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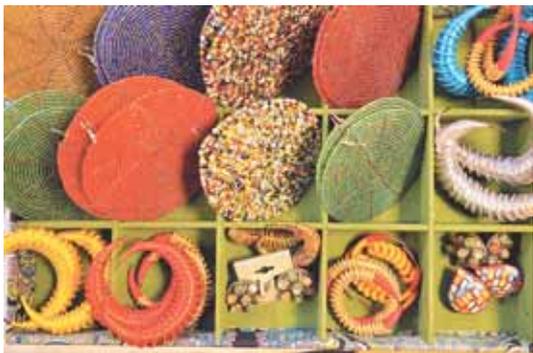
Gathering for Crystal Couture 2014

More than 40 metropolitan-area fashion and accessory boutiques displayed and sold their merchandise at the annual Crystal Couture Show & Sale last week in Crystal City. Merchants set up booths around the perimeter of the 11th floor at 251 18th Street while models walked the runway showcasing featured designers. This year's sponsors were DC Magazine, Vornado-Charles E. Smith and Maggy Francois. Boutiques and designers included: Carnelian Boutique, Toucan Boutique, JEM Collection, Neunel, Chez Kevito, Christopher Schafer Clothier, ZweetSport, Top Rank Vintage, Tashia Senn, Passport, My Bougie Baby, Mi Chic Boutique, Kimchu Collection, Ke'Chic Boutique, Ibhana Cre-

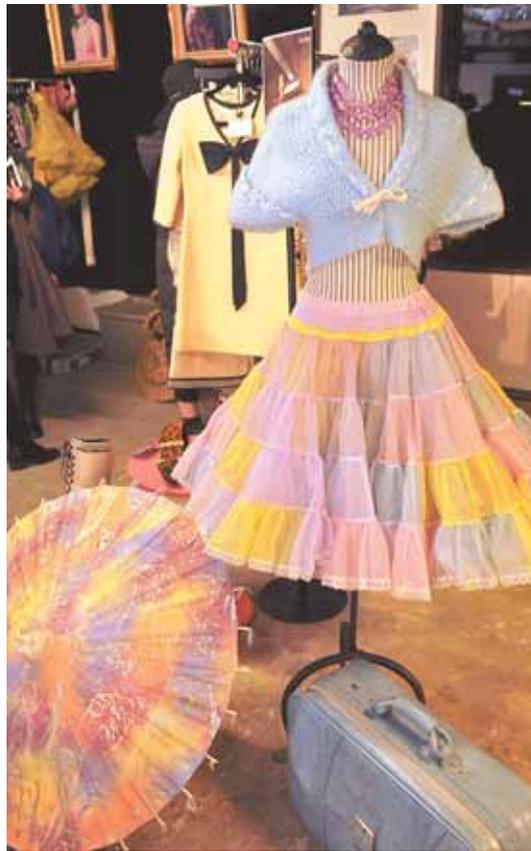
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Elizabeth and Angie get some help with bracelets from Deborah Mdurvwa at the Mdurvwa Collection booth. More of the collection may be seen at www.mdurvwa.com



Detail of a selection of earrings at the Restyle booth at Crystal Couture 2014.



Speak Vintage featured an eclectic variety of fashion and accessories ready for wear.

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Recalling Lessons On School Board

Sally Baird prepares to exit public stage after two terms.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION



Sally Baird

When Sally Baird was first elected to the Arlington School Board in 2006, the county's public school system was still shrinking and Baird was a first-time candidate. She was the parent of a 3-year-old and a 6-year-old, so she had been involved in her children's schooling as well as early-childhood issues. A seat had opened up when Mary Hynes announced she would not seek another term on the School Board.

"I decided I would give it a try. I always had an idea that maybe one day I would run for office," said Baird, who is finishing her second 4-year term on the School Board. "And it worked."

In her first election, Baird was an outsider who was going up against a candidate with several endorsements from Democratic Party officials. Now, in retrospect, she sees that campaign as a time when she endured a trail by fire. Now that she has announced she will not be seeking a third term on the School Board, three candidates have emerged to become part of the next generation of voices on the Arlington School Board — Greg Greeley, Barbara Kanninen and Nancy van Doren. Arlington Democratic Committee Chairman Kip Malinosky said voters who will participate in the Democratic endorsement are looking for a candidate who can deal with the challenges facing the school system today.

"They are looking for someone who is going to an excellent job managing the challenges of increasing enrollment at a time when budgets are hard to come by," said Malinosky, a civics teacher in Fairfax County. "We're looking for a commitment to ex-

cellence in our schools, and reducing the burden of standardized testing."

COLLEAGUES DESCRIBE Baird as tireless advocate for early childhood education, an issue she continued to champion during her years on the board. They praise her efforts to be a liaison between the school administration and community groups on facilities and transportation. Ultimately,

though, they say her most useful skill was the ability to work with people who have different opinions.

"She's a consensus builder," said School Board member Emma Violand-Sanchez. "She's a very caring person, and she will be missed."

Baird describes her time on the School Board as a transitional period in the county's history,

when the system appointed new leadership and began dealing with a different set of challenges. Even though a small percentage of Arlington voters have children in the public-school system, about 15 percent, all the county's taxpayers have a vested interest in what happens in the classroom.

"That's one of the challenges for any School Board member," said Baird. "You want to make sure you

"I decided I would give it a try. I always had an idea that maybe one day I would run for office. And it worked."

— Sally Baird

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Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority vice president and airport manager Paul Malandrino (fourth from right) joins members of the DC Chapter of the Illinois State Society at a wreath-laying ceremony Feb. 6 at the airport's statue of Ronald Reagan to commemorate the former president's 103rd birthday. From are Jack Ames, Fran Griffith, Cheryl Rhoads, former Illinois state Sen. Mark Rhoads, Malandrino, Jeanne Jacob, Larry Krakover and Gerry Frank.

Wreathlaying Marks Reagan's Birthday

Passengers traveling through Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Feb. 6 joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to commemorate the 103rd birthday of President Ronald W. Reagan during a wreath presentation ceremony at the airport's statue of the former president.

Sponsored by the Illinois State Society of Washington, attendees included Paul Malandrino, vice president of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and manager of Reagan Airport, former Illinois state Sen. Mark Rhoads and staff from the Reagan administration.

The nine-foot bronze statue of Reagan is located

at the airport entrance directly in front of Terminal A. The airport was renamed Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in 1998 and the statue was erected in 2011 in honor of Reagan's 100th birthday. Reagan is one of four U.S. presidents who were from Illinois. He was born on Feb. 6, 1911, in Tampico, Ill., grew up in Dixon, Ill., and graduated from Eureka College in Eureka, Ill. He began his professional career as a broadcaster in Illinois and Iowa. Reagan served two terms as president from 1980-1988.

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African-American Historical Project Underway

The Arlington Historical Society and the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington have established a joint committee to create a permanent display at the Arlington Historical Museum on the African-American experience in Arlington. John Richardson, AHS president, and Dr. Talmadge Williams, BHMA chairman, said that this will fill meet objectives of both organizations by filling a gap in the AHS story of Arlington while giving concrete

expression to the BHMA dream of a permanent display on the African-American role in Arlington history.

The joint committee will begin creating the exhibit narrative and reaching out to the community to assist in giving or loaning artifacts with significance to the black experience in Arlington. The committee has set a goal of opening the exhibit by Aug. 1.

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Divided on the Streetcar Businesses up and down Columbia Pike have variety of opinions.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Up and down Columbia Pike, businesses have a variety of views about the streetcar that may be soon be trundling up and down one of Arlington's major thoroughfares. Some are pleased that a streetcar would bring new customers. Others are concerned that the project will cost too much, diverting resources that could go to schools or other transportation projects.

For Orphear May, though, the streetcar is a blessing and a curse.

She and her sister have operated Asian Market near the intersection with Four Mile Run for 29 years, shortly after they moved to America from Cambodia. They have mixed feelings about the streetcar. On one hand, they support it as an environmentally sustainable way for people to get around, and they believe that will bring more customers to their neighborhood. On the other hand, they are concerned that recent changes to the streetscape removed parking spaces where their customers are no longer able to park. And they fear that increasing land values associated with the gentrification created by the streetcar will end up evicting them.

"We're kind of hearing rumor that they are going to demolish this and rebuild it



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

but I'm not sure to low income or what," said May as she helped customers one recent afternoon. "We don't know yet. It's just a rumor."

BUSINESS OWNERS along Columbia Pike have a variety of opinions about the streetcar, a system that has created a political division in Arlington over the course of the last year. Now that the system's chief advocate, County Board member Chris Zimmerman, is stepping down, the special election to replace him features two candidates diametrically opposed. Democrat Alan Howze supports the system. Independent candidate John Vihstadt opposes it.

"Well the county just spent a million dol-

lars on that bus stop over there," said Joe Whibley of Frank's Engraving, which is across the street from the new bus stop. "Now let's say the next person or candidate comes in and says well you know I want to improve that million dollars to a million and a half bus stop."

Next door at Atilla's restaurant, owner Zulkuf Gezgc says he supports the streetcar in theory. He says a streetcar system along Columbia Pike would bring more customers to his restaurant. Standing in the middle of an almost empty dining room, Gezgc said he would support any candidate who supports the streetcar. But he was quick to add that he is very skeptical that elected officials will ever do more than talk

Buses line up along Columbia Pike, where county officials want to install a \$310 million streetcar system.

about it.

"I'm hearing this almost 18 years," said Gezgc, who has owned the restaurant for 18 years. "It's never going to happen."

WHEN ZIMMERMAN leaves the County Board to take a job at Smart Growth American, Arlington will lose one of its chief advocates for the streetcar initiative. For years, Zimmerman has been one of the fiercest supporters of the system, even as criticism has mounted. Last year, for example, he faced down a large group of opponents during community meeting at Kenmore Middle School. Making the case of the streetcars, he said the investment would pay off for property owners and for the county government.

"The impact, the real payment for these investments, is in the real estate, which is where we derive most of our revenue," said Zimmerman. "And the impact on the real estate is tremendous."

Along Columbia Pike, many businesses owners are skeptical of that approach. Josephine Whibley said she believes the streetcar would be bad for business.

"Most of our people are carrying things. They don't want to come on the bus or a streetcar or anything like that," said Whibley. "They come by car, and the streetcar is going to take up room where their cars could be driving."

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On Mental Health

Why are localities providing much less for people who need mental health services?

While the General Assembly is making progress in fixing some of the egregious shortcomings of the way Virginia provides emergency services to people in mental health crisis, many fewer people are receiving mental health services in Northern Virginia.

State Sen. Creigh Deeds' son died of suicide late last year after the limitations in both the law and local communication resulted in him being released while still in the midst of crisis.

Deeds reports the progress on the bill that has passed the State Senate: "The omnibus bill will require subjects be held up to 24 hours under an emergency custody order, create a database of available psychiatric beds, and ensure people in need of hospitalization cannot be 'streeted' by establishing state hospitals as providers of last resort."

These are important steps.

Services to people with mental illness are provided on the local level by community services boards, and in Fairfax County in particular, those services have been dramatically cut back.

Reporter Michael Pope reports this week that since 2009, the number of people receiving

mental health services in Fairfax County has declined by 39 percent. Alcohol and drug service have dropped 43 percent. Services for those with intellectual disability have declined 39 percent.

Officials quoted cite the recession and declining property tax revenues in explaining the reductions, along with some changes in the way services are counted.

No matter how services are counted, there is no question that they have been reduced significantly during a recession, a time when research shows the need for mental health services and alcohol and drug services actually increases.

EDITORIAL

In Arlington, the number of people who receive mental health services has declined by 6 percent. The number of people who receive substance abuse services has decreased by 13 percent.

"Stresses associated with rising unemployment, poverty and social insecurity will lead to upward trends in many national suicide rates, as well as to less readily charted increases in the prevalence of psychiatric illness, alcohol-related disorders and illicit drug use," according to a 2011 overview study on economic recession and mental health cited by the Na-

tional Institutes of Health. "At the same time, mental health services are being cut back as part of government austerity programs. Budget cuts will thus affect psychiatric services adversely just when economic stressors are raising the levels of need and demand in affected populations."

As for blaming the budget, it's hard to see from raw numbers why the most vulnerable should be suffering.

In 2009, before the effects of the recession, Fairfax County's budget expenditures were \$5.36 billion.

The adopted 2014 budget calls for expenditures of \$6.75 billion.

"Proactive fiscal and social policies could, however, help to mitigate the health consequences of recession," the overview study reports. "Economic mental health care could best be achieved, not by decimating services but by planning and deploying these to meet the needs of defined area populations."

Elected officials and others in county government who have signed off on a set of priorities that punishes the most vulnerable populations have some moral accounting to do.

— MARY KIMM

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Ethics Reform Falls Short

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

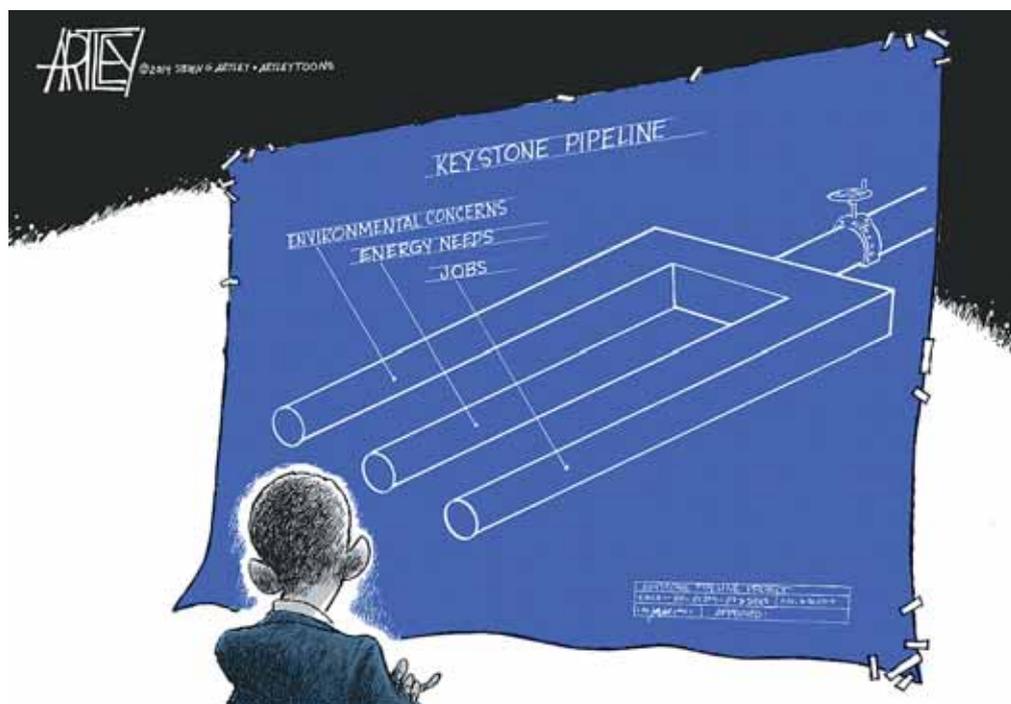
An ethics reform package passed the Virginia Senate on Monday. Unfortunately, the bill lacks teeth and is only a small step toward restoring public confidence in state government. I offered 14 amendments to strengthen the legislation and close some loopholes. I was able to change the membership of a proposed Ethics Council to include former, rather than current, legislators. However, my amendments ensuring gifts to all dependent children from lobbyists and guests of public officials would be reported were rejected. I was deeply disappointed that my amendments to

limit gifts of travel solely to trips with educational value or those promoting trade with the Commonwealth were also rebuffed. In my view, the Rules Committee did not give this major legislation the attention it deserved.

This Tuesday, Feb. 11, marked "Crossover Day" for the legislative session, meaning that the Senate may only consider bills already passed by the House of Delegates and vice versa. Ten of my bills have passed the Senate and await consideration by the House.

Now that the Democrats control the Senate, we have been able to stop a number of regressive proposals from the other side of the aisle.

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Leaving School Board

FROM PAGE 3
are hearing everybody, but you also want to make sure you are helping all the school community folks see the bigger picture of the entire school system.”

HER MOST DIFFICULT time on the board was in 2009, when the enrollment trends started to change. Instead of going down, enrollment projections were starting to go up. That meant school officials needed to draw new boundaries. Baird found herself in the midst of a nasty fight over a boundary change that ended up failing, a process that she now describes as the lowest point of her time on the School Board.

“It was school communities turning on each other,” said Baird. “Everybody was pointing the fin-

ger and saying move those people, and there were some racial divides.”

Baird describes her high point on the board as the boundary changes that happened in 2013. When the final vote was on the docket to move about 600 students, the board heard from three speakers. The lack of public outcry was a success for a School Board that could have been facing the same kind of civil war that erupted in 2009. Instead, the change was made quietly and without much public notice at all, let alone outrage. “It showed me that the work and the investment that we had done in going about a different process and really putting a lot of energy on the front end into community really made a difference,” said Baird.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/FEB. 13

PreK Registration Night. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Arlington Public Schools and the Office of Early Childhood Education will hold their first PreK Registration Night. Parents can learn about both the Primary Montessori program and the VPI (Virginia Preschool initiative) program. Eligible students must turn 3 years old by Sept. 30 for the Montessori program and 4 years old by Sept. 30 for the VPI program. Call contact the Early Childhood Office at 703-228-8632 or visit www.apsva.us for more.

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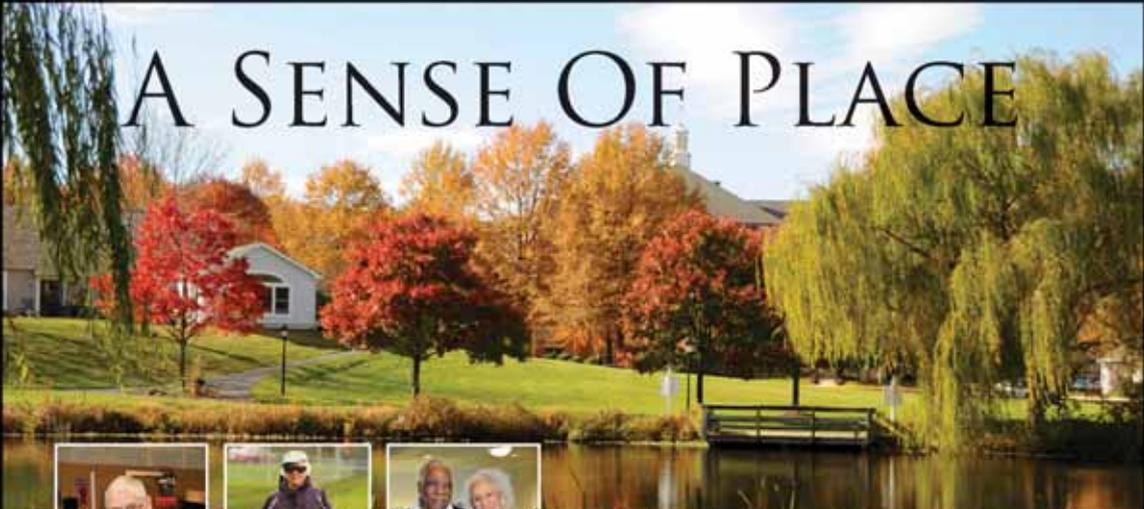
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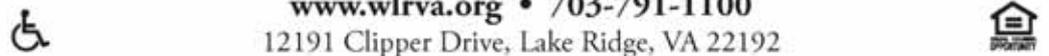
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ENTERTAINMENT

Irina Tsikurishvili (center) stars as Viola in "Twelfth Night," now playing at Synetic Theater in Arlington.



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Synetic Stages 'Twelfth Night'

Actors tackle silent Shakespeare with 1920s theme.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Synetic Theater in Arlington is staging a no-dialogue, high-energy and acrobatic production of "Twelfth Night," Shakespeare's comedy, set in the silent film era, will run through Feb. 16.

With a backdrop of the Roaring '20s, "Twelfth Night" tells the tale of fraternal twins, Viola and Sebastian, separated in a strange new land. Having survived a shipwreck and believing her brother Sebastian has been lost, Viola falls in love with Duke Orsino and disguises herself as a man to enter his service.

Inspired by Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, the show starts out with two pantomiming clowns breaking the fourth wall with the audience, who set the stage as directors of a silent film of the 1920s.

This is the 10th installment of its Silent Shakespeare series set in tightly constructed farcical scenes and subplots. And the first time that Synetic Theater has attempted the flapper-like dance moves incorporating the Charleston, Foxtrot, and Jitterbug.

Founded in 2001 by the husband and wife team of Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili, Synetic Theater mixes drama, text on screen, acrobatics, dance, film, moving sets, and original music. The costumes are a mix of black and white fabrics punctuated by reds.

"I wanted to do something to connect with American culture," said director Paata Tsikurishvili. "I love the language of storytelling from the 1920s."

His challenge was to figure out how to do Shakespeare without words. Because of Synetic's strong team of actors — who have been working as a team for as many as 10 years, "We were able to pull out an amazing production," he said.

"Why I do Shakespeare, like this with less text, is

because we have that vocabulary to express without the words — like crying and laughing; I take it to the next level," he said.

Before he started production, he spent seven to nine months chewing on his ideas, working with the playwright, choreographer and designers. Then he spent about eight to 10 weeks polishing the scenes with the actors. "We improvise a lot," he said. "Actors became the paint, the colors and the text...."

"Symbolically we constantly change things," he said. "It takes three to five takes, each sequence."

"It was exciting to work in the 1920s style," said his wife Irina who plays Viola and did the choreography. To prepare for her role, she spent three weeks learning swing and other dancing — so she could master it and then teach it to the cast. She already knew the Charleston.

"I tried to create Charlie Chaplin," said Irina, who grew up watching his movies. "He had a deep influence on me."

As far as playing Viola, she said she wanted to bring a more human side to her character. "She's not a clown, but she's in a situation that's laughable," she said. "She always has this melancholy in her."

She said performing in "Twelfth Night" has been exhausting for her. "You have to stay on high alert all the time," she said. "It takes a lot of energy ... I'm losing two pounds per night."

Musical director Koki Lortkipandze of Arlington was inspired by the work of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Scott Joplin, who pioneered American jazz.

"I was trying to catch the 1920s feeling," he said. "The feeling of silent movies." Songs he selected included "Mexican Hat Dance," "The Entertainer," "Ragtime," and "Sing, Sing, Sing" by Benny Goodman.

"Twelfth Night" runs Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at

2 p.m. through Feb. 16, with an added performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. Tickets are \$35 and up. Student tickets start at \$15. Senior citizens and military receive \$5 off. Group discounts are available. The venue is at 1800 S. Bell St. Call the box office at 866-811-4111 or visit www.synetictheater.org.

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is noon Thursday. Photos are welcome.

ONGOING

Comedy. Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.

Comedy. Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("unclean"), both at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians will perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for 1st place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Art Exhibit. See "Evidence of Civilization," featuring Arlington artist Marsha Slater, through Feb. 24 at Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road. See photographs, paintings, ceramics and more. Free. 301-299-7087.

Art Exhibit. See "Visions of the Future" at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. The works are by future Arlington Arts Alliance Gallery members. Runs through Feb. 28. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org or www.galleryunderground.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See the gallery members' show at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Runs Feb. 3-28. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org or www.galleryunderground.org.

Winter Cabaret Festival. See a variety of cabarets while enjoying a drink in the ARK Theatre at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Runs through March 1. \$35/season subscribers; \$41/non-subscribers per session or \$90/all-access pass. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org.

Theater Performance. See "La Vida Que Me Das...y no me alcanza (Such a Life You've Given Me... and it's not enough)" Feb. 13-March 9 at Gunston Arts Center - Theater Two, 2700 S. Lang St. Performances are Thursdays at 8 p.m. (\$15/person), Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. (\$35/regular; \$30/students, seniors) and Sundays at 3 p.m. (\$25/person). Visit www.teatrodelaluna.org for tickets. Performances are in Spanish with English subtitles.

Theater Performance. "Beaches" will run Feb. 18-March 23 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Performances are Tuesday-Sunday evenings with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets start at \$40. Based on the book by Iris Rainer Dart. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org.

Theater Performance. Encore Stage & Studio presents "The Secret Case of Sherlock Holmes" from Feb. 28-

March 9 at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Performances are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Visit www.encorestageva.org.

Art Exhibit. See Arlington resident Howard C. Smith's "Over Kansas," featuring watercolor paintings at House of Steep, 3800 Lee Highway, through March 31. The show is an exploration in color and space, and includes abstracts inspired by the photo, along with a series of still lifes. The pieces are available for sale. Visit www.bethsingerdesign.com/watercolors or www.houseofsteep.com for more.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Theatre Classes. Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini camps for children in grades K-8 at on Saturdays at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road and Tuesdays and Wednesdays after-school at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Visit www.encorestageva.org for a list of classes.

Choral Rehearsal. Encore Chorale's spring season will start Jan. 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Langston Brown Senior Center, 2121 Culpeper St. Anyone over the age of 55 can participate. Registration information is available at encorecreativity.org, or by calling 301-261-5747 or via e-mail to info@encorecreativity.org.

Register Now. Winter and Spring break classes are open for registration at www.arlingtonartscenter.org. There will be weekend workshops for children, and more.

THURSDAY/FEB. 13

Drop-in Storytime: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. For children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-6545.

Drop-in Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-6330.

Drop-in Storytime: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5715.

Drop-in Storytime: Over 2s. 11:15 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children age 2-5. Free. 703-228-5715.

Film. 3-4:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Watch "Bottle Shock" (2008). Free. 703-228-5710.

Broken Hearts Party. 4-5:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Tweens and teens can enjoy cook decorating, book rating, quizzes, trivia and more. Free. 703-228-5990.

Bilingual Story Time. 4:15 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children can enjoy stories, songs and crafts in English and Spanish. Free. 703-228-5990.

Knitting Group. 6:30 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. Drop-in for knitting support and instruction. Free. 703-228-6548.

History Talk. 7-8:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. "Leveling Queen City for the Pentagon" presented by Dr. Nancy Perry. Free. 703-228-5990.

Pre-Show Event. 7 p.m. at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. Guests will pick up their tickets for "Twelfth Night" and then be given a password to enter Illyria, a 1920s-style speakeasy. There will be music and an open bar. Tickets range between \$45-\$60. Tickets for just the show are \$35. Visit www.synetictheater.org or 866-811-4111.

Dance Performance. Bowen

McCauley Dance will perform at the John F. Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range between \$40-\$45 with premium concert seats starting at \$125. Visit www.bmdc.org/upcoming for tickets or 800-444-1324.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. in the Dome Theater at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Ruthie Foster and Eric Bibb perform. Tickets start at \$24. Visit www.artisphere.com for tickets.

FRIDAY/FEB. 14

Pola Negri Movie Morning. 10 a.m.-noon at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Teens and adults can learn about Pola Negri and watch "Passion." Coffee, tea and sweets will be served. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622844-H.

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children up to 1 year old can enjoy stories. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children up to age 1. Free. 703-228-5260.

Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Wobbly Walkers. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children age 13-24 months. Free. 703-228-5260.

Mystery Science Theater 3000 Presentation. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., show starts at 6:30 p.m. at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Target audience is age 14 and up. \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit <http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/> or 703-228-6070.

FRIDAY-MONDAY/FEB. 14-17

"Be Mine" Adoption Event. Hosted by the

Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 S. Arlington Mill Drive, adopt a cat, rabbit or other small companion animal for \$14. The fee includes microchip, vaccinations, free exam and more. Visit www.awla.org for adoptable pets.

SATURDAY/FEB. 15

Drop in Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-228-5710.

Paint the Mall Red. Noon-4 p.m. at the Fashion Center at Pentagon City 1100 S. Hayes ST. Enjoy speakers, free health screenings, prize giveaways and more. Free. Visit www.fashioncentre.pentagon.com or 703-415-2400.

Animal Valentine's Day. 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Enjoy a themed presentation on animal love and meet some animals up close. Appropriate for children age 4-8. \$5/child. Register at 703-528-5406.

Paws to Read. 3-4 p.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-6330.

Flying Squirrel Lore & More. 6-7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can learn about these animals and then watch them glide in for a meal. \$5/person due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #622954-G.

RowRemix. 7-10 p.m. at Pentagon Row Ice Rink. Guests will skate on the newly renovated ice rink set to music by a live DJ. Every week, register to win an iTunes gift card. \$7/12 and under; \$8/13 and older; \$3/skate rental. Visit www.facebook.com/PentagonRow or www.pentagonrow.com/visit/visit-the-ice-rink.

Music Performance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 3022 Woodlawn Ave., Falls Church. Hear jazz music while enjoying coffee and desserts. Free. Visit www.htluther.org.

Comedy Performance. 7:30 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Michael Kosta, who has performed on

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MarsQuest Program. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m. at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Narrated by Patrick Stewart, "MarsQuest" provides a scientific and historical exploration of the planet Mars. Appropriate for all ages, especially 5th grade and beyond. \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit <http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/> or 703-228-6070.

Charity Fashion Show. 8 p.m. at Marymount University's Lee Center, Lower Gym. The African Caribbean Student Association presents the 6th annual charity fashion show, Voyage to Utopia. Marymount students: \$7; general admission: \$12; VIP tickets: \$25. Email VTUtopia@gmail.com for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 16

Sunday Science Presentation. 1:30 p.m., doors open at 1:15 p.m., at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Hear a talk on "Climate vs. Weather: What's the Difference?" by Bob Ryan, a 35-year veteran of national and local meteorology, and Jason Samenow, weather editor for the "Washington Post" and chief meteorologist for the Capital Weather Gang. Target audience is age 12 and up. \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit <http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/> or 703-228-6070.

Remove Invasives. 2-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children ages 9 and older, adults and teens can help clear the plants from the park. Free. 703-228-6535.

Screening. 3 p.m., doors open at 2:45p.m. Watch a screening of "Magic Tree House Space Mission" at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Best suited for children ages 5-12 or anyone familiar with the book series. \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit <http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/> or 703-228-6070.

Book Dating for Singles. 6 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Adults in their 40s and older can bring a couple of books to share - favorites, disappointments or ones to be read. Free. RSVP to 703-228-6545.

MONDAY/FEB. 17

Arlington Public Libraries Closed. All day.

Author Signing. Potomac resident Heath Suddleson will discuss and sign his book "The Attitude Check: Lessons in Leadership" at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

TUESDAY/FEB. 18

Story Time. 4:15 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5260.

Drop-in Story Time: Over 2s. 4:30-5:15 p.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. For children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-6330.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs for 15 minutes. Each dog is part of PAL. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5710.

Film. 6-9 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "Captain Phillips" (2013). Free. 703-228-6545.

Family Story Time. 6:30 p.m. at

Farmers Markets...

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays at 9 am, closing at noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. For all ages. Free. 703-228-5946.

Program. 7 p.m. at Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 Lee Highway. Learn about Joan Mulholland, an Arlington resident and teacher, who participated in a freedom ride in June 1961. She will share her experiences and answer questions. Free. Sponsored by Arlington Branch of the American Association for University Women. 703-532-3830.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 19

Nanny Club. 10 a.m.-noon at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children age 25 months- 5 years. Free. 703-228-5260.

Stop in for Stories. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5946.

ASL Club for Children. 4 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children in grades K-5 can learn American Sign Language through activities, songs and rhymes. Free. 703-228-5710.

Precious Metals: Silver. 4-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children ages 8-12 can learn how silver is mined from the earth and used in jewelry and other objects. See samples and hear stories. \$10/due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #622824-H.

Kids Club. 4:15 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy activities and more. Free. 703-228-5710.

Family Story Time. 6:30 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. For all ages. Free. 703-228-6548.

Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Discuss "A Moveable Feast" by Ernest Hemingway. Free. 703-228-5710.

THURSDAY/FEB. 20

Drop-in Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30-11 a.m. or 11:15-11:45 a.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. For children age 25 months-5 years. Free. 703-228-6545.

Drop in Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories. Free. 703-228-6330.

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Drop-in Storytime: Over 2s. 11:15 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children age 2-5. Free. 703-228-5715.

Garden Plant Discussion. 11 a.m. at Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Road. Learn about native plants, soils and pest control during the monthly meeting of the Rock Spring Garden Club. Free with an optional \$5 lunch. RSVP by Feb. 13 to www.rockspringgardenclub.com or rockspringgardenclub@gmail.com.

Film. 3-4:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Watch "Romantics Anonymous"

(2010). Free. 703-228-5710.

Tween Art Afternoons. 3-5 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. Children in grades 4-6 can do art projects. Free. 703-228-5260.

Bilingual Story Time. 4:15 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children can enjoy stories, songs and crafts in English and Spanish. Free. 703-228-5990.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5715.

Comedy Performance. 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Draffhouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Colin Jost, named the new co-anchor of Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update, will perform. \$15. Visit www.arlingtondraffthouse.com for tickets.

FRIDAY/FEB. 21

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children up to 1 year old can enjoy stories. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children up to age 1. Free. 703-228-5260.

Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Wobbly Walkers. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children age 13-24 months. Free. 703-228-5260.

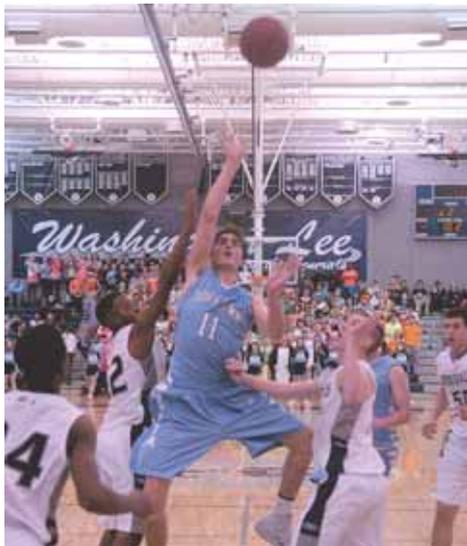
Mystery "Diet" Friday. 2 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Hear the new release of Dashiell Hammett mystery story read aloud. Free. 703-228-5710.

Comedy Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Arlington Cinema & Draffhouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Colin Jost, named the new co-anchor of Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update, will perform. \$24. Visit www.arlingtondraffthouse.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Tiny Tot. 10:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can discover nature through a themed program. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #622914-G.

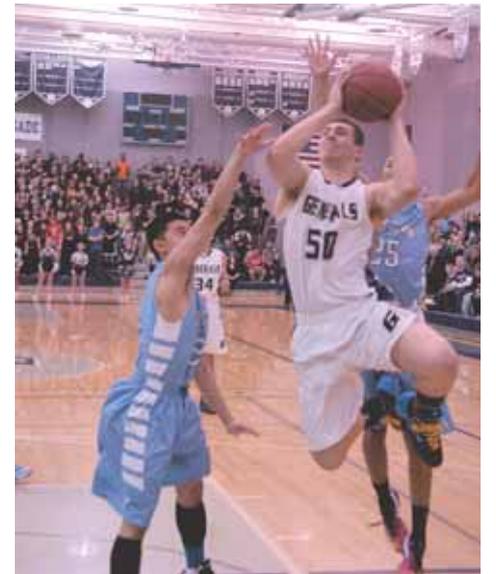
Feel the Heritage Festival. Noon-4 p.m. at Carver Community Center, 1415 S. Queen St. The free event celebrates Arlington's African-American history and culture and will feature live music, dance from Step Afrika!, entertainment, arts and crafts, Hall of History, food, vendors and more. Free shuttles will operate between Drew Community Center and Pentagon City Metro. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation for more.



Yorktown senior Zack Esherick shoots during the Patriots' 57-49 overtime victory at Washington-Lee on Feb. 7. The win snapped a nine-game losing streak for Yorktown and improved the Patriots' record to 8-13. Esherick finished with 21 points.



Fans cheer during Friday's Yorktown/W-L rivalry boys' basketball game on Feb. 7 at Washington-Lee High School. Yorktown won, 57-49 in overtime.



Washington-Lee senior Sam Patecell goes up for a shot against Yorktown on Feb. 7 at Washington-Lee High School. Yorktown won, 57-49 in overtime. The loss dropped the Generals' record to 7-13.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yorktown Sweeps Basketball Doubleheader From W-L

The Yorktown girls' and boys' basketball teams defeated Washington-Lee on Feb. 7 during a doubleheader at Washington-Lee High School.

The Yorktown girls' team started the night with a 51-30 victory against W-L. Later, the Yorktown boys' team beat W-L 57-49 in overtime.

Zack Esherick led Yorktown with 21 points. Will Roebuck scored 13 points and

Jeremiah Leano had 11.

Wakefield Boys' Basketball Wins Sixth Straight

The Wakefield boys' basketball team defeated Marshall 70-56 on Feb. 7, giving the Warriors six straight wins while improving their record to 16-4.

Wakefield faced Edison on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Warriors will conclude the regular season with a home game against Mount Vernon at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. The Conference 13 tournament begins Monday, Feb. 17.

Wakefield Girls' Basketball Extends Win Streak to Seven

The Wakefield girls' basketball team won its seventh straight game on Feb. 6, beating Marshall 43-27. The Warriors improved to 10-8.

Wakefield faced Edison on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Warriors will conclude the regular season with a road game against Mount Vernon at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13.

O'Connell Boys' Basketball Improves to 14-1 in WCAC

The Bishop O'Connell boys' basketball team defeated Gonzaga 69-68 on Feb. 9, improving the Knights' record to 14-1 in Washington Catholic Athletic Conference play.

O'Connell faced DeMatha on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Knights will travel to face St. John's at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14.



Yorktown's Sam Leano, left, and Washington-Lee's Arielle Hogan dive for a loose ball during Friday's contest at Washington-Lee High School. Yorktown won, 51-30.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



Yorktown junior Ellen Nye goes up for a shot during the Patriots' 51-30 victory at Washington-Lee on Feb. 7. The win snapped a five-game losing streak for Yorktown and improved its record to 10-9.



Washington-Lee senior Sarah Bauman shoots during the Generals' 51-30 loss to Yorktown on Feb. 7 at Washington-Lee High School.

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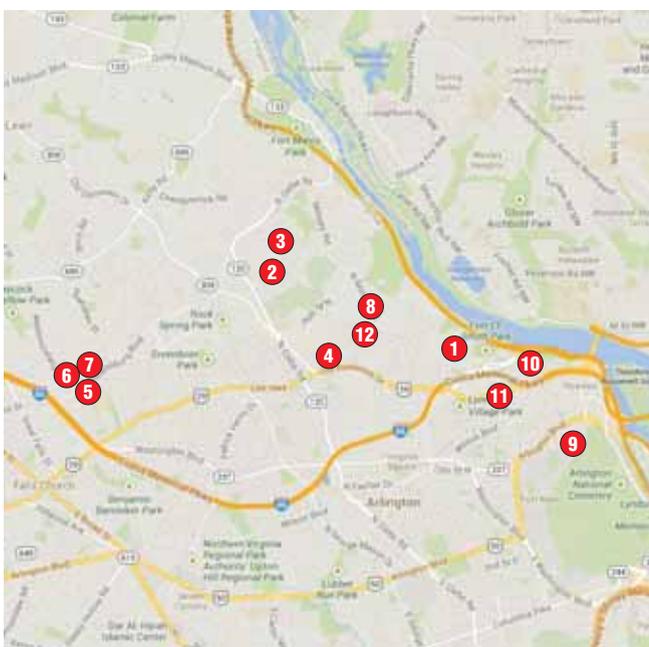
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Home Design: What the Pros Know

A look inside the homes of some of the area's top builders.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Remodeling industry professionals spend their days helping clients create dream homes, adding quartzite counter tops and outdoor, stacked stone fireplaces, turning ideas and photos into functional, chic living spaces.

But what about their homes? What materials do they choose for themselves? How do they make the most of their living spaces? Three local professionals from BOWA Builders, Inc. opened their doors and shared the secrets of their renovations.

When principal and owner George Hodges-Fulton and his wife, Alexandra, decided to remodel the galley kitchen in their Reston home, they decided to expand and change the flow of traffic, keeping the safety of their 6- and 10-year-old daughters in mind.

"We wanted to open the house up more," said George Hodges-Fulton. "We took out a wall between kitchen and the dining room."

Alexandra Hodges-Fulton, a serious cook, added, "The sink and the stove were across from each other. Now the sink and the stove are next to each other, so I don't have to walk across the kitchen carrying hot pasta."

The new kitchen also includes additional counter space. "I have more prep space," she said. "And everything I need is within arm's reach."

When it came to choosing finishes, "everything came from wanting to work with the [existing maple] floor," said George Hodges-Fulton. "We wanted to choose classic colors that weren't going to go out of style."

"I spent a huge amount of time looking at pictures of kitchens," said Alexandra Hodges-Fulton. "We added white Carrara marble countertops. ... We added a marble backsplash in a black, white and grey circular mosaic. That's the thing that everybody comments on when they come into the kitchen."

The project took a mere five weeks to complete. "Everything happened perfectly," added George Hodges-Fulton. "Having on-site supervision and knowing the end goal helped."

He says that having undergone his own renovation project, he



Hodges-Fulton



Kirstein



Baker

now has additional insight when advising clients. "It makes a significant difference," he said. "We can say 'In my house I did this.' or 'I did this wrong in my house, so you might consider this.'"

When principal and owner Steve Kirstein first moved into his Potomac, Md., home with his wife and three children, he spotted several missed design opportunities. "We needed some of the spaces to do different things," said Kirstein. "We wanted a family gathering space and a display space upstairs."

The home had a two-story foyer, which Kirstein saw as the perfect

location for a second floor family room. He said, "Now it's a gathering space for the family upstairs and we still have a dramatic foyer downstairs."

Next, Kirstein turned what he called, "a big wasted space" adjacent to the garage into a mudroom. "We put a cubby and drawer for each child and a bench for taking off shoes. We added a half wall across from the cubbies so you can't see all of the cleats and lacrosse sticks all over the floor. We also added a powder room."

Kirstein also transformed his backyard into an oasis. "We added a pool and entertaining area," he

said. "We redid every finish in the house. I liked those small touches because they were simple and easy and changed the way the house looked."

Founder, cochairman and owner Josh Baker grew up in Great Falls and when it came time to raise his family, he remained there. He even built a custom home where he plans to live long-term. "A lot of planning went into the future," said Baker. "The concept behind it was we would create a fun space for our children that their children could eventually enjoy."

He advises his clients to similarly plan ahead and think about how their needs might evolve. "To make it a long-term home is to not think about just what you need now, but what you might need in the future," he said. "We designed a guest suite on the first floor with the idea that my wife and I could live on one floor once we're empty nesters." There is enough space for friends and extended family.

Baker's experience as a builder helped him decide on the room

sizes and layout of the house. "In terms of design, a lot of our house has a focus on lines of sight, informality and lots of light. ... On our first floor, there are no partition walls in the common area."

The rooms in the house are generous and comfortable and space was used wisely, Baker said. "We focused on the feeling and functionality of the room rather than the size of the room," he said. "None of the rooms are oversized, but they are functional."

Wise use of space is another lesson he shares with clients. "At one time, bedrooms with sitting rooms were very popular," said Baker. "But ... a lot of our clients don't use them so we're repurposing those spaces. In our master bedroom, for example, we focused on walk-in closets. Even our master bathroom is spacious, but it is not vast."

The Bakers designed their outdoor landscape to accommodate their penchant for relaxed entertaining. "We're informal folks," said Baker. "We like to entertain, so we developed our landscaping to include an expansive entertaining area and a swimming pool."

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An Unexpected Present



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I minded it in the least (in fact, I appreciated it in the most), but I received my first senior discount the other day. I was fast-fooding at my local Roy Rogers restaurant when the unexpected kindness occurred. Considering that I'm not at the age yet when such discounts are typically available, I certainly did not (do not) presume that my appearance somehow reflects an age which I am not. In truth, I don't believe it does. So even though I didn't ask for the age-related discount, I was offered/given it nonetheless. As the cashier tallied my bill, she then spoke the price and adjusted it downward 10 percent for my surprise "senior" discount. On hearing the lower price and the reason for it, I immediately responded: "Oh, you're giving senior discounts to people over 40?" To which she replied, while looking me directly in the eye: "No. Over 30." Laughing at her quick-thinking quip, I thanked her again for the discount and commended her on her excellent answer/customer service.

Without making this too much a cancer column, a terminal diagnosis at age 54 and a half sort of means that certain realities, benefits and inevitabilities (if you live long enough, which after receiving my diagnosis/prognosis seemed unlikely) are off the table; heck they're likely on the floor waiting to be swept up and placed in the trash bin (been and gone, you might say). I refer generally to the kinds of things associated with turning 65: retirement, Social Security, Medicare, and of course, "senior discounts." After hearing what I heard, reaching age 55 seemed challenging enough.

To be honest though, and you regular readers know I'm honest, maybe painfully so; after receiving the incredibly discouraging and grim news concerning my diagnosis from my oncologist five years ago, I didn't really think about the parts of my life that I would be missing since my future was, at that point, seriously in doubt. If I recall, my mindset back then wasn't on the future I was losing because of my disease, it was more about the present that I was living and being as proactive as possible to try and live as long as I could. Moreover, given the rather morbid tone I was hearing from my oncologist, it sounded as if I'd be lucky to have a present, let alone a future. A "13-month to two-year prognosis" (out of the blue no less; I was asymptomatic and a life-long non-smoker) followed by an admission from my doctor that he can't "cure me, but he can treat me;" and a further reply to my wife Dina's query as to why there aren't any parades for lung cancer survivors, as there seem to be for breast cancer survivors: "Because there aren't any" (survivors that is) hardly reinforce a lung cancer patient's future prospects.

Yet here I write, nearly five years post-diagnosis, receiving the previously (given my life expectancy) unimaginable senior discount. And though there are likely fewer guarantees now and even less certainty for a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer survivor five years out and still living, I don't discount the significance of any discounts. At this juncture, I deserve any I can get. Besides, I think I've earned them.

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From left: Washington-Lee runners Haileye Demsie, Sarah Angell, and Sarah Sears signed to Norfolk State University, Harvard University, and Davidson College, respectively. Coaches Cory Herold (far left) and Matthew Przydzial (far right) guided the three harriers to their high school success.

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The following students from Marymount University were included in the 2014 edition of "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges:" **Laura Hiribarren, Belen Lopez-Novillo, Wadhwa Al Shekaili, Sarah O'Neal, Adam Papovich, Jason Peschou, Marian Lumba, Stephen Boyce, Linh Do, Michael Emmanuel, Christine Fernandes, Connor Kellogg, Christopher Madison, Kerry O'Donnell, and Caroline Owen.**

The following students graduated with honors from James Madison University on Dec. 14: **Ana Pinto** graduated Cum Laude with a degree in anthropology - BA and **Andrea Oaxaca** graduated Cum Laude with a degree in anthropology - BA.

The following area students made the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2013 semester: **Valerie Acquesta**, a senior; **Theodore Aronson**, a junior; **Katherine Carten**, a junior; **Erin Connors**, a senior; **Victoria Corapi**, a senior; **Kathryn DeVoll**, a senior; **Kaitlin Delenick**, a senior; **Brian Donohoe**, a senior; **Margaret Duarte**, a senior; **Eleanor Ellison**, a junior; **Oscar Gonzalez-Sandoval**, a sophomore; **Matthew Grieco**, a junior; **Beatrix Haddon**, a junior; **David Halliwell**, a junior; **Devon Harkins**, a sophomore; **Katrina Hatahet**, a freshman; **Nathan Heyn**, a junior; **James Infantino**, a sophomore; **Laura Jennings**, a senior; **Anna Johnson**, a senior; **Ashlyn Kelly**, a freshman; **Logan Knowles**, a senior; **Evan Kopca**, a freshman; **Helen Land**, a freshman; **Lisa McNabola**, a junior; **Kelsey Moffitt**, a junior; **Camille Mundt**, a freshman;

Lindsay Nguyen, a senior; **Andrea Oaxaca**, a senior; **Elizabeth Palmer**, a senior; **Matthew Pietropaoli**, a freshman; **Helen Rickey**, a senior; **Malia Rivera**, a freshman; **Andrew Rockelli**, a junior; **Timothy Ryan**, a junior; **Bilgiin-Ild Saruul-Erdene**, a sophomore; **Simonia Sharma**, a sophomore; **Shannon Smith**, a senior; **Addison Snidle**, a junior; **Leila Spolter**, a junior; **Kevin Tomlinson**, a senior; **Avian Tu**, a senior; **Thomas Vasilopoulos**, a sophomore; and **Michael Yuh**, a junior.

Natalia Quintana was named to the dean's list at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md. She is the daughter of Carmen Feliciano.

The following students were named to the dean's list at Bates College: **Evelyn Hartz**, the daughter of Mr. Jerry L. Hartz and Ms. Jennifer A. Vasiloff, is majoring in sociology and English and is a 2010 graduate of Washington-Lee High School. **Caroline Hinkle**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Hinkle, is majoring in neuroscience and is a 2010 graduate of Yorktown High School.

Andrew Wagner, a sophomore majoring in video/television, has been named to the dean's list at Hofstra University.

Sabrina Dasilva, has been named to the dean's list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Dasilva is a criminal justice major.

Arlington Public Schools has been chosen to host the first national expansion of the award-winning Team Kids Challenge Program, which gives elementary school students opportunities to partner with community leaders on projects that benefit local, national and international causes. **Claremont, Hoffman-Boston, Jamestown, and Patrick Henry** elementary schools have been chosen to pilot the Team Kids Challenge. The children will work as a team to achieve four week-long challenge goals that strengthen their community. At the end of their four-week challenges, each school will host a school-wide carnival to raise funds for a charity that the students have selected in advance, and all of the proceeds will benefit the charity.

Elizabeth Caltagirone and **Laura Fasulo** have been named to the dean's list at University of Hartford.

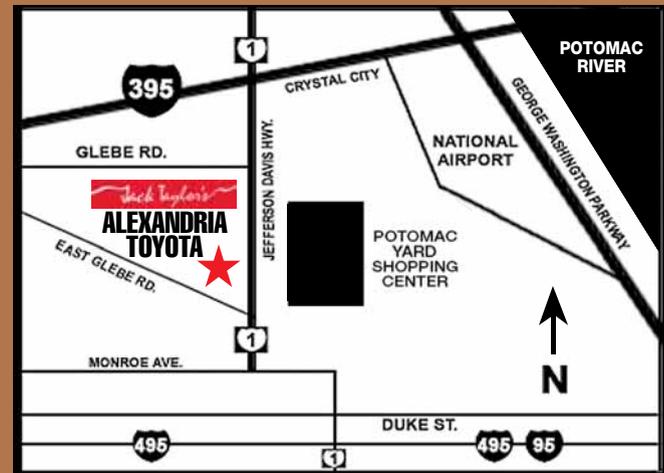
McKenzie Nelson, a sophomore television-radio major in Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester.

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<p style="text-align: center;">OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">\$8⁰⁰ OFF</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Includes: Change oil, install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">VARIABLE DISCOUNT</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99 \$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99 \$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99 \$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99 \$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WINTER DETAIL SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">\$119⁹⁵</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Prepare your car's paint for the harsh winter road conditions. A full exterior buffing, paint sealant and wax, along with a vacuuming of the interior. Vans & SUVs add \$20.00.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BRAKE SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">\$79⁹⁵</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">PADS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">\$79⁹⁵</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">PREVENT UNEVEN WEAR</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">\$1⁰⁰</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">TIRE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">GOT TIRES? NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BASIC MINOR SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">PERFORMED EVERY 5,000 MILES OR 6 MONTHS WHICHEVER COMES FIRST</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">\$75⁸⁸</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">2003 & NEWER</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">INCLUDES: Replace engine oil, replace engine oil filter, drain plug washer, check & top off fluids(as needed), inspect brake linings/drums & brake pads/discs, rotate best tires to front, clean brakes(if applicable), perform multi-point inspection, & road test vehicle(as needed).</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">\$129⁹⁵</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Does not apply to hybrid batteries. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FACTORY RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WE WILL MEET OR BEAT</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Includes: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IS YOUR CHECK ENGINE LIGHT ON?</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">DON'T GET STRANDED... LET US CHECK IT FOR YOU, AT NO CHARGE!</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">UP TO A 1 HOUR DIAGNOSIS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 2/28/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.</p>

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