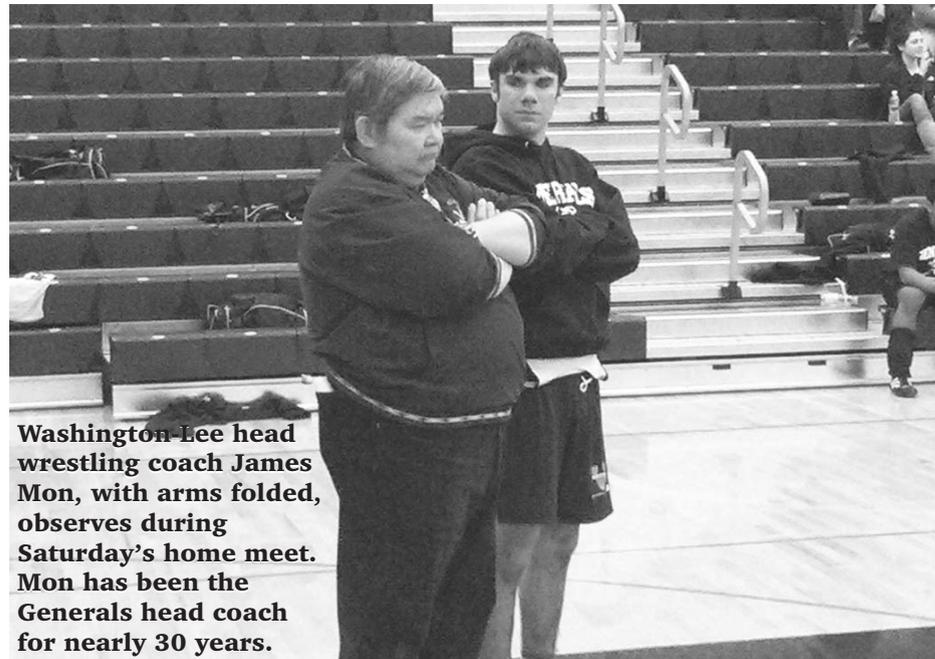
James Mon stands in the background with his arms folded, observing one of his pupils on the wrestling mat. The 61-year-old Washington-Lee head coach is allowing his assistant, 23-year-old Derek Sweet, to instruct the W-L grappler from up close, but that doesn't mean the veteran of nearly 30 years isn't involved.

"Put him on his back!" Mon shouts.

Mon has coached the varsity wrestling program at Washington-Lee since 1982. During that time he has retired from teaching (2001), survived cancer (nasopharyngeal) and seen five U.S. presidents elected. On Saturday, Mon's Generals went 0-3 in a home dual meet against the Arlington schools. Yorktown, Wakefield and Bishop O'Connell each went 2-1.

The Generals lack depth and experience — which makes coaching Washington-Lee the perfect project for Mon, who has stuck around due primarily for his love of teaching.

"You go out there and you show these young boys how to wrestle, they start to believe in what you're saying and you come so close [to winning]," Mon said. "[If we] lose by two points to a school, you show determination and the following year you come back and you beat that school. ... I like the idea of teaching. No matter what you're doing; teaching a class — I taught



Washington-Lee head wrestling coach James Mon, with arms folded, observes during Saturday's home meet. Mon has been the Generals head coach for nearly 30 years.

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math — I like the idea of teaching about how things are solved."

DURING THE PAST two seasons, Mon has been passing his knowledge to more than just his grapplers. He has taken Sweet under his wing, preparing him to one day take over the program. Mon isn't sure how much longer he wants to coach and, while Sweet said he would gladly take over as head coach, his future is also unclear. So for now, the two form a coaching combination of grizzled experience and youthful exuberance. Sweet said he mostly works with the Generals during practice while Mon makes sure the athletes behave, are on time and gives his opinion on technique matters when he feels necessary.

Sweet is in his second year with the program and has been an in-house substitute

teacher at Washington-Lee for nearly one year. He is from up-state New York and wrestled at Ithaca College. He said he was allowed more control halfway through his first season once he proved himself to Mon.

At first glance, Mon appears gruff and tough. Senior heavyweight Alex Goodahl will vouch for that, but he says there's another side to the man.

Mon is "stern. He'll yell at you sometimes but he's always watching out for you," Goodahl said. "If you need anything, you go to him. He'll take care of you. ... He'll run you hard, but he never does it too much.

"He's wise. He's the wise coach."

Sweet offered a similar description.

"He's a lovable man," the assistant said. "You've got to get to know the guy because you'll hear him screaming and yelling one second and then he'll be cracking jokes the next second. ... He wants to be strict, but he also enforces positive relationships with kids and really tries to get the best out of kids."

Mon played football but did not wrestle growing up — he said wrestling was not offered in his home city of Monessen, Pa. He liked the sport's one-on-one nature,

however, and got his start as a wrestling coach at Arlington's Thomas Jefferson Middle School in 1971. Mon said he and some friends helped turn the school's wrestling program into a winner.

He eventually moved on to Washington-Lee High School, but there was not a coaching vacancy with the wrestling program. Instead he accepted a position as a freshman basketball coach, which he held for two seasons (1978-79). He then became the junior varsity wrestling coach for two seasons, before he got an opportunity at the varsity level.

"The third year the head coach decided to resign and they were looking for someone to be the head coach," Mon said. "I've been coach at the junior high school level and I was successful there. I coached two years at the JV level and I was OK there. Why not try?"

MON TOOK the job and has been there ever since. During his first season, one of Mon's grapplers was an athlete he worked with when he coached at the junior high level. Antonio Jolivet took second in the Great Falls District, third in the region and third at state. This early success gave some athletes the wrong impression, Mon said.

"Some of the kids started saying, 'Hey, if this coach can do this in one year maybe there's something to it,'" he said. "It's not one year. It's years of working with this kid.

He started to understand the nature of the sport. ... They've got to understand you just can't walk into this sport cold and be a champion. You've got to really work at this sport. You've got to know the game."

Mon is trying to teach the game of coaching to Sweet. Mon said Sweet knows plenty about technique; he just needs to learn about how things are run in Virginia in terms of scheduling and rules.

"Once we get that he'll be able to do this job very easily," Mon said. "... He'll make a great coach."

Mon and Sweet are preparing the Generals for a Saturday meet at St. John's — and preparing themselves for the future.

"I'd be proud to take [the W-L head coaching position] from him if he lets me," Sweet said. "I don't see him ever walking away from it until he physically [can't coach]."



Washington-Lee assistant wrestling coach Derek Sweet, foreground, sits on the edge of the mat to instruct General grapplers.

Other Matchups

Yorktown defeated Wakefield and Washington-Lee and lost to Bishop O'Connell. Sam Burton and Danilo Downing each went 3-0 for the Patriots.

"We did pretty good," Yorktown coach James Blanton said. "I think we did our best wrestling the first two rounds and we kind of sputtered out that last match [against Bishop O'Connell]. ... Maybe O'Connell wanted it a lot more than us and they showed it. Kudos to them. ... I'm pleased with the progress. We've got more to work on and I think come district time we'll be ready to put on a good showing."

O'Connell beat Yorktown and Washington-Lee and lost to Wakefield. Sean Benedict (189) and Jacob Ramos (112) were 3-0 for the Knights.

"We're getting better every week we step out," O'Connell coach Brad Drummond said.

Wakefield beat Washington-Lee and O'Connell and lost to Yorktown.

NEWS

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medics Association, along with the Arlington Coalition of Police, to place a referendum on the ballot to change Arlington County's form of government from a County Manager Plan to a County Board Plan.

"The Arlington Green Party has, for several years, noted that the County Board, the County Manager and staff are often unresponsive to citizens' concerns and make most important decisions behind closed doors without public scrutiny," stated John Reeder, a former two-time Arlington Green Party candidate for Arlington County Board.

At its January monthly meeting, the Arlington Green Party also elected officers for 2010. Josh Ruebner, a two-time former Arlington Green Party candidate for Arlington County Board and a former Arlington Green Party candidate for the 47th District Virginia House of Delegates, was elected the party's facilitator for the year. Audrey Clement, co-chair of the Virginia Green Party, was reappointed as the Arlington Green Party's treasurer.

Alliance Honors Englin

During a ceremony at the its annual holiday party at EatBar Lounge in Clarendon, the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance presented Del. David Englin (D-45) with its annual Equality Award for the individual who stands out for working to advance equal rights.

Since he first took office in January 2006, Englin has been an outspoken advocate for equal rights, and he successfully delivered the only equal rights legislation to pass in the past four years, the 2007 law that secured equal hospital visitation rights for all people.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs, Jan. 25-30:

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 S. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Madison, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.; also TJ Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Poetry writers and enthusiasts to meet Monday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-5321.

Medicare coverage for home health care services to be discussed, Monday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register by Fri., Jan. 22, 703-228-4403.

Senior strength training with weights, Monday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m., TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., \$56/16 session pass or \$3.50 per drop in. Details, 703-228-4745.

Move or not to move discussion, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 10:15 a.m., Lee Senior Center. Free. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

Beginners full fitness **exercise class**, Tuesday, Jan. 26, Lee Senior Center. \$3.50 per class; details, 703-228-0555.

Seniors on the Run, new track group forming to train together. Call Tuesday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m., 703-228-4771.

Chili Dog Party, Lee Senior Center, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1 p.m., \$5, food, entertainment. Register by Jan. 25, 703-228-0555.

The Songfellows, a seniors' barbershop four part harmony group is seeking new members, Join Thursday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

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CSI: Burtonsville



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I think I've been watching "CSI" and "NCIS" (along with spin offs CSI: Miami, CSI: NY and NCIS: Los Angeles) too long. After an unknown neighbor cleaned 18 inches of snow off my second car (I had cleaned off our primary car myself; it was closer to the road), in an attempt to determine who unselfishly "unsnowed" my buried car and shoveled all around it as well (to provide easy access, should I be so inclined), I looked first for physical evidence of this extremely good deed and noticed boot prints in the snow. (Determining directionality was impossible given the number of intersecting boot prints.) I only wish I would have had the same materials the CSIs have on television (presumably in real life, too) in order to secure the evidence for further inside consideration and avoid any degradation. Said consideration would have included having the appropriate materials on hand to make a plaster cast of the boot print which I then could scan and run through the boot-tread software to determine a size and hopefully find a brand/tread-pattern match.

Once having learned the brand and the size, I could then call the manufacturer to inquire what stores locally carried that brand - and size - of boot. With that information, I could then contact the stores directly (in person or over the phone) to see if the specific matching size and brand had been sold recently. If any matches were found, I could ask for sales receipts to see how payment had been made. If any payments had been made with a credit card, it would enable me to quickly identify the non-guilty but so far, anonymous party. If payments had been made with cash, I could then visit the stores myself and bring pictures of my neighbors to show to whomever had sold the matching brand and size boot to further corroborate the non-D.N.A. evidence and hopefully make a positive I.D. If one of my neighbors was picked out of the photo array, I believe I would then have sufficient evidence/information to confirm who was responsible for this non-random act of kindness.

Or I could just ask. Nevertheless, no good deed of such caring and unselfish concern - and sensitivity to another person's less than ideal medical situation (my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis, with which the neighborhood is keenly aware) - should go unacknowledged. As such, I want to give/express my heartfelt gratitude to my neighbor/neighbors who gave so selflessly of themselves and their time to do for me what I was not so inclined/able to do for myself. And even though the "act" performed here this snow-bound Sunday was no crime, I think its commission would make Gil Grissom, Horatio "H." Caine, Mac Taylor, Leroy "Jethro" Gibbs and "G" Callen proud of their fellow man. I sure am. And lucky as well, to be living amongst such kind and considerate individuals.

It makes my future, with all its uncertainty, less uncertain. And if there's one thing, other than love and positive vibrations that a cancer patient can't have enough of, it's certainty. Of that, I'm certain.

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The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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OBITUARY

Roger Jacob Chavez passed away on December 29th at his home in Millwood, Virginia surrounded by his loved ones.

There are no immediate plans for a service. We will gather in the spring to celebrate Roger's life. As for now, raise your glass to a printer, a tinkerer, a farmer, a dreamer, a visionary in Clarke County who made his dream real.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clarke County Historical Association, P.O. Box 306, Berryville, VA 22611.

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LEGAL NOTICE
AT&T intends to file an application to construct a cellular telecommunications tower at 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna, Fairfax County, Virginia 22180. AT&T is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal regulation 37CFR1.1301 et seq, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 36 CFR 800. The project referenced as "Maple Avenue" will consist of the construction of a new telecommunications compound which includes the installation of a 115-foot tall monopole on which 12 telecommunications antennas will be mounted, AT&T and T-Mobile equipment areas on raised platforms, and a ground level mesa cabinet and power back board. An 8'x 115'x 35' wood fence and landscaping will surround the compound. Parties interested in submitting comments or questions regarding any potential effects of the proposed facility on Historic Properties may do so in writing by contacting Carolyn Mitchell, AT&T, at 7150 Standard Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076 or c/o michael.wolf@atcassociates.com

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SPORTS

Yorktown Boys Basketball Lose 2 of 3

The Yorktown boys basketball team lost to Mount Vernon 64-51 on Friday and Falls Church 69-57 on Wednesday and beat Oakton 44-39 on Tuesday. The Patriots' record dropped to 5-7 overall, 1-3 in the National District.

Yorktown faced Hayfield on Tuesday. Results were not available before the Connection's deadline.

Mike Veith was the Patriots' top scorer through 12 games, averaging 14.3 per contest. Jack Earley is the only other Patriot averaging double figures at 13.5 per game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yorktown travels to face Stuart at 7:45 p.m. Friday.



PHOTO BY MADDIE MEYER

Yorktown's Mike Veith averaged a team-high 14.3 points per game through 12 contests. The Patriots lost to Mount Vernon 64-51 on Friday.

Yorktown Girls Lose To Defending Champ

The Yorktown girls basketball team lost to defending National District champion Mount Vernon 63-44 on Friday. The loss came two days after a 58-12 win over Falls Church and three days after a 58-46 loss to Oakton.

The Patriots were 4-7 through 11 games. Yorktown faced Hayfield on Tuesday. Results were not available before the Connection's deadline.

Yorktown hosts Stuart at 7:45 p.m. Friday.

Abigail Ortmayer, Wolla, Carly Hinkle) and 200 Free Relay (Kerry Sutherland, Hinkle, Wolla, Ortmayer). Region-qualifying times were achieved by the 200 Medley Relay, Romano (500 free), Wolla (100 fly), and Amanda Didawick (100 fly).

Yorktown Swim Teams Undefeated

The Yorktown swim and dive teams returned to action and both improved their records to 5-0 by defeating the Falls Church Jaguars on Friday in dual meets held at Yorktown Pool. The boys won a tightly contested meet 97-89. The girls won 125-61.

Angus Moloney won the dive event for the boys with a region-qualifying score and a 1-2 finish in the 200 medley relay gave the boys an early lead. The winning medley relay included Jimmy Linek, Greg Crosswell, Matthew Essig, and Fabian Propers.

Falls Church fought back with individual event victories in the next five events to hold a slim four-point lead after the 100 freestyle. The Yorktown boys rebounded with victories in the next four events to regain control and clinch meet going into the final event.

The surge was led by event victories by Will Tarkenton (500 free), the 200 Free Relay team (Connor Healy, Wren Rudolph, Propers, Essig), Essig (100 backstroke), and Crosswell (100 breaststroke).

The girls won of eight of the 12 events, including two relays and had three sweeps (200 free, 50 free, and 500 free). Mason Nassetta provided the first victory in the dive event. Stephanie Romano was a double winner (200 free, 500 free) while leading two of the sweeps. The other individual event winners were Annemarie Wamsted (200 IM), Ann Carpenter (50 free), and Kaitlin Wolla (100 fly). First place relays were - 200 Medley Relay (Abigail Young,

Umpires Needed

Northern Virginia Baseball Umpires Association (NVBUA) is in need of officials for baseball and volleyball. Umpires are needed for colleges, men's leagues, high schools and youth recreational leagues. Experience is helpful but not required. Formal classroom and on-the-job training will be provided. Classes will begin in mid-February. Umpires are needed for all communities in the greater Washington D.C. Metro area. Support your local community's sports leagues by signing up.

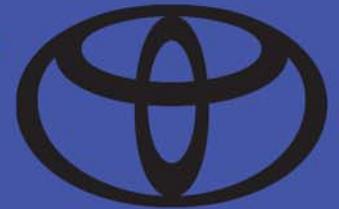
Call Ken Williams (703-400-3232) for more information or go to umpires.org to fill out a "New Ump" form.

Umpires Needed for Adult Softball

Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS), the largest softball organization in the area, is seeking umpires for its adult slowpitch softball leagues in Fairfax County. Umpires net pay starts at \$25 per one-hour game and are paid monthly. Experience is desired but ASA training is provided beginning early February. Flexible scheduling is based on availability. Contact FAS at 703-815-9007 or email to: office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com.

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