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### Market Manager with Artistic Flair

Vendors, customers  
respond to  
Blaszczak's efforts.

BY DELIA SAVA  
THE CONNECTION

It's the second Saturday in September at Wellburn Square and the Ballston Arts and Crafts Market is wrapping up. As the featured band, the Constituents, takes down their equipment, one of the band members walks over to thank the young woman responsible for orchestrating all aspects of the market — Jessica Blaszczak.

By applying a “do unto others” philosophy, Blaszczak, the manager of the open-air market, is winning over vendors and customers. The 34-year-old Blaszczak who lives in Arlington said, “I want to be known in the area as a first-class show, as an upscale arts market where artists want to go to sell their art.” Her approach seems to be working; now in her second season as manager, the market has gone from a pool of 80 vendors to 150. Artists are put on a waiting list because space is limited to 35 in any given month. The market is held May through October on the second Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The native of Freehold, N.J., Blaszczak

#### Next

The next Ballston Arts and Crafts Market is Oct. 9. Wellburn Square is located at 901 N. Taylor St. For additional information, visit [www.iloveballston.com](http://www.iloveballston.com).



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**Jessica Blaszczak, manager of the Ballston Arts and Crafts Market.**

attended Towson University where she received a degree in mass communications. After graduation she worked for a wireless phone company as a youth media writer. “I wrote horoscopes and celebrity gossip — I was writing fun things.” When the wireless company folded, Blaszczak started a small business, This Little Piggy Market, making hand-crafted decoupage piggy banks. “I started doing art shows in the area and one of my first shows was the Ballston Arts and Crafts Market,” she said adding, “I did a couple of other shows but this was my favorite because it was so convenient.”

In addition to the monthly arts and crafts market, Blaszczak is also responsible for the Thursday farmer's market in Ballston. The Ballston Partnership puts on both events.

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### Plane Crash Changes Her Priorities

Teacher writes  
children's book  
in Spanish.

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS  
THE CONNECTION

A plane crash in Bolivia launched Yorktown High teacher Lauren Bruzonic's career as a bilingual children's book author.

One fateful day in February 2008, she and her husband boarded a flight for Cobija, Bolivia.

According to Lauren everything was going along fine until their “plane ran out of gas and crash landed into a swamp in Trinidad, Bolivia.”

“It was at that moment that I knew that I needed a change in my life, one that would allow me more time with my family,” Bruzonic said.

Once she was back in the States, Bruzonic resigned from her position as a Spanish teacher at Yorktown High School after six years.

Then, she asked the director of her child's

pre-school if they needed help.

Lucky for her, they did.

She signed up as a Spanish teacher at Columbia Baptist Church Child Development Center.



**Lauren Bruzonic**

**ALTHOUGH ADJUSTING** to teaching pre-schoolers was a challenge for Lauren, she still believes that there “is nothing better than hearing the students in the hallways, in their classrooms or on the playground singing my songs.”

Just as that fateful plane crash ignited her job change, Lauren notes that her students along with her own two children inspired her to pen two children's books.

“When I create my pages, I do it with all of them in mind,” she said.

Both “Los animales antárticos con Cindi” and “Español con Cindi y sus amigos” can be purchased at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [borders.com](http://borders.com), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) and Tate Enterprises web-site, directly from the publisher.

Bruzonic notes that her bilingual (Span

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**Above and lower left, Fort Myer emergency services perform a rescue exercise with accident "victims" outside the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on Saturday, Sept. 18.**

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**The Coast Guard completes a river rescue exercise on the Potomac River during the emergency exercise.**

## Rescue Trials

**T**he Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority conducted an emergency exercise at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on Saturday, Sept. 18. A river rescue exercise featured rescue boats and individuals being pulled from the Potomac River. The simulated aircraft accident tested the airport's emergency operations plan and provided hands-on training to airport and mutual aid emergency response personnel.

## Challenged from The Right and Left

**County Board incumbent faces a Republican and a Green.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**C**ounty Board member Chris Zimmerman is feeling pressure from the right and left this campaign season, with dueling challenges from a Republican and an Independent Green. The dynamic is one of extremes, with the four-term incumbent facing a dueling set of objections to his term in office. Republican Mark Kelly says Zimmerman is part of a wasteful operation, one that has tripled spending in the last decade. On the other end of the spectrum, Green Party candidate Kevin Chisholm is challenging Zimmerman's commitment to reducing the county's carbon footprint. Somewhere in the middle is a four-term incumbent defending his record in office.

"I'm proud of what we've achieved," said Zimmerman, listing a host of accomplishments and awards for Arlington County government. "It's proclaimed the most walkable in the country by podiatrists, the best place to weather a

recession by Forbes and the best place to raise a child by Parenting magazine."

On the right, Kelly accuses Zimmerman and his Democratic colleagues of wasteful spending, attacking the incumbent for increasing spending at a rate nearly three times inflation over the last decade. He's critical of spending on everything from tricycles to trolleys, a range he likes to joke proves the county can "waste money on things large and small." Ultimately, Kelly likes to point out that Arlington's per-capita spending of \$4,200 is more than any other county in the commonwealth.

"That's enough to buy every man, woman and child in Arlington an iPad, pay for their recent Metro fare increase and still be comfortably in first place," said Kelly during one recent forum. "Only inside the Beltway would we call that cautious and careful fiscal management."

On the left, it's a different kind of challenge for Zimmerman.

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### Meet the Candidates

♦ **Chris Zimmerman, 51:** A native of New York City, Zimmerman grew up in New York City and Danbury, Conn. Lived in Arlington since 1979. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and economics from American University and a master's degree in economics from the University of Maryland. Zimmerman is a former chief economist and committee director for federal budget and taxation at the National Conference of State Legislatures. He and his wife, Mary Beth Zimmerman, have three children, all graduates of Arlington Public Schools. He lives in the Douglas Park neighborhood, and votes at the Peyton Randolph School in the Arlington precinct.



**Chris Zimmerman**

♦ **Kevin Chisholm, 54:** A native of Schenectady, N.Y., Kelly grew up in Voorheesville, N.Y., and he has lived in Arlington since 1981. He has a bachelor's in engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Professionally, Chisholm is an energy consultant to the federal government. He has two daughters, one in college and one in high school. For 24 years, he lived in Arlington's Bluemont neighborhood.



**Kevin Chisholm**

Earlier this year, he moved to the Aurora neighborhood, and he votes at the SOC Enterprises building in the Aurora Hills neighborhood.



**Mark Kelly**

♦ **Mark Kelly, 39:** A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Kelly grew up in Allendale, Owosso and Hastings. Kelly has lived in Arlington since 2000. He has a bachelor's degree in political science, history and economics from Indiana Wesleyan University and a juris doctorate from Regent University School of Law. Professionally, Kelly is a former chief of staff for former U.S. Rep. Jim Ryun (R-Kan.). He currently serves as a deputy director of a think tank.

# PEOPLE

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Lee Garnier sketches scenes of the 'Park.'



Musician Mike O'Grady takes requests from the visitors.



Lucia deCorda, with an hour on her hands, models ducks in a pond while enjoying the public space.

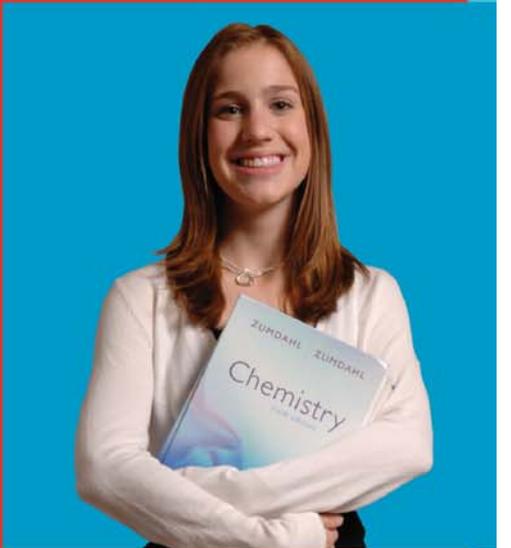


Megan Roberts talks with Ryan Young and Kevin Torres after the two finished another round of table soccer.

## A 'Park' for the Day

Members of the Rosslyn Improvement District (BID) transformed two parking spaces in front of the future Artisphere into a temporary park for the day on Friday, Sept. 17. Artists worked, dancers danced and musicians played as pedestrians enjoyed seating curbside. Park(ing) Day was founded in 2005. Last year in 2009, over 700 'parks' were created for the day in over 140 cities within 21 countries on six continents.

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# Change in Priorities Yields Books

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ish/English) children's books are not only "stories" but are also good classroom tools for teaching Spanish.

"In this day and age, I believe that being bi-lingual is an extremely important quality to have. It opens doors on many fronts," Bruzonic said.

Currently, she is producing an audio CD companion to her book. She also plans to do other books.

Despite the bumpy journey to becoming

a children's book author/pre-school teacher, Bruzonic feels that she has found her calling: "I really feel that I am in my element as a teacher when I am with the little preschoolers."

Moreover, Bolivia will always be special to her because most of her family is there.

Besides traveling and her family time, Bruzonic also enjoys reading.

Not only is Bruzonic a graduate from James Madison University, but she is also a Yorktown High alumni.

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**Bishop Ireton Cardinal 5K Run.** Online registration through Oct. 13 at [www.cardinal5krace.com](http://www.cardinal5krace.com). Mail registration with check to BI Athletic Boosters to Pacers of Arlington, 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington VA 22201 by Oct. 8. Entry fees: \$30 pre-registration, \$35 Race Day. Takes place Sunday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m., 4001 Eisenhower Ave. (Cameron Run), fundraiser for Bishop Ireton Athletic Boosters. Bring canned food for United Community Ministries.

**Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia** are happy to share their knowledge of Fall lawn care and leaf composting with local community

organizations in Arlington. There is no fee for the presentation, but donations in support of the programs are accepted. Call the Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-228-6414, visit [ex013mg@vt.edu](mailto:ex013mg@vt.edu). Master Gardeners are certified by Virginia Cooperative Extension.

**The Northern Virginia Marriage & Family Therapy Program** is recruiting couples for the Together Study, a program to help couples deal with economic stress. This is a five-week program that provides both financial management techniques and also methods of communicating with your partner in order to better cope with financial strain. Sessions will be held at the Virginia Cooperative Extension at 3308 S. Stafford Street Arlington. Couples will be compensated for completing surveys that are a part of the program. There is no cost to participate in this program.

**Arlington Regional Master Naturalists**

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Diana Galeano with Peter Pereyra.

## 'Universal Language'

Harpists Marcelo Rojas of Paraguay and Alberto De la Rosa were featured in Teatro de La Luna's Latin American Harp Festival on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Spectrum Theatre in Rosslyn.



Marcelo Rojas.

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and Chris  
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**Melissa Lew specializes in eco-friendly jewelry.**

### Manager

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"It's just funny where your life goes, I just never thought I'd ever be running an art market but this opportunity came along and I jumped at it," she laughed.

Blaszczak is involved in all aspects of the market: finding the vendors, mapping out the venue, advertising and publicity, as well as organizing the selection process. Melissa Lew, a designer specializing in eco-friendly jewelry said she enjoys working with Blaszczak. "The market has a really good atmosphere and Jess does a good job of jurying the artists so there's really good variety," said Lew.

Her own experience as a vendor has influenced how Blaszczak runs the market: "Being an artist myself, I feel I have a natural rapport with other artists and I understand what they expect and the importance of being treated well and not like a number in a show," she said. For Blaszczak that means being at the market to greet the vendors when they arrive to set up, having hot coffee in the morning and water throughout the day. "I like being on site in case something happens ... I want to talk to them and know how their day is going and get feedback," she said adding, "I want to know what I can do to make this market better for artists so we can be a premier location."

Julie Diers, owner of The Bumble Bee Studio, which makes artisan products for the bath, body and home, said, "I'm surprised that someone so sweet and nice can run this type of show — I've never met a nicer promoter, a lot of them are scary," she laughed.

As she makes the rounds, chatting with the vendors, Blaszczak is happy with the feedback she is receiving and she's encouraged by the increase in returning customers. "These people are putting their heart and soul into their products. They are not made in some factory somewhere far away, it's made in Arlington, it's made by your neighbor," she said.



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# OPINION

## Vote Nov. 2 In an unpredictable year, all the more important to turn out to vote, no matter what your beliefs.

With political extremes on all sides getting most of the attention in this run up to mid-term elections, most voters in Northern Virginia are far more moderate. It would be easy to decide that this election really isn't for you if you're not way out on one side or another. (We suspect that there are more than two extremes at play this year.)

There isn't too much on the ballot, how much can it matter if you just decide you're tired of the hyperbole and you'll just sit this one out?

It matters more now than ever that elections actually demonstrate the priorities of the electorate. If voters who feel very strongly about a few issues turn out strongly to vote, and voters whose views are more general stay home, the results could be quite surprising, even here in Northern Virginia.

Mark your calendar. Absentee ballots are already available, so if you think Nov. 2 that you might not be available to vote, you can

vote absentee, or you can vote early. See your local elections board website or call for details. There is no excuse for not voting.

Every year is an election year in Virginia. This combined with a bevy of special elections in some areas can result in voter fatigue.

This year, every voter in Virginia will vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives plus vote yes or no on three statewide constitutional questions.

Voters in Fairfax will also vote yes or no on a transportation bond referendum.

Voters in Arlington will also choose one member of Arlington County Board, one member of the Arlington School Board and vote yes or no on four bond questions, one for Metro funding, one for "county infrastructure," one for schools and one for parks.

— MARY KIMM,

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### EDITORIAL

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Two Greens

To the Editor:

In an otherwise excellent article, "Challenge from the Left Independent Green accuses school system of being wasteful," Sept. 15, 2010, your writer mistakenly identified Miriam Gennari's party affiliation as "Independent Green." Actually, Ms. Gennari has been endorsed by us the Arlington Green Party. The "Independent Greens" are a totally different political party, with a to-

tally different platform and philosophy in Virginia. In Virginia, school board candidates can be "endorsed" by a political party.

We Arlington Greens are part of the Statewide Virginia Green Party, and also part of the U.S. Green Party ([www.gp.org](http://www.gp.org)), and adhere to the worldwide Green Party movement. Most major countries of the world have a Green Party and participate with us.

For the past five years, the Arlington Green Party has nominated

and run candidates for various elected positions, for the Arlington County Board, and for the Virginia General Assembly. Last year, I ran for the Arlington County Board of Supervisors, and received 32 percent of the votes cast. In 2008, we Arlington Greens championed the voter referendum to authorize a housing authority to preserve affordable housing in Arlington.

This year, the Arlington Green Party, in addition to endorsing Ms.

Gennari, has nominated Kevin Chisholm for Arlington County Board of Supervisors.

For more information on the Arlington Green Party, please look at our website: [www.arlingtongreens.org](http://www.arlingtongreens.org). We welcome visitors to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Clarendon Silver Diner.

**John Reeder**

Convener (chairman)  
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## Best Buddies

Gold medal Olympian Carl Lewis joined cross-country athletes and life skills students from Washington-Lee High School to open the school's Best Buddies program earlier this month. Lewis, who has served on the Best Buddies International Board for 21 years, met with students and encouraged them to create lifelong friendships with intellectually- and developmentally-disabled students. For more information on the Best Buddies program, visit <http://www.bestbuddies.org/>.

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**Snapshot**

**General Manager George McPhee plays hockey with his son after the Washington Capitals training camp is completed inside the Kettler Capital Iceplex on Saturday, Sept. 18.**

# Incumbent Faces Republican and Green

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Chisholm says the county needs “new ideas,” and he would like to find budget solutions to keep libraries and community centers open longer hours. He wants to make the county what he calls “a shining star in the modern era of social responsibility.” Chisholm says he would support a carbon tax as long as it didn’t increase the overall tax burden. Ultimately, the Green Party candidate says one of his main goals in office would be to reduce the county’s footprint.

**FOR HIS PART,** Zimmerman says he’s proud of the work that he’s done to improve transportation options and open space. Yet when he was asked about his greatest contribution at a recent forum, the incumbent Democrat said the issue that resonates the most is affordable housing, specifically in preserving neighborhoods such as Buckingham. When land values rise, Zimmerman says, the county must maintain a commitment to preserving affordable housing.

“When you have prosperity, affordable housing becomes more of a problem,” Zimmerman said. “Most things get better as you are more successful, but affordable housing by its nature is going to be more challenging in a more successful community.”

Kelly says he wants to bring a new voice for “common sense, accountability and transparency,” values that he says have been lacking in county government for at least the last decade. To increase transparency, he would like the county government to publish all

expenditures online, and he’s even purchased the domain name “ArlingtonCheckbook.com” with the intention of donating it to the government for this purpose. He never misses an opportunity to point out the one-party nature of Arlington politics, and he pledges to follow a self-imposed term limit if elected.

“My opponent is asking Arlingtonians to elect him to a total of 18 years on the County Board this November,” Kelly wrote in platform statement posted to his campaign website. “While I support citizens engaging in public service, if elected I will serve no more than two consecutive terms on the board.”

Chisholm agrees with Kelly that one-party leadership is detrimental to good governance, but he’s hoping voters will opt for a Green Party candidate rather than a Republican. Chisholm’s platform is critical of development priorities, characterizing the development of Columbia Pike as a boon for developers that will gentrify the area and displace ethnic minorities that currently live there. Instead of an \$80 million water park near the Pentagon, the Green Party candidate says, he would like to see funding for a year-round community pool. He calls for a moratorium on fare increases for bus and Metro, and he would like to create a public housing authority for Arlington when the current moratorium expires.

“Such an authority is used successfully by Fairfax County to serve citizens who are in need of more affordable housing,” wrote Chisholm in a campaign platform posted to his campaign website.

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**Senior InfoExpo Fair,** Sunday, Oct. 3, 12 – 4 p.m., Ballston Mall (upper level). Meet news anchor JC

Hayward and meteorologist Bob Ryan. Free. Details, 703-228-4721.

**Progressive relaxation** session, Monday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m., Thomas Jefferson. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

**Cell phone workshop,** Tuesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Advanced pickleball** classes, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 8:45 a.m., Walter Reed.

\$32/4 sessions or \$24 with 55+ Pass. Call to register, 703-228-4771.

**Modern dance** classes, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Healing with Oriental medicine,** Tuesday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Register, 703-228-4403.

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## Profiles in Real Estate – Nicholas Lagos

Nicholas Lagos has lived or worked in Arlington for over 42 years. When asked to name his favorite Arlington things, he responds immediately: "Westover, it's a rare jewel. It's one of the original hometown neighborhoods. People still know each other. We're near a barbershop, thrift store, top restaurants like Lebanese Taverna and Lost Dog Cafe. You can walk to the hardware store, grocery store, Toby's Ice Scream and the brand new Westover Library!"

Century 21 International has awarded Nicholas and his office the "Quality Service Pinnacle" award 17 years in a row. His office specializes in sales, tax deferred exchanges, and property management. In 2007, Nicholas was nominated and joined the NVAR Professional Standards Committee after serving on the Grievance Committee for over 6 years.

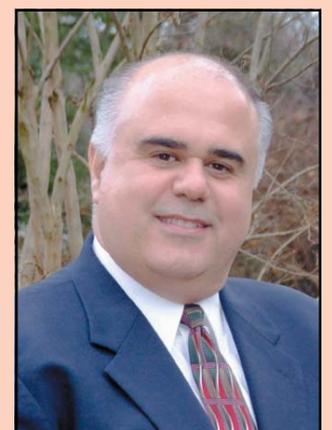
Originally trained in banking, as a broker/owner he makes sure the

Sales and Property Management departments represent customers with uncompromising ethics and total commitment to personalized service.

Nicholas notes that "We want our customers to feel like they are family and to know that they will always be treated professionally.

His advice for buyers: "Hire a knowledgeable buyer agent who has your best interest in the forefront. Be sure that agent is familiar with the type of property you want to buy. You should be able to have an excellent rapport with this agent."

His advice for sellers: "Make sure your home shows like a model. Many buyers do not have the vision or financial capability to imagine potential improvements. Therefore, out of sight, out of mind and you lose a potential purchaser."



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# HOME

## What's Best about Living Here?

BY KHULAN BATMUNKH  
THE CONNECTION

**A**rlington offers its residents both suburban and urban lifestyles. With the easy access to Metro, commuters can travel to Alexandria, Fairfax, Maryland, and Washington D.C. Within Arlington, residents have access to shopping at Ballston Mall, dining and nightlife at Clarendon, and a movie theatre at Courthouse.

"I like being able to take the Metro to anywhere I need to go, without driving," said Oko Mun, 50. Mun has traveled many places like Czech Republic and Thailand, and to many other states in the U.S. "Arlington is different from other counties, because it has so much to offer."

"I appreciate the wonderful neighborhoods, access

to great restaurants and shopping, close proximity to downtown D.C. and overall progressive politics," said Kathy Zwicker, 57. Zwicker has previously lived in Adam's Morgan and Dupont Circle, "I like Arlington better because it's quieter than D.C. and not as hectic as living in D.C."

"I feel safer in Arlington; compared to other surrounding neighborhoods, there aren't many crimes," said Crystal Tumor, 39. Tumor likes the education system here, especially Washington-Lee High School for its IB and AP program.

Amanda Norton has lived and traveled to many countries in Europe, including Luxemburg and England. "I moved to Arlington for the school system, specifically the IB program at Washington-Lee. I love the convenience of getting to D.C. and the energy of Clarendon," said Norton, 51.

### BUSINESS NOTES

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**Fashion Fights Poverty**, the organization dedicated to raising awareness about the fight against global poverty through the world of fashion, will be moving its headquarters to Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd.

Visit [www.fashionfightspoverty.org](http://www.fashionfightspoverty.org)

The new Silver Spring Library in Montgomery County, Md., designed by **The Lukmire Partnership**, an Arlington architectural firm noted for its library expertise, is targeted for completion in 2013. The Lukmire Partnership has been working closely with Montgomery County officials on the design of the building for the past two years.

**Chamberlain College of Nursing** held a grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 4, to officially dedicate its new Arlington (Crystal City) location, at 2450 Crystal Drive, serving the D.C. Metro area and welcome its first freshman class. Chamberlain's new Arlington campus is co-located with DeVry University.

The event included remarks from Chamberlain College of Nursing President Susan Groenwald, Chamberlain College of Nursing Arlington Campus Dean Dr. Trish Hughes and DeVry University's D.C. Metro Campuses President Loretta Franklin. Arlington County Department of Public Health Director Dr. Reuben Varghese also presented a special address.

**Engineering Services Network Inc.**, of Arlington, won a Sea Port Task Order worth up to \$8.8 million at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division in Virginia. The U.S. Navy awarded ESN, a service-disabled veteran-owned small business, the contract for one base year, at \$1.4 million, with four one-year options. The total contract is worth \$8.8 million, if all options are exercised through 2015.

**Pitney Bowes Inc.** announced that Diversity MBA Magazine has named **Tatiana Koleva of Arlington**, area director for the legal solutions group of Pitney Bowes Management Services, Inc. to its 2010 Top 100 Under 50 Diverse Executive & Emerging Leaders. Diversity MBA Magazine is an internationally distributed publication targeting women and multicultural pro-

fessionals in corporate America, government, entrepreneurs and business students.

**The Lukmire Partnership of Arlington** has won a design award from the National Capital Region Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council for its work on Francis Scott Key Middle School, a Gold Leed Certified project located in Silver Spring, Md.

**Hatch Mott MacDonald** of Arlington has been awarded a \$19 million, five-

year contract by the DC Water to provide Engineering Program Management Consulting Services for the utility's water distribution system. Under this contract, Hatch Mott MacDonald will provide overall Program Management of the water distribution system — including planning, engineering design, design management services, and Master Plan and Operations review in support of DC Water's on-going \$750 million capital improvement program. HMM has provided these services to DC Water since 2001.

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JMM performs at Clarendon Day in 2008.



Saffron Dance Studio entertains at Clarendon Day in 2008.

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## Clarendon Day is Saturday, Sept. 25

Dust off your brown flip-flops and get ready for the 13th Annual Clarendon Day, an event celebrating Arlington's original downtown. This year, the Clarendon Alliance and Virginia Hospital Center Foundation partnered to bring two events in one location. Join the festivities Saturday, Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. around the Clarendon Metro Station, rain or shine, for a day full of food, music, art, fitness classes, kids' activities, health screenings and more.

❖ **TUNES** — The IOTA Club & Café Stage offers bands from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring rockabilly from Jumpin' Jupiter, King Teddy's modern swing, "tropical pop" from The Constituents, EFG with members from Fighting Gravity and others.

❖ **EATS** — Dig into delicious food offered by 15-plus acclaimed Clarendon restaurants — Whitlow's on Wilson, Hard Times Café, Rocklands Barbeque & Grilling Company, Screwtop Wine Bar, Northside Social Wine & Coffee, Bakeshop, Liberty Tavern, Lyon Hall, Kabob Bazaar and more. Dishes include hamburgers, chili, cupcakes and other treats affordably priced \$3 and up.

❖ **FEEL GOOD** — Health and fitness is a way of life in Arlington, which was recently named one of America's Best Cities for Families by Parenting Magazine. Start off the day with the 2nd Annual Clarendon Day Run (10K, 5K and Kids Dash), take free classes such as Body Sculpting, Zumba and Yoga Babies, get free health screenings, seated massage and more. Watch and learn from "A Day in the Life of Healthy Eating" cooking demos led by Store Chef Michael Kiss and Healthy Eating Specialist Amanda Loudon of the Arlington Whole Foods Market.

❖ **DO GOOD** — Bring the whole family to the event and enjoy the Kinder Haus Kids' Stage and Kaiser Permanente Performance stage. The Kaiser stage will feature performances by local children demonstrating martial arts and dance. Festival proceeds benefit the Clarendon Alliance and Doorways for Women and Families. Family Fun Day supports healthcare excellence at Virginia Hospital Center.

❖ **SHOP** — Find eclectic gifts at Clarendon shops and at more than 50 vendor booths offering framed art, decoupage piggy banks, cosmetics, jewelry, photography and more.

❖ **CELEBS** — Pose for a portrait with team mascots including the Washington Capitals' Slapshot and DC United's Talon. Meet local celebrity emcees Morris Jones and Ben Eisler from official television media sponsor ABC7/WJLA-TV and TBD-TV.

Volunteers wanted! E-mail [alliance@clarendon.org](mailto:alliance@clarendon.org) to volunteer your time and help make this year's event a success!

## Clarendon Day 10K/5K and Kids Dash

The Clarendon Day 5K and 10K races will be held Saturday, Sept. 25. The 5K starts at 8:20 a.m.; the 10K starts at 9 a.m. The Kids Dash starts at 10:30 a.m. and is free. Registration is \$40 for the 10K; \$40 for the 5K. The starting line is Wilson Boulevard in Clarendon at N. Fillmore Street, two blocks from the Clarendon Metro.

For the Kid's Dash, instead of a registration fee, they are collecting the following items to support Doorways for Women and Families. Items can be dropped off at the on-site registration/packet pick up area. Suggested items for donation: Feminine hygiene products, Clorox wipes, laundry detergent, trash bags (kitchen size), toilet paper, paper towels and Baby Wipes. Visit [www.clarendondayrun.com](http://www.clarendondayrun.com). Sponsored by The Corey Group/

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## Kinder Haus Toys

**KINDER HAUS KIDS' STAGE** — Saturday, Sept. 25, at Clarendon Day. The Kids' Stage will be set up at Wilson Blvd. and Washington Blvd. The Children's entertainment includes: Jim Weiss, master storyteller; Bob Tobias, marvelous Arlington magician; the terrific Grossi sisters, face painter and kids' tattoo artist; and Bob Brown, the puppeteer. The Kids' Stage will kick off at 1 p.m. and run until 4 p.m.



Team Convoy Skateboarders held their second annual demo at the Clarendon Day festivities in 2008.

## Live Music Performances

Market Common Clarendon will present live music performances every Thursday evening and entertainment for children every Friday morning, through mid-October, at the gazebo. Beginning Thursdays, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., different bands are covering a variety of music — pop, jazz, swing, folk, and more. "Mr. Knick Knack!" will perform his "heart-centered music for children every Friday morning until Oct. 15, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. All performances are free and take place outdoors at Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington. Visit [www.marketcommonclarendon.net](http://www.marketcommonclarendon.net) or call 703-785-5634.

❖ **Mr. Knick Knack.** Every Friday Through Oct. 15 from 10:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. Heart-centered music for children in the gazebo at Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington.

Every Thursday through Oct. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gazebo at Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington.

❖ **Sept. 23** — Key Bridge Three. Porter & Gershwin to International; violin, guitar, string bass;

❖ **Sept. 30** — Banjer Dan Bluegrass. Traditional Bluegrass; banjo and guitar;

❖ **Oct. 7** — Rick Whitehead Trio. Bebop Blues Jazz; guitar, bass, drums;

❖ **Oct. 14** — Justin Trawick Trio. Urban Folk Rock; instrumentals and vocals.

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## THEATER

# Romance, Comedy and Drama in a Shul

Synagogue is setting for "The Tenth Man."

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

The American Century Theater adds to the list of rarely seen but noteworthy shows local theatre buffs can actually see performed on a professional stage with the new production of Paddy Chayefsky's strange comic drama "The Tenth Man," which has opened at the Gunston Arts Center for a one-month run.

Chayefsky was one of the best known playwrights of the middle of the last century, turning out teleplays and screenplays as well as Broadway fare with the stamp of realism but tinged with a taste for the bizarre. In this case, it is a

warmly sentimental look at the denizens of a Jewish synagogue, or shule, on Long Island. In tone and time it isn't too different from Chayefsky's first big success, "Marty." However, in both the amount of whimsical humor and the number of colorful characters, "The Tenth Man" stands apart.

The action is set in a shule that had seen better times. Now, the few elderly members who attend have difficulty assembling the minimum number of Jews at one time to meet the "minyan," a quorum required by religious law for prayers. They are reduced to recruiting strangers on the street, asking "Are you a Jew?" in order to get to the required number, ten.

The action takes place on the day when the "tenth man" they manage to recruit is a young lawyer wandering the streets as he attempts to break the spell of suicidal feelings. He accepts the invitation into the shule primarily to get in out of the cold. It so happens, however, that this particular day a member of the synagogue brings his grand-



(From left): Ron Sarro as Schlissel, Stephen Rourke as Alper, and Mick Tinder as Zitorky in the American Century Theater's production of "The Tenth Man."

daughter in because he believes she has been possessed by a dybbuk: the soul of a person who died without prayers and who must inhabit another body to receive the blessings the soul desires. Grandfather wants the rites of exorcism to be administered in order to save her life.

Combining realism with the supernatural in a play that features comic characters as well as dramatic ones, "The Tenth Man" advances from suspense over the effort to find a full 10 men to questions of the faith of the participants. Even "the tenth man" finally decides to go along with the concept of exorcism, if only because he figures he might as well err on the side of caution in spite of his personal doubts.

"The Tenth Man" wasn't Chayefsky's biggest success. After his screenplay for "Marty" earned him his first Oscar, he went on to write screenplays for such now classic films as "The Hospital" and "Network." This play did earn him a Tony nomination for Best Play of 1960. However, it was a big year for

quality plays and the award went to "The Miracle Worker." Joining Chayefsky's play in the non-winner column was also Lorraine Hansbury's "A Raisin in the Sun," Gore Vidal's "The Best Man" and Lillian Hellman's "Toys in the Attic." It was quite a year!

The American Century Theater has a mission of letting us step back to see what we might have seen on the stages of America's theaters during the Twentieth Century and this production certainly is a mission fulfilling one, even if it is not as polished a production as one would want and not quite as good as some of the company's best efforts.

**UNDER DIRECTOR** William Aitken, scru-

pulous attention is given to the script so that nearly every word Chayefsky wrote is clearly delivered to the audience. Some of the more comic characters among the elderly members of the shule are overplayed with mannerisms that verge on the stereotypical to the extent that you imagine some might be stock characters from Tevye's wedding in "Fiddler on the Roof." However, each overcomes the initial impression as his character deepens. The fastidiousness of Mick Tinder as a retired tailor, the final transformation of Ron Sarro from protestations of atheism and the warmth of Stephen Rourke's apparent love of tradition work well in the end.

It is the outsiders who stir things up in the piece. Steven Quartell combines a personal charm with an undercurrent of anxiety as the recruited title character who finds more than the warmth of a radiator when he

comes in from the cold. Matching him with a fine performance as the possessed young lady is Kari Ginsburg who is highly believable as both the troubled young girl and as the demon which takes control of her at different times during the evening.

Chayefsky's script is a bit disjointed as it spins its story from light comedy to suspenseful tale of the supernatural and then resolves itself

briefly into a romance. But along the way there are a number of rich moments to enjoy.

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## Where & When

The American Century Theater production of "The Tenth Man" plays through Oct. 16 at the Gunston Arts Center's Theatre Two, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27 - \$35. Call 703-998-4555 or log on to [www.americancentury.org](http://www.americancentury.org).

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### THURSDAY/SEPT. 23

**Talk on Perennials.** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Holly Scoggins, Associate Professor of Horticulture at Virginia Tech and Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden, will present an entertaining look at garden perennials. At the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street, Arlington. Call 703-228-6414.

### After This Life: What Comes Next?

7:30 p.m. Featuring Fr. Benedict Groeschel, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, based in New York. At the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 N. Cathedral Lane, Arlington. Visit [www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org](http://www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org) or call 703-504-8733.

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. "Overtaken on the Information Superhighway" by

Thomas Bleha. Local author Thomas Bleha discusses how the United States, the global Internet leader in 2000, fell to the middle tier of advanced nations in just eight years, passed up by countries including Japan. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

### SEPT. 23-24

**Urban Forests.** Free. Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Followed by a conference on Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$30. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia LEAF (Link to Education About Forests) Program based in the Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources and Environment and Arlington County. At the Arlington County's Department of Parks,

Recreation and Cultural Resources, 2700 S. Taylor St., Arlington. E-mail John Munsell at [jfmunsel@vt.edu](mailto:jfmunsel@vt.edu) or call 540-231-1611.

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 24

#### Doorways Hosts Brighter Futures

**Breakfast.** 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free. A fundraiser to educate the community about homelessness. At the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. To save a spot, contact Heather O'Malley at 703-522-8858 x22 or [homalley@DoorwaysVA.org](mailto:homalley@DoorwaysVA.org).

**Memory Matters.** 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Do you wish you had a better memory for names, dates and other details? This workshop discusses effective strategies to maximize brain

functioning and strengthen cognitive abilities. At Virginia Hospital Center, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Call 703-558-6859 to RSVP.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 25

**Clarendon Day 2010.** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 50 vendors including 15 restaurants, music, art, fitness classes, kids' activities, health screenings and more. The Clarendon Alliance and Virginia Hospital Center Foundation (VHCF) have formed a partnership that combines Clarendon Day and VHCF's Family Fun Day, offering two events in one central location in the area around the Clarendon Metro Station.

**Bake Sale.** \$1/cupcake. During Clarendon Day, the Cupcake Ladies,

Cathy and Melissa Rothe, will hold a bake sale to end childhood hunger, part of Share Our Strength's Great American Bake Sale National Campaign. At SoBe's Bar and Bistro Courtyard, 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, across from the Clarendon Metro stop.

**Women's Issues Conference.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. These workshops address a variety of issues pertinent to women (and men) of all ages, with titles such as "How Health Insurance Reform Will Affect You" and "Car Care 101." Sponsored by Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA). News anchor Maureen Bunyan will give keynote address. At Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. To register, go to [www.moran.house.gov](http://www.moran.house.gov).

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**'By Any Other Name: A Night of Shakespeare in Klingon.'** 8 p.m. With special guest George Takei. This production includes performances of Shakespearean scenes presented in both English and Klingon, the language spoken by the fictional warrior race in the Star Trek series. At the Rosslyn Spectrum in Arlington. A \$150 ticket includes the Klingon event and four flex use theater passes for the WSC 2010-2011 season; a \$250 ticket includes the above package plus a ticket to the VIP reception following the performance. Contact 1-800-494-TIXS (8497).

**Four Mile Run Cleanup.** 10 a.m. to noon. Join Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment. Held in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup and Clean Virginia Waterways Day. ACE volunteers will be collecting and tallying trash. At Barcroft Park, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. To register, contact 703-228-6406 or volunteer@arlingtonenvironment.org.

**Bilingual Campfire.** 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Cost is \$5/person; \$20/family max. This program will be filled with entertaining activities, which may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and treats like s'mores. Call 703-228-3403. At Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington.

**Gettysburg Battlefield Tour.** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$30. The focus on this trip to Gettysburg will be the third day of the battle. Walk the route of Pickett's Charge and visit sites along Seminary and Cemetery Ridges. Leaves from the Lubber Run Center parking lot, 300 N. Park Dr., Arlington.

**Kids Stuff Sale.** 8 a.m. to noon. Features used, seasonally appropriate kids clothes, toys and gear, plus maternity clothes, books, videos,



**The Four Bettys**

**SEPT. 24-25**

**Potomac Harmony Chorus.** Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 3 p.m. Annual Fall Show includes The GG Awards, A Night of Glitz and Glamour, with special guest The Four Bettys, the 2008 Sweet Adelines International Quartet Champions. Will feature a variety of popular songs, all sung a cappella in four-part barbershop harmony style. Tickets are \$20/adults; \$15/children and seniors. To order tickets, email tickets@potomacharmony.org or contact Potomac Harmony Chorus directly at 703-764-3896. At the Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington.

Halloween costumes, kids furniture and more. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, corner of Military Road and Lorcom Lane. Go to [www.kidsstuffsale.com](http://www.kidsstuffsale.com).

**Overeaters Anonymous.** 1-4 p.m. A 12-Step program for people who problems with overeating. Open House at Hope Lutheran Church, 4604 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Call 703-823-6682 or [www.oanova.org](http://www.oanova.org).

**SUNDAY/SEPT. 26**

**Yorktown Walkabout.** 3 to 5 p.m.

Rain or shine. Led by Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fissette with support from WalkArlington and the Yorktown Civic Association. Begins at Greenbrier Park, 5201 28<sup>th</sup> Street North, Arlington.

**AMEN Anniversary.** 3 p.m. Supporters of Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs (AMEN) will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At First Presbyterian Church, 601 North Vermont St., Arlington. The festivities will start with a 30-minute Help the Homeless mini-walk to benefit AMEN. Visit

[www.emergencyneeds.org](http://www.emergencyneeds.org).  
**Fashion Show and Luncheon.** 1 p.m. Cost is \$60. Join the National Council of Negro Women-Northern Virginia Section for their 34th Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show fundraising event. At the Fairview Marriott, Falls Church. Email: [novasection@ncnwnova.org](mailto:novasection@ncnwnova.org) or call: 703-340-7855.

**MONDAY/SEPT. 27**

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. Free. Earth Talk: "A Deliberate Pause" author Larry Robertson and Naturalist Martin Ogle. Larry Robertson, author of "A Deliberate Pause: Entrepreneurship and its Moment in Human Progress" joins Martin Ogle, chief naturalist of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, for their talk, "Pausing to Consider Alternative Outcomes: An Entrepreneurial Looks at Earth and Its People." At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington. Call Martin Ogle at 703-528-5406.

**Avoiding Divorce Court.** 7 to 9:30 p.m. How to Negotiate or Mediate a Property Settlement Agreement: Don't let a drawn-out court battle keep you from beginning your new life — you can negotiate or mediate your Separation, Custody and Property Settlement Agreement without setting foot in a courtroom. At the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street, Room #104, Arlington. To register go to: <http://www.thewomenscenter.org> or call 703-281-2657

**TUESDAY/SEPT. 28**

**Swing Dancing.** 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the band, Bad Influence. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson

Bld., Arlington.  
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**WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 29**

**Digital Bookmobile.** 1-7 p.m. Free. For anyone interested in learning about free downloadable audio books and eBooks. Will be parked in Arlington Central Library's east side parking lot, close to 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**FRIDAY/OCT. 1**

**Jason & the Scorchers.** 9 p.m. Tickets are \$19. With special guest Stacie Collins. At IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com).

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# GARDENING

## Wadsworths Win Garden of the Year Award



Bill and Julie Wadsworth in their garden.

The garden of Julie and Bill Wadsworth is the winner of the Garden of the Year competition held by the 48-year-old Rock Spring Garden Club of Arlington. This is the first year the club has held this county-wide competition. The Wadsworths' garden is one of 40 gardens nominated. Out of the 40, the Landscape Design Council judges picked eight for a tour held after the award ceremony, suggesting these gardens represent a wide array of creative gardening approaches that zone 7 offers Northern Virginia enthusiasts. The gardens on tour ranged in style from completely environmentally sustainable to immaculately landscaped and manicured, with the perfect amount of mulch in all the right places.

"While it is preferred the owners design their own spaces themselves, we understand breaking through the aggravating Virginia clay 6 inches down can prove to be more than a physical challenge," said Margaret Clarkson with Rock Spring Garden Club. "The competition is really about recognizing those who love the land and respect the green spaces we have in Arlington County. As a club we are always trying to encourage newcomers to the true love of gardening and this is a great way to do that."

The judges, who are part of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs and members of the Landscape Design Council, gave the Wadsworths' garden high marks for a wide array of criteria, including the overall aesthetics of the design, how the design works in with the space as the lot is confined, the quality and interesting features of the paving and plant containers, the quality and suitability of the plants chosen for the garden spaces and the maintenance required for the garden. The eight gardens were open for touring following the award presentation at the Rock Spring Garden Club's meeting on Sept. 16.



Ferns and hydrangeas in the garden.

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Rock Spring Garden Club Vice President Margaret Clarkson, left, and GSGC President Anita Brown, right, with Garden of the Year winner Julie Wadsworth.

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# Jones, W-L Have Sights on Yorktown

**Generals have new coach, high hopes for 2010.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
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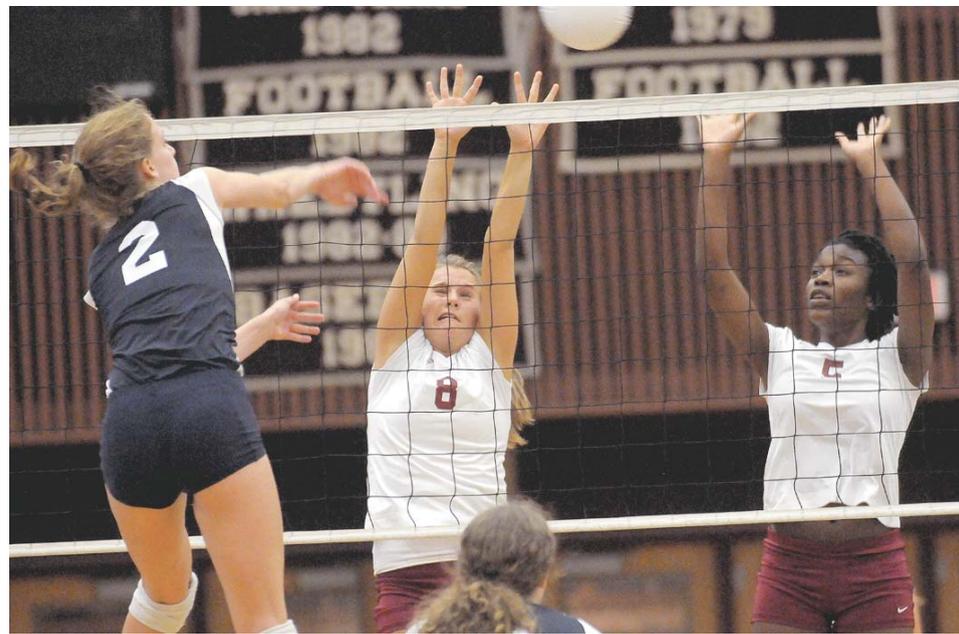
**T**he Washington-Lee volleyball program has a new head coach who is looking to take the Generals to unfamiliar heights. But ask the team's best player about her expectations for the 2010 season and the first part of her answer returns to a familiar rivalry.

"Beat Yorktown," senior captain Becca Jones said, "and win districts."

W-L accomplished the former in 2009, defeating Yorktown on its home floor in the regular season finale. The victory snapped Yorktown's National District win streak, which stretched back to 2007, and was a rare triumph over the rival Patriots. Jones and the Generals will host Yorktown at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 27.

Accomplishing the latter of Jones' expectations, however, appears an even more difficult task.

Washington-Lee has not posted a winning record or finished better than fourth in the district during the last six seasons. In charge of changing the Generals' losing ways is first-year head coach John Delaney, who



**W-L senior outside hitter Becca Jones (2) was a first-team all-district selection last season.**

said he envisions the Generals improving as the season progresses.

"I'd like to see us finish strong," he said. "... I think we're actually the kind of team that's going to step up when we play bigger competition."

Washington-Lee is off to a 3-2 start, including a 1-1 mark in district play. The Generals defeated Mount Vernon, 3-1, in their district opener on Sept. 13 and lost to

Stuart, 3-0, on Sept. 20. W-L will travel to face South Lakes on Sept. 23 before resuming district play against Yorktown.

Last year, Yorktown rolled through district play until senior all-region outside hitter Elyse Bush suffered a season-ending knee injury against Washington-Lee. Without their leader, the Patriots crumbled against the Generals, who took the match in five games. One week later, Yorktown

won a rematch with W-L in the district tournament semifinals.

While Bush is gone and Delaney wasn't involved with the rivalry last season, he's hopeful both teams will be at full strength when they meet this season.

"I'd love to beat them squared up," he said, with "no reason for excuses."

**"I think we're actually the kind of team that's going to step up when we play bigger competition."**

— W-L head volleyball coach  
**John Delaney**

The Generals' top weapon against Yorktown or any other foe is the right arm of the 5-foot-10 Jones. The outside hitter was a first-team all-district selection as a junior and, according to the Delaney, has the talent to play at the Division I level. Through Sept. 15, Jones was second on the team with 45 kills. Delaney also praised Jones' passing ability, saying she could also play in the back row at the next level.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Yorktown Volleyball Improves to 5-1

The Yorktown volleyball team defeated Lee 3-0 (25-16, 25-12, 25-21) on Sept. 20 to improve to 5-1. The Patriots also swept Thomas Jefferson on Sept. 15.

Ashley Rock led Yorktown with eight kills. The junior also finished with three aces, eight digs and two blocks. Katie Rock recorded four kills, three aces and nine digs, Eva Muszynski and Lauren Sims each finished with five aces and Taylor Brown had four aces and nine digs.

Yorktown was ranked No. 9 in the latest Northern Region Volleyball Coaches Association top 10 poll, two spots behind defending National District champion Hayfield. The Patriots' lone loss this season came against No. 1 Stone Bridge.

Yorktown hosts No. 2 South County at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 23 before returning to district play on the road against rival Washington-Lee at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 27.

### W-L Defeats Defending District Champ

The Washington-Lee football team opened National District play with a 23-7 victory over defending champion Hayfield on Sept. 16. The Generals outscored the Hawks 16-0 in the second half to bounce back from an 0-2 start.

W-L senior running back Anthony Taylor rushed 31 times for 158 yards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Rigo Salguero completed 5 of 9 passes for 72 yards and was intercepted once. He also rushed 18 times for 59 yards.

Defensively, W-L (1-2) limited Hayfield to 184 total yards. Keesean Braithwaite led the Generals with seven tackles.

He also forced a fumble. Taylor finished with six tackles and Moussa Diallo and Tony Gomez each had five. Rodderick Gibson recorded a sack.

The Generals will travel to face Falls Church at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 24. W-Ls next home game is the school's homecoming contest against Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 1.

### Yorktown Football Falls to 2-1

The Yorktown football team lost to Centreville 27-0 on Sept. 16, dropping its record to 2-1. The Patriots, who defeated Wilson and Madison to begin the season, will open National District play on the road against defending champion Hayfield at 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 24.

### Wakefield Drops to 0-3

The Wakefield football team lost to McLean 37-6 on Sept. 16. The Warriors (0-3) will open National District play at Edison at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 24.

### O'Connell Football Bounces Back

The Bishop O'Connell football team jumped out to a 20-0 first quarter lead and cruised to a 47-12 win over St. Mary's Ryken on Sept. 17. The Knights, who lost to St. Albans the previous week, improved to 2-1 and will open Washington Catholic Athletic Conference on the road against Good Counsel at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Against St. Mary's Ryken, Joshua Trimble, Patrick Simms and Marvin Stewart each scored two rushing touchdowns. Jason Makoutz scored one.



**Katie Rock and the Yorktown volleyball team were ranked No. 9 in the latest Northern Region Volleyball Coaches Association top 10 poll.**

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## Why Me?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"Why not?" is the short answer. The long answer is the rest of this column, and it's not what you think.

I have never, in my cancer-affected life, asked this question of myself or anybody else. Nor have I ever "woe is me'd." I have accepted my circumstances and attempted, through my treatment and miscellaneous health and fitness, lifestyle and diet changes, to fight this fight and try not to get bogged down by the physical and emotional toll a terminal disease can take.

Moreover, my mental approach in dealing with all the medical tests, scans, appointments, chemotherapy (which continues still, every three weeks) has been to roll with the punches; take the good with the bad and more importantly, take the bad with the good. I have tried to maintain a balance in my life believing that it is nothing until it is something, rather than being something until it's nothing. Anyone who knows me would say I've mostly succeeded in this effort over the past 18 months. I can't do much, but this I can do.

As you regular readers know, or presumably have determined, I am a rather thoughtful and introspective person. I think through my decisions – and assessments, rarely "knee-jerking" a decision but certainly trusting my instincts. If certain options seem reasonable, all things considered, I can decide quickly. As a result, my care has not been about fits and starts or changes in direction; it has been fairly routine and predictable, a pattern that sort of suits me.

Part of my regular, recurring role as a cancer patient has been to be diagnostically updated quarterly; to include a CT scan, an MRI and a bone scan, to give my oncologist a current picture, "radiologically" speaking, as to what my cancer is doing – or hopefully – not doing.

And amazingly, I am here to report that, according to my oncologist, my most recent scans showed no growth and no movement, in effect: no activity. Dumbfounded – and incredulous – by what my oncologist was telling us, and what we (my wife and I) were hearing, especially after the mention of scar tissue and my sternum, we asked him for a simpler, more straightforward explanation, something we lay persons might understand. Which led me to ask the doctor my "Am I still in the woods?" question (as opposed to out of the woods, meaning safety, to me; metaphorically speaking). Sensing our confusion – or non-belief, my oncologist said the following: "Let me summarize for you: partial stable remission. You may be one of the lucky ones and live five years."

WHAT?! I thought. Why is this happening to me? What did I do? Now what? As odd as it may sound, it was a little difficult to process what we were hearing. But for the moment, I was given a reprieve. In three months, when I'm scanned again, I could be writing a very different column. But for the present, at least, I'm off the endangered species list. Now, as my publisher joked, I have real problems. Everything else in life that I had "back-burnered," – for obvious reasons, I may have to reposition.

And one of those problems is, I now find myself saying something, or not being able to stop myself from saying, something, that I had never said the previous 18 months: "Why me?" Yet I can't stop from saying it now. And it feels like a betrayal of sorts, a betrayal of the self-discipline I've maintained since Dec. 31, 2008 when I first went to the Emergency Room due to the pain in my side. There's a Yiddish word that explains perfectly the confusion I feel: "farmisht," meaning "mixed up emotionally."

Certainly the news could have been worse. Still, I'm struggling a bit, and I find myself asking, of all questions: "why me? Why me?" I don't mean to look a gift horse in the mouth, but apparently, I need an explanation.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

# SPORTS

## Sheriff's Office Takes Challenge

### Team to pull plane for Special Olympics.

BY BRIAN CAIN  
THE CONNECTION

The Arlington County Sheriff's Office is aiming for first place at the Dulles Day Plane Pull Saturday, Sept. 25. This will be the department's second try to win a game of tug-of-war between participating teams and giant aircraft, an annual event that benefits Special Olympics Virginia.

The battle pits teams of 25 individuals against a FedEx cargo plane, which weighs more than 164,000 pounds. Teams must pull the aircraft 12 feet, with the fastest pull winning first place in the timed event.

"We want to have fun," said Deputy Shellie Pugh-Washington of the Arlington County Sheriff's Office and committee member of the department's plane pulling team. "We also want to win first place," Pugh-Washington added. The department, has aimed high for an event that has been dominated throughout the years by a few law enforcement agencies.

"The fastest time would probably be the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office," said Special Olympics Virginia spokesperson Veronica Jennings. "They've won at least the last three years in a row and they've probably won five or six times over the years." According to Jennings, the Fairfax County

Sheriff's Office and the team from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard were the other top contenders for the timed pull. Winning may be important to the Arlington team, but it is not all-important.

"Most of all, we want to have fun and raise money for Special Olympics," Pugh-Washington said. Throughout the year, the Arlington Sheriff's Office participates in many Special Olympic fundraising events. The department competes in annual "bed races," "torch runs" and also sells t-shirts. The Plane Pull, which according to Jennings is the number one fundraiser for Special Olympics Virginia, requires teams to raise \$1,000 in order to compete in the event. The Arlington County Sheriff's Office is ready. "We have our one thousand dollars," Pugh-Washington said.

According to Pugh-Washington, the Arlington team discussed preparing for this year's event by pulling cars and trucks. It is unclear whether any such preparation took place. Pugh-Washington does give some pre-pulling advice to her teammates, "get a good night's sleep."

The Dulles Day Plane Pull is Saturday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking and admission are free. There is a Kids Bus Pull, which does not require pre-registration. There is also a family festival with live music, car show, aircraft display and other exhibits. There is a "Kid's Zone" with free moon-bounce, obstacle course and other activities.

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## Generals: High Hopes for 2010

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"You can't give her advice when she's on the court because she's so focused," Delaney said. "It's really, really tough to look at her on the court and find things that she can do better. ... Her passing is just spot on. She's very focused on what the other teams are doing and where the ball is at all times."

One thing Delaney said he would like Jones to improve is being more aggressive. "I think she [has] these moments of trying to be too careful and I think she tries to roll some hits where she really should just swing away and put it away," he said. "She's the kind of player that, really, if she wanted to, could take advantage of any team."

W-L also returns a pair of second-team

all-district selections in senior middle blocker Aliya Winker (5-11) and junior setter Erin Fox (5-6). Winker led the Generals with 47 kills and 16 blocks through Sept. 15 and Fox averaged 9.1 assists per game.

Senior libero Megan Adkins-Branch (5-3) led the Generals with 45 digs.

W-L has five players listed at 5-10 or taller: junior Jillian Luoma-Overstreet (6-0), Winker, junior Enji Batbaatar (5-11), sophomore Lillian Prins (5-11) and Jones.

For the Generals, beating Yorktown would fulfill the first part of Jones' expectations and push W-L one step closer to a strong district finish. Last year's victory over the Patriots had Jones speaking with confidence.

"It shouldn't be too hard" to beat the Patriots, she said.



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**Jillian Luoma-Overstreet (6) and Aliya Winker (10) are two of five Generals who stand 5 feet 10 or taller.**

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