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Yorktown's David Bernhardt pulls in a pass against W-L defender Keesean Braithwaite during Yorktown's 14-0 victory on Nov. 5.

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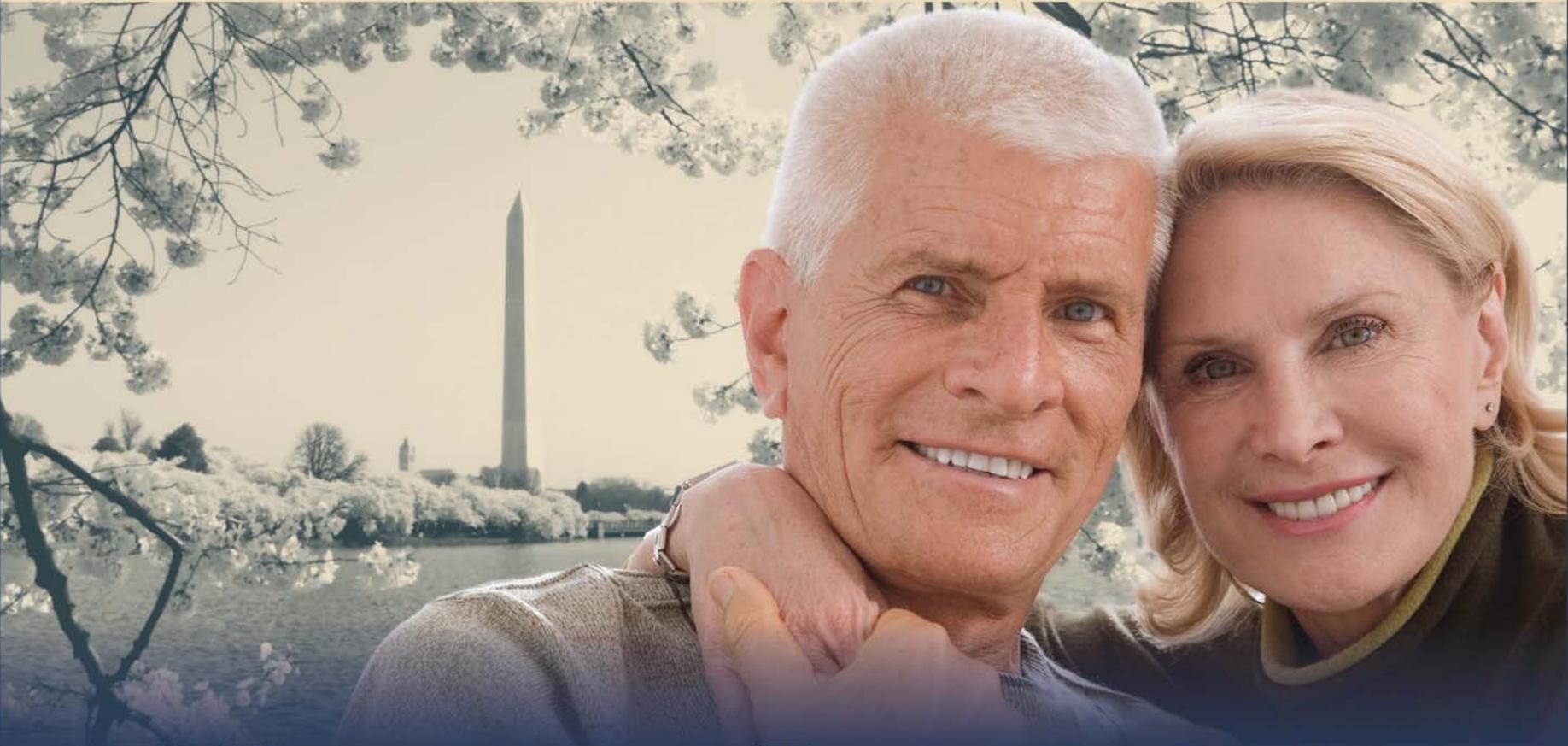
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# NEWS

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## Be Brave and Shave

**Matthew Owens of the Arlington Police Department and the Hair Cuttery team from Van Dorn Shopping Center welcome the community to the 2nd annual Be Brave and Shave Heroes Against Childhood Cancer outside the Westover Library on Nov. 7. The event benefits the cancer programs at Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C. One hundred men, women and children had their heads shaved and helped raise over \$151,000 from more than 1,500 individual donors.**

**Sara Balch of the Arlington Police Department is getting her hair shaved off during the 2nd annual Be Brave and Shave event.**

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# Sailing to Reelection

**As expected, Democrats retain their hold on Arlington politics.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**E**ven in a year when Republicans unseated incumbents across the country, Arlington County remained a safe haven for the Democratic establishment. Incumbent County Board member Chris Zimmerman pushed back opposition from the right and left, achieving a clear majority of voters with 57 percent of the vote. Despite Republican and Green Party challenges to his record in office and priorities for the future, Zimmerman emerged victorious when all the votes were counted.

"He's a person who's known as Mr. Z sometimes," said County Board member Walter Tejada during his introduction of Zimmerman at the Democratic victory celebration. "But he's also known as Mr. T. for transportation."

Zimmerman, known for his advocacy on transportation issues, won all but three precincts in the county. During a victory speech to Democratic supporters at the Westin Arlington Gateway, the County Board member thanked the voters who returned him to office and the two campaign managers who worked on his reelection effort. The Democrat said he interpreted the election returns as a mandate to continue with the county's liberal-leaning politics.



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**Arlington County Board member Chris Zimmerman thanks his family, staff and all his supporters after his reelection to the board last Tuesday night.**

"I recognize that this is not simply a personal victory but a statement about governance," said Zimmerman, who was first

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# 'Abuse of Discretion'

**Police agencies in Northern Virginia fail to exercise judgment on transparency.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
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**L**ike many families that get caught up in Virginia's legal system, the Djossou family didn't know where to turn for answers when one of their own was taken by murder. Members of the extended family learned the news from a cousin who worked in the Del Ray bakery where the murder took place — a manager came into the bakery where 19-year-old Kossi Djossou worked as a packer and shot him with a revolver. The snowstorm that blew into town following the murder preceded an information blackout from the Alexandria Police Department.

"How can something happen to your son, and you're never going to know the facts?" asked Geoffrey Josseau several months after the murder. "I can't explain to the people back home what happened."

Under Virginia law, victims of crime and their families are at the mercy of police

agencies who have discretion to deny documents. As a result, Geoffrey Djossou had to return to Togo for memorial services and explain a difficult truth. Northern Virginia police agencies have made a practice out of exercising their authority to deny information unilaterally. For relatives of Kossi Djossou, that meant not knowing the fate of their departed loved one. One of those family members was an aunt of the slain teenager who works as a nanny for a prestigious law firm in downtown Washington. Hogan Lovells took the case pro bono and submitted a Freedom of Information Act request. As it does in all cases, the Alexandria Police Department denied access to the documents.

"To be honest, I thought it was some kind of joke," said Martin Price, an attorney for Hogan Lovells. "It's just hard to believe you can have a victim's family completely left in the dark."

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# Helping To Spark Creativity

**Master storyteller to perform at Kenmore, teach at park.**

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## Salon Celebrates 1st Year

The Royal Essence Skin Care and Nail Salon at 4767 Lee Highway in North Arlington marked one year in business on Tuesday, Nov. 2. To celebrate, salon owner Anh Vu contacted The Virginia Hospital Center's Breast Cancer Support Group and offered free manicures and pedicures to members of the group.

## WEEK IN ARLINGTON

### Event To Help Deter Auto Theft

The Arlington County Police Department is inviting citizens to a free auto theft deterrence event on Saturday, Nov. 13. At the event, car owners can have their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etched into their exterior windows. Motorcycle owners will be provided with a custom set of micro decals that contain their VIN and instructions on how to apply them.

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A VIN-etched vehicle is harder to conceal when stolen, thus making it less attractive to car thieves.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arlington County Fire Station #1, 500 South Glebe Road. It is being provided free of charge by the Arlington County Police Department and the Virginia State Police HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) Program.

### Man Sentenced for Threatening

Kyle Mathew McDonald, 27, of Arlington, was sentenced to 30 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for threatening to kill his former girlfriend, her parents and her coworkers.

Neil H. MacBride, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and John G. Perren, Acting Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge James C. Cacheris.

A jury found McDonald guilty of making interstate threatening communications on June 24, 2010. According to court documents, while serving a sentence at the Arlington County Detention Center in 2009, McDonald made several telephone calls to his relatives in Indiana and Michigan between late May and early November. During the recorded telephone conversations with his family members, McDonald threatened to torture and kill his former girlfriend and to kill her parents and coworkers. In one telephone conversation, McDonald threatened to kill any children that his former girlfriend may have in 15 years. At the time of the telephone calls, McDonald was serving a sentence following his conviction in Arlington County for stalking his former girlfriend and for violating a protective order prohibiting him from having any contact with her.

This case was investigated by the Arlington County Police Department and the FBI Washington Field Office's Violent Crimes Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Morris Parker prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

### Help Identify Abduction Suspect

The Arlington County Police Department's Robbery Unit is investigating an abduction and robbery that occurred on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, in the 2400 block of South Glebe Road.

At 11:45 p.m., a woman answered a knock at her hotel room door, and an unknown male forced his way inside. The suspect restrained the two female occupants and sexually assaulted one victim. He fled after stealing electronics and money.

The suspect is described as an African American male approximately 40 years old, 5'8" and 180 lbs. He appeared unshaven and was wearing a grey t-shirt with a design on it, tan cargo shorts, white shoes and a black baseball cap.

Anyone who has information about this robbery or the identity of the suspect is asked to call the Detective Donald Fortunato of the Arlington County Police Department at 703-228-4197. Fortunato can also be reached by email at Dfortunato@arlingtonva.us.



## Incumbents Sail to Reelection

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elected to the County Board in 1996. "It's an affirmation of the progressive values that I and my colleagues have worked to put into policy throughout the services that county government provides, the investments we are implementing and a commitment to Arlington as a diverse and welcoming community."

**INCUMBENT SCHOOL** Board member Sally Baird, whose candidacy was endorsed by the Arlington County Democratic Committee, swamped Green Party challenger Miriam Gennari. The Green Party challenger tried to make an issue of Baird's support for decreasing funding for a publicly-owned planetarium as well as a handful of other sustainability issues, which she said illustrated Baird and her colleagues are wasteful. Voters disagreed.

"I am honored tonight that the numbers are what they are," said Baird during her victory speech at the Westin. "And I'm even more honored to continue to serve you."

The election returns mean business as usual in Arlington, which

### Results

RACE	CANDIDATE	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
<b>COUNTY BOARD</b>			
	Chris Zimmerman	32,894	57 percent
	Mark Kelly	20,570	36 percent
	Kevin Chisholm	3,454	1 percent
<b>SCHOOL BOARD</b>			
	Sally Baird	39,586	75 percent
	Miriam Gennari	12,490	2 percent



has long been dominated by Democratic politics. Party leaders said the election returns was a clear affirmation of the current leadership, including the county's lawsuit against a developer challenging high-occupancy toll roads as a civil-rights violation of those who live near the Shirley Memorial Highway. Ultimately, Democrats said voters prefer the strongly progressive tone of politics in Arlington.

"We've built a social change movement that's strong enough that it does not matter which way the wind is blowing, we are going to move forward in Northern Virginia," said Arlington County Democratic Committee Chairman Mike Lieberman. "And that's no accident. It's thanks to the work of hundreds of volunteers."

**Sally Baird was successfully reelected to her County School Board seat.**



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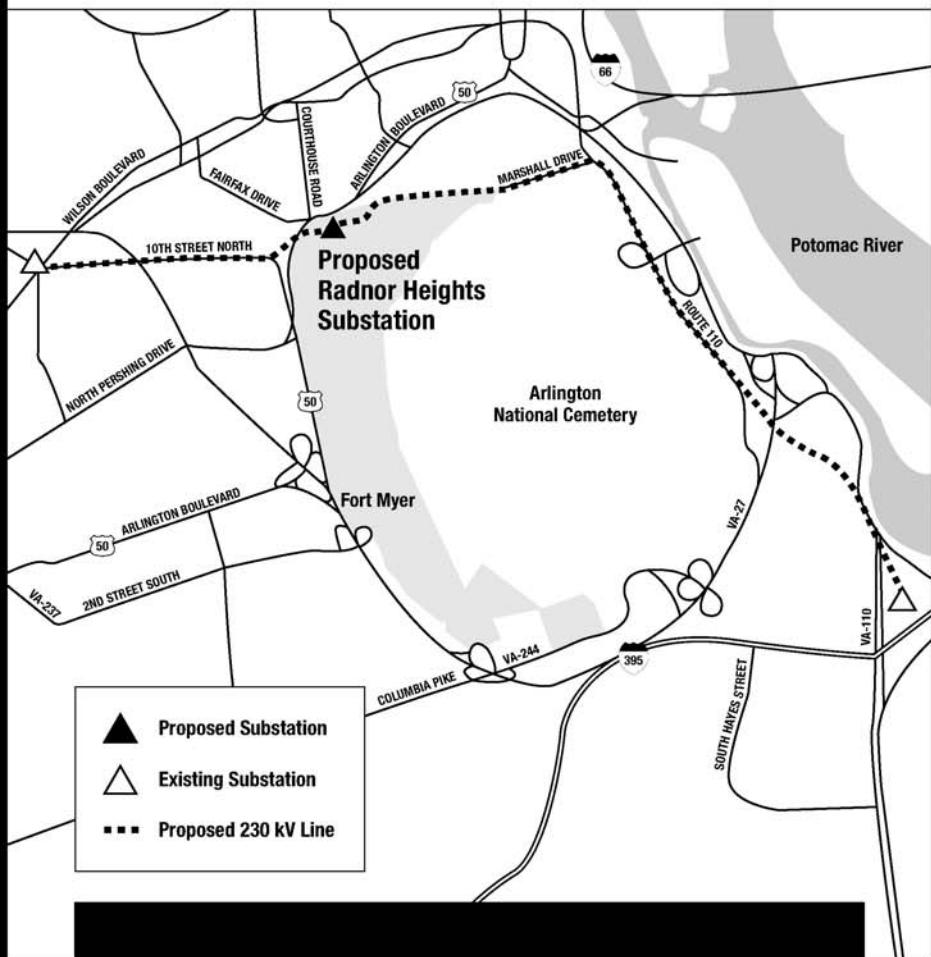
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# Victims' Families Turned Away

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Victims of crime in Virginia suffer from a loophole in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that allows police agencies to routinely deny basic documents that are available in every other state. Although the commonwealth is sometimes listed as being a model of transparency, Virginia has the least transparent system in the country for releasing police documents. For victims and their families, the opaque nature of police power in Virginia creates problems that often linger in the aftermath of brutal crimes.

"There should be a presumption in favor of releasing the documents," said Jeffrey Dion, director of the National Center for Victims of Crime. "Other states release much more information without any detrimental effect on law enforcement or investigation, so we know that it can be done."

Police officials could theoretically change their mind any day and begin releasing information they have kept hidden for decades. But that does not appear to be happening anytime soon.

Consider how the Fairfax County Police Department has denied Freedom of Information Act requests for the dashboard camera footage showing what happened the day a Fairfax cop shot and killed an unarmed driver on Richmond Highway. With the anniversary of the shooting approaching, the police have yet to share reports from investigators or even share the identity of the officer who killed a man with a history of mental illness named David Masters.

"He was a Green Beret in Vietnam," said Nicholas Beltrante, a Navy veteran who formed the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability in response to the Masters shooting. "He didn't get killed in Vietnam, but he was killed under questionable circumstances here in Fairfax County."

Gale Masters has yet to learn the identity of the Fairfax police officer who killed her ex-husband. She still does not have possession of the truck he was driving or the cell phone he was using the day he was killed at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road. In the year since the shooting took place, she says he has lived in a kind of limbo — not knowing what really happened and questioning why the department has denied multiple Freedom of Information Act requests for documents in the case.

"I just thought they would tell me everything," said Gale Masters, fighting back tears. "What can I say?"

**ARLINGTON COUNTY** is similarly opaque, but its culture of silence extends to the public sphere. Police officials declined a request to be interviewed about their use of discretion.

On the campaign trail this year, incumbent County Board member Chris Zimmerman refused to answer questions about the lack of transparency in an agency he is supposed to oversee. Unlike Alexandria and Fairfax, Arlington leaders won't even answer questions about their lack of transparency. In the courtroom, prosecutors use the shadowy nature of police behavior

as a weapon.

"I call it trial by ambush," said Arlington lawyer Peter Greenspun. "That applies to the simplest crime or the most severe."

Greenspun recalled a recent case when his defendant was facing a capital murder verdict and prosecutors would not share basic details in the case. On the first day of trial, Greenspun said, he had no witness statements and he didn't know who was going to be called to testify. The way Virginia law works, the same law allows police agencies to keep victims and their families in the dark also keeps those who are accused of crimes from seeing documents in their own case. And it's all legal under the power of discretion given to police agencies under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and the associated powers of discovery.

"It's an abuse of discretion," said Greenspun. "Anytime there's a blanket rule, that's by definition an abuse of discretion."

**VIRGINIA'S FREEDOM** of Information Act dates to the late 1960s, a time when most states were crafting some kind of public records law. Unlike other states, Virginia chose to craft a provision that shielded criminal records from public view. But the lack of transparency in Virginia isn't necessarily a good thing for police officers and prosecutors. According to law enforcement officials in states that share garden-variety police documents, the release of information is beneficial to public safety.

"I think it's made us better agencies," said Gerald Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. "We proceed knowing that our work product is going to be reviewed by the press or the public or the people who are actually involved in the cases."

Bailey said he could not recall one instance in his entire career when a victim or a witness was reluctant to come forward for fear their information would be part of the public record.

Yet this is the reasoning prosecutors and police say is behind their decision to exercise their discretion to keep from seeing documents outlining their day-to-day actions. The way the Virginia Freedom of Information Act is written, police agencies don't need to give a reason why they choose to exercise discretion. And leaders here in Northern Virginia know they can get away with keeping secrets for any reason or for no reason at all.

"I don't think we have to justify it," said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook. "A lot of things can be said about transparency, that doesn't make it effective."

Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney S. Randolph Sengel is among the most vocal opponents of increasing transparency. When a Roanoke legislator introduced a bill that could have increased availability of police documents, the city's elected prosecutor traveled to Richmond to speak against the effort. Sengel said that releasing documents could possibly discourage witnesses and victims from coming forward, adding that it would be a staffing burden to have gov

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# NEWS

## Master Storyteller To Teach at Potomac Overlook

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tell the stories," said Bodkin. He plays 12-string and electric guitar, the Celtic harp and African sansa (also known as thumb piano) as well as other musical instruments.

Bodkin not only creates all the characters with his voice but also all the sound effects — from galloping animals to creaking doors: "All kinds of crazy things that I toss into the stories here and there so it becomes almost like a piece of radio theater," he said. For his performances Bodkin adapts ancient myths, legends and tales and also writes original stories.

Martin Ogle, chief naturalist at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, said, "We started bringing him here almost 20 years ago when we were doing a theme at the park on stories of the land." He added, "The reason we had made that the theme was that we were realizing the power of stories as a link between people and the land they live on." The program is co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Kenmore Middle School and the Silver Diner.

"We're always looking for opportunities to bring the arts ... to our school," said Shauna Dyer, Kenmore Middle School's art and communications technology focus coordinator. Dyer noted that in this technology-driven world many of the students don't

necessarily have the chance to see a live performance. Bodkin had performed at Kenmore in the past and, according to Dyer, it had been a hugely popular and successful program.

A GRADUATE of Duke University, Bodkin said he stumbled upon the power of storytelling while teaching ecological science in New York City's Central Park. "I discovered that if I told a story to the schoolchildren, I found in them a kind of attention that was different and much more intense than the attention I could get from them by teaching all these wonderful scientific facts so I began to incorporate storytelling into the science education and that's how I started."

Bodkin is quick to acknowledge that his wife, Miguelina "Mil" Bodkin, deserves much of the credit for their success. "My wife Mil has been my manager and best friend all these years ... I couldn't have done it without her." Bodkin said the two gave up jobs in NYC and moved to New Hampshire to start their business. Back in 1982, Bodkin was the only professional storyteller in the state. The couple has been married for 28 years and they have three adult sons: Jonathan, Gavin and Christopher.

"I was very fortunate to grow up in a family where my father was an articulate, self-educated man and my mother was a fabu-

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#### EVENING OF STORYTELLING

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lous pianist and music teacher," said Bodkin. He credits his parents with his "good genes" and providing the exposure to music and language in a way that fueled his imagination.

ACCORDING TO BODKIN, imagination is like the motherboard of the mind. In the workshop Bodkin uses exercises to jump-start creativity. He said much of the material in the workshop he developed while he was an adjunct professor teaching storytelling, imagination and mythology at Antioch New England Graduate School (now University). "A lot of the experience that goes into the workshop I devised over those seven years of graduate level teaching," said Bodkin. He recommends the



**Martin Ogle, chief naturalist at Potomac Overlook Regional Park where Odds Bodkin will perform.**

workshop for educators, counselors, clergy, parents and grandparents and creative professionals interested in "getting fresh ideas to get them cranking away again."

Mary McLean, an educator with the Audubon Naturalist Society, is planning to attend the performance at Kenmore and the workshop at Potomac Overlook Regional Park. McLean admits that she has enjoyed Bodkin's work as much as her children. "Odds Bodkin has a beautiful, sonorous voice that entrances as he tells his stories and his use of musical instruments add a special magic," McLean said adding, "The stories themselves will take you to another world."

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# OPINION

# Honoring on Veterans Day

Saluting military service, remembering those who died in Iraq, Afghanistan.

**O**n Veterans Day, we remember all of those who have served in the military; there are 24 million veterans in the United States. More than 1 million members of the U.S. military have now served in the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. While Memorial Day is set aside to remember those who died in military service, and Veterans Day is honoring all of those who have served in the military, we use both occasions each year to remember some of the names of those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

## EDITORIAL

**MORE THAN 4,400** U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,300 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 170 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including more than a dozen in 2009 and 2010.

Here are the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness. If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

A local loss, Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25 of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by an attack on his unit with an improvised explosive device. Park had joined the army less than a year earlier in August 2009. He is survived by his mother, In Sook Park, father, Do Hyun Park, and sister Irene Park, all of Fairfax Station.

In Afghanistan, Pfc. Tramaine J. Billingsley, 20, of Portsmouth died Oct. 14, 2010; Staff Sgt. Jaime C. Newman, 27, of Richmond died Sept. 17, 2010; 1st Lt. Todd W. Weaver, 26, of Hampton, died Sept. 9, 2010; Lance Cpl. Cody S. Childers, 19, of Chesapeake died Aug. 20, 2010; Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5; 1st Sgt. Eddie Turner, 41, of Fort Belvoir, died June 22, 2010. Pfc. Alvaro R. Regalado Sessarego, 37, of Virginia Beach, died May 30 at Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, after being injured in Iraq on April 18. On May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18,

2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan. Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption. Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat in Iraq in October 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting artwork of his brother to the Burke Children's Connection. Last December, Hunter wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)). Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities. Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle. Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received

during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb. Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006. United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School. Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria. U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006. Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas, on Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq a few days earlier. Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq. 1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan. Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbcler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubbenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkham, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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## LETTERS

### Help Owl House

To the Editor:

On Nov. 4, the Friends of Gulf Branch Nature Center Board of Directors approved funding the \$5,200 cost of a new outdoor owl house at Gulf Branch Nature Center in Arlington. The project will begin immediately so that the owl can be moved outdoors and gradually adjust to cooler temperatures before winter. Staff has already started the acclimation process. Once started, construction should take about two weeks. The funding was requested because the nature center's indoor owl house does not provide adequate facilities for the resident owl and the nature center's current operating budget does not have the funds needed for the owl house project.

The Board approved paying the \$5,200 cost from existing funds to expedite construction; however, the Board is challenging current and other "friends" to contribute to funding the project with the overall goal of raising the entire \$5,200 by year end. Any and all donations will be cheerfully accepted. All "friends" donating \$100 or more will be acknowledged in a plaque that will be placed on the outside of the owl

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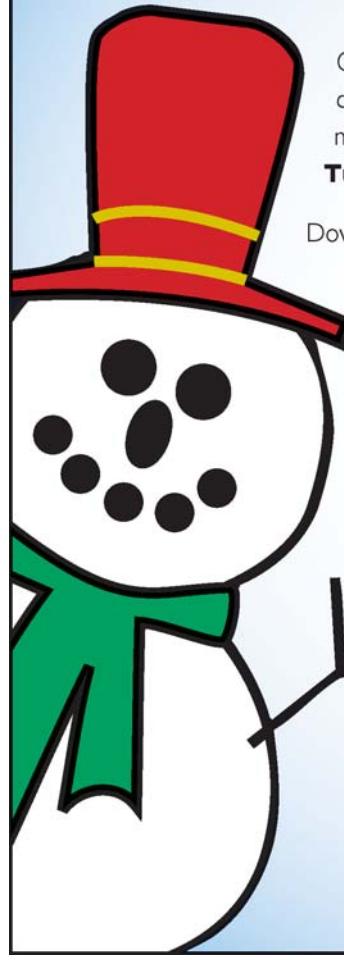
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# NEWS



Funds raised in Arlington assist a school and library in Nioro, Senegal.

## Senegal School Gets Help from Anonymous Donor

**Young boy's concert prompts donor to give generously.**

BY BRIAN CAIN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**en-year-old Eric Lusby could not have known how his benefit concert in February would help the children of Nioro, Senegal.

Eric overheard his mother, Khady Lusby, who was born and raised in Nioro, and his piano teacher discussing Khady's plans to build a school for the children in her hometown. That gave Eric an idea.

"What about a concert to raise money for that school," Eric asked. His mother thought it was a great idea and with the help of his piano teacher, older brothers and some friends, Eric had his concert.

"The concert turned out pretty well," said Eric. "We raised a lot of money. A lot of people came." The concert raised nearly \$2,000 for the school in Nioro — but the best was yet to come.

A donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, read about Eric's concert in the Arlington Connection and sent Khady a check for \$14,000. According to Khady, the do-

**Eric and Khady Lusby**



only one chance to pass the National 9th Grade Exam. If they fail, they are removed from the school system to make room for other children. According to Khady, many of the students who do not pass are girls.

"These are vulnerable girls," said Khady. "Some people tell them they will make them a model or put them in the movies." According to Khady, many of these vulnerable children are often enticed into dangerous circumstances because of the lure of Western culture. "I tell them don't buy into anybody coming and telling you they are going to make you a movie star," Khady said.

The two classrooms Khady built has already made a difference. She said there were 55 students last year, the first year for the school. Of those 55 students, 21 passed the school's 9th grade exam and 34 students took and passed the National 9th Grade Exam. "That was huge," said Khady. "Everyone is so proud of them."

The new school year starts this month and the school still needs donations and supplies.

Contributions can be sent to: OPEN International c/o Khady Lusby 5925 N. 10th Road, Arlington, VA 22205 (make checks payable to Open International). For additional information, contact Khady Lusby at khadylusby@verizon.net. Open International is a non-profit organization.

nor was touched by Eric "not thinking of himself and doing something for others." Khady was also touched by the donor's actions.

"I am so touched by the generosity," said Khady. "You ask, and people are ready to help out, even complete strangers. That's a part of America that gets lost in the shuffle."

The \$14,000 check nearly doubled the amount Khady had been able to raise up to that point.

Khady had already built two separate classrooms, and she planned on building one classroom at a time, every year or so.

Now, she is able to start construction of the new school building. Although she does not have all the necessary funds to complete the project, Khady said she believes she will get them.

"All I know is that I have a vision, and this is going to happen. I truly believe in that." Khady said she believes in what her father taught her — "Don't ever be afraid to dream. Dream big and then focus on that dream, and work hard to achieve that dream — and that's what I'm doing for these kids."

The children in Nioro's public schools get



One of the altars in the exhibit by artist David Amoroso.



Maria Sanchez, left, and Tami Turner



Lisa Remick



Exhibit by artist David Amoroso.



Gillian Schroeder, left, and Jude Heatley

**Celebrating 'Day of the Dead'**

**A**n exhibit by local artist David Amoroso in the Jenkins Community Gallery at the Arlington Arts Center was the centerpiece of the annual celebration on Nov. 1, which also featured dance and a mariachi band as well as traditional foods.



Lorena Arrellano, left, with Julia Sora.

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THE CONNECTION

Amelia Garcia with dad, Ernesto Garcia.



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house. If not already a "friend" those donating \$100 will be considered to be new members of the Friends of Gulf Branch Nature Center.

Gulf Branch Nature Center staff has wanted to move the owl outside for more than a year. The owl has experienced injury several times from being trapped in the wire mesh on the side of its current facilities, and, with reduced staff, it has been difficult to maintain the owl's indoor house in the state of cleanliness needed. The outdoor owl house will have a foot-print 12 feet long by 8 feet wide. There will be a compartment in the house where the owl can get out of public view and be more protected from the weather. Being outside, the owl's mental health should improve since it will be able to watch birds, squirrels and other wildlife and enjoy the natural outdoor temperatures it would experience if able to live outside independently.

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As a Realtor, Renata intends to make the most of it by being the best at it. "People go into Real Estate for

a wide range of reasons," she says. Some like the flexibility, others view it as a great career, and a few just like to look at houses."

Renata enjoys working as a Real Estate Agent because she likes people. "The cornerstone of The American Dream is home ownership, pure and simple," she says. "Next to marriage and having children, buying a home is the most important decision one can make."

Renata combines an Eastern European work ethic and education with love for life in America. She specializes in Arlington real estate and is ready to help anyone looking to make Arlington home.



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## Rosslyn Station Project

Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fisette and other county officials broke ground recently for the Rosslyn Station Project with U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, federal, state and local transportation officials, construction partner The JBG Companies, and Rosslyn community members. Participants gathered directly across from the Rosslyn Metro entrance on N. Moore Street to kick-off the nearly three-year long project. Monday Properties broke ground nearby in October on the 35-story 1812 N. Moore Street development. Above: Cecilia Cassidy, executive director, Rosslyn Renaissance; Barbara Favola, County Board member; Richard Sarles, interim general manager, WMATA; Kathleen Webb, Executive Development Officer, The JBG Companies; Chris Zimmerman, County Board vice-chairman; Jay Fisette, County Board chairman; Jim Webb, U.S. senator; Dennis Leach, Arlington director of transportation.

## BUSINESS NOTES

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**A new Chick-fil-A restaurant** is opening Nov. 18 in Crystal City at 2200 Crystal Dr. in Arlington. The restaurant is awarding a free year's supply of Chick-fil-A (52 certificate meals) to the first 100 adults in line that morning at the new location. The line officially opens at 6 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, with the free meal cards being awarded Thursday, Nov. 18, sometime between 6 a.m. and 6:10 a.m. The restaurant will open for business immediately thereafter. If there are more than 100 people by 6 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, all 100 spots will be determined by a raffle. For rules, see [www.chick-fil-a.com/#insidersfirst100](http://www.chick-fil-a.com/#insidersfirst100).

**Scott Brinitzer**, of **Scott Brinitzer Design Associates** in Arlington, won a Gold Award in Residential Design from the Association of Professional Landscape Designers.



**The Chick-fil-A at Ballston Common Mall in Arlington** will again be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children living overseas. Packed boxes are being collected Nov. 9-13. Items suggested for packing include small items such as toys, personal hygiene items and school supplies. Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas project. Since 1993, the project has hand-delivered more than 77 million shoe boxes to needy children living in more than 130 countries throughout the world.

**Shannon Marie McKeon** of Arlington has joined Dykema, a national law firm, as an associate in the Intellectual Property Department. McKeon's practice covers all aspects of intellectual property law, particularly trademarks and branding. Prior to joining

Dykema, McKeon worked as a trademark paralegal and law clerk, during which she acquired substantive knowledge and experience on a wide variety of trademark practice areas including prosecution and maintenance of U.S. and international trademark applications and registrations, enforcement of trademark rights, domain name/Internet related issues and opposition and cancellation proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**Sweetgreen**, an environmentally friendly salad and frozen yogurt shop, will be opening an Arlington store in the neighborhood of Ballston on 4075 Wilson Blvd., in Arlington. The store is slated to open in the second week of November. With a menu of clean, sustainable eats including creative salads and tart frozen yogurt with seasonal, unique toppings, Sweetgreen makes eating healthy and delicious food simple. Visit [www.sweetgreen.com](http://www.sweetgreen.com)

**Jonathan Kinney**, of law firm Bean, Kinney & Korman, P.C., will be recognized by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing with the 2010 Affordable Housing Award for his numerous contributions toward housing in the community. APAH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing, preserving and owning quality housing that is affordable and enhances the Arlington County community. Mr. Kinney has spent his career as an attorney and a positive influencer, enhancing the Arlington Community through his practice that focuses on land use, zoning and local government, real estate services, wealth management and asset protection, wills, trusts and estates.

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CONNECTION

## THURSDAYS, NOV. 11 THROUGH JAN. 13

**Carpe Vinum: Wine Tastings at Artisphere.** \$30 per tasting; \$150 for the series.

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- ❖ Thursday, Dec. 16: Best Cellars
- ❖ Thursday, Jan. 6: Curious Grape
- ❖ Thursday, Jan. 13: Arrowine



## Kinder Haus Toys

**AUTHOR TALK** — Sunday, Nov. 14 at 12 noon. Local author, Tom Hafer, will read his new children's book, "The Lemonade Crash." An illustrated story in rhyme about the financial crash, this book is fun for kids but has a message that parents will appreciate. You can peek inside at [www.TheLemonadeCrash.com](http://www.TheLemonadeCrash.com). Tom will personalize each book just the way you want it.

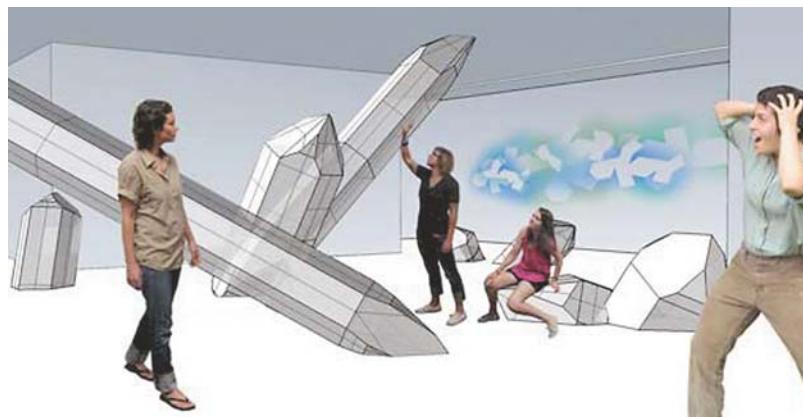
**APC TOY DRIVE** — The Arlington Pediatric Center (APC) is the family doctor for Arlington children who lack access to quality, consistent medical care. Help Mothers of North Arlington (MONA) put a smile on APC patients' faces this holiday season. Donate a new, safe unwrapped toy for babies through 12 years. Ensure no single toy costs more than \$20. Many APC children live in dire poverty. Learn more at <http://www.arlpedcen.org/>

**STORYTIME** — Kinder Haus Toys is suspending Storytime for the months of November and December due to the large numbers of holiday shoppers. Starting in January 2011, it will resume Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Ms. Laura will read new and classic stories in a way that captivates.

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## NOW THROUGH DEC. 12

**"Richard III" and "Mary Stuart."** Washington Shakespeare Company (WSC) inaugurates the new black box theatre in Artisphere with a rep of plays featuring British monarchs: Shakespeare's "Richard III," directed by Christopher Henley and Jay Hardee, and Friedrich Schiller's "Mary Stuart," directed by Colin Hovde from the new Peter Oswald adaptation. Thursdays (7:30 p.m.) - \$25; Fridays (7:30 p.m.) - \$30; Saturdays (2 p.m.) - Pay-What-You-Can; Saturdays (7:30 p.m.) - \$35; Sundays (2 p.m.) - \$30; Sundays (7:30 p.m.) - \$25; Previews & Saturday matinees are always Pay-What-You-Can (PWYC). WSC is the resident theatre company in Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. in Rosslyn.



## SATURDAY/NOV. 13

**Collider.** 8 to 11 p.m. Free. Collider is a collaboration between artist Lia Halloran and Sarah Strauss. Installation Nov. 8-12. At the WIP Lab at the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-875-1100.

❖ **On Sunday, Nov. 14,** from 1-3 p.m., Lisa Randall, the Harvard physicist behind the Large Hadron Collider and author of the libretto for Hypermusic Prologue, A Projective Opera in Seven Planes, joins Collider to discuss how music, visual art and design are making current concepts in theoretical physics understandable to broader audiences.

## NOW THROUGH NOV. 27

**11:01 Saturday Nights.** Late-night dance party starts at 11:01 p.m. At the Ballroom@Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850. Program:

- ❖ Nov. 13 — Rad Pony (NYC) Tickets \$12
- ❖ Nov. 20 — Red Baraat Indian Dhol + brass Tickets \$18
- ❖ Nov. 27 — Fort Knox Five with Special Guest Tickets \$15

## TUESDAYS, THROUGH DEC. 7

**Salsa Tuesdays.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance class; 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. dancing. At the Ballroom @ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850. The following events are \$15/\$12 students, all tickets at the door only:

- ❖ Nov. 16 — Joe Falero and the DC Latin Jazz All Stars
- ❖ Nov. 23 — Rumba Club
- ❖ Nov. 30 — Orquesta La Leyenda
- The following event is \$20/15 (students with a valid ID, at the door only)
- ❖ Dec. 7 — New Swing Sextet (NYC)



**The Swing Band King Teddy will play Nov. 17 at the Ballroom at Artisphere.**

## WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH DEC. 8

**Dance Wednesdays.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance classes; 8:30 to 11 p.m. dancing. Tickets are \$15/\$12 at door. On Wednesdays, dance the night away at Artisphere, to zydeco, cajun, rock, R&B and swing. The new center features a 3,000 square foot dance floor, one of the best in the area. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

- ❖ Nov. 10 — Red Stick Ramblers : Cajun/Western Swing (Louisiana);
- ❖ Nov. 17 — King Teddy : Swing (Baltimore);
- ❖ Dec. 1 — Big Joe and the Dynafloows : Swing / Jump Blues;
- ❖ Dec. 8 — Blue Sky 5 : Swing;



## NOV. 16 THROUGH JAN. 8

**Fields and Networks: Alice Whealin.** The solo exhibition by Alice Whealin, Fields and Networks, features a series of ink drawings on acetate that reflect spatially both an expansive universe and small areas of function. These abstract drawings invite references to "fields and networks". They draw upon diverse sources of imagery including animal and human form, popular molecular and space photography, calligraphy, abstract and expressionist art forms, cartoon and graffiti art, primal imagery, natural and man-made structures. Alice Whealin has her studio at the Reeb Hall Studios in Arlington. Most recently her work was exhibited at the American University's Katzen Arts Center in Washington, DC, and her ink drawing was selected for Cream: Washington Project for the Arts Gala Exhibition. Opening reception is Nov. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At the Mezz Gallery at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-875-1100. Visit <http://www.alicewhealin.com>



**Party Crashers**

## NOV. 19 THROUGH JAN. 16

**Party Crashers.** Party Crashers mashes up comic art and contemporary gallery culture and features artists who pass back and forth between the two worlds. Opening reception is Friday, Nov. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. At the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-248-6800. Visit <http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org>.



**Red Baraat will appear on Nov. 20 at the Ballroom at Artisphere.**

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○ Court House

○ Rosslyn

## ENTERTAINMENT

# 2010 Rosebud Film and Video Festival

### Four Arlington film-makers nominated for Rosebud Awards.

The 20th annual Rosebud Film and Video Festival Nominee Showcase will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Dome Theater at Artisphere — Arlington County's new cultural center.

The entire 20-film (seven-hour) slate of nominees will be screened beginning at 12:30 p.m. An all-day pass for the festival is \$10 and includes re-entry privileges throughout the showcase. Rosebud is an annual competition open exclusively to DC, Maryland, and Virginia film and video producers.

This year, films by four Arlington-based filmmakers have been nominated for Rosebud Awards. The Arlington nominees include: Julie Haberstick's "Minding," a touching narrative work that reveals the fragile power of a child's imagination; H. Paul Moon's "El Toro," an experimental film which explores the connections between the ancient ritual of Spanish bullfights and the passion of the Christ; Seth Blaustein's "Legacy: Song of the Senex," a narrative short about culture, sacred customs and coming of age; and Steven Vagias' "Molly," a gripping film focusing on the anguish of loneliness.

An independent panel of judges selected the 20 nominees from which five winners including one Best of Show will be chosen. Festival winners will be announced at the gala Rosebud Award ceremony, on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 7-10 p.m., at the Clarendon Ballroom, in Arlington. The five winners will each receive the 2010 Rosebud award, and a \$1,000 cash prize. Tickets to the Awards Ceremony are free and are available at the Nominee Showcase or by calling 703-524-2388.

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

### Film and Video Festival Line-up

<b>"Out in the Silence"</b>	65 Mins. — Doc. Dean Hamer and Joe Wilson Washington, D.C. 12:30 p.m.	Springfield 3:26 p.m.
<b>"A Brief Vacation"</b>	10 Mins. — Narrative Ben Rinehardt, Richmond, VA 1:35 p.m.	<b>"Broken"</b> 9 Mins. — Animation Matt Szychowski, Bel Air 3:56 p.m.
<b>"Loading"</b>	3 Mins. — Experimental Narrative Daniel Supanick, Baltimore, MD 1:45 p.m.	<b>"Legacy: Song of the Senex"</b> 13 Mins. — Fantasy Seth Blaustein, Arlington 4:05 p.m.
<b>"Annabel Lee"</b>	11 Mins. — Experimental Lion Eating Poets in the Stone Den Adelphi, MD 1:48 p.m.	<b>"El Toro"</b> 7 Mins. — Experimental H. Paul Moon, Arlington 4:18 p.m.
<b>"The Mountain Music Project"</b>	57 Mins. — Doc. Tara Linhardt and Jacob Penchansky Waterford, VA 2:57 p.m.	<b>"Molly"</b> 13 Mins. — Drama Steven Vagias and Spike Scarberry of Arlington 4:25 p.m.
<b>"The Bellows March"</b>	5 Mins. — Animation Eric Dyer, Baltimore, MD 3:07 p.m.	<b>"For Memories' Sake"</b> 29 Mins. — Documentary Ashley Maynor and Paul Harrill Blacksburg, VA 4:38 p.m.
<b>"Block"</b>	8 Mins. — Experimental Vera Elliott and Jeremiah Cleman Potomac, MD 3:02 p.m.	<b>"Raymond and Lina"</b> 11 Mins. — Narrative Mark Pagan, Jen Harris Gaithersburg, MD 5:07 p.m.
<b>"Hope"</b>	6 Mins. — Drama Drew Louis and Katie Neff Washington, D.C. 3:10 p.m.	<b>"Indecision"</b> 5 Mins. — Experimental Samya Amorim Gaithersburg, MD 5:20 p.m.
<b>"Corner Plot"</b>	10 Mins. — Doc. Ian Cook and Andre Dahlman Washington, D.C. 3:16 p.m.	<b>"Lens and Pens: Art in an Unexpected Place"</b> 26 Mins. — Documentary Deborah J. Schull, Washington, DC 5:25 p.m.
<b>"Tracks"</b>	30 Mins. — Drama Kevyn Settle and Jamie Sides	<b>"Minding"</b> 6 Mins. — Animation Julie Haberstick and Katy Gronsbell Arlington 5:51 p.m.
		<b>"Sweet Dreams"</b> 84 Mins. — Suspense Alvin Gray, Abingdon, MD 5:57 p.m.



**"Legacy"**



**"Out in the Silence"**

# One Night Without 'Fanny Brice'

### American Century show uses The Spectrum.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

In the program notes for The American Century Theater's mildly diverting production of the one-woman show "One Night with Fanny Brice," Artistic Director Jack Marshall says, "The chances are that you have no idea what Fanny Brice was like." He points out that the unique comedienne and torch-song singer who died in 1951 didn't leave many examples of her in-person magic on film, and her hit recordings capture only one aspect of the many talents that kept her a star for 40 years.

In mounting the show, it is obvious that Marshall's company and director Ellen Dempsey hoped to remedy the situation. However, in casting Esther Covington as Brice they chose a performer without either the comedic or the musical chops to bring to life the star that Marshall says could "move an audience to laughter and tears" like few others.

As a result, instead of coming away from this show with the feeling that you have spent the evening with Fanny Brice, you come away feeling you have had an informative briefing on her life illustrated with samples of the songs she used to cast her spell. Just what that spell was, however, remains a mystery. The briefing is consistently interesting and occasionally entertaining but is rarely compelling and hardly ever thrilling. It certainly wouldn't earn or maintain the status of "star" for Miss Brice.

Covington does nail the classic "Baby Won't You Please Come Home" and does a good job on the oh-so-self-revealing torch song "My Man." Her pitch wavers a bit, especially on more up-tempo specialty numbers like "Ja-Da" ("Ja-Da, Ja-Da, Ja-Da, Ja-Da Jing Ding Ding" goes the lyric) but, then, so did Fanny Brice's. She adequately delivers Brice's signature numbers like "Rose of Washington Square" and "Second Hand Rose." But through it all she isn't able to "sell" a song and that was one thing Brice was famous for.

The show, a solo bio-musical which sketches Brice's life story along with a sampling of the material she made famous, is the work of Chip Deffaa, who has chronicled the careers of other notables of the stage in the 20th century

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**Esther Covington as Fanny Brice.**

### Where & When

The American Century Theater's production of "One Night with Fanny Brice" plays through Nov. 27 in the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 North Kent Street, Arlington. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. with matinees on 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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# One Night Without 'Fanny Brice'

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such as George M. Cohan in "George M. Cohan Tonight!" and the famous Foy family in "The Seven Little Foys." He gets his facts right, and has selected a serviceable sampling of Brice's less well known material to go with the signature numbers without which no portrait of Fanny Brice could be satisfying.

Deffaa structures the two-act evening as a visit from beyond the grave by an ageless Fanny anxious, for no apparent reason, to tell this audience her side of her life story.

Perhaps she felt short changed in the fictionalized version that most theatergoers of today know, the musical "Funny Girl." If so, Miss Brice can now rest easy. Deffaa's script is much closer to the historical record, especially in regard to her second husband and only real love, Nicky Arnstein. Arnstein may have been as attractive in real life as Sidney Chaplin or Omar Sharif on stage or screen, but he was much more of a cad than either the Broadway musical or the Hollywood film revealed. Brice's first

marriage, however, gets about five sentences in this script and her third marriage, which was to producer Billy Rose, gets just a few minutes. Deffaa devotes most off the first act to Brice's relationship with her parents and her rise to stardom, while the bulk of the second act deals with Arnstein.

Covington is accompanied on stage by the show's musical director, Tom Fuller, at the piano. He fills in the rhythmic harmony for Covington's vocals and punctuates some of the narrative from the keyboard. At times his playing overwhelms Covington's delivery, especially in those numbers where Covington attempts Brice's faux-yiddish accent.

The American Century Theater production is being presented in the Spectrum Theatre in Rosslyn, now part of the Artsphere complex of performance and exhibit spaces. Beginning in January, the company returns to its usual venue, Theatre Two at the Gunston Arts Center for the balance of their 2010-11 season with Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon" followed by the Kaufman and Ferber classic "Stage Door" and Gore Viadl's "Visit to a Small Planet."

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## NOW THROUGH NOV. 30

**A Chill in the Air.** A fine art exhibit at the Arlington Arts Gallery. The work of 45 members of the Arlington Artists Alliance is for sale; features small works of art to fit holiday gift budgets. On Saturday, Nov. 13, from 5 – 8 p.m., the public is invited to join gallery artists and enjoy a French-Canadian musical treat by the Lynn Veronneau Trio. The gallery is across the street at Chevy Chase Bank, and at Preston's Pharmacy. Visit [www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org](http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org).

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 10

**Bishop O'Connell Open House.** 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Prospective students and their families will have the opportunity to learn more about the school's spiritual, academic, and extracurricular opportunities. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington. Visit [www.bishopoconnell.org](http://www.bishopoconnell.org) or call 703-237-1433.

**Cocktail Fundraiser.** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Open to the public. Features dinner by bites, live entertainment and a chance to bid on dozens of auction items. Special guests include America's Top Chef finalist Carla Hall and DC United's Bryan Namoff. The evening's emcee will be WJLA-TV's Courtney Robinson, and Sarah Fraser, co-host of the Kane Show at Hot 99.5 will be the silent auction cheerleader. The goal is to help the Arlington Food Assistance Center pay off its mortgage. At The Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Tickets are \$75 for one or \$125 for two. Donors can become sponsors by contacting Gayle Fleming at 703-625-1358 or [aafafundraiser@aol.com](mailto:aafafundraiser@aol.com).

**Dance Wednesdays.** With the Red Stick Ramblers (Cajun/Western Swing). Tickets are \$15/\$12 at door. Dancing 8:30 to 11 p.m.; dance classes 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. At the Ballroom @ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Free parking. Call 703-228-1850.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 11

**Veterans Day Ceremony.** 11 a.m. Hosted by The Air Force Association and the Air Force Memorial Foundation. A two-minute moment of silence at 11 a.m. will be observed to commemorate those members of the U.S. armed forces who were killed during war. At the Air Force Memorial in Arlington. Call or e-mail the Air Force Memorial Office at 703.979.0674 or [afmf@airforcememorial.org](mailto:afmf@airforcememorial.org).

**Veteran's Day Gala/Celebration.** 7 p.m. Open bar, free food, live music, a local color guard and a 50/50 drawing for area restaurants. At the Knights of Columbus Council #2473, at 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Contact Caleb Sisak at [info@vetsvision.org](mailto:info@vetsvision.org) or 703-237-8980.

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# Yorktown, Washington-Lee: Take Two

**A week after meeting in regular season, Patriots and Generals to battle in playoffs.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ith playoff berths secured, the Yorktown and Washington-Lee football teams played for nothing more than pride on Nov. 5 when the National District foes concluded the regular season with a matchup at W-LHS. Yorktown took care of business, winning 14-0 and keeping head coach Bruce Hanson undefeated against the Generals during his 26-year career with the Patriots.

One week later, the Arlington rivals will do it all over again — this time, with a lot more at stake. Yorktown, the National District champion and No. 2 seed in Division 5 of the Northern Region, will host No. 7 W-L for a first-round playoff matchup at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 12. Yorktown at 9-1 is the favorite to advance. The Patriots have four shutouts to their credit, have allowed more than 16 points only once and have won their last seven games. But even though Yorktown has played well, Hanson is quick to point out several of the Patriots' wins have been tightly contested. Plus, Yorktown will face a W-L team eager to avenge last week's loss and snap its losing streak to the Patriots, which stretches back to 1982. The Generals (5-5) are making their second playoff appearance since 1975.

"We've got more to lose than them," Hanson said. "We're not much better than them. We ended up winning the district, but



**Yorktown's David Bernhardt tries to pull away from W-L defender Keesean Braithwaite during Yorktown's 14-0 victory on Nov. 5.**

we're not light years ahead of everybody. ... It's not like we blew people out."

Yorktown edged Hayfield by one point and beat Mount Vernon and W-L by 14. Each of the Patriots' four other district wins were by at least 19 points.

W-L head coach Josh Shapiro said the Generals' recent loss to Yorktown can provide an advantage in terms of making adjustments.

"I'd rather be in our shoes, to be honest, than their shoes," he said. "Losing, you get to look at it with a little more edge, a little more thoroughness."

Each coach was complimentary of the other's team. Hanson said W-L's defense, led by Moussa Diallo and Nate Young, provides a challenge, but the key to beating the Gen-



**W-L running back Anthony Taylor is tripped up by the Yorktown defense.**

erals starts with stopping running back Anthony Taylor. During Friday's matchup, Taylor rushed 24 times for 92 yards.

"Obviously, you have to shut him down," Hanson said. "He's their best player. He's the offensive player of the year in our district. He's really good."

Shapiro spoke highly of Yorktown's multiple threats.

"They've got the best quarterback in the district," Shapiro said of Jordan Smith, "two very serviceable running backs and a plethora of good receivers. They're tough to deal with."

Smith completed 8 of 16 passes for 142 yards on Friday. Running back Khalil Doles rushed 22 times for 81 yards and a pair of second quarter touchdowns.

In terms of adjustments for the playoff rematch, Shapiro addressed an obvious need.

"We've got to score," he said with a laugh. "They're very talented, they're very athletic. They close real fast and they've got athletes all over the place."

Shapiro said the Generals brought freshmen up to the varsity level to help in preparation for the playoffs — something he hopes will translate into valuable experience in future years. For now, W-L will try to do something no Generals team has done for nearly 30 years.

Beat rival Yorktown.

"It's a big rival game," Shapiro said. "You can't really downplay it. We could probably play out in the parking lot and it would be a big deal."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### W-L's Isabel Amend Qualifies for States

Washington-Lee's Isabel Amend approached center stage at the Northern Region cross country championship meet award ceremony before heading in the wrong direction. The junior approached a line of harriers who had already been honored before realizing she needed to accept her medal.

You'll have to excuse Amend. She's new to this whole cross country deal.

One week after finishing second at the National District championship meet, Amend, competing in her first cross country campaign, placed fifth at regionals on Nov. 4 at Burke Lake Park. Her time of 18 minutes, 14.1 seconds on a muddy terrain was the second-fastest mark among National District competitors and Amend's top-15 finish punched her ticket to the state

meet. Edison's Myah Hicks (17:50.7), the National District champion, placed second. Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase won the region title with a time of 17:38.9.

While Amend is a cross country rookie, success in sports is nothing new. Amend reached the state meet during indoor track and outdoor track seasons during her sophomore year and intended to maintain her level of achievement.

"The thing that was motivating me the most was just keeping up [my] reputation," Amend said. "I made it to states in indoor and outdoor, so I just wanted to get to states in cross country."

Thursday's race was the first time Amend ran in wet and muddy weather.

"The conditions were less than ideal," she said, "but it was fun."

Amend helped W-L finish ninth as a team with 248 points. Lake Braddock won the region championship with 71 points. Amend's twin sister, Helen Amend, just

missed qualifying for states with a 17th-place finish (18:49.7).

Yorktown finished 14th out of 16 teams. Alice Zytel led the Patriots with a 47th-place finish and a time of 19:40.21.

In the boys race, Yorktown finished 15th out of 16 teams with 406 points. West Potomac won the event with 78 points. Yorktown's top finisher was Ryan Hart, who came in 35th with a time of 16:22.1. Washington-Lee's Jordan Ricker finished 99th (17:18.9) and Wakefield's Filagot Dinku was 108th (17:34.9).

— JON ROETMAN

### Wakefield Football Concludes Season

The Wakefield football team reached the 20-point mark for the second time this season and rushed for 222 yards in a 41-21

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**Washington-Lee junior Isabel Amend placed fifth at the Northern Region cross country championship meet on Nov. 4 at Burke Lake Park.**

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

## SPORTS

# Rock's 30 Kills Too Much for Spartans

**Yorktown advances in regionals.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The Yorktown volleyball team entered the Northern Region tournament having traveled a month-long bumpy road. The Patriots lost a pair of regular season matches before surviving a five-game battle against Edison in the National District semifinals on Nov. 3. The following night, Yorktown lost to Hayfield in the district title match for the second consecutive season.

On Monday, the Patriots split the first four games of their regional tournament match against West Springfield. Nothing came easy. Yorktown overcame a 9-2 deficit to win the opener and traded blows with the Spartans during the next three. Facing a fifth game with the season on the line, Ashley Rock and her Yorktown teammates grew tired of doing things the hard way.

"When we [beat] Stuart [on Nov. 3], the fifth game was ridiculous," Rock said. "Our energy was as high as it's ever been this season. We ended up beating them [handily]. We were like, 'Let's have a repeat. Let's



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

**Yorktown junior Ashley Rock recorded a career-high 30 kills during a regional tournament win over West Springfield on Nov. 8.**

just crush them. The match has been pretty close so far, let's pull ahead and be the team we can be."

Yorktown jumped out to a 9-3 lead, Rock recorded six of her career-high 30 kills in the deciding game and the Patriots defeated the Spartans 3-2 (25-23, 19-25, 25-20, 24-

26, 15-8) at YHS. Rock, a second-team all-region selection, called the loss to Hayfield in the district title match a "crusher." The junior middle blocker responded with a career-best performance that included 15 digs, four aces and four blocks, helping advance Yorktown past the first round of regionals

for the third time in four seasons.

"This postseason, she's played fantastically," Yorktown head coach Brittanie Behar said. "She's played well all year, but you can really see how much she wants it and how much she wants to come out and be strong."

Early in game one, it appeared Yorktown hadn't recovered from the loss to Hayfield. West Springfield jumped out to a 9-2 advantage, leading to a Yorktown timeout. The Patriots responded with eight straight

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**"We were like, 'Let's have a repeat. Let's just crush them. The match has been pretty close so far, let's pull ahead and be the team we can be."**

— Yorktown junior Ashley Rock

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## OBITUARY

**Melbourne, FL – Caroline Cooper Wills** passed away on October 31, 2010 at her home in Melbourne, FL after a long illness, diagnosed as Parkinson's Disease. Born into an Army family at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, she was one of seven children of the late Colonel John Avery and Ona Gibson Cooper. After a childhood at several Army Posts, she graduated from Western High School in Washington, DC. She lived most of her adult life in the Washington area including forty years in McLean, VA. After graduating from Vassar College with a major in mathematics, she worked for IBM in Washington, DC for several years. As a computer programmer, she installed computer programs and trained federal employees to operate the IBM 360 Punch Card Computer for many government agencies including the CIA, FBI and Defense. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Ona Cooper and Ella Cooper Thomas and three brothers; Colonel John A. Cooper, Jr., Lt. Robby Cooper (a WWII POW casualty) and Lieutenant General Kenneth Banks Cooper. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, R.W. Wills, formerly of Peterstown, WV and daughter Carey Wills Dixon and husband USCG Lt. Commander Richard H. Dixon, grandson, Robert Wills Dixon and granddaughter, Abigail Caroline Dixon presently residing in Covington, LA, one brother, Colonel Richmond J. Cooper and wife Janet Felton Cooper of Alexandria, VA, one sister in law, Virginia (Jenny) Cooper of Arlington, six nephews and one niece.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, November 8, 2010 at the Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home Chapel, Peterstown, WV with Pastor Jonathan Jennings officiating. Burial will follow in the Peterstown Cemetery, Rich Creek, VA. There will be no visitation. Online guestbook can be signed or condolence may be sent to the Wills Family at [www.broyles-shrewsbury.com](http://www.broyles-shrewsbury.com). Arrangements by Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home, Peterstown, WV.

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## I Could Care More

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



In addition to what "I Could Care Less" about (see last week's column) there are things that I care too much about. Things that, in the scheme of things/big picture (Cancer), shouldn't really matter, but unfortunately do, and disproportionately so at that. It's almost as if my brain is expending so much energy managing my emotions concerning the cancer; allowing me to live and behave in a semi normal-type routine, that the less significant issues in my life are left to fend for themselves. And it's these less significant issues fending for themselves that seem to occupy and affect my consciousness more than any other.

I don't worry about the cancer; I mean, I'm not consumed by it, anxious because of it, incapacitated having it. Hardly. I am affected by it, of course. I am different. I am living with a terminal disease – at age 56. Still, it doesn't keep me awake – any more. Nor does it keep me from getting out of bed, getting dressed, performing all the "activities of daily living." There are deficits to be sure but, overall, physically – and mentally, I'm functioning. All systems are not exactly go, but nor am I stuck in neutral either.

However, I do worry about things now that I never used to worry about. The kinds of things which long ago I stopped worrying about and/or had allocated/compartmentalized in a part of my brain/head which made living – for me, relatively manageable. Without being too specific – or boring, the things to which I'm referring are small things, unimportant things, things which doing or not doing or doing them now – or doing them later, or not even doing them at all or doing them in due course, seem to weigh on me more heavily than ever: shopping, laundry, banking, bill-paying, errands, preparing meals, travel/travel planning, etc.; mundane, everyday-type stuff. Stuff which had become second nature; heck, stuff which for me had become "third nature." But not anymore.

I don't mean to imply that I'm a bundle of nerves if I have to leave the house at a certain time to drive to an unknown destination, as one of many examples of everyday activities that now stress me out. But I am definitely no longer the "smooth operator" (inside joke) that I used to be. Moreover, it's not as if I can't get out of my own way or I'm a total klutz and/or incompetent (I didn't say incontinent; so far, that's not my problem), it's more about feeling unprepared, disorganized, forgetful, neglectful about things in life that require a certain attentiveness. And it's that lack of attentiveness to basic details, sort of, that worries me. None of it used to matter, now all of it seems to. It was never important, now it dominates what I think most about.

Doctor's appointments, lab work, chemotherapy, quarterly scans, refilling prescriptions; none of it bothers me. Deciding what to wear bothers/worries me more. Big stuff doesn't bother me. Little stuff does. In fact, the bigger the better I am; the smaller the stuff, the worse I am. I wish I could control it but, per last week's column, there are things that I simply can't control any more. And not being able to control things is scary because "control" is important to a cancer/terminal patient's survival – or so we've been told by the health care professionals treating/taking care of me. I'm not a lost cause or anything, yet, but I am wondering about cause and effect.

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

# SPORTS

## Yorktown Advances in Regionals

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points and won the opener 25-23. The victory came against a Spartans team that entered the postseason as the No. 1 seed in the Patriot District.

"It was scary at first when" West Springfield started strong, Yorktown senior libero Taylor Brown, a first-team all-district selection, said. "You can't breathe because you're like, 'Oh my gosh.' We worked so hard all

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loss to Mount Vernon on Nov. 5. The loss during the regular season finale dropped the Warriors' record to 1-9.

Drew Powell rushed for 106 yards for Wakefield and Louie Green totaled 89 yards on the ground. Powell completed 8 of 16 passes for 113 yards.

Wakefield's lone victory was a 20-0 win over Falls Church on Oct. 8.

## O'Connell Loses to Paul VI

The Bishop O'Connell football team wrapped up its 2010 season with a 17-15 loss to Paul VI on Nov. 6, dropping its final record to 3-7.

## Yorktown Graduate Honored

Matt Stotler, a 2007 Yorktown graduate and senior defensive lineman at Columbia University, garnered CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-District honors. He holds a 3.37 GPA.

### SCHOOL NOTES

**"Bottom's Dream,"** Yorktown High School's one-act variation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," qualified for the final round of the Virginia Theatre Association Conference secondary school competition Halloween weekend and was a finalist in the 44-school competition.

The production garnered two first-place wins, earning top honors in the costume and technical production categories, and accolades from judges for outstanding ensemble work. This is the second year in a row Yorktown has made it to the final rounds: In 2009, Yorktown's one-act play "Nora's Lost" placed second at the conference, earning a competition berth at the prestigious Southeastern Theatre Conference. The school plans to take its "Bottom's Dream" production to the National District Virginia High School League One Act Play Competition in January.

The following Arlington residents are among the more than 700 new graduates of **Marymount University** who received diplomas at the University's 59th Commencement Ceremonies at D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 10:

**Deborah Britt** graduated with an M.S. in Nursing, Nursing Education; **Donna Brown** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology; **Tracyann Burnett** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology and Community Counseling; **Asim Buttar** graduated with a B.A. in History; **Amy Cagli** graduated with an M.S. in Management; **Arianna Cohen** graduated with an M.Ed. in Elementary Education; **Atoya Coker** graduated with an M.S. in Health Promotion Management; **Jennifer Comick** graduated with an M.Ed. in Learning Disabilities; **Meredith Costanza** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree); **Katherine DeCarlo** graduated with an M.Ed. in Elementary Education; **Matthew Derrenbacher** graduated with an M.B.A.; **Ndella Dioum** graduated with an M.B.A.; **Laura Douse** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree). Douse graduated cum laude; **Liselotte Draney** graduated with an M.A. in Community Counseling; **William Dubow** graduated with a B.B.A. (Business Administration); **Jamesian Emmanuel** graduated with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. Emmanuel graduated magna cum laude; **Chimemerem Ewelike** graduated with an M.B.A.; **Shelby Farrish** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology; **Clorissa Fischetti** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree). Fischetti graduated cum laude; **Alexandra Fitch** graduated with an M.Ed. in Learning Disabilities; **Jasmyne Ford** graduated with a B.A. in English, with teaching licensure; **Kaci Gaub** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology; **Gina Goblick** graduated with a B.A. in Fashion Design; **Tania Govanlu** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree); **Robyn Harm** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology; **Janet Herrmann** graduated with an M.Ed. in Elementary Education; **Michelle Hoekstra** graduated with an M.A. in School Counseling; **Najam Iqbal** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree); **Neha Jindia** graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Design; **Allison Jordan** graduated with a B.A. in Fashion Design. Jordan graduated summa cum laude; **Danielle Kaplan** graduated with a Graduate Certificate in Organization Development; **Stephen Konsin** graduated with an M.B.A.; **Benard Korinko** graduated with a B.B.A. (Business Administration); **Andrea Krisko** graduated with an M.Ed. in English as a Second Language; **Melissa Kuzmik** graduated with an M.A. in School Counseling; **Jessica Lavoie** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology; **Ana Lazo** graduated with a B.A. in Psychology; **Qi Li** graduated with a B.B.A. (Business Administration). Li graduated summa cum laude; **Isaac Lichtenstein** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree); **Daniel Lozano** graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Design; **Jennifer Lucas** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree); **Daniel Lunde** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree). Lunde graduated cum laude; **Stephanie Marcuccio** graduated with an M.Ed. in English as a Second Language; **Nelson Martinez** graduated with a B.S. in Information Systems; **Matthew McCall** graduated with an M.Ed. in Secondary Education; **Jennifer McClellan** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree). McClellan graduated cum laude; **Jamie McGill** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree); **Salomon Menyeng** graduated with an M.A. in Legal Administration; **Kathryn Merlene** graduated with an M.Ed. in Secondary Education; **Michael Mike** graduated with a B.B.A. (Business Administration); **Hager Mosly** graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Design; **Amanda Moss** graduated with an M.A. in Community Counseling; **Jamie Murphy** graduated with an M.A. in School Counseling; **Matthew Mustard** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology; **Brienne Nicklaw** graduated with an M.A. in Forensic Psychology; **Jennifer Ochse** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing (2nd degree). Ochse graduated magna cum laude.

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