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**President Obama greets students and guests at the conclusion of his speech on Monday morning.**



**Kenmore Middle School student Callie Marie Randall sings the National Anthem.**

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## At Kenmore Middle

**P**resident Barack Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visited Kenmore Middle School on Monday, March 14. President Obama said hello to all of the students in the auditorium before visiting a class-

room. Concluding the visit, the President spoke to a group gathered in the gymnasium about education in the U.S. and reforming “No Child Left Behind” before the start of the next school year.

# Preventing Misconduct

**Arlington School Board opposes effort to craft prescriptive statewide guidelines on sexual misconduct.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**S**hould a teacher be allowed to send a text message to a student? What about becoming Facebook friends? Should their conversations be limited to instructional issues, and should their physical contact be avoided at all costs? These are some of the issues that Arlington County Schools will need to have written policies outlining if Virginia School Board members approve a set of guidelines that will be on the docket for its March 24 meeting.

“How do you legislate good judgment?” asked Arlington School Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey. “Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that you need to itemize every possibility rather than having an overarching

policy statement.”

Last month, Garvey wrote a letter to the Virginia Department of Education asking that the effort to create guidelines for the prevention of sexual misconduct and abuse in Virginia public schools be abandoned. The letter described the guidelines as overly prescriptive and counterproductive,

**“Sometimes people make the mistake of thinking that you need to itemize every possibility rather than having an overarching policy statement.”**

**— School Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey**

charging that they would interfere with healthy relationships between students and staff members. In response to input from Arlington and other parts of the commonwealth, the state Department of Education backed down and is now circulating a revised draft that is far less prescriptive.

“We’re trying to strike a balance,” said

Charles Pyle, spokesman for the department. “Instead of presenting local school board with a series of rules, we are now identify

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# Modulating Praise for Children

**Author describes current research on child-rearing.**

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS  
THE CONNECTION

**J**ournalist Ashley Merryman is discussing her first book “NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children” March 16 at the Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool.

She co-authored the book with author and long-time colleague Po Bronson.

Merryman explains that “NurtureShock” isn’t a parenting manual, but “it explores how science has shown what effective or ineffective methods of child rearing are.

“What we wanted to do is present the science on an assortment of different topics. Here’s what the scientists have found and we leave it up to the reader to decide what they want to implement.”

After completing the book, Merryman stated that she changed some of the approaches she was using at the church-based tutoring program for inner-city children she runs in Los Angeles.

“It’s the cutting edge science of child development and how people think they know what they are doing — things that are keeping with the science of child development but ... they are actu-



**Ashley Merryman and Po Bronson**

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ally doing things that may backfire,” she said.

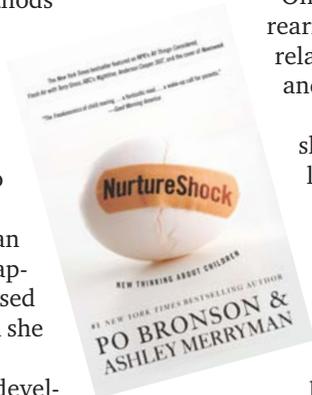
One of the most popular topics on child rearing discussed in the book concerns the relationship between building self-esteem and higher achievement.

According to Merryman, “Research shows that building self-esteem does not lead to higher achievement. In fact ... it can discourage attempts at higher achievement, because if you tell a kid oh you’re so smart because they got an A on a quiz then what happens next week when they get a B?”

Moreover, children who are overpraised are more likely to cheat.

She added that those who are over-praised for intelligence “as college students aren’t able to pick a

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# How Much for Schools?

**County and schools to revise funding formula as revenue grows.**

BY JAMES CULLUM  
THE CONNECTION

**I**t looks like the revenue sharing agreement between Arlington County and the Arlington Public Schools needs reworking. Each fiscal year, the county transfers millions to accommodate enrollment growth. But with revenue unexpectedly high in fiscal year 2012, county and school staff agree that the transfer would be too high.

As written, the revenue sharing agreement should give APS

\$390.7 million, a \$30.4 million increase over the current fiscal year. Instead, the County Manager proposed a \$17.8 million increase and the Superintendent compromised with \$19.4 million.

“The way the agreement was written has caused unintended results,” said Arlington Deputy County Manager Mark Schwartz. “If the formula were followed, it would result in a transfer of \$30.4 million and the County would have gotten \$8 million. That was

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The Red Top Cab Company participates in the parade.



The Arlington County Democratic Committee throw Mardi Gras beads to the crowd.

## NEWS

# How Much For Schools?

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not the intent of the agreement... It is our hope that we'll have conversations on revising the agreement after budget adoption next month. So, it will be our summer project."

The County and School Boards are tasked with reviewing the agreement each fall. But in January, "when the tax assessments came back, we realized a large increase was commercial and we did not have the luxury of a fall discussion. The revenue came back much stronger [than anticipated] and I thought it important to look at our needs," said Superintendent Dr. Patrick Murphy at a budget work session. "We're not honoring the revenue sharing agreement either, but going forward, we're being flexible."

It is widely acknowledged that the agreement must be amended. "This revenue sharing agreement that we have now has to go away and we have to start from the very beginning, because honestly, enrollment is not just all we account for here," said Mary Beth Chambers, assistant superintendent for financial and management services.

As written, the agreement is clear: "Because economic conditions will increase or decrease the County's local tax revenues, the transfer of funds to the schools will increase or decrease based on the impact of economic conditions on the County's local tax revenues and the currently adopted tax rates."

Regardless, revenue will be shared, even though the Superintendent and County Manager are employing "a formula with a different methodology to figure out what the revenue sharing agreement should be," said School Board vice chair Abby Raphael.

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Eman Noraga



Children paint the rain barrel.

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Adalie Wilson



From left: Spencer Hill, William Michalowski and Noah Crittenden-Toth with art teacher Gwenn Zaberer.

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### Next Top Model

America's Next Top Model attracted hundreds of young women to its 2nd annual casting call inside Pentagon City Mall on Saturday, Feb.19.

# Too Much Praise for Children

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major because they're afraid that a year or two down the road they've picked a major that they're not very good at and what will they do then."

"NurtureShock" also covers the importance of sleep and children's cognitive, metabolic and psychological well-being.

Merryman notes that "on average kids are getting an hour less sleep than they did 30 years ago.

"Just 15 minutes of shortened sleep for just three nights in a row can reduce a 6th grader's cognitive ability to that of a 4th grader. Middle school students with shortened sleep loses about 7 points on vocabulary assessment which is the same as if the student had lead exposure.

These are serious effects we're talking about."

Although this is her first book, Merryman and Bronson have worked together on a number of journalistic pieces for "Time," "Newsweek" and other publications. It was their research for a piece on adult ambition for New York Magazine that sparked the idea for "NurtureShock."

During their interviews with Wall Street tycoons and White House staffers, Merryman noticed a pattern in their answers to the question "When did you know that you were ambitious?"

"We sort of got the same response: 'I've always been ambitious and I had 2 full time jobs by the time I was 3 years old.' It sort of started to sound like the tycoon version of 'I walked to school in the snow 10 miles both ways.'"

However, they heard it so much that they started to wonder "when does ambition manifest itself in children?"

So, Merryman did some digging around and found social psychologist/ Stanford professor Carol Dweck's research on the effects of praise on children.

"I was quite horrified when I read her research because I had completely brought into idea of build everyone's self-esteem at all times for all reasons.

And Po had the same reaction as I did. Why didn't we know this?" she said.

They did a cover story, "The Inverse Power of Praise" on Carol Dweck's work as well as other child development researchers for the magazine.

Then, they wondered what else was out there on the science of child development that the public didn't know. Thus, "NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children" was born.

Throughout the writing process, Merryman enjoyed the continued challenge of researching and learning everything pertaining to child development.

"My goal before I interviewed any scientist was to have read everything he or she has ever written or has been written about him or her before I pick up the phone. Working with the scientists and getting it all accurate was the most important part of the book," she said,

Moreover, weaving all of the "science and information into ... a compelling read for a nonscientific audience" was another challenge for the first time author.

"It's funny that people kept asking us what was our favorite part of the book, and we'd always say the next chapter. There was so much great research out there that no one had heard about."

When she's not busy with speaking engagements discussing "NurtureShock," such as the presentation Wednesday at Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool, Merryman enjoys singing in few gospel choirs, working with the kids at her inner city tutoring program in L.A. and crocheting in her spare time at local airports. Merryman attended USC for undergrad and Georgetown University's Law School.

"I lived in D.C. for quite a few years so I still consider myself to be a Hill Rat." She said.

She has also worked for the Washington Post and The National Catholic Reporter.

"NurtureShock" is available online at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. For more information on "NurtureShock," visit [www.NurtureShock.com](http://www.NurtureShock.com).

**"Research shows that building self-esteem does not lead to higher achievement."**

— Ashley Merryman



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# OPINION

## Racing for the Cure

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Last year, Komen Global Race for the Cure conducted a study of breast health in the Washington Metropolitan area, showing that women diagnosed with breast cancer here are more likely to die from breast cancer than the national average.

One conclusion is that health care infrastructure in the area is overly fragmented, producing significant hurdles for many women, particularly women who are poor or whose first language is not English.

In announcing grants to local organizations and kicking off registration for the 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure, the organization cited the diverse population locally as a reason for more aggressive outreach here.

In Arlington, for example, there are women from at least 128 different countries speaking

at least 95 languages. The event brings almost 50,000 runners and walkers to the National Mall in June and raises millions of dollars for breast cancer outreach and education.

Some women are afraid of the screening process, some are worried about cost, some don't have a way to travel to medical appointments, some don't know what resources are available, some don't understand the benefits of early detection or the urgency of follow-up, and many aren't aware of the success of modern cancer treatments, believing a cancer diagnosis is a death sentence.

#### EDITORIAL

In the current environment, some immigrant women worry that accessing programs for the uninsured could lead to issues with immigration.

Based on its findings, Komen announced local grants of about \$4.5 million to improve both patient and provider education and to reduce fragmentation to enhance capacity to screen and provide follow-up care.

Two grants will focus on provider education, helping doctors and other breast health providers develop a better understanding of the myths, fears and needs of the different cultural populations of the women they serve. The grants will encourage partnerships between

providers in the region so that patients can be easily and efficiently referred from screening all the way through to survivorship, limiting difficulties with travel and work requirements, wait times, and financial assistance.

Eleven grants focus on patient education in a culturally competent manner to convey the importance of screening, effectiveness of modern treatments and survivorship. Among local organizations receiving grants: Arlington Free Clinic, From Education to Access; Prevent Cancer Foundation - Celebremos la vida!: Providing Educational Outreach and Screening, in Alexandria; Vietnamese Resettlement Association - Breast Cancer Education, Screening and Follow up, in Falls Church; Nueva Vida - Comprehensive Support Services for Latinas with Breast Cancer; American Association on Health and Disability - Bridging the Gap: No Woman Left Behind, in Rockville.

The 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

You can run or walk the 5K, or even "Sleep In for the Cure," and there are special activities for children 12 and under.

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#### POETRY

### Together We Can!

#### By Gautam Malik

One twig stands alone,  
Many twigs make a home.  
One player throws a ball,  
Many players win a Super ball.  
One note makes a sound,  
Many notes make music abound.

One bird can get lost alone,  
Many birds find a new home.  
One tributary makes a stream,  
Many tributaries make a fisherman's dream.

Gandhi started the walk alone,  
Many people joined along.  
Babe Ruth hit the ball,  
Many coaches led him to it all.  
One brick is a stone,  
Many bricks make a home.  
One cloud makes a few drops,  
Many clouds make a farmer's crop.

One person can have a theme,  
Many people make it a dream.  
Rosa Park had a vision,  
Together many made it a mission.

Together anything is possible!

(Gautam Malik is a fifth grader at Taylor Elementary School.)

## Reaching for the Garden of Your Dreams

### Landscaping design trends for 2011.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

It's not just fashion that is influenced by Michelle Obama. Ever since the First Lady opened a vegetable garden on the South Lawn of the White House in 2009, landscaping trends have followed suit to include a variety of edibles along with the hardscaping elements to prepare and serve them.

"Edible plants and trees are very popular now," said Vanessa Wheeler, co-owner of Hollywood and Vines nursery and design center in Alexandria. "The trend is to combine the edible elements with easy, low maintenance and water-saving designs."

No room for an orchard? The new 'fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruits from a single tree.

"We have an apple fruit cocktail tree and one that produces apricots, plums, peaches and nectarines," Wheeler said. "Since they are all in the same family, the fruits will cross pollinate so you only need one tree if that's all you have room for."

Throughout the region, there is a strong growth in demand to incorporate eco-friendly, low maintenance plants into garden designs.

"No one wants to do heavy pruning and watering," said Rebecca Hughes, manager of the Burke Nursery and Garden Center. "And ground covers like pachysandra and periwinkle are replacing mulch and traditional grasses."

Wheeler suggests drought-tolerant plants to conserve water.

"Yucca and aloe plants are great water-conserving choices," Wheeler said. "And a non-invasive bamboo is drought resistant and can grow in the shade."

While visions of color dance in every gardener's head, experts say that the area's last frost date can be as late as Mother's Day, so the immediate focus should be on lawn care and design preparation.

"Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish," said David Watkins, manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Merrifield. "Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal?"

According to Watkins, incorporating more hardscaping into landscaping designs is a rapidly growing trend.

"Patios with fire pits and outdoor grills are very popular," Watkins said. "Our volume of work in that area has increased tremendously in the last few years, especially when it comes to designing outdoor kitchens."

According to Hughes, now is also the best time to do your spring yard clean up.

"There was a lot of storm damage the last



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Co-owner Vanessa Wheeler checks on a new shipment of annuals at Hollywood and Vines on Richmond Highway in Alexandria.



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"Hardscapes," including patios, fire pits and outdoor living areas, are in high demand in landscaping.



Merrifield Garden Center's designers like to have photos of their clients' yards to help guide the design.

**"Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal? Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish."**

**- David Watkins, manager, Merrifield Garden Center**

### Landscaping Tips

#### EDIBLE AND COLORFUL

There are blue potatoes, red carrots, yellow carrots and purple cabbage. Cabbages come in more colorful varieties each year, as do lettuce and the extremely colorful Swiss chard. 'Fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruit on a single tree.

#### ECO-SCAPING

Transforming large tracks of turf into sustainable landscapes is achievable with the right plants that require less water and pesticides. Choose native plants that are low-maintenance and attract wildlife and beneficial pollinators like butterflies, bees and birds. Drought-resistant plants like yucca and aloe require less water.

#### LOW MAINTENANCE

Use plants that are native and require less upkeep to maintain. Choose sun and shade-tolerant varieties that suit your location as well as species that require less pruning. Ground covers can sometimes replace traditional lawns to reduce upkeep.

#### CREATE OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES

Invest in your own outdoor retreat. Fire pits, gourmet grills and outdoor kitchens top the list of trends in outdoor living spaces. Much more than just a barbecue grill and a lawn chair, outdoor rooms can be created for a fraction of the price typically required for indoor living spaces.

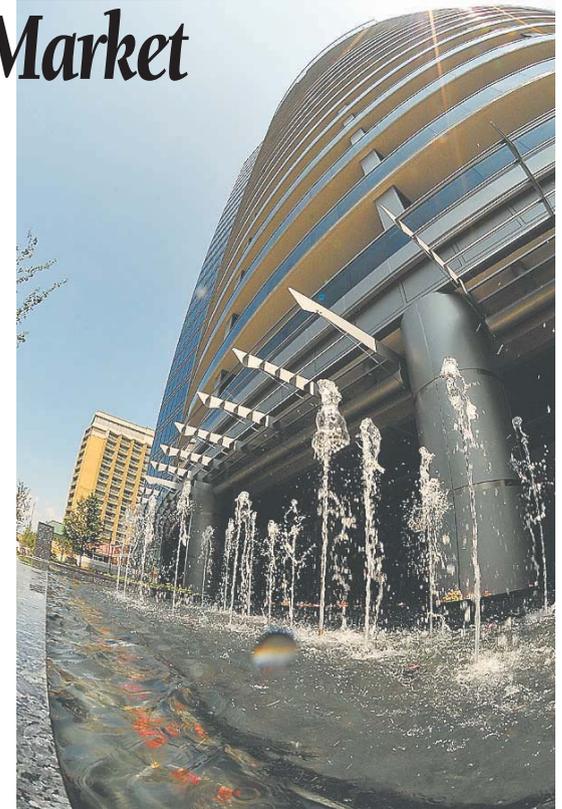
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# Arlington REAL ESTATE

## Most Expensive Houses on the Market



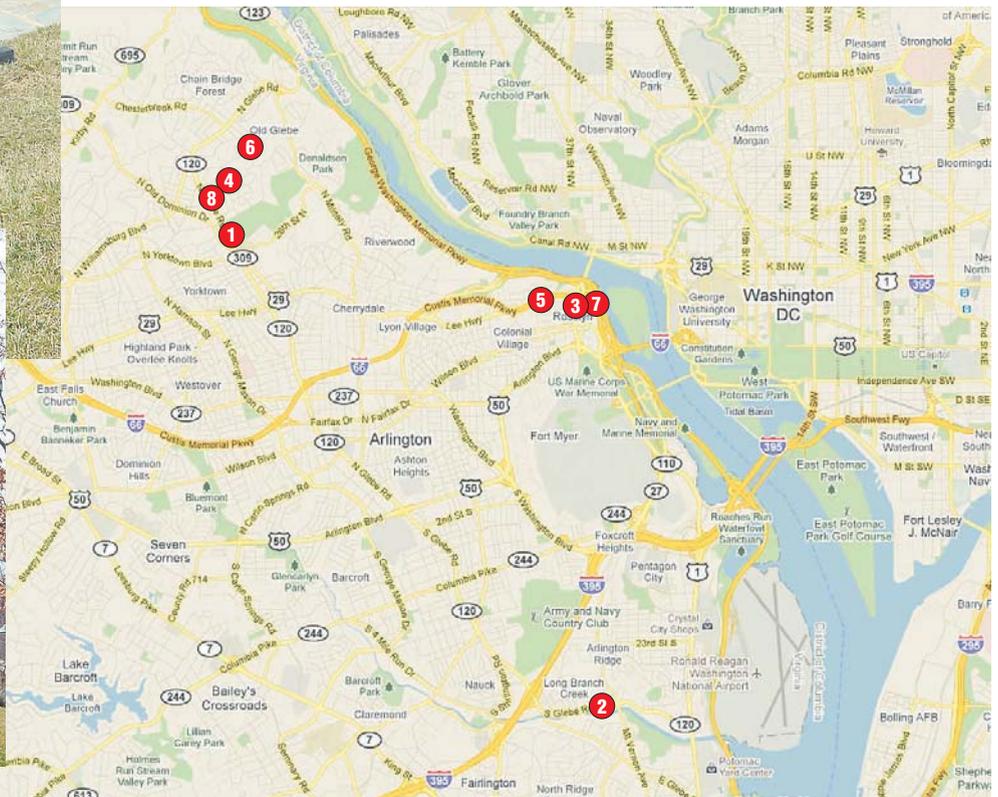
**1** 2923 GLEBE RD N #LOT 2, Arlington — \$5,250,000



**3** 1881 Nash Street North #1901, Arlington — \$3,950,000



**4** 3403 Abingdon Street, Arlington — \$3,800,000



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Address	MLS#	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Price	Type	Lot AC	Subdivision	Listed by	Agent
<b>1</b> 2923 GLEBE RD N #LOT 2	AR7474730	4	4	2	ARLINGTON	\$5,250,000	Townhouse	0.087	CATHEDRAL VIEW	Residential Management	Jeff Surdyk
<b>2</b> 2925 GLEBE RD N ##3	AR7474730	4	3	2	ARLINGTON	\$3,995,000	Townhouse	0.087	CATHEDRAL VIEW	Residential Management	Jeff Surdyk
<b>3</b> 1881 NASH ST N #1901	AR7493846	3	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$3,950,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		TURNBERRY TOWER	The Mayhood Company	Julie Zelaska
<b>4</b> 3403 ABINGDON ST	AR7469490	7	7	4	ARLINGTON	\$3,800,000	Detached	0.486	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS	City & Suburban Homes	Chris Reynolds
<b>5</b> 1621 COLONIAL TER	AR7425943	4	2	2	ARLINGTON	\$2,900,000	Detached	0.126	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	Long & Foster	Amal Lafhal
<b>6</b> 4417 36TH ST N	AR7468313	6	5	3	ARLINGTON	\$2,695,000	Detached	0.384	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS	Keller Williams Realty	Ashley Polo
<b>7</b> 1811 NASH ST N #2410	AR7494596	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$2,455,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		TURNBERRY TOWER	The Mayhood Company	Julie Zelaska
<b>8</b> 3333 GLEBE RD N	AR7543803	6	5	2	ARLINGTON	\$2,350,000	Detached	0.645	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS	Washing Fine Properties	Linda Rogers

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# Home LifeStyle

## Garden Dreams

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two years, especially to dogwood trees," Hughes said. "Many people are going 'bare bones' - starting over and replacing aging and storm damaged areas. Landscapes do age out at times."

Experts suggest walking your property and taking pictures of areas that might need some work or design help.

"We love for customers to bring in photos," Watkins said. "It makes it so much easier for us to help find effective design solutions that stay within a budget."

Watkins acknowledges that any landscaping project can be intimidating.

"People are afraid to jump in because they think they'll end up spending tens of thousands of dollars," Watkins said. "But not everyone needs a \$30,000 project done. Sometimes \$300-\$500 spent on azaleas and some screening trees can get the results you are looking for."

For some early spring color, pansies remain popular but there are other choices.

"For an early burst of color, think apricot trees, forsythia and winter jasmine," said Peggy De Wilde, manager of trees and shrubs at Cravens Nursery in Fairfax. "And container gardening allows you the flexibility to move things indoors if necessary to protect plants from the elements."

Don't worry if you're still thinking snow instead of sod.

"If you haven't started your planning, you're in the majority," Watkins said. "But it's never too late to think about what you want to do. There's almost never a bad time to start landscaping."



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**Helibores are colorful and reliable in early spring.**



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## NOW THROUGH MARCH 20

**Discover Tsam: Mongolian Ritual Dance.** Free. Hamtdaa: Together exhibition tours that highlight the Buddhist tsam ritual dance — one of the liveliest and holiest of ceremonies — and the masks inspired by the original ornate costumes. At the Terrace Gallery at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-875-1100.

## 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.

❖ Saturday, March 19 — Salsaley4G

## DANCE WEDNESDAYS

**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.

## SALSA TUESDAYS

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

❖ Tuesday, March 22 — DJ Emily “La Taina”  
❖ Tuesday, March 29 — DJ Elvira

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 20

**“Juno and the Paycock,” by Sean O’Casey.** 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Washington Shakespeare Company. Tickets are \$25 to \$35. Juno chronicles Captain Boyle, his long-suffering wife Juno, his drinking companion, Joxer Daly, a daughter desperate to escape their world any way she can, and a son caught up in the internecine struggle that followed the Irish Civil War. 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; Previews & Saturday matinees are always Pay-What-You-Can (PWYC). At Black Box at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-418-4808 or visit <http://www.washingtonshakespeare.org>.

## NOW THROUGH MAY 1

**HAMTDA:** Together Celebration Programming. Exploring the art and culture of Arlington’s Mongolian American community. Features the work of visual artist and Arlingonian Gankhuyag Natsag, whose Tsam dance masks, ceremonial costumes and paintings speak to Mongolia’s ancient traditions and contemporary experiences. Accompanied by a multi-faceted program of performances, workshops, films and community celebrations. Closing reception is Sunday, May 1 from 3 to 6 p.m.

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 17

**Ishihara by Yoav Brill.** Free. Part of New Media in the Bijou Theatre. Israeli artist Yoav Brill’s award-winning piece on growing up and living with color blindness animates the small dots, called ishihara, used in color blindness tests. At the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

## MARCH 15 TO APRIL 10

**Tsam Mask Making: How Do they Do It?** Free. As part of the exhibition Hamtdaa : Together, exploring the art and culture of Arlington’s Mongolian-American community, see the step-by-step process behind the making of the dramatic papier mache replicas of the Mongolian Tsam deity masks in the exhibition. At the WIP Gallery at The Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-875-1100.

## MARCH 14 TO APRIL 17

**Hamtdaa: Together in Photos.** Photos by Mario Quiroz. Free. An introduction to Arlington’s Mongolian community through the lens of photographer Mario Quiroz.

## MARCH 14-20

**Columbia Pike Documentary Project.** Free. Part of New Media in the Town Hall. The Columbia Pike Documentary Project is a team of artists portraying the contemporary life of people and sites along the exceptionally ethnically-diverse and rapidly-changing Columbia Pike corridor in Arlington. At the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 18

**Artist Talk.** 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Part of the Columbia Pike Documentary Project.



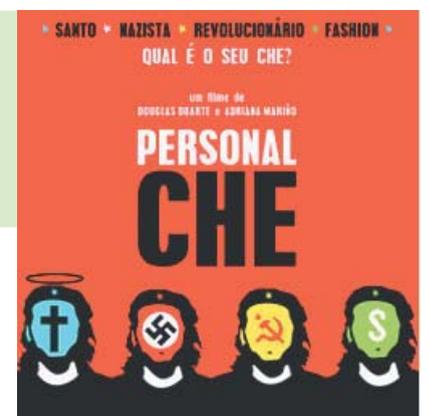
## MARCH 15 TO APRIL 30

**C2YN (Countdown to Yuri’s Night).** Local artists explore human spaceflight. Opening reception is Thursday, March 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Curated by Jared Davis, 19 artists exhibit work centered on the theme of Man’s journey into space, by exploring both science-fact and science-fiction, these artists deliver unique perspectives on the cosmos. At the Mezz Gallery of Artisphere.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

**“Personal Che” (2007).** Admission is \$6. Dead at 39 in 1967 in Bolivia, Che’s myth has endured unabated for 40 years. The filmmakers highlight the more diverse and interesting myths surrounding him. Part of Movie Night at Artisphere.

Photographers Lloyd Wolf, Duy Tran, Paula Endo, Xang Mimi Ho, Aleksandra Lagkueva & Elayna Tursky will be exhibiting their body of works as part of an ongoing project which consists of photographs and oral histories documenting the community’s life, culture, businesses, physical environment, historical trends, and neighborhoods. At the Artisphere Town Hall Gallery, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.



## SATURDAY/MARCH 19

**Sulu DC.** 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Sulu DC is an underground network and a monthly performance showcase of Asian American and/or Pacific Islander artists in the DC metro area. At the Dome Theatre at the Artisphere.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 22

**Singer/Songwriter Series.** 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Jon Kaplan with Justin Trawick with Christylez Bacon. Cost is \$8/\$6. Host Jon Kaplan performs and talks with singer/songwriters from around the region and across the country. At the Artisphere, Dome Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

**Contra Sonic.** 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8/\$6. Contra dancing is one thing, going clubbing is another. Put them together and you get Contra Sonic. Dance Lessons from 7:30 to 8 p.m.; dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. At the Ballroom at Artisphere.



## SATURDAY/MARCH 19

**Trickster Tales.** 11 a.m. Cost is \$8. Can a spider defeat an elephant at tug-of-war? Overpower a python? With Anansi the Spider, world famous trickster, all things are possible. Traditional West African stories come to life with expressive rod puppets, original music and lots of puns. At the Dome @ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.



## SATURDAY/MARCH 16

**The Story of Wood.** 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn about forestry, tree planting, wood lore and other wood uses. Presented by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. Hosted by NVRPA's Potomac Overlook Regional Park in Arlington. Call 703-528-5406.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

**Author Ashley Merryman.** 7:30 p.m. Co-Author of *NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children*. Presented by Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington. RSVP to aucp@verizon.net. Call 703-892-3878 or visit www.aucpva.org.

**Lecture.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. "The Past Two Years of the Roberts' Court." Speaker is Robert L. Weinberg who will discuss several Supreme Court decisions in recent years. At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St., Arlington. Call ALRI at 703-228-2144.

**Spring Lawn Care Basics.** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Offered by Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. At the Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St, Arlington. Pre-registration is required; please contact Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-228-6414; ex013mg@vt.edu.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**Silhouette Artist Karl Johnson.** Silhouettes are all hand-cut, original works of art. Will appear at Kinderhaus Toys, 122 N. Fillmore, Arlington. Call 703-527-5929. Visit www.cutarts.com or call 805-230-9293.

**Horticulturist Laura Beaty.** 11 a.m. Free. Will discuss the benefits of growing native plants to the Rock Spring Garden Club. At Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Visit http://rockspringgardenclub.blogspot.com

**"Boondock Saints" film.** 7:15 p.m. St. Patrick's Day special movie. Admission is \$5.50. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Visit http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com.

## MARCH 18-19

**Comedian Charlyne Yi.** Admission is \$20. Charlyne Yi from *Knocked Up*, *Paper Heart*, *Semi-Pro*, *Craig Ferguson*, *Jimmy Fallon* and *Conan*. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Visit http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com

## FRIDAY/MARCH 18

**International Children's Concert.** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free admission. To benefit the Adja Penda Ba School in Senegal, Africa. At the Arlington Traditional Elementary School Gym, 855 Edison Road, North, Arlington. Tax-exempt donations can be made to: OPEN International 5925 10<sup>th</sup> Rd., North, Arlington, VA 22205. Contact Merari Chollette at merarihc@yahoo.com.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 19

**Arlington Aglow.** 9:15 a.m. Breakfast Reach out meeting. The speaker is the Rev. Carol Sargent Miller. Sponsored by Arlington Aglow. All women are invited to attend. Meets at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3439 Payne St., Bailey's Crossroads. Call Betty Rose Forsell at 703-671-9264.

**Clarendon Fitness Open House.** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Discover the fundamentals of balance, strength training, nutrition, endurance and more. At Clarendon Fitness, 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-465-0101.

**Spring Luncheon.** Noon. Will feature an interactive panel discussion on health and work-life balance. Tickets are \$55. RSVP springluncheon@nuxizeta.org. Sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. (Nu Xi Zeta). At the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington.

**Reading: A Family Affair.** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30

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p.m. Free books, storytelling, puppet shows and more for the entire family. Presented by the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. At James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Visit www.lcnv.org/rafa for a schedule of the day's events.

**"Snakes on a Plane."** 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Presented by the Raspberry Brothers. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com

**Arlington Kids Stuff Sale.** 8 a.m. to noon. Features used, seasonally appropriate kids clothes, toys and gear, maternity clothes, books, videos, kids furniture and more. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, corner of Military Road and Lorcom Lane. Visit www.kidsstuffsale.com.

**Country Western Dance.** BJ Brown will be the DJ. Karen Johnson will teach the "Irish Stew" line dance beginning at 7:30

p.m. Brian and Kathy O'Connor will teach a beginners "Night Club Two Step" beginning at 8 p.m. Open dancing is from 8:30-11 p.m. and includes Two Step, Waltz, line, Swing, Cha Cha, and specialty dances. Couples and singles are welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5; PSDC members \$10. Regular admission rates do not apply to special events dances. Snacks and drinks will be available. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941 and leave a message. At the Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 20

**TV Party: "Arrested Development."** 7:20 p.m. Admission is \$12. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com

## TUESDAY/MARCH 22

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Soul Tones of Swing. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

**Words & Music: Singer/Songwriter Series.** 7:30 p.m. Justin Trawick with Christylez Bacon. Admission is \$8/\$6. Host Jon Kaplan performs and talks with singer/songwriters from around the region and across the country. At the Artisphere.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 24

**Butterfly Field Trip.** 7:30 p.m. Washington Area Butterfly Club meets at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Club members Rick Borchelt and Richard Smith will discuss efforts to increase information about butterflies in our area, which will help promote butterfly conservation. Call 703-228-6535.

**Friday Morning Music Club.** Noon to 1 p.m. Free. At the Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 25

**Kenmore Middle School Silent Auction.** 6:30 to 9 p.m. Over 250 items available for bid including tickets to Walt Disney World, personally autographed hockey stick signed by Alex Ovechkin, hotel and restaurant gift certificates, golf outings, wine tasting, theater and museum tickets. At 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. www.apsva.us/kenmore.

## MARCH 25-26

**Comedian Johnny Sanchez.** Admission is \$20. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 26

**"Shop, Schmooze, Savor."** Noon to 5 p.m. A women's mini-expo with jewelry, crafts, food, exhibits, demonstrations and fun. At Lyon Village Community House, corner of Lee Hwy and N Highland St, Arlington. In lieu of an entry fee, donations will be collected for Doorways Women and Families Shelter. Contact Renee Fisher at reneefisher5@verizon.net.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 27

**Singles Senior Champagne Buffet.** Noon. Monthly elegant buffet at Ft. Myer's Officers' Club. Free champagne, orange juice, coffee, and tea are included. Enjoy music performed by a group from Madagascar. Open to all. Photo ID is required at the Wright Gate (end of N. Meade Street and Marshall Drive, adjacent to the Iwo Jima Memorial), and the Hatfield Gate on Washington Blvd. Call Seena King, 301-530-4884.

# ArtFest Week At Fort C.F. Smith

**Where: 2411 N. 24th Street**

**When: March 25 to April 1**

The Arlington Artists Alliance will present a week full of Art at Fort C.F. Smith. In conjunction with an on-going art show and sale in the historic Hendry House, there will be free entertainment, demos, and workshops. Check www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for an updated schedule. For more information about the ArtFest contact Marie Baumann at snibbortoo@comcast.net or 703-276-1462. To register for events, email your name and phone number to: sparkerart@yahoo.com

## FRIDAY, MARCH 25

**OPENING RECEPTION,** 6 to 8 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy some refreshments.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**ART SHOW OPEN:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**DEMO:** Making Marbled Paper, noon to 2 p.m. Ages: Adult or child accompanied by an adult. Using a technique reminiscent of Italian masters, artist Liz Macklin demonstrates how to create swirls and patterns of color on paper. Water-based inks and "kitchen chemistry" update the process. Maximum: 10. Free, Registration required, sparkerart@yahoo.com.

**WORKSHOP:** Sketchbook Journaling in Nature, 1 to 3 p.m. Ages: all ages, children 7 and under accompanied by an adult. Jean Frank Stark leads gardeners and nature lovers as they take their journals on a walk, recording what they see. After gathering sketches and taking notes, participants will discuss how to merge sketches/writings into a work of art. Bring your sketchbook and writing implements or purchase them from the instructor. Min: 4, Max: 12. Free, registration required, sparkerart@yahoo.com.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 27

**ART SHOW OPEN:** Noon to 5 p.m.

**DEMO:** Coil Pots, noon to 2 p.m. Ages: All. Observe Marcia Finnerty while she constructs a clay pot using previously made "machine extruded coils" in lieu of traditional "hand rolled coils". Coils are pressed together to make a pot. Coiling is one of the most basic forms of construction and Marcia will demonstrate this method, using "extruded" coils to form a vessel. Free.

**IRISH BREAKFAST BAND:** 2 to 3 p.m. This Alexandria-based, multi-generational family-based traditional Irish music and dancing group has been making music together for over 20 years.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 28

**ART SHOW OPEN:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**DEMO:** The Art of Floral Design — "Less Can Be More", 10 a.m. to noon. Ages: Adult. Susan Foulke will show how to take one bunch of grocery store (or garden) flowers and make an eye-catching arrangement with pizzazz and impact. Learn how to make a big statement with only a few flowers. Maximum: 20. FREE, Registration required, sparkerart@yahoo.com.

**ARTIST TALK:** Pictures of Nothing: Exploring Monochromatic Art. 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Ages: Adult. What is monochromatic art? Who were the 20<sup>th</sup>-century artists that painted using only one color? How did this impact the development of abstraction and minimalism, as well as the definition of what we define as 'art'? If a picture makes use of only one color, what is there to look at? Rusty Lynn says, "Come and see." Min: 4 Max:10. Free, Registration required, sparkerart@yahoo.com.

**DEMO:** Alla Prima in Oils. 2 p.m. Ages: 10 to

Adult. Working outdoors in this "all at once" demo, Jackie Afram will finish a painting in one session, starting with canvas painted a neutral color. With mineral spirits and translucent paint she will paint her outline design, remove highlights with paper towel, then using straight paint block these highlights back in. Next she will apply other colors and finally paint the background. FREE.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

**ART SHOW OPEN:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**OPEN AIR POETRY,** 10 a.m. to noon. Age: All, children under 10 accompanied by and adult. Bring your personal poems to share. Artist and Poet Meg MacKenzie will be sharing hers. Free.

**DEMO:** Preparing a Textured Painting Surface, 1 to 2 p.m. Ages: Adult. Watch as artist Linda Maldonado creates texture on both paper and canvas with acrylic mediums and pastes, rice paper, and tissue paper. The demo will show what the prepared surfaces look like when dry, as well as how the textures react when paint is applied. Linda will have several finished paintings to show finished results. Min: 3, Max: 10. FREE, Registration required, email: sparkerart@yahoo.com.

**ARTIST TALK:** A Highlight Tour - The National Gallery of Art, 2 to 3 p.m. Ages: 12-Adult. This PowerPoint presentation by artist and National Gallery docent, Nan Morrison focuses on a wide variety of works in the permanent collection at the National Gallery of Art including 13th c. religious icons, 15th c. Italian Renaissance portrait busts, and modern and contemporary art including the 20th c. drip paintings of Jackson Pollock and 21st c. monumental flagstone Roofs by Andy Goldsworthy. Min: 8, Max: 20. FREE, Registration required, email: sparkerart@yahoo.com.

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 30

**ART SHOW OPEN:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PAINTOUT:** Applying the Impressionist Spirit in Plein Air Painting, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages: Adult. Explore Impressionist techniques as you paint views of Fort C.F. Smith and its environs. Start with an introduction to Impressionist principles and techniques by Tony Neville. The instructor will provide examples of techniques and guidance. Painters must provide their own materials. Min: 4, Max: 10. Free, Registration required, sparkerart@yahoo.com.

**ARTIST TALK:** Abstract Art: How and Why We do it, 1 to 3 p.m. Ages: Adult. Artist Bud Hensgen, who does both figurative and abstract painting, will provide a one-hour picture tour of western art showing how abstract art evolved from traditional figurative painting. During the second hour, participants will have the chance to express some abstract ideas of their own. Min: 5, Max 15. \$2 materials fee payable to the artist onsite, Registration required, sparkerart@yahoo.com.

**DEMO:** Carving in Clay, 2 to 3 p.m. Ages: All. Working with a vessel already shaped on the wheel, Lieve Dewulf will demonstrate how she uses sharp tools to incise designs in the leather hard clay. This technique has been used for centuries in Chinese, Korean ceramics. Free.

# SCHOOLS

Twenty-one Arlington students won regional awards in the **Scholastic Writing Awards** competition sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers.

Students will be recognized at the D.C. Regional Scholastic Writing Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 14. The ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Spectrum Theatre in Rosslyn.

This year's recipients are:

**GOLD KEY** Gold Key entries will be forwarded for considered at the national level: **Olivia August** - H-B Woodlawn, Short Story "My Mistress First"; **Noah Kennedy** - Jefferson Middle School, Short Story "Lazy Sunday"; **Maria Zapata** - Jefferson Middle School, Poetry "Walking Home in the Rain"; **Luisa Banchoff** - Washington-Lee High School, Poetry "Nine Things She Thought About Before She Jumped, Coda"; and **Jenny Davis** - Yorktown High School, Poetry "In the Presence of Absence"

**SILVER KEY:** **Kateri Gajadhar** - Gunston Middle School, Poetry "Not all who wander are lost" and "Well this sucks"; **Anne Budway** - H-B Woodlawn, Poetry "Discovery and Illusion"; **Jasmine Nguyen** - Jefferson Middle School, Poetry "Let You Go"; **Erika Zelaya** - Jefferson Middle School, Poetry "Relieved of the Pain"; and **Jenny Davis** - Yorktown High School, Personal Essay/Memoir "Momma"

**HONORABLE MENTION:** **Olivia August** - H-B Woodlawn, Short Short Story "Away They Flew"; **Julia Holemans** - H-B Woodlawn, Poetry "Leuven"; **Anna LeValley** - H-B Woodlawn, Poetry "Eyes, Presence, Pieces"; **Molly Norrbom** - H-B Woodlawn, Short Short Story "Within the Walls" and "The Fall"; **Melissa Vasquez** - H-B Woodlawn, Personal Essay/Memoir "A Tomorrow is Coming"; **Jasmine Pineda** - Jefferson Middle School, Poetry "Cluesless"; **Julie Brooks** - Washington-Lee High School, Short Story "The Imposter"; **Jenny Davis** - Yorktown High School, Poetry "The Light"; and **Sierra Sanchez** - Yorktown High School, Poetry "Spider, Hide-n-Seek, Burbon, SLC Punk"

APS was represented by 15 students at the District Orchestra Festival, held Jan. 8-9 at Oakton High School. The following students performed:

Junior Orchestra: **Swanson Middle** — Natalie Soler (Violin), Aliana Gungor (Violin), Jacob Dormuth (Bass); **Williamsburg Middle School** — Diana Hare (Viola); **H-B Woodlawn** — Olivia Taylor (Violin), and **Gunston** — Zoe Broussard (Cello)

Senior Orchestra: **Wakefield** — Mark Schreiber (Bass);

**Washington-Lee** — Katherine McKenna (Violin), Christopher Leo (Violin), and **Yorktown** — Zack Linick (Violin), Andrew Kopca (Violin), Yoseph Orttung (Violin), Alexander Lee (Cello), Michelle Tran (Bass), Neil Walters (Bass)

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester: **Christopher P. Gregerson** is a senior majoring in industrial and systems engineering in the College of Engineering; **Timothy A. Reese** is a junior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Madelaine G. Torres** is a sophomore majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business; **Ian H. Whittington** is a junior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Rebecca J. Wilson** is a senior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Caitlin M. Cadigan** is a sophomore majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Benjamin M. Giobbi** is a junior majoring in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering; **Grace E. Golojuch** is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Alison M. Hight** is a junior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Olivia Huston** is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech; **Patrick J. Jaffke** is a senior majoring in theatre arts in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Janette E. Madera** is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science; **Monica Madera** is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science; **Michael T. Manger** is a senior majoring in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering; **Shane M. McCarty** is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business; **Christian P. McGuirk** is a senior majoring in chemical engineering in the College of Engineering; **John S. McGuirk** is a senior majoring in chemical engineering in the College of Engineering; **Bryce W. Stucki** is a senior majoring in mathematics in the College of Science; **Sophia H. Webster** is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science; **Charmaine Kate V. Rose** is a senior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science; **Lea M. Westrick** is a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Heather E. Angolia** is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Demetria L. Argiropoulos** is a junior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.



## Yorktown's "Bottom's Dream" Takes 2nd

**Yorktown High School's** production of "Bottom's Dream," a one-act adaptation of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," placed second at the Virginia High School League AAA One-Act Play Festival held March 5 in Charlottesville. Yorktown is the only school to have earned a berth at the state competition five years in a row; this marks the first time during that period it has won the Runner-up Trophy. Yorktown last won the state competition in 1999 with "Julius Caesar."

Actors Pat Dwyer and Alex Zaloum were named two of the eight Best Actors at the festival.

Yorktown finished second only to Chantilly High School, which won the state competition with AP Theatre. Chantilly High School and Yorktown High School qualified for the state competition by placing 1st and 2nd, respectively, at the Northern Region One-Act Competition. Four Chantilly High School actors were named Best Actors at the state competition.

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## Police Arrest Driver In Hit and Run

The Arlington County Police Department is investigating a hit and run accident that occurred on Dec. 30, 2010, in the 4200 block of Fairfax Drive. At approximately 12:20 a.m., police responded for a pedestrian stuck by a vehicle.

Investigation revealed that a 22-year-old woman was crossing Fairfax Drive in a crosswalk when she was struck by dark colored sedan. The striking vehicle did not stop at the scene. The victim was transported to a local hospital in serious condition.

Evidence left at the scene from the striking vehicle led detectives to charge a 24-year-old man from Fairfax with felony hit and run. He is currently in custody at the Arlington County Detention Center.

Police ask that anyone who may have witnessed the accident, contact Detective Robert Wright at 703-228-4618. Wright can also be reached via e-mail at [rwright@arlingtonva.us](mailto:rwright@arlingtonva.us).

## 5K Race Street Closures

The Arlington County Police Department will be working a 5K in the area of Nottingham Elementary School on March 19. Several roads will be closed from approximately 7:30 -9:30 a.m.

The affected streets are:

- ❖ Williamsburg Boulevard will be closed to eastbound traffic from Little Falls Road to North Harrison Street.
- ❖ Little Falls Road will be closed from Williamsburg Boulevard to North Harrison Street.
- ❖ North Ohio Street will be closed from North 26th Street to Williamsburg Boulevard.

Temporary road closures will be necessary along the course as the race moves throughout the neighborhood. Residents of the affected areas will be escorted through the traffic closures to minimize the impact on the community. All closures will be re-opened by 9:30 a.m. Residents are asked to park vehicles in driveways to reduce the congestion on the affected streets to allow more runners through the neighborhood as quickly as possible which will result in a return to normal conditions.

## Police Investigate Assaults

The Arlington County Police Department's Homicide/Robbery Unit is investigating a series of assaults that occurred on Saturday, March 5, in the 2700 block of Jefferson Davis Highway at a hotel. At 9:45 p.m., police received multiple phone calls regarding on-going fighting at the DMV Music Awards. Due to the crowd of approximately 1,500 people, all available units were sent to the hotel. Five people were transported to local hospitals, two with serious injuries. Investigation revealed that multiple fights took place in several locations throughout the hotel during the event. Police ask witnesses to contact Detective John Donaggio of the Arlington County Police Department at 703-228-4167.

## Join Arlington Auxiliary Police

The Arlington County Police Department is offering an opportunity to serve the community: become a sworn auxiliary police officer. The Auxiliary Police Unit is made up of volunteers who support the full-time Arlington police officers by:

- ❖ Patrolling county roads and bike paths.
- ❖ Handling accidents and other traffic incidents.
- ❖ Assisting at DUI checkpoints.
- ❖ Conducting child safety-seat inspections and installations.
- ❖ Providing security and crowd control at special events, such as the Marine Corps Marathon, July 4th celebration, parades, festivals, and neighborhood 5K and 10K races.

To apply, one must:

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To learn more, call the Auxiliary Police Unit at 703-228-4057 or visit its website at [www.arlingtonva.us/police](http://www.arlingtonva.us/police) (click on Auxiliary Police).



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Motion is the design theme of the new Renaissance Hotel in Crystal City. A mobile "Dance with the Forest" greets guests in the lobby.

## New Hotel

Swirling colors accent the counter seating in the hotel restaurant. The 300-room Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel — and the 325 all-suite Residence Inn Arlington Capital View — opened March 9. Designed to be LEED-Silver certified, the duet of hotels showcase award-winning modern architecture and are estimated to bring more than 250 new jobs to the community. See [RenaissanceArlington.com](http://RenaissanceArlington.com) or [ResidenceInnArlingtonCapitalView.com](http://ResidenceInnArlingtonCapitalView.com)

# Guidelines on Sexual Misconduct

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ing areas where school boards should have rules."

**STRIKING THAT BALANCE** won't be easy. In the wake of several high profile cases involving teachers engaging in inappropriate behavior with students, education officials in Richmond decided to come up with statewide guidelines. The first two drafts included a list of specific rules that would have prohibited text messaging between teachers and students as well as forbidding communication between them about their private lives. Garvey and others protested that the effort would undermine efforts to build productive relationships.

"They are a perfect example of good intentions going awry and having unforeseen consequences," wrote Linda Henderson, chairwoman of the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families. "We don't want to be so restrictive that students never develop an authentic relationship with a teacher." So the pendulum swung in the other direction, with state officials giving local school boards much more autonomy about what behaviors should be prohibited or sanctioned. The version that will be on the docket allows individual school boards to come up with their own rules, although it identifies a number of specific situations that local officials need to address. Some parents have protested that move, saying that the prescriptive model offered the

best opportunity to ensure teachers and students don't engage in questionable relationships.

"I don't believe a teacher should have had much time on their hands that they should be having a Facebook relationship with a student," wrote Petersburg parent Linwood Christian in a letter to the Virginia School Board. "There is too much going on whereby teachers are taking very inappropriate liberties with students."

**THE REVISED GUIDELINES** are now on the agenda for March 24, when the Virginia School Board members will consider which approach — if any — is appropriate. Garvey's letter from February urged the Department of Education to abandon the process altogether. But Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka, who is a member of the state Board of Education and a rival candidate for an open seat in the Virginia state senate, said he disagreed with that approach. Krupicka said the state has a responsibility to institute guidelines, even if they don't offer the prescriptive model of what's right and what's wrong.

"The best way to approach this is to let the local school systems be innovative and come up with a variety of models to address these issues," said Krupicka. "This is an important issue, and it's important for us to make sure that we provide a framework for school systems to consider these issues and decide for themselves what's appropriate."

## "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs March 27-April 2.

**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.

Culpeper 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.

**Soy cooking demonstration,** Monday, March 28, 1 p.m., Lee. Free,

Register, 703-228-0555.

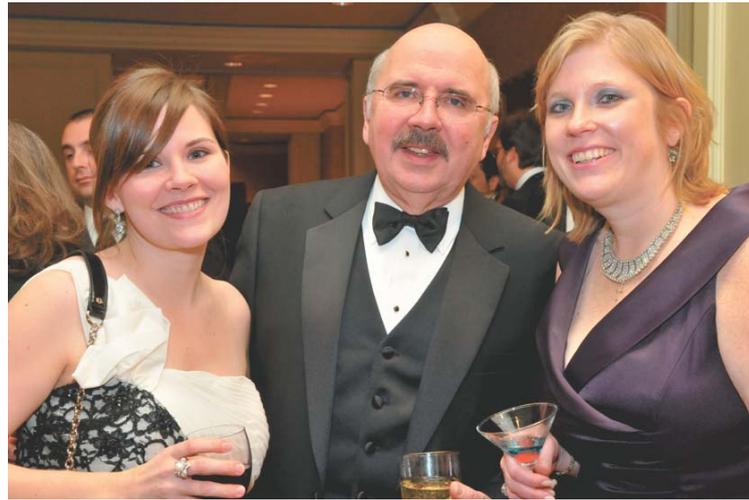
**Understanding diabetes,** Monday, March 28, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

**Weight room workouts,** Tuesday, March 29, 7 - 10 a.m., Madison. \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-4745.

# PEOPLE



**Douglas Brammer of Verizon and Tami Anderson**  
**Chamber Gala**



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**David Bell and his daughter Alicia and Susan Anderson**

Arlington Chamber of Commerce Gala was held Jan. 29 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Pentagon City.



**Tricia O'Hara and Leslie and Jeffrey Parker**



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**State Del. Bob Brink talks with Alexandria councilmember Rob Krupicka and his wife Lisa.**



**Arlington County board member Walter Tejada and Bill Eisnaugle**



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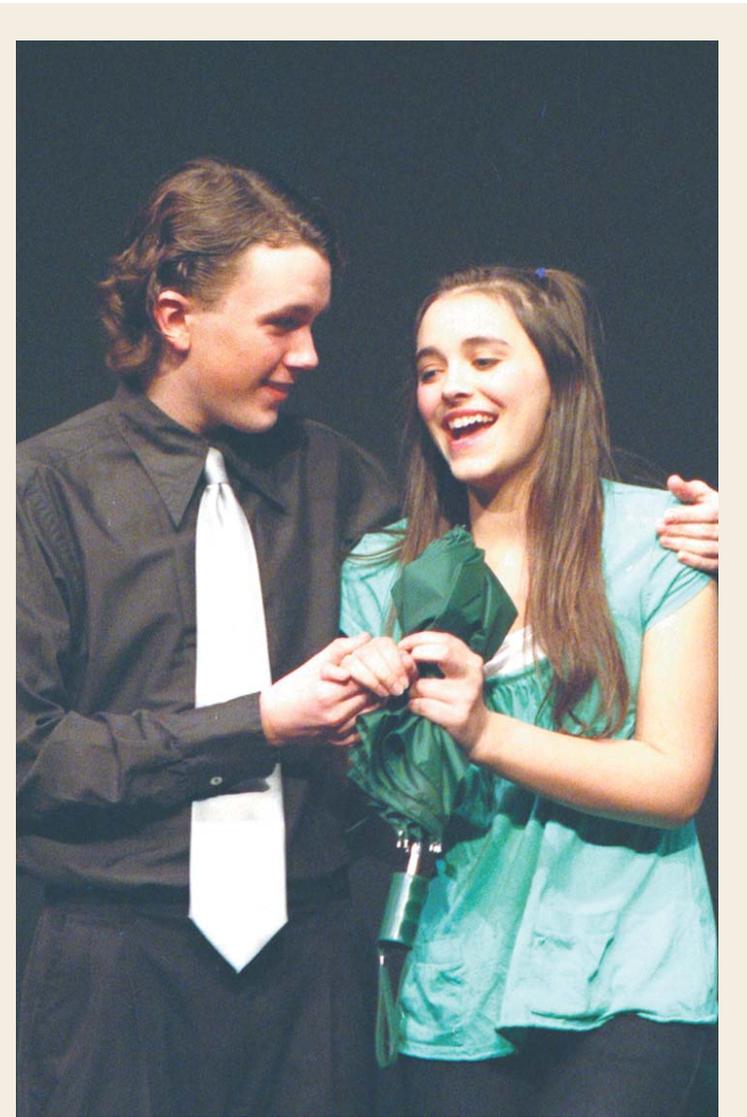


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## On Stage

**Thomas Kelty ("Prince Charming") and Abby Huston ("Cinderella") star in the Encore Stage & Studio's production of "The Brothers Grimm: Out of Order" playing at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre in Arlington.**

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**Allergy Elimination.** 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. Venus Seleme of Seleme Chiropractic Wellness Center will speak on the topic of "Allergy Elimination," an energetic way to clear or reduce the symptoms of food, chemical and

environmental sensitivities without medication. At Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact: [HolisticMomsArlAlex@gmail.com](mailto:HolisticMomsArlAlex@gmail.com) or call Leigha at 703-785-1099.

**Green Spring Cleaning.** Presentation on cleaning without toxins or

chemicals. 7 to 9 p.m. By Pernilla Alex of Mrs. Lavender. Sponsored by the Holistic Moms network Arlington/Alexandria Chapter. At Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact: [HolisticMomsArlAlex@gmail.com](mailto:HolisticMomsArlAlex@gmail.com) or call Leigha at 703-785-1099.



## In National Running

**Aidan Dick, an eighth-grader attending HB Woodlawn, recently was selected by coaches from Princeton, Harvard, and the Virginia Military Institute along with USA Water Polo Staff and former Olympians to attend the national team training camp over Memorial Day Weekend. Once at camp, Dick will compete with 140 girls to land a spot on either the Cadet (eighth-grade and under) or Youth (9th grade and under) National Team.**

# Cross Sisters Lead Youthful O'Connell in 2011

**Knights open season with loss at Bullis.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**M**idway through the first half of Saturday's season opener at Bullis, Bishop O'Connell girls lacrosse coach Meghan Thompson voiced displeasure with the Knights after another errant pass.

"Oh my gosh, Blue!" shouted Thompson while O'Connell trailed, 7-1. "Please make smart decisions!"

As halftime approached and O'Connell's deficit grew, the Knights continued squandering scoring opportunities with rushed passes.

"Blue, you worked too hard to get it down here!" Thompson yelled. "Take your time!"

O'Connell enters the 2011 campaign with four seniors on a roster of 19 athletes. The team has seven sophomores and a freshman goalkeeper. The youthful Knights could face an uphill battle in the early part of the season, much like the 10-1 halftime deficit they faced against Bullis. But if O'Connell responds they way it did during Saturday's second half, the Knights could avoid a season of struggle.

Junior attack Courtney Cross scored three consecutive goals in the first five minutes of the second half and the Knights matched the Bulldogs' output in the final 25 minutes during a 17-8 loss.

O'Connell trailed by 10 in the second half but didn't stop competing. Cross and senior attack Kate Nirschl scored late goals before Bullis' Jordan Sullivan scored in the closing seconds.

"We just basically told them, have fun and relax," Thompson said of the Knights' second-half effort. "They were coming off the field with their heads down, not really focused, but this team has a great ability to come back. For whatever reason, we're a second-half team. We're going to try to adjust our warm up to fix that for next time."

"I think this team later in the season will be night and day what they are right now. I



**Sophomore midfielder Ashley Cross is a returning all-WCAC selection and one of O'Connell's top offensive players.**

wish we could have a rematch with Bullis."

Cross was the catalyst behind O'Connell's second-half turnaround. Trailing 10-1, Cross scored three straight goals to breathe life into the Knights. She led all scorers with five goals, including the Knights' lone goal of the first half.

"We kind of got the fire lit under us," Cross said. "Defense started coming out, we didn't play timid anymore. Our offense started making shots; everything kind of just fell together. We're a second-half team, so I'm kind of used to it, but we're going to fix that. ..."

"I like to [get] everyone going, [whether] it's setting picks, getting ground balls. Once one person starts getting everything going, everyone else is like, 'Oh, I want to help,' so everyone starts helping out."

Cross is a returning all-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference athlete and O'Connell's top offensive threat.

"Courtney Cross is really the anchor of this team," Thompson said. "All of the girls look to her, whether it's in season or in the



**Sophomore midfielder Devin Nihill is expected to be a key contributor to the O'Connell girls lacrosse team.**

offseason. She's really, attack-wise, the girl they look to if they need a goal or they need a pass. She's really directing the offense and really our playmaker on attack."

Cross' sister, sophomore midfielder Ashley Cross, was also all-WCAC last season. She scored one goal on Saturday and figures to be a key contributor throughout the season.

"Ashley Cross is a solid midfielder," Thompson said. "She leads the team in draw controls by a longshot. She controls her position for us. Her and Courtney, obviously they're sisters, but the two of them have a good connection on the field, as well. She does look for her sister, and it's almost the sister connection that they see each other before everyone else does."

Big things are expected from freshman goalkeeper Tara Ulepich, who Thompson said could become one of the top goalies in the Washington, D.C. metro area.

"She's a freshman, so this was her first varsity game and it was a good game for her to have," Thompson said. "There were



**Senior attack Sarah Kolodzy provides strong leadership for the Bishop O'Connell girls lacrosse team, head coach Meghan Thompson said.**

a lot of shots on her up top. She, as a freshman, doesn't act like a freshman, so I really see a lot of potential in her for the future."

Senior attack Sarah Kolodzy is a team captain and provides strong leadership, Thompson said. Courtney Cross and Nirschl, who scored two goals on Saturday, are also captains.

Sophomore midfielders Devin Nihill and Taylor Chamness are also expected to be key contributors.

O'Connell will compete in the Annandale Invitational on March 19, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Knights are scheduled to play three games.

O'Connell's first home game is March 25 against Bishop McNamara.

"We have a lot of work and learning to do, but I'm expecting to be in that top half of the WCAC by the end of the season," Thompson said. "They can do it. They're learning fast. We've only had two weeks to work with them, but they're really catching onto stuff quicker this year than our team last year did."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Wakefield Golf Fundraiser

The Wakefield High School Booster Club and Alumni Association is looking for gift certificate, item or service donations to be auctioned at the Fourth Annual Wakefield High School Golf Tournament Fundraiser on May 7 at Virginia Oaks Golf Club in Gainesville. Financial contributions are also welcomed. For more information contact tournament director Paul B. Greenfield at 703-928-0228 or greenfieldpb@yahoo.com.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Whew! Am I glad it's today, February 28, 2011. Not that there was anything imminent about yesterday, February 27, 2011 – my two-year anniversary (some anniversary) and end date of my original life-expectancy prognosis but, when you're given two years to live, the date on which that anniversary arrives (although my oncologist has said that there's nothing particularly/inevitably accurate about such dates), is a day of reckoning, to be sure. And since I'm still alive, I reckon I'll make note of it, yet again – in arrears this week.

Not so much as an accomplishment, as in I did it. More like a date of destiny that is now behind me. Now I can focus (or try to, anyway; let's be honest here) on something else, a future beyond a specific date. And just like my rear end is behind me and I don't see it too much, maybe I can put this two-year anniversary date behind me and not see it too much – for what it was: the unexpected end of my life. ("I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young." Curly Howard of The Three Stooges.) Life goes on. Now what?

Perhaps I can – or will – consider the possibilities and stop trying to figure the probabilities? Perhaps I can forget about the past (my diagnosis) and only focus on the present/future, live for today and take advantage of the gift of life that I've been given/earned? Perhaps I can get out of my own way (emotionally) and resume living a normal life ("normal" meaning one without cancer)? Perhaps I can finish this column with being sophomore? I am a college graduate after all. I should know better. Just because I've lived this long doesn't exactly mean I'll live a lot longer.

In fact/in my reality, nothing is going to change, except maybe for the worse. I need to keep doing/thinking exactly as I have in the past because whatever I've been doing/thinking has caused me to outlive my original prognosis and for my oncologist to characterize my health as "Amazing," and to say that my tumors are in "partial stable remission," if you recall a previous column. All that has changed – and should change living forward, is my specific focus. It's no longer a date. Now the dates ahead are endless, not nearing an end.

Having made it this far (lived this long) though, I feel unburdened somehow. There's no deadline (pun intended) anymore. However, just as difficult as it is to turn around an ocean liner after it's headed out to sea (they don't exactly turn on a dime), so too will it be difficult for me to not be ever mindful of having cancer, and of having surpassed a date, random though it may semi have been, when my doctor told me my diagnosis and said that I might not be alive in "13 months to two years."

But I am alive, and oddly enough, a bit unsure; in fact, more unsure than I've been in almost two years. For these past two years, I've had a goal, sort of, my life expectancy, as provided by my oncologist: February 27, 2011. Having that date as a goal may have helped carry me/motivate throughout this ordeal. And though I may not have been exactly sure what kind of certainty to associate with that date while pursuing it, having reached it yesterday – and passed it today, has given me pause to reflect, and to write these last two columns.

I sort of feel like a dog (or a cat) who chases something (some kind of toy, perhaps) and then finally catches it. Having never previously caught the toy, the dog doesn't know what to do with it. Its life has been the pursuit, not the actual realization of that pursuit. Not that I ever thought that reaching these two dates would be cause for celebration (more like a miracle), but now that I've reached them, I'm uncomfortable being here without having any dates ahead to pull me forward. I will admit to one thing, though, I sure don't want to go backwards.

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