

# The Arlington Connection

Tanya Craft, and her eight-year-old son Miles, enjoy their evening on the ice Jan. 28 at the Pentagon Row Ice Rink event to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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## 'Artisphere:' New Cultural Center

The County Board approved the public's choice of Artisphere as the name of the county's new cultural center. More than 100 proposed names were developed through focus groups, interviews and analysis of local and regional demographics. The county put forward the three top finalists for the center's name for a public vote. Voting took place between Dec. 17, 2009 and Jan. 10. Voters cast ballots online, or used paper ballots available in locations throughout the county; 1,500 electronic and paper ballots were recorded, with Artisphere the popular choice.

A 62,000-square-foot cultural campus that also includes the existing Spectrum Theatre, Artisphere will offer dozens of weekly events, ranging from community-specific and Heritage Arts events, to regular live bands in the 3,000-square-foot ballroom. In addition to providing a showcase for national and international contemporary performing and visual artists, Artisphere will house several Arlington-based arts groups. The center also will house the visual arts exhibition program previously located at the Ellipse building in Ballston. It is scheduled to open on Oct. 10.

## DesignArlington Award Winners

The County Board named 11 winners of the inaugural DesignArlington '09 awards. The panel of judges for the competition included: Roger K. Lewis, FAIA, Washington Post columnist and professor emeritus at the University of Maryland; William Spack, AIA, principal, cox graae + spack architects and former member of Arlington's Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB); Robert Sponseller, AIA, principal, Shalom Baranes Associates; and Jonathan Fitch, ASLA, Landscape Architecture Bureau. The winning submissions received either Awards of Excellence or Awards of Merit.

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## Chamber Gala

While temperatures dipped below freezing and the roads received four inches of snow on Saturday, Jan. 30, Marymount University's group came out in force, showing the rest of Arlington that a little fluff wouldn't stop the party.



Bob McCoy (Virginia Commerce Bank) and 2010 Chair Philip Keating (Bean, Kinney & Korman) started the night by posing with Doug Brammer from Verizon, the event's Grand Sponsor.

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## Benefiting Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

A juggler performs rink-side for skaters. Along with Pentagon Row retail involvement, raffles, and cash donation opportunities, 50 percent of all skating proceeds and skate rental fees went to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Street performers, including this man on stilts, delighted the children at the Pentagon Row Ice Skating Rink on Thursday evening during the gala to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Charlie Sokolove is enchanted by the “Human Snow Globe,” one of the many street performers on hand at Thursday evening’s event.



Urban folk rock group, Woodburn Road, played live at the gala for skaters and spectators. Sarah North, marketing director of Pentagon Row, said, “We’re very excited to host such a fun winter event for everyone in our community while also benefiting a great cause.”

# Photo Exchange

## International project connects teen photographers.

BY DELIA SAVA  
THE CONNECTION

Last summer a dozen Arlington teenagers took to the streets with cameras in hand to explore their city. Four thousand miles away in a formerly war-torn city of El Salvador, students there were asked to do the same.

“It was really cool coming to the opening reception and seeing the photos of the kids from El Salvador,” said Nina Thomas.

Thomas says she ended up taking part on a “whim” — at the last minute her mother found the photography class online at the Arlington Arts Center. The 16-year-old participated in the international exchange project where middle and high school students in Arlington and Suchitoto, El Salvador took photographs of their respective communities. The exhibition titled, “This Is My City/Esta Es Mi Ciudad,” displays the photographs side-by-side in the AAC’s Jenkins Community Gallery.



PHOTO BY DELIA SAVA/THE CONNECTION

**Steven L. Miller,**  
photography instructor

“This class is going to be fun” was Jonathan Wilson’s reaction to the photography project. The 12-year-old student at Swanson Middle School says he enjoyed learning the fundamentals of photography and is impressed with the resulting exhibit. “I would like to visit El Salvador ... it’s a nice country. I have a friend at school from El Salvador.”

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# Skeptical Diaries

## County seeks candidates to go car free and share experiences online.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

Adam Gallegos stares into the camera and cracks a smile as he explains how skeptical his wife is. Words flash on the bottom of the screen explaining “she pretty much thinks I’m crazy.”

“I definitely have some questions in my own mind,” Gallegos deadpans.

The video, available on YouTube and posted to an Arlington County Web site, is an audition tape of sorts. Gallegos and others are vying to be selected as one of the two participants chosen to star in the “Car-Free Diet Skeptics Challenge.” Those chosen by online voters will go car free for 30 days and tell their stories online through YouTube, social media and blogs. Applicants must be up to the task of handling the technical side — and willing to give up

their car for a month.

“People are skeptical,” said Bobbi Greenberg, spokeswoman for the county’s commuter services division. “We figured if people committed to doing this, they would be more likely to do it.”

**GOING ON A DIET** is the narrative the county has been pushing for the last two years — the so-called “car free diet.” County officials like to say those who want to go on a car-free diet can lose 2,000 pounds in one day. That’s the weight of the car, by the way.

“Going without a car is a lot like going on a diet,” said Greenberg. “Frankly, we expect some people to fall off the wagon.”

That’s where the beauty of social media comes in. Participants will become Arlington celebrities staring in a reality show about living without automobiles. They’ll

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## WEEK IN ARLINGTON

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The county received a total of 50 entries, ranging from traditional and modern construction in single-family neighborhoods, to residential infill and multi-family housing projects, to adaptive reuse, preservation, and public art projects.

### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

#### Fort Scott Residence

2765 Fort Scott Drive in Arlington Ridge

#### McGlone Residence

4521 32<sup>nd</sup> Road North in Country Club Hills

#### Spout Run Residence

2758 North Nelson Street in Riverwood

#### ECO-Art

Crystal City Water Park (Temporary exhibit, July 1 – October 26, 2009)

### AWARDS OF MERIT

#### Flynn/Harless Residence

521 North George Mason Drive in Bluemont

#### Hibbitt Residence

1028 North Daniel Street in Clarendon-Courthouse

#### 220 Twentieth

220 20<sup>th</sup> Street South in Crystal City

#### The Shelton

3215 24<sup>th</sup> Street South in Nauck

#### Wooster and Mercer Lofts

1600 Clarendon Boulevard in Rosslyn

#### Kettler Capitals Iceplex

627 North Glebe Road in Ballston

#### Arlington Arts Center

3550 Wilson Boulevard in Virginia Square

## Arlington Observes President's Day Holiday

All Arlington County administrative offices, schools, public libraries and nature centers will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of the President's Day holiday. County offices, courts and schools will resume their normal schedules on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

## County Among Top 7 Intelligent Communities of the Year

Arlington County has been named by The Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) as one of the 2010 Top Seven Communities of the Year. The Top Seven announcement is the second stage of ICF's annual Intelligent Community awards; Arlington County is one of only two communities in the U.S. to receive a Top Seven award.

The ICF noted Arlington's:

- ❖ Nearly four decades of efforts to make the most of its economic ties to Federal government while maintaining an independent identity

- ❖ High quality of life

- ❖ Educational excellence in a diverse community where students speak over 100 languages and come from 128 nations

The ICF also singled out Arlington's:

- ❖ Competitive broadband carriers which deliver data, voice and video services, while providing free fiber-based services to County facilities and schools

- ❖ E-government services

The ICF highlighted Arlington's:

- ❖ Highly ranked school system, which sends more than 90 percent of graduates to college or university

- ❖ Focus on retaining students through a professional internship program

- ❖ Career and vocational centers

- ❖ Arlington Teen Portal.

## Firebelly Productions Ceases Performances

After eight years of operation in Arlington County, Firebelly Productions has ceased operations and performances. Producer and Managing Director Barbara Walthall and Artistic Director Kathi Gollwitzer have resigned from the company they co-founded in 2002, due to a shift in personal priorities, difficult economic times, and personal commitments. The company has decided to close its doors.

## PEOPLE

# From Writer's Block to First Novel

## Arlington's Yohann de Silva discusses "The Opportunists."

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**hriller/ modern day author and Arlington resident Yohann de Silva shared his thoughts on his first novel, "The Opportunists," as well as the challenges and rewards of writing and his hobbies and home life. Silva's book can be purchased at most local bookstores as well as online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



Yohann de Silva

### What is your favorite book? What authors do you read?

My favorite book is "Shogun" by James Clavell. I think he is a brilliant writer. I'm also a big fan of Tom Rob Smith's novels, "Child 44" and "The Secret Speech." I just read "City of Thieves" by David Benioff and loved it as well.

### What or who inspired you to become a writer?

As you can tell from my favorite book list, I'm a fan of historical fiction. Clavell was my greatest inspiration.

### Where are you from?

I was born in Sri Lanka, but immigrated to the United States when I was eight years old. I grew up in Minnesota where I went to high school and St. Olaf College. I moved to Arlington in 2000 to pursue a master's degree in foreign policy at American University. I grew to like Arlington and the D.C. area so I decided to make Arlington my home. I have lived in three different apartments in Rosslyn at this point.

### What is your educational background?

I received my BA in psychology and sociology from St. Olaf College in Minnesota. I received my MA in U.S. foreign policy from American University.

### Do you have a large family?

Not really. I immigrated to the U.S. 25 years ago with only my mother and sister. The rest of my family is still back in Sri Lanka.

### What is your favorite food?

I love spicy food. I think my taste buds are less sensitive now than they used to be due to the massive amounts of spicy food I have eaten over the years. If it's seafood, all the better.

### Did you ever have a dream job? What did you want to do when you were a kid?

I wanted to be Indiana Jones when I was a kid. Then I realized that real archeologists are much more boring. No offense to the archeologists.

### Do you like to travel? Has this influenced your work?

Yes, I love to travel and this has had a major impact on my work. I work for the U.S. State Department, so I travel and live overseas often for work. I go to places that I would never go as a tourist, which gives me a unique perspective on much of the world.

### What other hobbies do you have?

I like to go on walks, watch movies, and sit at coffee shops and watch people and life pass me by. I also like bourbon whiskey.

### What is your favorite movie or music?

I'm a big sci-fi and fantasy dork, so I of course love the "Lord of the Rings" and "Star Wars" movies. Yeah, I'm that guy. I listen to all kinds of music though. I'm open-minded about that.

### Is there a specific genre of fiction you write?

Modern day fiction/thrillers, but of a country that is far from the United States. So, multicultural fiction might be right as well ... Calling my novel literary fiction wouldn't be a stretch either.

### Have you ever considered working in another literary fiction area?

I hate to categorize or pigeonhole myself. Honestly, my novel "The Opportunists" is officially categorized as a fiction/thriller, even though you can call it multicultural fiction or historical fiction if you so choose. It wouldn't offend me, and I would likely agree with you. My goal is to present foreign countries and cultures through interesting page-turners. I haven't considered doing anything else beyond that.

### Has writing been a childhood dream for you? If not what did you do before?

I wasn't inspired to write until 2006 when I accepted my first overseas assignment. It's not what I do full time, and it likely will not be. I enjoy working as a diplomat representing the United States overseas.

### Have you ever had writer's block? How did you get rid of it?

I constantly get writer's block. Getting rid of it is tough. Some of my best ideas come to me while I'm busy doing something else. I don't like to force ideas onto paper. That's why it takes me a couple of years to complete a novel.

### What are some of the rewards of being a writer?

It is gratifying to know that other people spend their hard earned money to buy something you wrote. Every time I make a sale I feel honored.

### What are some of the challenges? How do you overcome them?

I worried a lot about what editors and even friends thought about my novel when I first started passing around the final copy. I was afraid I would disappoint. However, I looked at customer reviews of books written by some of the best-selling authors out there

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# PEOPLE



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## “Transhuman Conditions”

Arlington photographer Jason Horowitz is one of 10 artists featured in the current exhibition, “Transhuman Conditions” at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Horowitz was at the opening reception for the exhibition on Friday, Jan. 29. The show runs through April 3.

### BULLETIN BOARD

Know of something missing from the community calendar? E-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-917-6407 with any questions. Photos are welcome. For more volunteer opportunities, classes, announcements visit [www.arlingtonconnection.com](http://www.arlingtonconnection.com) and click on Community.

#### THURSDAY/FEB. 4

**Natural Heritage Resource Inventory.** 7 p.m. Greg Zell, Natural Resource Specialist with Arlington County, Virginia, will discuss the County’s efforts in documenting Arlington’s natural resources. At the Arlington County Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy Street, two blocks from

Virginia Square Metro.

#### FRIDAY/FEB. 5

**Peace Corps Lunch Time Information Session.** Noon to 1 p.m. Meets at the Peace Corps Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Office, 1525 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington.

#### SATURDAY/FEB. 6

**Free Tax Assistance.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deloitte Tax LLP to provide low-income families with free tax assistance. At Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria.

**Open House.** 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hosted by Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool. All classrooms will be open. Teachers, members of

the board, and current parents will be on hand to answer questions. Children are welcome to attend. At 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-892-3878 or visit [www.aucpva.org](http://www.aucpva.org).

#### MONDAY/FEB. 8

**Free Parenting Classes.** 6:30 p.m. Focus on parenting skills, life skills, childcare, mentoring, and include childcare, a meal and fellowship. From Feb. 8 until June 28. Sponsored by YoungLives. Meet at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 3500 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington. Contact Sharon Holland at 571-276-0401, or Virginia Committee Chairman Tonya Green at 703-568-3541, or visit <http://sites.younglives.org/sites/YoungLivesDC/default.aspx>.

### PEOPLE NOTES

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**Air Force Airman James J. Donnelly** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of James Donnelly and stepson of Mary Donnelly of Eighth St. N., Arlington.

**Army 1st Lt. Eric R. Nilsen** has been deployed to Iraq to serve in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Nilsen, an executive officer, is normally assigned to the 249th Quartermaster Company, Fort Bragg, N.C. He has served in the military for six years. He is the son of Janet T. Beihoffer of Irwindale Way, Lakeville, Minn., and Alan L. Nilsen of N. Buchanan St., Arlington. The lieutenant graduated in 2002 from the Academy Holy Angels High School, Richfield, Minn., and earned a bachelor’s degree in 2007 from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.



**On Jeopardy** James Poulos, a 30-year-old grad student from Arlington, appeared on the Jan. 27 episode of “Jeopardy!” Poulos graduated from Georgetown University with a B.A. degree in political science. During his free time, he enjoys writing, singing, painting and playing and recording music. Above, he is with host Alex Trebek.



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# International Project Connects Teens

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Steven L. Miller, the photography instructor for the project, notes that while the students may not have all the technical knowledge, they possess a “fearlessness that results in a surge of creativity.” Miller says the goal was to help students learn how to tell stories with photography. “I was pleasantly surprised that they had an intense desire to learn and produce good work.”

Thomas says she was struck by the fact that the content of the photos was different, but the elements of style translate in the same way. “It was such a great idea — an exchange program of sorts,” she said adding, “You can see a variety of photos from two different places; it’s cool to see how capable we can be as young teenagers.” Thomas is continuing to study photography at Thomas Jefferson High School in Fairfax where she attends classes.

**COUNTY BOARD** member, J. Walter Tejada attended the opening reception on Jan. 8 and offered his congratulations to all involved in organizing the exhibition. Tejada, a native of El Salvador, notes in the catalogue that the photographs are a reminder that everyone has a vision to share and that the visual arts are uniquely poised to present that vision. Tejada wrote: “Assembled together these photographs show the com-



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**Participant Jonathan Wilson**

## Details

❖ For the project, the Arlington Arts Center formed a partnership with CVS Caremark “All Kids Can,” VSA Arts and the Centro Arte Para la Paz in Suchitoto, El Salvador.

❖ This Is My City/Esta Es Mi Ciudad can be viewed at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. through Feb. 27.

❖ To see Steven L. Miller’s work, visit [slmphoto.com](http://slmphoto.com)

monalities and differences between places geographically distant from each other, heightening cultural awareness.”

According to Miller the students were given the freedom to reflect on the theme, “This Is My City” and choose the way they wanted to characterize their city. “Photog-



**Penelope Nunes, director of education, Arlington Arts Center**

raphy helps students better understand the world around them as well as themselves ... you become more sensitive to what’s around you visually, you consume it and as a result, you perhaps learn a little bit about yourself reacting to new things,” said Miller.

Penelope Nunes, director of education at the Arlington Arts Center, says their students are “super appreciative” of the learning opportunities. She added, “I love hearing the kids tell me about their artwork and seeing their exuberance.”

Wilson beams as he explains what it’s like to see his photographs in the exhibition: “I was pretty excited.”



**Participant Nina Thomas**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Car Free?

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post videos of themselves, blog about their frustrations and share their triumphs. Like network reality shows, the Arlington social media experiment will open a window into the lives of regular people struggling to get through life — a feature that’s already become a touchstone for those who’ve entered the contest to be voted into the show.

“That’s what you’ll get with me,” says Emmie Rothenbach in her audition video, posted to the Car-Free Diet Facebook page. “You’ll see me struggle and whine about it and probably cry and definitely fall off my bike.”

### Sports Bias

To the Editor:

In The Arlington Connection, January 27-February 2, 2010, Volume XXIV, Number 4; in the Sports section article, “Patriots Split Meet with Washington-Lee Generals,” your coverage is extremely biased towards Yorktown. This is true of most of the Arlington papers. Perhaps it is because Yorktown staff is better at reporting its statistics. I am not sure of the reason, but Washington-Lee and Wakefield are mentioned far less than Yorktown, and in some cases, such as in this article, this is true even when W-L has won all or part of the event.

In the case of the Friday, Jan. 22, swim meet between Washington-Lee and Yorktown, the W-L boys won, while the Yorktown Girls won. No W-L swimmers were recognized by name in your article, even amongst the boys, who won their part of the meet. Your ar-

ticle went on and on about both the Yorktown boys and girls, listing many of them by name. Your paper has many readers from Arlington’s other two regular high schools. Even though they may not win as much as Yorktown, they do deserve some mention, particularly when they happen to win

something. Please be a leader amongst the local rags and end this youth sports reporting bias towards Yorktown that has gone on for too long.

**Mary Yuh**

Parent of Washington-Lee Generals

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The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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# First Novel

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and saw an occasional negative review. So, I realized that I can't please everybody, and I shouldn't try to.

## What is the hardest part of writing a book?

Writer's block, finding the motivation to keep writing and not give up, and finding the time to write while maintaining a full time job. It's tough.

## Could you describe some of your work? Is there a common theme in your work?

I don't like to have stereotypical protagonists (good guys) and antagonists (bad guys). I feel like many of the ones we see in movies or read about in novels are cookie-cutter and cliché. In my opinion, people are imperfect and they do both good and bad things (according to what society considers to be good or bad) at various moments in life, based on their interests/priorities/needs at the time. So, the characters in my novel are the same way. Also, I strive to not have a generic storyline. I try to surprise readers. Finally, I focus a lot on describing

the cities, people, and culture of the novel's setting. In regard to "The Opportunists," it is Uzbekistan. My next novel will be Singapore.

## Could you tell me a little about your most recent novel? What did you enjoy most about writing it?

"The Opportunists" is about an American with a gambling problem who gets in way over his head in debt to a New York mob. He escapes to Uzbekistan at the urging of a friend already there, and looks for an opportunity to make a quick fortune to cover his gambling losses and start a new life. However, this proves to be no easy task as

he finds himself having to deal with Uzbek drug barons, corrupt officials, and mobsters from N.Y. who tracked him to Uzbekistan. In addition to the American's story, there are a host of other colorful characters with their own interests.

## What advice do you have for other writers or young writers?

Proofread, proofread, and proofread. I have literally read my novel a dozen times and I found errors every time. Have others read your writing with a red pen as well. Don't consider publishing until you and others can read your novel and find no errors.

# 5 Tax Tips That Could Save You Thousands

AMY MCANARNEY



Each year many taxpayers miss out on thousands of their own hard-earned dollars, simply because they are unaware of the many tax deductions and credits they are legally eligible to receive. Here are some of the recent tax law changes you need to be aware of, courtesy of Amy McAnarney, Executive Director of The Tax Institute at H&R Block.

**Capital Assets:** Thinking of selling an appreciated capital asset such as stock or a vacation home? You may even want to consider giving the asset to a child or grandchild who is in a lower tax bracket. He or she may be able to sell the property and have all or most of the gain taxed at 0%. However, be careful of "kiddie tax" rules which may tax some of your child's income at your rates.

**New Vehicles:** Did you know that you can deduct the sales tax paid on up

to \$49,500 of the purchase price of a new vehicle bought in 2009? This is helpful particularly if you do not itemize and instead take the standard deduction on your tax return. In that case, remember you can add the sales tax to the standard deduction. In order to deduct the sales tax paid on the purchase of a new vehicle, the auto must have been purchased between Feb. 17, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009.

**Business Vehicles:** If you own a small business that bought an SUV or other vehicle that weighs over 6,000 pounds in 2009, and it's used

for business, you may be able to deduct up to \$25,000 of the cost this year, plus take a 50% depreciation deduction on the remaining cost of the vehicle. For example, if your new SUV cost \$75,000, you may be able to take a tax deduction of \$52,000 on your 2009 business return.

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of \$6,500. Existing homeowners must have lived in their current home for five of the last eight years to be eligible in 2010 for the \$6,500 homebuyer credit.

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# SCHOOLS

The following Marymount University students from Arlington are recognized in the 2009 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges:

- ❖ **David Abraham**, who is majoring in Business Administration
- ❖ **Atanaska Dobreva**, who is majoring in Economics and in the Honors Program
- ❖ **Jamesian Emmanuel**, who is majoring in Criminal Justice
- ❖ **Allison Jordan**, who is majoring in Fashion Design
- ❖ **Kayla Kinworthy**, who is majoring in Psychology
- Nelson Martinez**, who is majoring in Information Systems
- ❖ **Shannon Mortimer**, who is majoring in 2nd Degree Nursing
- ❖ **Hieu Nguyen**, who is majoring in Business Administration
- ❖ **Louine Wailes**, who is majoring in Interior Design
- ❖ **Joseph Weisbeck**, who is majoring in Nursing.

**Arlington Public Schools** will provide a variety of summer programs for students in grades Pre-K through 12 during summer 2010. Most classes will run from July 12 - Aug. 12 for elementary and middle school students, and from July 12 - Aug. 19 for high school students. The course catalog and registration forms will be posted online by Feb. 15 and will be distributed to all APS schools at the end of February. Registration will open on March 1.

**The Yorktown High School theater department** placed first at the district Virginia High School League (VHSL) one-act play competition for their performance of "Nora's Lost" last week. The play, about an elderly woman debilitated by Alzheimer's, is 30-minute

one-act play that explores the meaning of memory and love fractured by dementia.

**Washington-Lee's** theater department placed second for their performance of Bertolt Brecht's Fear and Misery of the Third Reich and **Wakefield High School's** theater department placed third at the competition for their performance of Aesop's (Oh So Slightly Updated) Fables.

Cast members from both schools received additional honors, including:

- ❖ Best Ensemble - Yorktown
- ❖ Best Actor - Pat Dwyer, Yorktown
- ❖ Male All Star Cast - Wakefield's John Morgan and Mark Tanner, and Yorktown's Alex Zaloum, Henry Ross and Stephen Kime
- ❖ Best Actress - Callie Nestleroth, Yorktown
- ❖ Female All Star Cast - Wakefield's Alexis Lodsun, Sheila McCloskey, Jame Jackson, Ana Pinto and Yorktown's Emily Johnson, Claire Withycombe, Alice Jurkevics

Yorktown and Washington-Lee will compete at the regional level on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Lake Braddock High School.

**Five Arlington seniors from Washington-Lee High School** and the **H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program** have been named Presidential Scholars Program candidates. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

This year's Presidential Scholars Program candidates are:

- ❖ **Matthew R. Farrell**, H-B Woodlawn

- ❖ **Mary Margaret Ambrose**, Washington-Lee

- ❖ **Kristopher K. Armradit**, Washington-Lee

- ❖ **Steven, H. Hazel**, Washington-Lee

- ❖ **Thomas E. Miotke**, Washington-Lee

The program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. Each year, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Scholars are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in academic and artistic success, leadership and involvement in school and the community.

Semifinalists will be announced in April and Scholars will be announced in May.

**Jeanette Orrey**, the United Kingdom's famous "Dinner Lady" (or lunch lady here in the states) visited with Washington-Lee and APS Food Services staff. Orrey is a leader in the U.K.'s efforts to provide school lunches made of fresh, local and organic food. Orrey discussed how APS can do more with the farm-to-school program, which uses fresh, locally-grown food in school meals. During her visit to the U.S., Orrey spent time in New York, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., city schools.

**More than 700 high school students** from the Northeast U.S. will gather in Arlington Feb. 5-7 to debate student-made bills, emulating the legislative branch of our government. Students will be representing the Northeast Junior State of America, comprised of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode

Island and Vermont. Debates will occur Friday-Sunday amongst groups of 20 students who will share their opinions under clerks in regards to the bills they will present.

**Arlington Public Schools** has been awarded \$3.3 in Qualified School Construction Bonds to be used for the Career Center improvement project.

The bonds were established as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to retrofit and improve public school buildings by financing energy improvements and renovations as well as renewable energy projects.

APS will use the funding to issue no-interest bonds for an energy efficiency improvement project at the Career Center which is included in the FY 2009 - 14 Capital Improvement Plan. The interest-free loans will reduce the cost of the project by reducing the debt-service for the project.

**"Mariana's Wish,"** an original play by Wakefield High School sophomore Mariana Pavon is one of nine Washington-area student plays selected by the Young Playwrights' Theater (YPT) to be produced as part of its annual New Play Festival. The festival showcases exceptional student work from its in-school playwriting program.

Pavon was one of 11 APS students to complete a 12-week workshop which culminated in the creation and performance of the students' original plays.

Pavon will be paired with a professional drama coach who will help make final edits to her play. Professional actors will perform the plays April 19-21 at the GALA Hispanic Theatre in Washington, D.C.

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## FAITH NOTES

Know of something missing from our Faith Notes? Send it to *The Arlington Connection*, e-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with any questions. Photos are welcome.

**Clarendon United Methodist** (606 N. Irving, Arlington), resumes weekday Faith, Food and Fellowship. For the last 25 years, Clarendon UMC has offered a "Quick Fix" for those needing a mid-week spiritual word, a hot meal and an interesting program. On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, meets at 12 p.m. for a brief inspirational message followed by a three-course hot meal (\$4). At 1 p.m. a program on local or topical interest is offered. Contact 703-527-8574 or the Web site at [www.morefaith.org](http://www.morefaith.org).

Looking for community? Come visit the **Church of the Ascension** at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays at our host church, Christ Church of Arlington, at 3020 North Pershing Drive, a 10-minute walk due south of the Clarendon metro station.

The Church of the Ascension is a parish of the Anglican Mission in the Americas ([theamia.org](http://theamia.org)).

**Shabbat Services** are held at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Newman, 4301 Seminary Road, Alexandria, each Friday at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat morning services begin Saturdays at 10 a.m. Services are followed by a sit-down Kiddush. Call 703-370-2774 or visit [www.chabadalexandria.org](http://www.chabadalexandria.org)

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**Jake** is a 12-year-old white and brown neutered male tabby. His owner was forced to give him up due to financial circumstances. He lived with another cat who he adored, groomed, slept near and played with. He also lived with a dog who he ignored. According to his owner, Jake plays gently, likes to chase and pounce a variety of toys, enjoys chasing bugs and moths and likes toys that crackle, such as paper bags. He is a talkative lap cat who acts more like a dog than a cat. Come by for a cup of tea and conversation with Jake next time you are in the neighborhood.



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## CRIME REPORT

The following incidents, from Jan. 21 to Jan. 27, were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

**ROBBERY:** Jan. 20, 2000 block of Jefferson Davis Highway. On Jan. 20 at 8 p.m., a building custodian was robbed of money and keys by an unknown man who implied a weapon. The suspect was wearing dark clothing and a black mask.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING-ARREST,** block of Columbia Pike. On Jan. 22 at 1:45 a.m., two men argued. One hit the other with a glass, cutting the victim's face. The suspect was apprehended. A 27-year-old man from Arlington was charged with malicious wounding. He was held without bond.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING-ARREST,** 2400 block of S. Lowell Street. On Jan. 22 at 11 p.m., two men argued and one stabbed the other superficially in the stomach. A 49-year-old man from Arlington, was charged with Malicious Wounding. He was held without bond.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING-ARREST,** 1100 block of S. Hayes Street. On Jan. 23 at 7 p.m., two groups of teenage males got into a physical fight in a mall food court. One subject was stabbed superficially. Three juveniles were detained and taken to detention. An 18-year-old from Greenbelt, Md., was charged with malicious wounding. He was held without bond.

**LATE ROBBERY,** 1800 block of N. Moore Street. On Jan. 21 at 5 a.m., a man was walking when two unknown men brandished a knife and stole his cell phone and wallet. The victim reported the incident a day later. The suspects were both white Hispanic males in their 20's. One subject was wearing jeans and a blue jacket and had short hair. The other suspect was wearing all black clothing and had long hair and a mustache.

**DISCHARGE A FIREARM IN A DWELLING-ARREST,** 5700 block of N. 6th Street. On Jan. 24 at 12:30 a.m., an intoxicated man fired several shots inside a residence. No one was injured. A 26-year-old man from Arlington was charged with discharge of a firearm in a dwelling. He was held without bond.

**EXPOSURE,** 1700 block of Roosevelt Street. On Jan. 24 at 2 p.m., a woman was jogging on a bike trail when she saw an unknown man exposing himself. His face was covered by a black ski mask. The suspect fled the area on a bicycle.

**BURGLARY,** 2200 block of Clarendon Boulevard. On Jan. 22 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., an unknown subject entered an apartment and stole various items. There are no known suspects.

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY,** 1500

block of Wilson Boulevard. Between 6 p.m. on Jan. 22, and 6 a.m. on Jan. 25, an unknown subject stole laptop computers from an office. There are no known suspects.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO (SERIES),** 200 block of S. Carlin Springs Road. On Jan. 20 between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., an unknown person broke into at least two vehicles and stole several items. There is no suspect description.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO (SERIES),** 1700 block of N. George Mason Drive. On Jan. 20 between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., an unknown subject broke into several cars in the same block, stealing various items. There are no known suspects.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO (SERIES),** 5500 block of Columbia Pike. Between 8 p.m. on Jan. 23, and 5 a.m. on Jan. 25, an unknown subject broke into at least four cars and stole various items. There are no known suspects.

**DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY,** 3000 block of Wilson Boulevard. On Jan. 24 at 10:20 p.m., two groups of unknown subject fought in front of a restaurant. One subject was pushed into a glass window and broke it. All suspects fled before police arrived.

**DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY (SERIES),** 2200 block of S. 27th Street.

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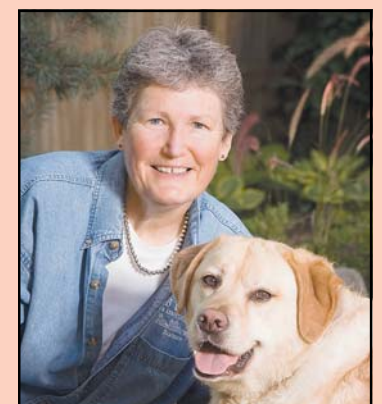
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Suzanne is a native Washingtonian. As a full time realtor Suzanne has sold homes in Arlington, Falls Church, McLean, Washington D.C., and Great Falls. Suzanne has also been involved in the sale of commercial properties and businesses and has negotiated many commercial leases for both local and national clients.

Suzanne understands planning, zoning, building, and design. Trained in graduate school as a landscape architect Suzanne brings a professional design perspective and insight to every transaction, whether it be residential, commercial or investment. She has been involved in numerous design and renovation projects and has served as a planning and development consultant to companies, non-prof-

its, and individuals. Suzanne was the chief planner for the award winning Rosslyn- Ballston Corridor in Arlington, head of Joint Development for Metro, and head of the Land Use division for Fairfax County.

Suzanne has lived in the City of Falls Church for over twenty years and has been active since 1976 in real estate in Northern Virginia and DC. Suzanne excels at getting deals closed for sellers, buyers, landlords and tenants. Her sales volume for 2008-2009 exceeded \$28 million. She understands the local market and knows how to evaluate any transaction to benefit her client. Suzanne is truly a "Renaissance Realtor" in both training and experience.



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888 QUINCY ST N #601	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$560,260	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	RESIDENCES@LIBERTY CT
3011 7TH ST S	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$555,000	Detached	0.13	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
1111 19 ST N #2109	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$555,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	WATERVIEW RESIDENCES
5725 3RD ST S	4	2	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$554,000	Detached	0.14	GLEN CARLIN
1200 NASH ST N #1127	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$550,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	PROSPECT HOUSE
1306 STAFFORD ST N	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$545,000	Detached	0.17	BALLSTON
5717 8TH RD N	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$540,000	Detached	0.11	BONAIR
1014 MADISON ST N	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$540,000	Detached	0.14	DOMINION HILLS
2744 WYOMING ST	4	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$540,000	Detached	0.23	BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
4433 1ST ST S	3	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$530,000	Detached	0.14	BARCROFT
718 NELSON ST N	3	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.09	KENMORE
4300 8TH ST S	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$524,521	Detached	0.18	BARCROFT
3200 6TH ST S	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$520,000	Detached	0.12	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
6285 15TH PL N	3	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$520,000	Detached	0.37	MADISON MANOR
1124 EDISON ST S	3	3	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$515,000	Detached	0.12	COLUMBIA FOREST
2720 ARLINGTON MILL DR S#1102	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$515,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	SHIRLINGTON VILLAGE
912 22ND ST S	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$510,000	Detached	0.21	ADDISON HEIGHTS
4020 20TH ST N	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$505,000	Detached	0.08	CHERRYDALE
1200 NASH ST N #521	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$505,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	PROSPECT HOUSE
2120 RANDOLPH ST	4	3	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$503,000	Detached	0.11	DOUGLAS PARK NEW ARL.
2220 FAIRFAX DR #403	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$495,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	PARK AT COURTHOUSE
1809 MADISON ST N	2	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$490,000	Detached	0.12	PARKHURST
2400 CLARENDON BLVD#914	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$485,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	CHARLESTON CONDO
2304 HARRISON ST N	3	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$475,000	Detached	0.14	LEEWAY HEIGHTS
1600 OAK ST N #1533	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$475,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	BELVEDERE
5922 4TH ST S	3	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$449,000	Detached	0.15	GLEN CARLIN
3549 STAFFORD ST S #A	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$442,000	Townhouse	...	FAIRLINGTON GLEN
S FOUR MILE RUN DRIVE	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$439,000	Other	0.00	ARLINGTON
4133 FOUR MILE RUN DR S#A	3	2	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$433,000	Townhouse	...	WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON
3925 8TH ST S	3	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$425,000	Detached	0.19	ALCOVA HEIGHTS
4247 32ND RD S #267	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$425,000	Attach/Row Hse	...	FAIRLINGTON GRN
2842 ABINGDON ST #2371	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$419,500	Townhouse	...	FAIRLINGTON VIL
4143 FOUR MILE RUN DR S#C	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$418,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON
3073 ABINGDON ST S	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$413,750	Townhouse	...	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
2023 EDISON ST N	4	3	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$412,500	Detached	0.17	HIGHVIEW PARK
2726 HARRISON ST N	5	4	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$407,350	Detached	0.00	NA
2742 TROY ST	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.06	LONGBRANCH PARK
3048 BUCHANAN ST S #A2	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$399,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	FAIRLINGTON VIL
1021 GARFIELD ST N #545	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$392,500	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	CLARENDON
880 POLLARD ST N #1023	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$385,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	BALLSTON
820 POLLARD ST N #705	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$385,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	HAWTHORN
4801 31ST ST S #A1	1	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$379,950	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	FAIRLINGTON VIL
72 BEDFORD ST #72B	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$379,900	Townhouse	...	BEDFORD PARK
2200 WESTMORELAND ST N#404	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$379,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	WESTLEE
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2001 15TH ST N #616	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	ODYSSEY
2001 15TH ST N #105	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	ODYSSEY
41134113 FOUR MILE RD S#404	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	WEST AT SHIRLINGTON
1530 KEY BLVD #131	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	TRIUM CONDO
3830 9TH ST N #506W	1	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$365,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	LEXINGTON SQUARE
4139 FOUR MILE RUN DR S#402	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$355,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON
1021 GARFIELD ST N #B43	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$351,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	CLARENDON
2001 15TH ST N #717	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$350,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	ODYSSEY
3650 GLEBE RD S #560	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$350,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	THE ECLIPSE
3515 WASHINGTON BLVD#402	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$349,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	WENTWORTH PLACE
1859 WILSON BLVD #374	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$345,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	COLONIAL VILLAGE
2743 BUCHANAN ST #2254	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$345,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	FAIRLINGTON VIL
4640 36TH ST S #A2	1	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$345,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	FAIRLINGTON MEWS
1530 KEY BLVD #409	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$340,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	TRIUM CONDO
851 GLEBE RD N #816	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$334,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	CONTINENTAL
3835 9TH ST N #605W	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$325,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	LEXINGTON SQUARE
511 WAYNE ST	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$320,000	Duplex	0.06	FORT CRAIG
1307 HIGHLAND ST	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$320,000	Semi-Detached	0.10	MUNSON'S
4500 FOUR MILE RUN DR S#918	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$299,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	CENTURY SOUTH
2000 LOWELL ST	5	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$296,900	Detached	0.11	NAUCK GREEN VALLEY
2011 CULPEPER ST	3	3	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$294,900	Detached	0.23	HIGHVIEW PARK
1903 KEY BLVD #550	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$288,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	COLONIAL VILLAGE
1611 13TH ST S	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$284,000	Detached	0.09	SOUTHGATE
900 STAFFORD ST N #2010	0	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$280,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	ALTA VISTA
3000 SPOUT RUN PKWY#A309	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$277,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	CARDINAL HOUSE
2055 SOUTH 26TH ST#B04	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$272,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	THE GROVE@ARLINGTON SQ
2701 16TH ST S #562	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$270,000	Townhouse	...	ARLINGTON VILLAGE
2705 ARLINGTON BLVD #105	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$269,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	CAMBRIDGE COURTS
2637 WALTER REED DR S #A	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$265,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	THE ARLINGTON
3103 FOX ST	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$257,000	Ath/Row Hse	0.08	OAKCREST
2600 16TH ST S #714	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$257,000	Townhouse	...	ARL VLG COURTYAR
823 GLEBE RD S	3	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$250,000	Duplex	0.07	WESTMONT
4878 28TH ST S #C2	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$249,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	...	FAIRLINGTON VIL
4201 LEE HWY #101	2	1	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$246,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	STONERIDGE KNOLL
900 TAYLOR ST N #238	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$240,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	JEFFERSON RETIREMENT CONDOS
4500 FOUR MILE RUN DR S#1208	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$226,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	CENTURY SOUTH
3701 5TH ST S #304	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$220,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	STRATTON HOUSE
5418 8TH PL S	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$220,000	Duplex	0.07	COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
2051 LINCOLN ST	4	2	1	...	ARLINGTON	\$210,000	Townhouse	0.04	NAUCK-KEMPER HEIGHTS
5101 8TH RD S #108	3	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$205,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	COLUMBIA KNOLLS
900 TAYLOR ST N #1226	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$187,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	JEFFERSON RES
4501 ARLINGTON BLVD #126	1	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$185,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	THE CHATHAM
1830 COLUMBIA PIKE #410	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$185,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	...	LANCASTER CONDOS
4600 FOUR MILE RUN DR#916	2	2	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$167,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	THE CARLTON
4600 FOUR MILE RUN DR S#532	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$165,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	THE CARLTON
4600 FOUR MILE RUN DR S#238	2	1	0	...	ARLINGTON	\$159,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	...	CARLTON

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**The Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women** seeks nominations for the 2010 "Women of Vision" Award, presented to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to women's issues and improving the lives of Arlington women. Awardees must live, work or volunteer in Arlington County. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 17.

Awardees will be honored at the 24th Annual Women of Vision Awards dinner and presentation on March 31. The theme is "Writing Women Back into History" and the featured speaker will be television journalist Maureen Bunyan.

For more information about the award or to obtain a nomination form, visit the Commission's Web site at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/commissions/WomenCommissionMain.aspx>

## The Northern Virginia Re- "Flourishing After 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs Feb. 16-20.

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 Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.; also TJ Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Arlington County senior centers will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents Day

**Census questionnaire workshop**, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center. Review questions, discuss need for census. Free. Details, 703-228-4406.

Culture exchange program featuring **all things Chinese** including personal stories, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m., TJ Community Center, 703-228-4403. Free.

**Free blood pressure check**, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m., Lee Senior

**gional Park Foundation** has been awarded a second grant from Dominion Power to help fund Energy: The Human/Environment Connection project, an energy education project at Potomac Overlook Regional Park in Arlington.

The first grant from Dominion Power, awarded in February 2009, was allocated for the development of a kids cave feature at the James I. Mayer Center for Environmental Education at Potomac Overlook Regional Park in conjunction with the Energy Project.

The James I. Mayer Center for Environmental Education is now open at Potomac Overlook and has been developed as a part of phase one of the energy project. The Nature Center features fun and accessible ways to learn energy basics as well as ways to help create sustainable energy solutions at the individual, community and national levels. The displays blend lessons from ecology, Earth Science, physics, chemistry and other topics in clear, understandable ways. The 'Kid's Cave' will be a new play space at the James I. Mayer Center that thematically highlights caves and mines found in Virginia. Features will include

educational toys and books as well as interactive exhibits.



**Arlington resident Mark H. Siciliano** was selected to attend the Northwestern Mutual Forum, held Nov. 8-11,

2009, at The Phoenician in Scottsdale, Ariz. Siciliano was invited to the Forum in recognition of his outstanding year of performance, serving the needs of clients throughout the region. He joins a distinguished group of representatives from across the country who have qualified for this honor. Siciliano is a representative with The Washington Group, based in McLean.



**Dr. Robert Betz, Ph.D., of Arlington** was named chairman of the Salvation Army's D.C. Advisory Board. He is president

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Center, 703-228-0555.

**Pickleball players** to meet Tuesday, Feb. 16 through Fri., Feb. 19, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., TJ Comm. Center. Free with 55+ Pass, 703-228-4745.

Full fitness **exercise classes**, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m., beginners, Lee Senior Center, 703-228-0555; and Wed., Feb. 17, 10 a.m., intermediate and advanced, TJ Community Center, 703-228-4745. Cost \$3.50 per class; drop in.

**Decluttering strategies** explored Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 703-228-5722. Free.

**Census questionnaire workshop**, Thursday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m., Lee Senior Center. Review questions, discuss need for census. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Estate planning** for blended families, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1 p.m. Walter Reed Senior Center, 703-228-0955. Conducted by elder law attorney Ed

Zetlin. Free.

**Line dancing classes** for beginners, Thursday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 703-228-5321; also Fri., Feb. 19, 10 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center. Free. Call to register.

**Senior trips**: Tuesday, Feb. 16, afternoon tea at Tea, Lace & Roses, Culpeper, Va., \$41; Thursday, Feb. 18, Maymont Flower & Garden Show, Richmond, buffet lunch, \$36; Friday, Feb. 19, International Gem and Jewelry Show, Chantilly, \$13; Saturday, Feb. 20, Ford's Theatre, D.C., Mark Russell, political satirist, \$72. Registration required. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4748.

**African crafts workshop**, Friday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 703-228-5321. Cost \$2. Call to register.

**Heritage Festival**, Saturday, Feb. 20, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Charles Drew Community Center, 3500 S. 23rd St. Free. Information, 703-228-5725.



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## In Rehearsal

Cast members **Jessica Seminerio (Puss'n Boots)**, **Becky Day (Dippy Dilly Duck/Princess)** and **Tony Strowd (Jemston)** rehearse before a performance of "Puss 'n Boots" at the Synetic Family Theater on Jan. 31.

## CRIME REPORT

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Between 7 p.m. on Jan. 22, and 1 p.m. on Jan. 23, an unknown subject vandalized at least eleven cars by "keying" them. There are no known suspects.

**STOLEN AUTO**, Jan. 20, Untagged 2006 Honda motorcycle, red 2600 block of Crystal Drive

**STOLEN AUTO**, Jan. 21, VA JAM7027 2002 Chevy Malibu, bronze 3000 block of Wilson Boulevard

**STOLEN AUTO**, Jan. 21, VA YCF8254 1999 Honda Civic, black 5200 block of S. 7th Road

**STOLEN AUTO**, Jan. 25, VA XPZ8400 1998 Dodge van, grey 1900 block of N. Calvert Street.

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## THEATER

# Arlington Players' 'Amadeus' Explores Genius

Peter Shaffer's play plods on Jefferson Stage.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

The Arlington Players tackle a serious drama, Peter Shaffer's intellectually challenging play of genius and jealousy, "Amadeus," at the Thomas Jefferson Theatre through Feb. 13. The play provides a host of interesting questions about the nature of creativity. It can be an engrossing evening of ideas explored in lively language, and the production is successful with some of them but fails to reach the heights that the play deserves.

One of the more talented directors working in community theater in Northern Virginia today, Zina Bleck, is at the helm, and in the two leading roles, she has two actors with proven track records with challenging material like this. Michael Kharfen, who richly deserved his WATCH Award for a superbly moderated and ultimately searing performance as the accused killer of Charles Lindbergh's baby in "Kaufman," hits just one level of emotion all night long as the merely competent composer Antonio Salieri. It is an exhausting high that leaves him little room to react as Salieri recognizes that his competence pales to insignificance when compared to the genius of a Mozart.

Tom Witherspoon has also



Cal Whitehurst, Dell Pendergrast, Michael Kharfen, Xandra Weaver, Katherine Biscula, Jessica Sperlongano, Marji Jepperson and Gail Seavey star in "Amadeus."

earned respect for his on-stage skill, but he too seems to have but one note to play as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. He plays him as the immature genius whose greatness drives Salieri to at least contemplate geniuscide. In his hands, however, it becomes questionable whether Salieri would poison Mozart because he can't stand the comparison with his talent or simply because he can't stand the little twerp. While it is true that Shaffer's script leaves less room for the actor portraying Mozart to moderate his moods than the actor playing Salieri, the contrast

between Mozart's genius and his boorishness needs to become clear at some point in the proceedings.

Mari Davis is Mozart's wife who is willing to put up with his infantile sexual and social behavior in her search for the social and financial security she assumes genius will accrue, and later, to yield to the demands of Salieri in order to advance her husband's prospects.

Bleck spreads the action out over the wide stage of the Jefferson. She has Katherine Biscula, Marji Jepperson, Gail Seavey and Jessica Sperlongano as a late baroque version of a Greek

Chorus commenting on the action in full court regalia while Cal Whitehurst prances satisfyingly as the royal Joseph II whose court supports the artistic life of Vienna. The court includes Dell Pendergrast, Michael Gerwin and Steven Feder who each create a believable count or baron with distinct personalities.

As with his other plays, "Equus" and "The Royal Hunt of the Sun," Shaffer takes liberties with historical fact in the search for artistic truth. If you want a lesson on Mozart's life and death, there are better sources than this play. If, on

## Where And When

The Arlington Players' production of "Amadeus" continues through Feb. 13 at Arlington's Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 - \$15. Call 703-549-1063 or log onto [www.thearlingtonplayers.org](http://www.thearlingtonplayers.org).



Michael Kharfen in "Amadeus."

the other hand, you are interested in an exploration of such questions as "how a kind and benevolent God can distribute his blessings so unevenly" or "why great talent can reside in less than great individuals" this is an evening well spent.

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## Professional or Amateur - Local Theaters Earn Recognition

### Nominations for Helen Hayes and WATCH Awards announced.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

Area professional theaters learned of their works' nominations for the coveted Helen Hayes Award for outstanding work on professional stages throughout the region last Monday, Jan. 25, while the community theaters learned of the nominations for the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors (WATCH) Awards last week. Put together, work at 10 companies from Arlington and Alexandria re-

ceived nominations.

With professional companies performing at many different venues, it is not always easy to tabulate how the work in one area fared. For example, while Arena Stage which performs both in Crystal City and in Washington, drew 10 nominations, only three of them were for work in Crystal City. However, they were in big categories: their production of the drama "The Quality of Life" was nominated for Outstanding Play, Outstanding Direction and outstanding Ensemble in a Play.

Similarly, Arlington-based Keegan Theatre received five nominations but they were all for a show performed in Washington. "Rent" was nominated for the Outstanding Musical and its directors Mark A. Rhea and Susan Marie Rhea, its musical director Aaron Broderick

and actor Parker Drown who played "Angel" were also nominated.

Another company performing on both sides of the Potomac is Synetic Theatre, and again this year, they scored a host of nominations including three for choreographer Irina Tsikurishvili who continues her domination of that category having been nominated every year for the past dozen years, winning the award seven times. Her director/husband Paata Tsikurishvili, was nominated again this year as well. Resident designer Anastasia Ryurikov Simes also had multiple nominations in the costume design category. All together, the company drew 13 nominations including Outstanding Play for their wordless but charming "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

No such confusion is involved

when it comes to the work at MetroStage in Alexandria which received seven nominations, six of which were for the musical "Cool Papa's Party" including one for Thomas W. Jones II who directed it and one for Maurice Hines who handled choreography. "Heroes," a touching three-character drama with Ralph Cosham, John Dow and Michael Tolydo, was nominated for Outstanding Ensemble in a play.

Arlington's Signature Theatre which won last year's Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre had fewer nominations for the Helen Hayes award this year than it has in some years past. Among their eight nominations were nods in the direction of a number of performers including four for "Show Boat," Harry A. Winter, Will Gartshore, Kimberly Schraf and

Delores King Williams, as well as a nomination for the entire ensemble. Both John Dosset and Ashley Robinson were nominated for "Giant" and Holly Twyford drew three nominations at three different theaters including one for her work in Signature's "The Little Dog Laughed."


We have a robust community theater scene as well. The Washington Area Theatre Community Honors organization presents its WATCH Awards each year for exceptional work in as many as 30 theater companies — five of which are in Arlington and Alexandria. All five of them received at least one nomination for work in 2009.

Drawing the most nominations among the five was the Little Theatre of Alexandria where work on

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## Professional or Amateur — Local Theaters Earn Honors

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seven different shows was nominated. Top of the list was the Little Theatre of Alexandria with 27 nominations for work on seven different shows. The play about Oscar Wilde's prosecution for "Gross Indecency" had nine nominations including Outstanding Play and a nomination for the director, Frank D. Shutts II. "It Runs in the Family" was also nominated for Outstanding Play and its director Roland Branford Gomez received one as well. In all, it drew six nominations. Three of LTA's productions had three nominations each, "The Foreigner," "Leading Ladies" and "Art of Murder" while "Gypsy" had two and "Greater Tuna" had one.

The Arlington Players productions garnered 18 nominations with by far the majority going to their production of "Follies" which will

compete for awards as the Outstanding Musical as well as Outstanding Direction of a Musical (Christopher Dykton). Their other musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," captured five nominations while "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" drew one.

Dominion Stage's production of "Glorious!" had two nominations and "Jeffrey" one while two Port City Playhouse production each had one and the Aldersgate Church Community Theatre's "Inherit the Wind" resulted in a nomination for James Day for Outstanding Cameo in a Play.

The WATCH Awards will be given out at the annual gala ceremony at the Birchmere on March 14. The Helen Hayes Award ceremony will be April 5 at the Warner Theatre in Washington followed by a party at the JW Marriott Hotel half a block away.

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# Mathis Improving Quality of Life, Basketball Skills

Wakefield's 6-foot-4 senior back after missing junior season.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he maturation of Kireah Mathis, the basketball player, moved forward during Friday's game at Mount Vernon. At halftime, the Wakefield senior took on a leadership role, addressing an issue in the locker room. Back on the court, Mathis finished with a career-high 24 points in a hard-fought 76-70 loss to the National District's second-place Majors.

The maturation of Kireah Mathis, the person, moved forward in the fall of 2009 when the teenager, living at the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home in Alexandria, sent his high school basketball coach a letter. Mathis played for Tony Bentley as a sophomore at Wakefield, but missed his junior season after getting in trouble and spending nine months at the detention center referred to as "Landmark." Set to return home in December of his senior year, Mathis wanted to rejoin the Warriors.

"He actually wrote me a letter from Landmark saying, 'Coach, I'm coming back home and I just want you to give me another chance. I'm going to do everything I can,'" Bentley said, "and he's done everything I've asked him to do. ... He's maturing, he's growing up. These are kids and they make mistakes — we all did — and he paid for it, and now he's like, 'I need a chance.'"

Bentley keeps the letter on a dresser in his office. He still reads it from time to time. So far, Mathis is taking advantage of his second chance.

"I'd say [the last year of my life has] been rough. It's been real rough," Mathis said. "But basketball has made it [better]. I'm trying to just get back to basketball and change my life around and see what I can do next year in college. ... [Landmark is] not a place you want to be at. I'd rather be out here playing basketball and going to school."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Yorktown Boys, Girls Win District

The Yorktown boys and girls swim and dive teams won National District championships during the district meet this weekend at Washington-Lee High School. The Yorktown girls scored 660 points, 357 more than second-place Falls Church. The Yorktown boys scored 408 points, eight more than second place Washington-Lee.

The Washington-Lee girls took fourth (272) and Wakefield took eighth (70) out of eight teams. The Wakefield boys took



Wakefield senior Kireah Mathis, left, defends against Mount Vernon sophomore De'Quan Doyle during Saturday's game at Mount Vernon High School.

**ON THE COURT**, the 6-foot-4 left-hander affects a game in many ways. He is averaging nine points, eight rebounds and four blocks per contest. Friend and teammate Thomas Taylor said Mathis is "all-around good." Against Mount Vernon, Mathis did it all at both ends of the court. Offensively,

he scored from everywhere on the floor — on drives to the basket, putbacks and perimeter shots. Defensively, he blocked seven Mount Vernon shot attempts. Mathis' long arms make him hard to defend and his defense hard to avoid.

Mathis scored with 4:29 remaining in the fourth quarter to give Wakefield a 62-59

lead, but Mount Vernon's Jesse Konadu tied the game six seconds later with a three-point play. A Taylor pull-up jump shot gave the Warriors a 64-62 advantage with 4:06 to play — their final lead of the game. Sean Stewart knocked down 1 of 2 free-throw attempts for Mount Vernon and point guard Robert Smith scored in transition to put the Majors ahead to stay at 65-64 with 3:18 remaining.

Mathis scored the Warriors' final bucket with less than a minute to play. He had two tip-ins during the third quarter; the first gave Wakefield a seven-point lead and the second put the Warriors ahead 53-51 entering the fourth quarter. Mathis drilled a 3-pointer midway through the second quarter, giving the Warriors a 29-28 lead while sparking a 9-0 run.

**"I had a lot of time to think [while at Landmark]. ... Friends, basketball, my family: I cherish it now."**

— Wakefield senior  
Kireah Mathis about his time at a  
juvenile detention center

Wakefield led 35-28 late in the second quarter, but Mount Vernon star Skylar Jones outscored the Warriors 9-2 during an 88-second stretch to tie the game at 37 before halftime. During Jones' scoring burst, the Majors senior knocked down a pair of uncontested 3-pointers, leading Mathis to voice his displeasure with a teammate during halftime.

"I love Kireah, I love everything about his game," Bentley said. "He plays hard. Tonight, I watched him grow up. In the locker room at halftime he came in and he got on some

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eighth (109), as well.

Yorktown senior Kaitlin Wolla tied for the top individual girls scorer with 40 points. Falls Church freshman Laura Schwartz also had 40 points. The Yorktown girls produced 14 of the top 17 individual scores. Senior Abigail Ortmyer, sophomore Stephanie Romano and junior Angela Slevin tied for third with 37 points and junior Molly Merkel was sixth with 36 points. Junior Ann Carpenter and freshman Abigail Young each had 32 points, senior Carly Hinkle, juniors Lydia Carpenter and Emma Leheney and freshman Amanda Didawick each scored 31 and freshmen Ellie Belilos and Mason Nassetta and jun-

ior Carla Vazquez-Ramos each produced 30.

For the boys, Washington-Lee seniors Freddy Crawford and Jake Huston tied for the top individual score with 40 points. Yorktown junior Matthew Essig was fifth with 35 points and Washington-Lee senior Matthew Allen tied for sixth with 34 points.

### Yorktown Boys Beat Falls Church

The Yorktown boys basketball team defeated Falls Church 63-51 on Friday to improve to 9-9, 5-5 in the National District.

The Patriots faced Mount Vernon on Tuesday. Results were not available before the Connection's deadline. Yorktown travels to face Hayfield at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

### Yorktown Girls Win

The Yorktown girls basketball team beat Falls Church 72-27 on Friday, improving the Patriots' record to 8-9, 7-3 in the National District. Yorktown faced Mount Vernon on Tuesday. Results were not available before the Connection's deadline. The Patriots host Hayfield at 7:30 p.m. Friday.



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# Strength in Numbers



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

My wife, Dina, and I found out the other day that a friend in our social circle was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. It's the first friend/acquaintance of ours so diagnosed since I was similarly informed last February. Naturally I was sorry to hear of another person joining this less-than-exclusive cancer club. However, since I knew this new member, its effect on me was more personal. I called her the next day to offer any insights, answer any questions, share a few anecdotes, some of which hopefully she might find helpful. And in so doing, I felt another sensation, the sensation of not being alone, vis-a-vis the whole honor/camaraderie-amongst-cancer-patients thing.

Initially, upon hearing this friend's news (after she had called and confided in Dina), I again felt the all-too-familiar fear, shock and anxiety I had felt a year earlier when I was told my biopsy confirmed a malignant growth in my lung. And so I could certainly appreciate, although I hadn't yet talked to this friend and learned of the particular set of cancer-related circumstances (X-Ray, scans, biopsy), which lead to this diagnosis, to learn what she had been going through and for how long (it's not exactly share and tell in the beginning, or in the middle or the end, either).

Respecting her privacy and understanding full well the whole private/public, want to talk/need to talk/don't want to talk/don't need to talk cycle, I decided nonetheless to call the next day (not that previous evening when the initial call to my wife had been made). Our friend was very receptive to my call and eager even (can't really say happy) to discuss her health-related deficiencies of late which ultimately lead to her cancer diagnosis.

Similar in some respects to my experience and different in others, still it was comforting (to me) in some ways to not be the one providing the details and discussing medical matters of such severity and sensitivity. I felt as if in making the call I was providing a public service, almost, to someone in need. And in feeling good I began to feel selfish about feeling good. What was wrong with me? Here I am talking to a friend who is sharing intimate – and very personal – details, and life-changing details at that, that very few others in our group have been privileged/entrusted to hear about her tumors, life expectancy, inoperability and so forth, and I'm feeling a kind of serenity and strength, rather than sympathy and sorrow. How, why, do I feel anything other than sadness, especially considering all that I know that lies ahead, for this friend?

I think the explanation has to do with her future now being a part of my present/future, sort of. It's another connection I have in the cancer world. And from what I've read, what I've felt, what I've been encouraged and reminded to pursue during this whole cancer thing is, to find and maintain, connections. And having another member in the club (some club!), a member who so far exhibits all the attributes of a positive force for good/overcoming evil, I feel empowered, emboldened even by her membership. Not that either one of us is particularly interested in fighting this fight. Nevertheless, her attitude and willingness to do so, and her desire to take on all comers in the process, makes me feel stronger, more capable, more determined than ever to win this war.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Alexander George Kolt**, a senior at Hampden-Sydney College, was named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2009-2010 academic year. Alex is a graduate of Potomac School and is the son of Mrs. George Kolt of Arlington.

**Kenmore Middle School eighth-grader Ramona Rubalcava** was named a Virginia Senate page and began her eight-week appointment in mid-January.

The Senate elects 11 pages, one from each of the 11 congressional districts and five pages are appointed by Senate leadership to serve during the legislative session.

To be eligible, students must maintain an A or B average and have written permission from their school principal.

Page duties include running errands for Senators and Clerk's Office staff, collating bills, assisting committee clerks in setting up meetings and preparing the daily calendar bill books.

Rubalcava has been on the Kenmore honor

## BUSINESS NOTES

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of Robert Betz Associates, an Arlington-based consulting firm specializing in health policy issues and serves major healthcare providers, large corporations and associations. He serves as president of the American Association of Eye and Ear Centers of Excellence. Dr. Betz has a Ph.D. from George Washington University where he is also an adjunct professor teaching political science and health policy. He and his children make their home in Arlington.

**Bill Bodie** was named the chairman-elect, Salvation Army's D.C. Advisory Board. Bodie is president of KBR North American Government and Defense in Arlington. He has held leadership roles in the public and private sectors, and has also been published in the Wall Street Journal, the Detroit News and other publications.

**Arlington Career Center instructor Mike McGhee** and the Supported Work and Transition (SWAT) program's "Brown Box Lunch Program" received 2009 Virginia Career and Technical Education Creating Excellence awards.

The awards recognize programs that challenge teachers to identify, initiate, and implement activities that provide exceptional classroom instruction or positive outcomes for students in career and technical education.

McGhee, the lead automotive instructor, was chosen to receive an award because he is a state and national leader in the development of an automotive program that adds value to student education and that meets the needs of the program's partners, including dealerships and local community colleges. He has worked to improve all aspects of the program and helps students prepare for state-of-the-art jobs in the automotive work force.

**Jeanette English**, an Avon Representative in Arlington, won a trip to Para-

roll since the sixth grade. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the school's soccer team. Rubalcava was also selected as a starter for the Washington-Lee High School girl's freshman field hockey team.

She has volunteered with local organizations like the League of United Latin-American Citizens (LULAC) where she assisted in raising funds for students who could not otherwise afford to attend summer school.

**Lauren Gradowski**, Class of 2012 at Skidmore College, earned honors for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Leonard Gradowski of Arlington, and Rebecca Mann of Bridgeville, Del.

**Dylan R. Bilbao of Arlington** has been named to the dean's list at Western New England College for the fall semester of 2009. Bilbao is a Freshman majoring in Exploratory Business at the College.

**Steven Sloan of Arlington**, majoring in Music Education, has been named to the dean's list at Westminster Choir College of Rider University for the Fall 2009 semester.

dise Island to celebrate her success along with other top Avon Representatives at the company's President's Recognition Program Celebration.

The President's Recognition Program Celebration is an annual event at which the world's largest direct seller of beauty and other products brings together the nation's top achieving representatives who have distinguished themselves as top performers in sales or leadership.

**Sunrise at Bluemont Park**, a Sunrise Senior Living community, is one of the 2009 14<sup>th</sup> Annual ABBIE Award recipients. Each year the Arlington Chamber of Commerce recognizes businesses in the community that have delivered exceptional quality of service to their customers. Sunrise at Bluemont Park is a senior-living community operated by Sunrise Senior Living, the nation's largest provider of senior-living services.

**Dori Familiant** has been named complex general manager of the Doubletree Hotel Crystal City/National Airport and the Embassy Suites Hotel Crystal City/National Airport in Arlington. Familiant will oversee the day-to-day operations of the 630-room, upscale, full-service Doubletree hotel and the 267-suite Embassy Suites hotel.

**The Lukmire Partnership**, an architectural firm in Arlington noted for its library expertise, is working closely with Montgomery County officials on the design of the new Silver Spring Library in downtown Silver Spring.

The new Silver Spring Library, to be built at the intersection of Wayne Avenue and Fenton Street, will be part of a mixed-use development that will ultimately include residential and commercial space as well as the new light rail Purple Metro line.

The building is being designed to achieve Silver LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, signifying that it has met nationally accepted benchmarks as a green building.

## SPORTS

### Five questions with Wakefield guard Thomas Taylor:

# 5Qs

**Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?**

A: The farthest I've traveled is New Jersey, visiting my grandmother.

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

A: I really don't have one. Anything that's good to me I eat it.

**Q: What is your favorite basketball team?**

A: I don't have a favorite team but I have a favorite player: Dwayne Wade, because he just gets it done all the way around. He doesn't care about height or anything, he just gets it done.

**Q: Do you have any plans for after high school?**

A: Go to college, hopefully. [I would like to study] business marketing.

**Q: What is one thing you like about this Wakefield team?**

A: We're together, that's one thing I like. We all hang together outside of basketball, outside of the court, in school, all that.



## Taking on Leadership Role

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body about [Jones' 3-point shots]. ... I finally watched him grow up and actually fuss at somebody. He's caring about the team now, so I'm happy about Kireah right now."

Bentley said Mathis not playing last year and the Warriors' 8-11 record have rendered No. 42 anonymous to college scouts. Bentley said he will make some calls at the end of the season and sees playing at a junior college next season a possibility for Mathis.

**TAYLOR SCORED** 11 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 18. The junior guard said Mathis is learning from his mistakes.

"I've known Kireah since elementary school. He's just grown," Taylor said. "Ever

## FAITH NOTES

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since elementary school he's been kind of off the edge. I've tried to get him back on but some friends don't listen and he had to learn the hard way. ... He's definitely matured. He watches all his actions, hangs around the right crowds. ... He's cool, calm [and] collected."

Bentley said even though the Warriors lost he was pleased with their effort.

"I thought tonight my guys really battled," the coach said. "This is what we've been talking about. We lost last week to Stuart (52-38) on no effort. I can't stand to lose like that. ... Tonight, I don't mind the loss because we battled."

Mathis figures to help the Warriors and himself by battling to keep his life headed in a positive direction.

"I had a lot of time to think" while at Landmark, Mathis said. "Friends, basketball, my family: I cherish it now."

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**The Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** continues to hold classes in Buddhist thought and meditation on Monday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Griffin Center, 3800 Fairfax Drive in Arlington (Suite 5). Beginners to Buddhism and meditation are invited to learn how Buddhist philosophy can help people cope with today's stressful times. Cost is a \$10 donation. Visit [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).



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