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Bring In The Clowns

Teatro de la Luna performs bilingual children's show.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

There was a lot of clowning around as Teatro de la Luna presented its new bilingual children's play at the Gunston Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 20. "Gotas de Agua" (Drops of Water), a play written and directed by Jacqueline Briceno, delivers environmental lessons in a creative and fun way. The play will be performed again on Saturday, Nov. 27.

"It really opens their eyes to another form of entertainment that is also educational at the same time," said Marcela Ferlito, who plays Rocio, the clown trying to guard the fountain of pure water. Hydrofriend, played by Alex Albuquerque, helps Rocio defend the water from the evil Conta, King of Contamination, played by Peter Pereyra.

The story uses humor, fantasy and fun to engage the audience: children booed the bad behavior of Conta, cheered the heroine's efforts to clean up litter, and blew whistles to warn Rocio when Conta was trying to trick her. Ferlito noted that while the kids were having fun, it was clear from their reactions that they "got" the message about the importance of re-

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Marcela Ferlito plays Rocio, the clown trying to guard the fountain of pure water.

cycling.

"Fun is important for all of us," said Fran Buntman, Ph.D., an assistant professor of sociology at The George Washington University, who attended the performance with her three daughters, Sarah Orozco, Gabriela Orozco and Mia Ramos. "I liked the environmental theme and thought they did a great job," she added.

Buntman praised Teatro's bilingual theater workshops: "It's an excellent program which has greatly improved their Spanish and their confidence and they've had a lot of fun." Her daughter, Sarah Orozco chimed in, "In January we're going to be in a play for the children's festival and it's about witches."



Brothers Diego, Mateo and Marco Stein

Buntman explained, "They're very excited and have been practicing for weeks."

Lee Walzer, who was there with son, Joshua O'Keefe Walzer, said he enjoys attending Teatro's programs because "we always have a great time." The elder Walzer is an attorney at the Department of the Treasury who said he is "functional" in Spanish. Joshua was adopted from Guatemala when he was 7 months and he attends a dual language immersion school. "His accent is perfect and so is his comprehension and he speaks really well," said Walzer.

In remarks to the audience, Nucky Walder, a producer with Teatro, thanked parents for bringing the children to the play. "If children don't see theater at an early age, it's difficult for them to want to see it when they're older," she said. Walder also expressed her gratitude to the Arlington County Cultural Affairs Division and the Arlington Commission for the Arts for their support.

In the era of the Internet, Walzer said he appreciates that his son can have this type of live theater experience. "We're lucky to be living here and we're lucky to have Teatro," he said.



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Property owners who do not shovel their sidewalks will be subjected to fine if they fail to respond to warnings from the county government.

Snow Patrol

Arlington prepares to enforce new removal ordinance.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Homeowners, prepare to shovel the sidewalk in front of your house or face a fine of \$50 to \$100. Commercial property owners who once dumped snow from their parking lots on to county roads, prepare for prosecutors will seek criminal charges against you as a class 4 misdemeanor. That's life under a strict new ordinance passed last summer despite criticism that implementing the new rules presented an opportunity for abuse.

"Sometimes people say we are crazy," said James Hurd, one of a handful who spoke out against the ordinance during a June public hearing. "Well I think here, we can underline that."

County Board members disagreed, unanimously approving the new snow-removal ordinance that holds residential property owners and commercial property owners to the same standard. Snow must be removed from 36 inches of sidewalks within 24 to 36 hours of the end of snowfall as registered by the National Weather Service at National Airport. County officials say they hope the threat of potential penalties will be enough to clear the sidewalks.

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Looking To Regulate Synthetic Marijuana

Adam Ebbin prepares for upcoming session.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Standing outside Mia's Market on Mount Vernon Avenue, Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49) was ready to make the buy. So he walked into the convenience store, asked to see the synthetic marijuana and handed over a credit card. The four-term member of the House of Delegates wanted to make clear that he was gathering evidence for an upcoming committee hearing, not trying to score what's known on the street as "K2" or "spice."

"I'm going to show this to my colleagues," he said to market owner Mia Kim. "I promise I'm not going to smoke it."

"After you buy it," Kim replied, "I don't care what you do with it."

Kim might not care, but Ebbin does. When the General Assembly session gavel into session in January, Ebbin will be one of a handful of members with legislation banning synthetic marijuana. Along with the

other members from the House and Senate, Ebbin says the product is completely unregulated — leading vulnerable consumers to smoke it and inhale unknown chemicals as a result.

"I think it's marketed to anyone who would like to smoke marijuana," said Ebbin, "probably kids who don't have a connection to finding marijuana on their own."

Over the last few years, stores in Arlington and Alexandria have begun to carry products like the ones on display near the checkout counter at Mia's Market. Kim said that she received the product from a distributor in Utah free of charge, so all sales are profitable to her. Sales are good, and so Kim said she might consider placing an order. But her market at the Calvert Building on Mount Vernon Avenue is slated for demolition, and the future of her business is uncertain.

"I sold two packages yesterday," said Kim, examining the colorful packages. "They sell mostly to women."

Ebbin is one of three potential candidates expected to be candidates in a Democratic primary for the Senate seat currently held by state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30). So a victory on banning synthetic marijuana could be the kind of thing mentioned as legislative accomplishment during a primary fight. But Isaac Wood, communication director at the University of Virginia Center for Politics, says the effect would be muted because the issue is obscure to most voters.

"It would be a resume-builder," said Wood. "But the drawback is that most people have never heard of this, so he would have to pair it with other accomplishments."



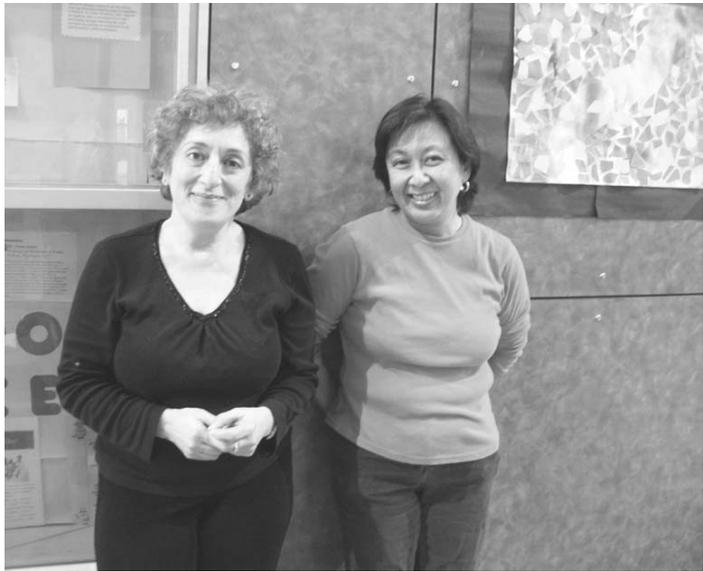
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Del. Adam Ebbin shows a package of synthetic marijuana he purchased in his district.

OPINION

Reflections: On Being Thankful

Here some responses to questions about living and working in Arlington.



Deborah Hartman, left, and Carolyn Carlson, Kenmore PTA volunteers.

Story Time with Odds

Master storyteller and musician, Odds Bodkin performed at Kenmore Middle School on Friday, Nov. 19 to the delight of

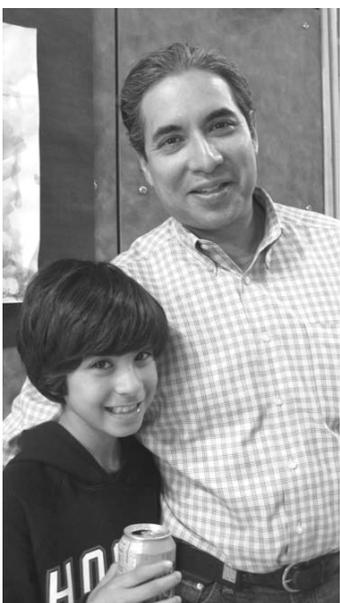
young and old alike. The program was co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Kenmore Middle School and Silver Diner.



Odds Bodkin performing.



Santya Lanman with daughter, Kate.



Daniel Narcho with dad, Herman.



Darrow Sherman practicing a "cat face" from the performance.

ANSU JOHN
What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

I am thankful I live in Arlington! I love the farmer's market at Courthouse on Saturdays, where I roll out of bed and go to grab a coffee and breakfast and visit with familiar, friendly vendors who bring healthy, freshly-picked produce. It's always such a warm, community feeling and a terrific way to start the weekend. I love how clean and safe the neighborhood is. I love being able to walk to the grocery store and gym. I love telling visitors how easy it is to get around and go to visit the monuments; they always marvel at the small-town feel there is right here in the big city. The pocket parks and the tree-lined streets just off the major arteries help bring architectural and functional balance to the high rises and shops along main street. They're also my nature break when I don't feel like heading down to the river or to Great Falls. It feels good to live here, and I'm letting you know, I'm grateful!

LUCY BOWEN McCAULEY
Artistic director, Bowen McCauley Dance
What will you give thanks for this Thanksgiving?

I am thankful to be alive after my third heart surgery in eight years! When my implanted pacemaker/defibrillator started beeping on Sept. 18, it was signaling that one of the wires connected to my heart had broken inside a vein. Without any personal way to monitor or correct my heart arrhythmia I needed to be hospitalized in a telemetry unit until surgery could be scheduled on Sept. 21. It was a long wait and I was very nervous knowing that if there were any complications during the retraction and replacement of the broken wire and heart assistance device, I would undergo the risks of open heart surgery. Fortunately everything went smoothly and I was back at home the next day looking forward to the rest of my life with my family and as artistic director of Bowen McCauley Dance. I am incredibly grateful to the entire cardiovascular group at Virginia Hospital Center including the team of open heart specialists



who were standing by in the operating room in case I needed them. I have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

What are you thankful for living and working in Arlington?

I am especially thankful this year that after 15 years of running Bowen McCauley Dance (BMD) from a virtual office of connected staff and volunteer emails, we now have beautiful new office space at 818 N Quincy Street in the heart of Ballston.

Over the years, BMD and other arts and community service organizations have received tremendous support and encouragement from the Arlington County government, private foundations, and citizens. Arlington's Arts Incubator enabled me to found BMD in 1996 and programs like the Ballston-Virginia Square Partnership and Rosslyn and Crystal City BIDs have helped to create a culturally rich community in which to live and work. Arlington is a destination for arts and culture with a vibrant, healthy, and diverse community of engaged and caring citizens. The Arlington community truly believes in the arts and I give thanks for that.

What advice would you give to someone looking for more special things to be thankful for in Arlington?

Take advantage of all of the events and happenings at Artisphere.

JOSEPH VORBACH
Principal (and 1983 alumnus) of Bishop O'Connell High School
What will you give thanks for this Thanksgiving?

The blessings of my family and the opportunity to work with great colleagues and wonderful students at Bishop O'Connell High School.

What are you thankful for living and/or working in Arlington?

Being around so many folks who care genuinely about their community ... and I am thankful for my commute.

What advice would you give to someone looking for more special things to be thankful for in Arlington?



Come out and be blown away by the talent of the young artists, actors, musicians and athletes in Arlington's high schools.

SHARON CHAMBERLIN
McEneaney Associates
What are you thankful for in Arlington?

My husband and his family have lived here for generations, so having lived her 50-plus years, I am still a "transplant." I am thankful to live in Arlington because we have people from diverse backgrounds and the services to take care of most of all the special needs when people seek help. As a Realtor, I am also thankful that our real estate market is much more stable than many other locations!

KATHLEEN LOGIODICE FONG
Keller Williams / City Wide Realty
What will you give thanks for this Thanksgiving?

I will give thanks for my family because I would have chosen them to be in my life — had I not been 'given' them. I am thankful that we have all been fortunate to enjoy good health. And I am thankful for my dog — because he is a one of a kind and I've been given the privilege to be his owner.

What are you thankful for living and/or working in Arlington?

I am thankful that I live and work in Arlington, because the urban lifestyle allows me to accomplish everything I need without having to use a highway, beltway or major road. I can accomplish almost everything I need within our county's borders. That allows me to live a life that has one major stress factor removed. For that, I am grateful every single day.

What advice would you give to someone looking for more special things to be thankful for in Arlington?

I describe Arlington as the Brooklyn of Washington. This tiny jewel of a county offers a unique and rare lifestyle. We have easy access to the city, yet the beauty

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Holiday Fun with Family and Friends

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

For many people the holiday season brings friends and family members to the area to celebrate. This is a great time of year to enjoy the beauty of the area while it's decked out in all its holiday splendor and to show off to others all there is to love in the nation's capital. Long-time residents shared a few of their favorite go-to places with visitors.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has holiday candlelit tours that are really special, said Millie Acampora. "You really feel like you're in the colonial period — it's really awesome." The tours, which start Thanksgiving weekend, have been a big hit with adults as well as children, according to Acampora. "It's beautifully decorated for Christmas and it's really an enjoyable way to see Mount Vernon and start a tradition at Christmastime." See www.mountvernon.org

The second must-see place on Acampora's list is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Concep-



Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

tion, the largest Catholic Church in the United States. "There's so much to see there," said Acampora. The church is open 365 days a year and offers guided tours. See www.nationalshrine.com.

Amy Miller, owner of www.ourkids.com, a local website that recommends family-friendly activities, takes her children to see the holiday display at the United States Botanic Gardens. It's an annual free event that starts the weekend of thanksgiving. "It's great for children of all ages," said Miller adding, "but go early." See www.usbg.gov.

Miller also recommends taking a turn at ice-skating at Pentagon Row. "It's open daily and they have a nightly snowfall (also known as "Snow at the Row") at 6 and 7 p.m. See www.pentagonrowskating.com.

To work off some of those extra holiday calories and see one of the most beautiful vistas of the Potomac River, visit Great Falls Park in McLean. Catch a spectacular views of the



Ice-skating at Pentagon Row

WWW.PENTAGONROWSKATING.COM

falls on a nature hike along the Potomac. See www.nps.gov/grfa/index.htm.

Check out Artisphere, Arlington's new cultural center at the site of the former Newseum in Rosslyn. Three visual art galleries and an array of musical and theatrical performances should provide some interesting options. See www.arlingtonarts.org/venues/Artisphere.aspx.

Amy Combs likes to combine a tour of the monuments with a bit of exercise. "My favorite thing to do is to rent bikes and start at the Capitol and go on the Mall and see all the monuments." Combs said she loves to end the tour at the Jefferson with a hot dog from a little stand near the water.

"Another cool thing is to have drinks at the Hotel George [formerly Hotel Washington] because the view of the monuments is breathtaking," said Combs. See www.hotelgeorge.com.

Every day at 6 p.m. the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage has free concerts in the Grand Foyer. No tickets are required — but check the schedule because the acts cover a wide range (from bluegrass to Beethoven). See www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/.

IN BRIEF

Enough Cuts?

After two years of deep cuts, county libraries and parks may be spared in the upcoming budget process.

Speaking to the League of Women Voters on Nov. 17, county manager Barbara Donnellan said she does not expect to make any cuts to the libraries or parks in her proposed budget for financial year 2012.

At the same time, however, Donnellan cautioned that with Arlington facing a \$25 million budget gap, the libraries will likely not see a restoration of hours to pre-2009 or pre-2010 levels.

At one point, Donnellan reflected on her failed effort to close the Cherrydale library, which was met with considerable public outcry. She says that she learned her lesson about community attachment to libraries.

"I'm not doing it any more, I'm done," she said. "It's apparent to me that every library is going to stay open."

In a question and answer session, one attendee said she was concerned that the county seems willing to allow a deterioration in the quality of services system-wide, instead of summoning the political will to close facilities when it makes practical and financial sense. Donnellan said that while the county must carefully weigh its budget priorities, current facilities must be adequately funded.

"As long as we're going to keep them, we have to maintain them, and that takes money," she said.

Donnellan pledged to close the current budget gap with a balance of spending cuts and revenue increases. She will host a public budget forum for residents from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Arlington Central Library auditorium.

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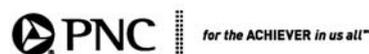
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OPINION

Shop Locally

Local businesses are invested in community.

While the rest of the world would like to remember small businesses for just one day this year, “small business Saturday,” Connection readers know that local businesses are a mainstay of our communities. Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive.

While the economic situation is daunting, even locally where things are much better than nationally, even families who feel financially secure will be more frugal in this holiday season than before the recession. Recently, there is more life in the economy, though, and most local families will shop and give during the next month. Many people have started ahead of the traditional kickoff date for Christmas shopping, the Friday after Thanksgiving. Hanukkah begins Dec. 2.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of the shopping in some of the area’s locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambiance available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season.

Small retail shops are part of what defines

any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fund raising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

EDITORIALS

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face some of the toughest chal-

lenges imaginable right now. The costs of being in business have grown tremendously while revenues are not.

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

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

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

Remember To Give Locally Too

Remember that people applying for food stamps and seeking help from food banks has more than doubled in the last few years in Northern Virginia. Local charities are scrambling to meet tremendous increased demand for holiday help as well.

Organizations like SHARE of McLean and LINK depend on volunteers and contributions to try to meet the expanding need for food and warm clothes on a daily basis.

Beyond that, organizations stretch to provide the basics for a holiday meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and the hope of pre-

sents for many children who might otherwise not receive a single holiday gift.

There are many ways to give, with some local charities connecting the donor to a specific family to provide a holiday food basket and fulfill some wishes for gifts. Many organizations encourage the donation of gift cards. Every local group seeking to help the needy right now is facing extra demand and needs both volunteer and financial help.

— MARY KIMM,

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Reflections: Thoughts on Thanksgiving

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of space, nature and a well-run county government.

You can walk to most if not all amenities yet enjoy amazing trails through gorgeous parks that make you feel like you are miles away from civilization.

We have a walking and bike friendly community, access to great public transportation and Metro Rail, an easy commute to the at least one airport and the train station. We have culture for our citizens (although more would never hurt) via our theatres, museums, forts and events.

But most importantly, we are county of diversity. Here you will find people from all countries and all economic backgrounds. We are a county that is truly more like the real world, in that we are all not ‘one kind.’ We enjoy citizens who are well educated and have access to great education via our schools and universities and who are politically active and take pride and actively participate in making Arlington a better place to live.

ELENA RODRIGUEZ

Weichert Realtors
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It’s my Gold Services Manager working for Weichert Finan-

cial in my local office that keeps me informed weekly and goes as far as providing “Lunch and Learn” training sessions updating me about the ever-changing financial world, who reaches out on my behalf to my new customer and is a member of my home team.

It’s my mentor who continually answers my calls and my questions and accompanies me on my new agent journey and has become my new bff.

It’s my managing broker who never fails to pat me on the back, shout my success, send me encouraging and congratulatory greeting cards, putting them in my box and always has something positive to say. It’s the office manager who is so efficient, knowledgeable, friendly and always laughs at my jokes.

It’s the other agents in my office that never fail to impress me, serve as role models and have adopted me into their tight knit family.

Thank you Weichert.

What are you thankful for living and/or working in Arlington?

First and foremost, I give thanks that I am no longer commuting to Maryland. Having moved my business from Silver Spring, Md. to Arlington, I give thanks to the many differences in our market area. We have less short sales and foreclosures than Maryland. In-

house Arlington home sales each month are considerably higher and better than those of the same month of the previous year. We continually to reach our goals and even go beyond them. The Arlington housing market is unique in that it has not been as ravaged economically as the rest of the country nor the state for that matter.

Thank you Arlington.

What advice would you give to someone looking for more special things to be thankful for in Arlington?

Arlington has so much to offer with its varied and quaint neighborhoods in both North and South Arlington with its odd and even zip codes respectively. Its historical street names arranged in alphabetical order that remind us of those numerous founding fathers that played such vital roles in the history of our nation. Its beautiful parks, historic sections, downtown Ballston and Clarendon metro districts and renown restaurants and bars that give it such flair and international feel. It’s that financial edge we often take for granted given its proximity to the nation’s capital and yes — jobs. It’s the great housing market that serves those people with jobs and is fed by it. It’s Arlington. It’s the big town because it’s close to downtown, but still manages to have that small town feeling.

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LETTER

More Traffic On Local Roads?

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago James Wamsley opined that "congestion pricing or expanded HOV restrictions could eliminate (or reduce) I-66 traffic congestion" in Arlington.

Perhaps, but it's also true that such restrictions would force more traffic onto adjacent roads in Arlington neighborhoods and greatly restrict access to Arlington employment centers.

Given the choice, widening I-66 to move more people through the corridor between the existing sound walls makes far more sense and would be far more effective than forcing more people and vehicles outside the sound walls.

I also agree with Mr. Wamsley's assertion that the segmented construction of spot improvements is not the most effective approach. Clearly, an additional lane constructed concurrently in each direction for autos and buses would be far more effective.

Robert O. Chase
Northern Virginia
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The Good, The Bad and the Ugly!

Join us for a short, refreshing look at new tax laws that immediately impact your long term healthcare (LTHC) options.

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The Good

The Pension Protection Act & your LTHC options
Turn taxable income into **TAX FREE** income for LTC
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More options than ever for LTC benefits

The Bad

Medicaid is designed to help only the destitute.
Medicare's focus is Dr's & Hospitals. Not LTHC benefits.
"Obama Care" & LTHC – What are the provisions?

The Ugly

LTC costs top \$75,000 per year per person in 2009.
- Genworth 2010 Cost of Care Study
70% of individuals will require long term care services.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – National Clearinghouse for LTC, March 26, 2008.
LTC costs are increasing at twice the rate of inflation.
- U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004

Drew Pelton, ChFC – The Abundant Solutions, McLean VA
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Winter Wonderland at Market Common

SATURDAY, DEC. 11

1 p.m. – 5 p.m. — Santa and Mrs. Claus Arrive by Fire Truck
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Toys for Tots Campaign with MIX 107.3 and USMC
Free Entertainment

Market Common Clarendon will present the 10th annual Winter Wonderland on Saturday, Dec. 11, offering plenty of holiday fun for all ages. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by fire truck at 1 p.m., and they'll be staying for visits and free photos until 5 p.m. All afternoon, attendees can enjoy free holiday activities and entertainment, including ice sculptures, strolling entertainment — carolers and characters like "Jack Frost" — and more.

MIX 107.3 FM will be broadcasting live from Market Common Clarendon with host, John Martin, for the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign, accepting donations of unwrapped toys and cash from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call 703-785-5634, or log on to www.marketcommonclarendon.net.

SATURDAY/NOV. 27

Sonic Circuits. 8 p.m. Cost is \$8.

At the Dome at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-875-1100. Visit <http://www.dc-soniccircuits.org>. Each month, Sonic Circuits presents a new music concert at Artisphere — this month's program includes:

- ❖ Tatsuya Nakatani: Dynamic solo percussion;
- ❖ STÖAT: Apocalyptic Musk Rock, Feat, Members of Pilestar, Violet, Blue Sausage Infant, Gum Yummy;
- ❖ Grex: Bay area free-genre duo;
- ❖ Mind Over Matter Music Over Mind: Sound Borrower, Sound relocated and created.
- ❖ Promute: Noise is solace. Sorrowful and pure.
- ❖ BiG Drum In the Sky Religion: Improvised ego destruction from Harrisonburg, VA.



NOW THROUGH JAN. 16

Party Crashers. Comic Culture Invades the Art World. Party Crashers mashes up comic art and contemporary gallery culture, and features artists who pass back and forth between the two worlds. With the artists Rosaire Appel, Victor Kerlow, Rina Ayuyang, Blaise Larmee, Derik Badman, Andrei Molotiu, Gabrielle Bell, Robert Pruitt, Jeffrey Brown, Jim Rugg, Joshua Cotter, Dash Shaw, Warren Craghead III, Deb Sokolow, Anton Kannemeyer, and Olav Westphalen. At the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. call 703-248-6800 or visit www.findyourartist.org

THURSDAYS, NOW THROUGH JAN. 13

Carpe Vinum: Wine Tastings at Artisphere. \$30 per tasting; \$150 for the series. Hone your palate at wine tastings conducted by four top wine educators from Arlington's wine shops. Demystify the world of wine in a relaxed settings, and expand your wine horizons at Artisphere. At Town Square at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-875-1100.

- ❖ Thursday, Dec. 2: Best Cellars;
- ❖ Thursday, Dec. 9: Screwtop Wine Bar;
- ❖ Thursday, Dec. 16: Best Cellars;
- ❖ Thursday, Jan. 6: Curious Grape;
- ❖ Thursday, Jan. 13: Arrowine.



2010 Ballston Holiday Artist Boutique

Celebrate the Holidays with crafty style at the 2010 Ballston Holiday Artist Boutique. This new and exciting event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. inside the National Science Foundation's atrium. We think this is perfect time for NSF employees and visitors to do some holiday shopping.

Shop from 15 amazing artists who will be spending the day with us. Check out artisan products for bath, body & home by The BumbleBee Studio, handcrafted bags by Bette's Bags & Jen-A-Fusion, holiday cards by Fast Snail Greetings & Designs, authentic hand-cut silver jewelry by bLuGrn design and much more.

Plus, we'll even have two food vendors on hand selling and taking orders for holiday goodies—Two Belles Southern Pound Cakes and whoopie pie maker, B. Hall, Baker.

What could be better than a completely unique handmade gift? This is another great opportunity to support your local artists this holiday season.

For more information and a complete list of Boutique participants, visit the Ballston Arts & Crafts Market blog.

Arlington Jaycees Host Santa's Visit

The Arlington Jaycees will host Photos with Santa at the Ballston Common Mall, beginning Friday, Nov. 26, and on select days through Friday, Dec. 24. All are welcome to visit with Santa and have their photos taken with him.

During the first two Sundays in December, the Arlington Jaycees will also host Pet Photos with Santa, when pets are welcomed to have their photos taken with Santa. All proceeds will benefit the Arlington Jaycees and local, non-profit charities, including the Animal Welfare League of Arlington.

The Arlington Jaycees are in need of volunteers to help with this event, including students who need volunteer credit. To volunteer, contact Arianna Gleckel at

SATURDAY/DEC. 4

Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite. 3 p.m.

Tchaikovsky's original updated to the jazz era in this big band arrangement. Part of the Alexandria Symphony Holiday Concert conducted by Kim Allen Kluge. Tickets: \$20 adult; \$15 senior; \$10 student; \$5 youth. Call 703-548-0885 or visit <http://www.alexsym.org>. At the Rosslyn Spectrum@Artisphere, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. Call 703-548-0885.



SATURDAY/DEC. 4

Aurora Opera Theater. 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40/adults. Featuring Soprano Jennifer Wilson of Fairfax and Pianist Stephen Gathman. Featuring Works by R. Strauss, Wagner and Schoenberg, and holiday selections. At the Spectrum Theatre at Artisphere, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. Visit www.instantseats.com or call 703-528-1433.

Jennifer Wilson is a Fairfax native

agleckel@gmail.com.

Where: At Ballston Common Mall, (Food Court), 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

Dates: Nov. 26 – 28; Dec. 4 – 5; Dec. 11 – 12; Dec. 15 – 24

Hours: 3 – 9 p.m. Weekdays; 1 – 9 p.m. Saturdays; 12 – 6 p.m. Sundays. Check for the latest schedule and updates at www.VArlingtonJaycees.org

Cost: Free Visit with Santa; \$8 Photo with Frame; \$6 Photo without Frame; \$5 Each Photo Reprint.

SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 11:01

11:01 Saturday Nights. Starts at 11:01 p.m. Late-night dance party. Tickets are \$15/\$12 students. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

- ❖ Nov. 27 — Fort Knox Five with Special Guest.
- ❖ Dec. 4 — SEE-I.
- ❖ Dec. 11 — Sweatheart & Peeland-Z (Japanese action comic punk)
- ❖ Dec. 18 — Honor by August with The Ruse.
- ❖ Jan. 8 — Non Stop Bhangra (San Francisco) Dance lessons, DJ and Dholi Drummers

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.

- ❖ Dec. 1 — Big Joe and the Dynaflovs : Swing / Jump Blues;
- ❖ Dec. 8 — Blue Sky 5 : Swing;

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. 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);

THURSDAY/DEC. 9

Lunchtime Chamber Concert. Noon to 1 p.m. Free. Beethoven: Sonata Op. 110, Bora Lee piano; Selections by John Kaboff, cello & Brad Clark, piano; Blake: Trio; Doran: Trio, Michael Bowyer, flute; Nancy Genovese, clarinet; Amy Rothstein, piano. Part of the Friday Morning Music Club (on Thursdays). Bring your lunch and they will provide complimentary tea and coffee. At the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington.

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. Thursday (7:30 p.m.) - \$25; Friday (7:30 p.m.) - \$30; Saturday (2 p.m.) - Pay-What-You-Can; Saturday (7:30 p.m.) - \$35; Sunday (2 p.m.) - \$30; Sunday (7:30 p.m.) - \$25; WSC is the resident theatre company in Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. in Rosslyn.

THEATER

Show Tunes Bent To a Different Tale

Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' put to comic effect.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

The concept behind Kathy Feininger's version of "A Christmas Carol" is simple — rewrite the lyrics for some of Broadway's most famous songs to fit slots in Dickens' tale and do it with a sense of whimsy and wit. The result, at least when performed by a cast of three spirited professionals with the chops to make the songs work, is an enjoyable if somewhat predictable short evening that is more fun the more you happen to know about show music. Half of the fun is to see just which show tunes Feininger picks for each song slot and then to spot the changes in the lyrics that make the moment work.

For example, "The Tale of Sweeney Todd" is a natural for what becomes "The Tale of Ebenezer Scrooge," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum's" "Comedy Tonight" is easily changed into "A Broadway Christmas Tonight" and "Carousel's" "This Was A Real Nice Clambake" transitions for the Cratchit family feast into "This Was A Real Nice Pudding."

Feininger came up with this confection in 1998 when she was on staff at Bethesda's Round House Theatre where it was performed over seven seasons. Since then, it has been produced around the country and even abroad with a 2005 version in Singapore. She has made changes over time. She even added one song that didn't really have a perfect spot in the plot of Dickens' story, but was so perfect a fit for



Peter Boyer as Scrooge and Donna Migliaccio as Mrs. Fezziwig in MetroStage's production of "A Broadway Christmas Carol."

the spirit of the piece that she had the cast explain off-handedly that they have "a new plot device" and pull out hand puppets to sing "Avenue Q's" "It Sucks To Be Me" with a new title — "It Sucks To Be Thee."

MetroStage, which had such a hit with "Musical of Musicals: The Musical" in 2007 that they brought it back last year, programmed this production because it taps into the same vein of humor and show-tune mentality, but does so with a holiday theme. Larry Kaye directs again as he did with "Musical of Musicals" and he teams with others from that successful effort including choreographer Nancy Harry, set designer Allison Campbell and sound designer Steve Baena.

They brought in Donna Migliaccio, who had starred in that earlier hit both times it was staged here, and reunited her with Mat-

thew A. Anderson, who had been in the 2009 version with her. They have a chemistry together that makes some of the comic bits work even better than the material might in less inspired hands. Add Peter Boyer in his MetroStage debut as Scrooge and you have a great trio to romp their way through the high-spirited script.

Most of the songs fit well without altering too much of the structure of the song. For example, "Good Morning" from "Singing in the Rain" fits the need for a song of gladness for Scrooge when he wakes after his night of spectral visits to discover that he still has the opportunity to reform. Here, the song becomes "It's Morning (I'm Not Dead.)" As Ebenezer Scrooge, Boyer gives it all the delight he can muster, which happens to be a good deal. He also turns in a rather remarkable rendition of a lift from "The

Where & When

"A Broadway Christmas Carol" continues at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal Street through Dec. 19. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday at 7 p.m. with matinees Saturday - Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 - \$50. Call 1-800-494-8497.

Phantom of the Opera" here titled "The Phantom of Christmases Yet to Come" with the help of musical director Aaron Broderick wearing a phantom's mask and cloak at the piano.

Tiny Tim's infirmity is introduced with a song lifted from "Annie" ... "(I'm Going to Walk) Tomorrow." It is too bad Feininger didn't include something from "Ragtime" (perhaps Santa could have made an unscheduled stop on "The Wheels of a Dream?") since Migliaccio just completed a run on

Broadway in the revival of that masterpiece.

Janine Gulisano provides who-knows-how-many costumes for the piece. Quick changes are part of the fun and each seems to be accompanied by a wig to match. Producing Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin said Migliaccio changes wigs 23 times in the 90 minutes of the show. Migliaccio, as the "Ghost of Christmas Present" and also as some of the characters that ghost is showing to Scrooge, has to change repeatedly into and out of a red gift wrapped package costume with a green fright wig.



Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway and writes about theater for a number of national magazines. He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

THEATER

NOW THROUGH NOV. 27

"One Night With Fanny Brice." Show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at www.americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555. At the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 19

A Broadway Christmas Carol. Created by Kathy Feininger, the story of the classic Dickens' tale with uproarious parodies of favorite Broadway show tunes. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$45-50 (students \$25). TKTs 800-494-8497/www.metrostage.org, Groups/Info 703-548-9044. At MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 26

"Walter Cronkite Is Dead." Written and Directed by Joe Calarco. Tickets are \$50 to \$76 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org. Show times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. There are no performances on Thursday, Nov. 25. There is an added performance Friday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. At Signature Theater in Arlington.

DEC. 7 THROUGH FEB. 13, 2011

"Sunset Boulevard." Show times are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. Tickets range in price from \$59 - \$85 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting [\[theatre.org\]\(http://theatre.org\). At Signature Theater in Arlington.](http://www.signature-</p>
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The 2010-2011 American Century Theater season is a year-long adventure encountering spacemen, demons, lovers, ambitious actresses, and vaudeville memories. The schedule:

- ❖ Nov. 5-27, 2010 — "One Night with Fanny Brice." Book by Chip Deffaa, songs by many
 - ❖ Jan. 14-Feb. 12, 2011 — "Beyond the Horizon" by Eugene O'Neill
 - ❖ April 8-May 7, 2011 — "Stage Door" by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman
 - ❖ July 8-Aug. 6, 2011 — "Visit to a Small Planet" by Gore Vidal
- The American Century Theater performs at Theatre II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington. This season, "One Night With Fanny Brice" will be performed at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 North Kent Street, Arlington. Visit www.AmericanCentury.org, or by calling the theater at 703-998-4555.



"Walter Cronkite Is Not Dead" at the Signature Theater.

ENTERTAINMENT

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. The gallery is across the street at Chevy Chase Bank, and at Preston's Pharmacy. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 23

Singer Danni Rosner. 8:30 p.m. \$10/door. Jason Ager opens the show. Performs at IOTA Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-522-8340.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the band, Jonny and the Stingrays. At Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

THURSDAY/NOV. 25

Thanksgiving Church Service. 10:30 a.m. Special service on Thanksgiving morning to include readings from the Bible; will provide an opportunity to join with others in expressing gratitude for blessings received throughout the year. All are welcome. Child care is available. At the Christian Science Church, 890 N. McKinley Road, Arlington. Call 703-534-0020.

SATURDAY/NOV. 27

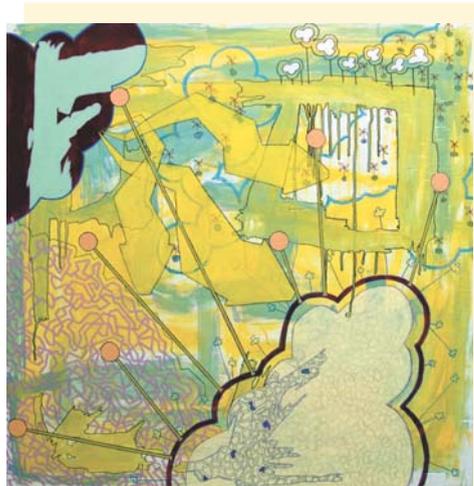
Solo Piano/Vocal Concert. 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. Donation of \$25. Virtuoso Pianist and Heroic Tenor Carlos Alberto Ibay will perform a solo piano/vocal fundraising concert for the benefit of the Medical Mission of Mercy USA. At the Thomas Jefferson Theater, 125 S Old Glebe Road, Arlington. For tickets, visit www.medmissionusa.org or call 703-801-8654.

11:01 Saturday Nights. Late-night dance party featuring Fort Knox Five with Special Guest. Tickets are \$15. Saturday nights at 11:01 p.m. At the Ballroom@Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850. Free parking.

SUNDAY/NOV. 28

Free Advent Workshop. 10 a.m. worship and 11 a.m. Advent Workshop. Make your own Advent Wreath, Wiseman Banners, and Christmas Decorations. At Bethel United Church of Christ, 4347 Arlington Blvd. Call 703-528-0937.

“Issues in Contemporary Islam.” 3 to 4:30 p.m. The speaker is Andrea Farsakh, who served 25 years in the American Foreign Service. The program is sponsored jointly by ALRI and the Arlington Public Library. At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy Street, Arlington. Call ALRI at 703-228-2144.



Artist Bobby Coleman will be participating.

NOW THROUGH NOV. 27

Suddenspace. A pop-up art exhibition displaying the work of 19 artists. Opening reception is Nov. 6 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Participating artists: Emily Biondo, Tim Campbell, Bobby Coleman, Kate Demong, L. Kimberly Gillespie, Victoria Greising, Adam Hager, Sabeth Jackson, Sarah Laing, Stuart Lorimer, Lindsay McCulloch, Sarah Miller, Megan Mueller, Camden Place, Katherine Sable, Samuel Scharf, Ben Tolman, Jenny Walton, and Stewart Watson. At 2301 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Sponsored by artdc.org. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and by appointment. Contact Megan Mueller, meganmuellerart@gmail.com, (cell) 703-586-0795.

TUESDAY/NOV. 30

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the Sock Drawer Millionaires. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3815 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

Arlington Community Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. Free. The program will feature favorite band selections, including pieces by Vaughan Williams and Sousa. Under the direction of James Kirchenbauer. The ACB is a wind and percussion ensemble under the auspices of the Arlington Adult Education Program. At H-B Woodlawn Secondary School, 4100 Vacation Lane, Arlington.

Smart Grid Innovation. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Free for MITEF members; \$40/nonmembers. At NRECA, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Register at: www.mitefdc.org.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1

Dance Wednesdays. With Big Joe and the Dynafloes (Swing/Jump Blues). 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/DEC. 2

Light Up Rosslyn Ceremony. 5 to 6:30 p.m. A WJLA personality arrives to flip the switch to light up the buildings in Rosslyn. This year, Light Up Rosslyn adds street level lighting to enhance the holiday streetscape in Rosslyn. Enjoy hot chocolate and chili provided by Rosslyn's Santa Fe Café and cookies and cider from Monday Properties while listening to holiday classics from Beltway Brass. Call 703-522-6628. At 1,100 Wilson Blvd., Rosslyn, under the WJLA-TV JumboTron. Arlington.

Office Space Movie Festival. 7 p.m.; movies start at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$12. Themed Music, Trivia Contest w/ Prizes, Bill Lumbergh Impersonation Contest, Best “O” face Impersonation, Best Costume, Screening of Office Space. Those in costume will get free movie passes. At Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Visit <http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com>.

Ballston Holiday Artist Boutique. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring the fine artists of the summer Ballston Arts and Crafts Market. At the National Science Foundation, First Floor Atrium, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-528-3527 or visit <http://ballstonarts-craftsmarket.blogspot.com>

FRIDAY/DEC. 3

“Miracle on 23rd Street.” 6:30 p.m. Annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony presented by SOC Enterprises. With performances by the National Concert Brass Band; a visit from Santa courtesy of Arlington Fire Station No. 5; a Sing-a-Long with the Calvary Methodist Church Choir. At 750 South 23rd Street, Arlington. Visit www.socatwork.org.

DEC. 3-4

Comedian Nick Di Paolo. Admission is \$18. Nick Di Paolo's brutally honest performances remind us of what great stand up should be funny, socially relevant and a little bit reckless. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

DEC. 3-5

“Artful Weekend.” At Fort CF Smith. Free. Friday, Dec. 3, “Meet the Artists” Reception 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, Show Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Stardust Dance Band plays at 1 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 5: Show Open 12 noon-4 p.m. The Arlington Artists Alliance presents the 8th annual Artful Weekend at the restored 20th century mansion, Hendry House, at Ft. CF Smith. Hendry House will be decked out for the winter holidays, a showcase for the show and sale featuring the works of 40 local artists, including potters, woodturners and painters. Ft. CF Smith is at 2411 North 24th Street, Arlington.

SATURDAY/DEC. 4

Holiday Hugs & Kisses. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. LGBT community invited to a Mass “Kiss-In” video project. At the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Rosslyn. Call 703-228-1847 or go to www.arlingtonarts.org.

Music to Cheer the Soul. 5 p.m. The Metropolitan Chorus presents a holiday choral concert in a Messiah Sing-Along. Enjoy singing the Advent/Christmas portion of Handel's beloved masterpiece with members of the chorus, or just listen to the beauty of the music, accompanied by organ, harpsichord, and string ensemble. At First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 601 North



DEC. 4-5

“Mouse at Amherst.” Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Sunday at 1 p.m. A performance for children with the Jane Franklin Dance Co. Adapted from the book by Elizabeth Spire, it is the story of an unlikely friendship between Emily Dickinson and a lively mouse. Children learn that everyone can write about their feelings and even a mouse can write poetry. At Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Call 703-933-1111 or visit <http://www.janefranklin.com>.

Vermont St., Arlington. Visit www.metchorus.org for online tickets.

Holiday Bazaar. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Over 70 local artisans will be showing quality jewelry, ceramics, glassware, photography, artwork, collectibles and clothing. Take home baked goods. Enjoy multi-ethnic food while you shop. Live musical performances by The Madrigals and other school groups. At Washington-Lee High School, 1301 North Stafford Street, Arlington.

Messiah Sing-Along. 5 p.m. Free. With the Metropolitan Chorus. Start the holiday season with an Arlington tradition: The Metropolitan Chorus' own Messiah Sing-Along. Enjoy singing the Advent/Christmas portion of Handel's beloved masterpiece with the members of the chorus, or just listen to the beauty of the music. The singing will be accompanied by organ, harpsichord and string ensemble. At First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 601 N. Vermont St., Arlington.

Holiday Boutique. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artisans will be selling quality hand-made gift items, jewelry, accessories, art and more. Gift baskets, restaurant gift certificates, seasonal lawn service and much more will be raffled, and a chili lunch is available as well. Hosted by The Aurora Hills Women's Club. To raise funds for the restoration of the former Hume School building on Ridge Road, now the Arlington Historical Museum. At Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 935 23rd St. South, Arlington, between Crystal City and Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Susan Small at 571-218-7561 or smallisue@mac.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 5

“It's a Wonderful Life: a Live Radio Play.” 3 p.m. Free. An hour-long re-telling of Frank Capra's classic 1946 film as a live radio drama by Joe Landry. The play takes place in a New York City radio studio in 1946. Performers read their scripts into microphones before a live studio audience. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, (In the chapel - entrance off Lorcom Lane), 4000 Lorcom Lane at Military Road, Arlington. Call 703-522-1600; visit www.standrewsnet.org.

Yoga for MS. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Stretch, Breathe, Relax and Restore: Yoga for People Newly Diagnosed with MS. This workshop will offer an introduction to yoga and its benefits for overall wellness and managing MS. RSVP by calling the National Capital Chapter at 202-296-5363 or by visiting www.MSandYOU.org.

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

TUESDAY/DEC. 7

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With Steve Smith and the Meteors. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 8

Dance Wednesdays. With Blue Sky (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/DEC. 9

Music for Flute, Viola and Harp. 7:30 p.m. Free. Presented by the IBIS Chamber Music Society featuring trios by Debussy, Genzmer and Jolivet. At Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Blvd., Arlington. Visit <http://www.ibischambermusic.org>.

DEC. 9 TO 11

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

DEC. 10

Healthy Muscles & Balance. Learn about the importance of maintaining balance as we age and navigate through our environments. What can we do to maintain or improve our muscle strength so we remain safe and possibly avoid falls? The free lectures are held at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Call 703-558-6859 to RSVP.

DEC. 10-11

Comedian Michael Kosta. Cost is \$18. Michael Kosta recently made his late night debut on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Road, Arlington.

SATURDAY/DEC. 11

Dance Asia Colors! Showcase. 7 p.m. Craft Market at 5 p.m.; Seating at 6:30 p.m. Artists will present creative pieces based on the color given to reflect their tradition, heritage, culture, identity and experience through the spirit of that particular color and much less parameters. At the Thomas Jefferson Auditorium, 125 Old Glebe Rd, Arlington. Tickets: \$12/advance; \$15/door. Visit www.danceasia.me.



DEC. 2-5

The Nutcracker. BalletNova presents six performances of The Nutcracker at The Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre in Arlington. Showtimes are Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. with an 11 a.m. Education Program; Sunday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. with an 11 a.m. Education program. As part of the BalletNova Outreach Program, over 350 tickets are being made available free to children and families from economically disadvantaged communities. Advance sale tickets range from \$14 - \$25 (with lower Thursday night prices from \$8 - \$20), with special discounts for Students under 18 and Seniors - all tickets are an additional \$3 if purchased at the door; groups of 10 or more receive a 10% discount. Tickets are available online at www.BalletNova.org, or call 703-778-3008. Tickets can also be purchased at the studio (3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church). At Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Online at www.BalletNova.org; Email at info@BalletNova.org.

PEOPLE

Lucy Bowen McCauley, choreographer, founder and artistic director of Bowen McCauley Dance of Arlington, received the prestigious lifetime award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance Education at the 10th Annual Metro DC Dance Awards on Oct. 6 in Washington, D.C. The Award honored Ms. McCauley's innovative style and devotion for bringing the joy and beauty of dance to people of all ages, skill levels and physical abilities. Helen Hayes, last year's recipient of the award and the Youth Ensemble Director from Joy of Motion Dance Center, graciously introduced and highly praised Ms. McCauley for her significant achievement in touching the lives of thousands throughout the Metro-DC region.

Carla Novillo of Arlington is among 34 people from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, who are heading to destinations throughout the United States to spend Thanksgiving Break volunteering to help with employment workshops, computer lessons, rebuilding affordable housing and tree and vegetation planting.

Novillo is a part of an 11-member team working with the Samaritan House of Atlanta Inc. and its partner agency Café 458. The Samaritan House helps homeless men and women gain self-sufficiency and the restaurant serves free meals to homeless people. The JMU team also will work with the Earning Dignity...Gaining Employment program by helping with employment workshops, resume writing and computer lessons during the Nov. 20-27 trip.

PricewaterhouseCoopers US announced that **Kim Peretti** of Arlington, a director in the firm's Forensic Services practice and former senior counsel at the Criminal Division's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section at the Department of Justice (DOJ), has been recognized at the 58th Annual Attorney General Awards Ceremony for her work in the largest identity theft and hacking investigation and prosecution ever conducted in the U.S.



Kim Peretti

At an event held Oct. 27, at DAR Constitution Hall, Attorney General Eric Holder recognized 303 Department of Justice employees for their distinguished public service. Fifty-five other individuals outside of the department were also honored for their work. This annual ceremony recognizes both department employees and others for their dedication to carrying out the Department of Justice's mission.

Peretti and her team's work (U.S. v. Gonzalez, et al.), resulted in the identification of an international hacking and credit card theft ring; their apprehension in the United States, Middle East, and Asia; and their conviction before American and foreign courts. Peretti served as one of the lead prosecutors in this case.

The 2010 William T. Newman Jr. Spirit of Community Award will be awarded to the **Hon. George D. Varoutsos**, honoring his commitment to improving the quality of life in Arlington. He serves as a judge at the Arlington Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Varoutsos is a lifelong Arlington resident and has been recognized as a protector and advocate for children and families. Particular contributions include an expansion of the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, signing orders to appoint CASAs as the voice of over 100 children in Arlington. His colleagues often describe him as someone with a tireless dedication to the pursuit of justice and fairness.



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Weekend events are Metro-accessible.

Snow Patrol

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"We don't think we are going to need a lot of enforcement," said Hunter Moore, assistant deputy county manager. "We are hoping that neighbors will help neighbors."

THE DIFFERENCE is that now county officials have new tools to prompt action or force consequences. The new rules followed a historic series of massive snowstorms last winter, when 55 inches of snow were dumped on Arlington. Many sidewalks to Metro became impassable, and students were unable to walk to school. County Board members adopted an emergency ordinance earlier this year, then set about creating a permanent snow-removal ordinance.

"I would predict that the first time we have a snowstorm, we will get lots and lots of phone calls," said County Board Chairman Jay Fisette. "And there will be an expectation of follow-up."

"This is a hot subject," County Board member Walter Tejada. "Our sidewalks are part of our transportation infrastructure, so providing safe and accessible conditions for all users of the transportation infrastructure is an overarching objective."

Despite the county manager's recommendation against carving out exemptions, County Board members said the new rules don't apply to people with disabilities or those over 65. But the elected leaders agreed with most of the other provisions in the county manager's recommendation, including the imposition of civil and criminal penalties for failure to clear sidewalks.

"This is a public safety issue," said Moore. "When the sidewalks aren't cleared, that forces pedestrians into the street and that's dangerous."

Arlington joins other local jurisdictions that have snow-removal ordinances, including Alexandria and Loudoun County.

How It Works

❖ **Paying the Fine:** Fines will range depending on how much illegal snow is on sidewalks throughout the county. Property owners who fail to clear 200 linear feet or less will be charged \$50. Property owners who fail to clear more than 200 linear feet will be charged \$100.

❖ **Length of Time:** If snow is less than 6 inches, property owners must clear sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of the snowfall. If snow is more than 6 inches, property owners must clear sidewalks within 36 hours after the end of the snowfall.

❖ **Width of Clearing:** The ordinance calls for property owners to be responsible for clearing 36 inches. In older neighborhoods, where the sidewalks have a width of less than 36 inches, county officials will be looking to make sure that the entire width of the sidewalk has been cleared.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for Dec. 5-11.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpepper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Madison, 3829 N. Stafford St.; also TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington Mill at Fairlington Comm. Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

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The Crippen Companies
Notice of Public Meeting

Stump Dump CDD Landfill (Permit No. 317)

Pursuant to the requirements of 9 VAC 20-80-310 of the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations, 9 VAC 20-80-310A.5, The Crippen Companies will hold a public meeting to discuss the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy for the Stump Dump CDD landfill. The facility at which the meeting will be held, is located 820 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls, Virginia, 22066 - 1538.

As a result of apparently exceeding a Groundwater Protection Standard, the facility has conducted a Proposal of Presumptive Remedy. The purpose of the public meeting is to acquaint the public with the technical aspects of the proposed corrective measures, and how the facility plans to meet the standards and regulatory requirements. The meeting will identify issues of concern and facilitate communication between The Crippen Companies and the Public.

The public meeting will be held on December 9, 2010, at 1:00 PM, at the referenced location. Comments on the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy will be accepted until 5:00 PM on December 24, 2010.

The Public may view a copy the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy report at the Great Falls Public Library located at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066. Comments from the Public are encouraged. All comments must be in writing and be delivered to Mr. Burwin Reed at 3730 Greentree Lane, Dumfries, Virginia 22026.

For further information, call Mr. Burwin Reed (703-690-6040).

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VIENNA, Va. — **Philip Alan Smith, 82**, of Vienna, Va., passed away at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Va.

He was born in Columbus, Oh. in 1927, was raised in Cleveland and Delaware, Oh., where he graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with B.A. degree in journalism in 1950. He also served in the U.S. Army, 1946-1947. Surviving are his wife, Nevada D., of 58 years; two daughters, Kimberly A. Smith, New York, N.Y.; and Jill S. Funkhouser, Oakton, Va.; a sister, JoAnn Leavenworth, Hudson, Ohio; and a grandson, Andrew S. Funkhouser, Oakton, Va.

Phil Smith began his career as editor of the Star-Republican newspaper in Blanchester, Oh. He was then employed for the Ohio Secretary of State, 1951-1953, and later at Ohio Petroleum Marketers Assoc., 1953-1961. In Findlay, Ohio he worked for Marathon Oil Company from 1961 until 1969. After Marathon, he worked in various writing, editing and communications capacities for Ketchum, Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa.; as Public Information Director of the American Bar Assoc. in Chicago, Ill.; and then as Communications Director for the National School Boards Assoc., in Alexandria, Va. until 1991 when he retired.

He was a member of the National Press Club, Public Relations Society of America, National School Boards Association, Education Writers Association, and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

A funeral service was held at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, where he was a member, with a military service at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairfax, Va.

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Running back Anthony Taylor rushed for 2,686 yards and 37 touchdowns during his Washington-Lee career.



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W-L quarterback Rigo Salguero hands off to Anthony Taylor. Salguero, a junior, accounted for 1,388 yards of total offense during his first season playing quarterback.

Generals' Season Ends in Region Semifinals

Running back Taylor ends W-L career with 2,686 yards and 37 touchdowns.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

One week after Anthony Taylor carried the Washington-Lee football team to a playoff victory against Yorktown, the senior running back tied the score in the regional semifinals against Hayfield with a second quarter touchdown.

Taylor's 20-yard run evened the score at 7 with less than five minutes to play in the first half. Hayfield had a quick response, however, shifting momentum and putting an end to the Generals' memorable season.

Hayfield's Cody Whitlow returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown and the Hawks added two third quarter scores en route to a 28-7 victory on Friday at Hayfield Secondary School.

"I thought the momentum was going back toward us," W-L head coach Josh Shapiro

said, "and then we kicked off."

W-L, making its second postseason appearance since 1975, entered the playoffs as the No. 7 seed and fell one win shy of reaching the regional title game. The Generals finished 6-6, including their first win against rival Yorktown since 1982.

"I'll remember the little things — how hard they worked, consistently," Shapiro said of the Generals in 2010. "When I took over at W-L (in 2007), in the middle of October kids started dribbling a basketball getting ready for basketball season. I'm a big fan of kids playing multiple sports but [the kids weren't focused]. We didn't lose any significant players (this year) and the se-

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— W-L head football coach Josh Shapiro about Anthony Taylor

niors provided great leadership."

Taylor was largely responsible for the Generals' success in 2010. The National District Offensive Player of the Year rushed 277 times for 1,574 yards and 25 touchdowns during his senior season, including 84 yards and a score against Hayfield. In 12 games, he averaged more than 130 yards and two touchdowns per contest. His most memorable effort came during the win over Yorktown, when he carried 42 times for 255 yards and four scores.

For his career, he totaled 2,686 yards and 37 touchdowns.

"We're never going to replace a kid like Anthony," Shapiro said. "He's such a great person. ... He's so dedicated and so athletic and fun to coach. He left behind what it is to be great.

[We'll show future players Taylor's numbers and say], 'If you want to be great, this is what you've got to do.'"

Finding a way to replace Taylor's offensive output will be difficult for W-L in 2011, but the Generals' signal caller will return with a year of much-needed experience under his belt. Five-foot-8, 155-pound junior Rigo Salguero accounted for 1,388 yards of total offense and eight touchdowns during his first season playing quarterback.

Senior Nate Young led W-L in receiving with 15 catches for 267 yards and two touchdowns.

On defense, senior Moussa Diallo led the Generals with 104 tackles and 7.5 sacks. Mudsar Iqbal totaled 87 tackles and Marshall Anders finished with 85. Taylor tallied 77 tackles and three interceptions.

While W-L fell short against Hayfield, beating Yorktown the week prior should give the Generals something to build on for next season.

"Obviously, it was great to beat Yorktown and end the 28-year streak," Shapiro said. "... It was nice to get that taken care of. To win a playoff game and go to the semifinals in the tournament was a huge positive step for our kids."

SPORTS BRIEFS

College Sports Night

Yorktown High School will host a panel discussion about participating in athletics after high school at 7 p.m. on Nov. 30 in the cafeteria. Representatives from Division I, II, III and prep schools and other options will answer questions and offer advice. All Arlington students and parents are welcome to attend.

Yorktown Basketball

The Yorktown boys basketball program will host a scrimmage against Fairfax at 10 a.m. on Nov. 27. The Patriots will open their season on Dec. 3 at South Lakes.

The girls basketball program will travel to Fairfax for a scrimmage at 1 p.m. on Nov. 27. The Patriots will open

their season on Dec. 1 at Robinson.

W-L Basketball

The Washington-Lee boys and girls basketball teams will open their respective seasons with a home doubleheader against Thomas Jefferson on Dec. 1. The girls will play at 5:45 p.m. and the boys will play at 7:30 p.m.

Wakefield Basketball

The Wakefield boys basketball team will host a scrimmage against South Lakes at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. The Warriors will open their season at home against Annandale on Dec. 3 and will travel to face T.C. Williams on Dec. 4.

The girls basketball team will host a scrimmage against Park View at 7:45 p.m. on Nov. 29. The Warriors will open

the season at home against Freedom on Dec. 2.

O'Connell Basketball

The Bishop O'Connell boys and girls basketball teams will open their respective seasons with a home doubleheader on Dec. 1. The girls will host Don Bosco at 5 p.m. and the boys will host Madison at 7 p.m.

Arlington Wrestling

The Yorktown, Washington-Lee, Wakefield and Bishop O'Connell wrestling teams will compete in the NOVA Classic at Fairfax High School at 10 a.m. on Dec. 10-11. Yorktown will scrimmage at Marshall at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1.

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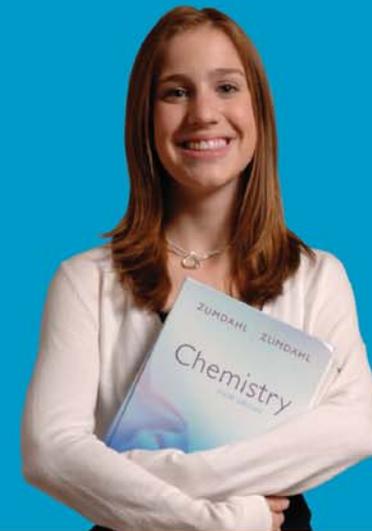
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