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At Children's Theater Festival

Saturday's ice and snow did not stop the performers and guests from attending and enjoying the afternoon drama, singing and dancing at the children's bilingual theatre festival at the Spectrum theater. Teatro De La Luna promotes Hispanic culture and fosters cross-cultural understanding between the Spanish- and English-speaking communities of the region via Spanish-language theater and bilingual performing arts. The year round program includes producing plays, by teaching theater workshops to adults and children, organizing poetry marathons and by producing International Festivals of Hispanic Theater. See www.teatrodelaluna.org



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Fatou Ingram and Arisa Ingram, ABIKAN dance instructor, perform as Mother and Daughter Dancing for Eleggua, The Great Opener of Roads.



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Storyteller Becomes Author

Gall has published "Of Mouse and Magic," for parents to read to their children.

BY ERIK HEANEY
THE CONNECTION

Exploring the woods, escaping from snakes, befriending gophers. No adventure is too great when it comes to Manny the mouse, Allan Gall's protagonist in his first published children's book, "Of Mouse and Magic."

Gall has had a diverse range of careers in his lifetime, from English teacher to a refugee policy advisor for the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform to the Peace Corps' deputy inspector general, but he is perhaps better known to his three grandchildren as a teller of stories. Inspired by his grandchildren's request to take some of his

yarns and to write a book, Gall transferred years of story telling inside his book.



Dr. Allan R. Gall

Manny, the youngest and the smallest of six mice siblings, explores his nearby surroundings with boundless curiosity and a keen sense of adventure. Along the way, Manny confronts many challenges — some of them even life-threatening — but he always finds help from his friends and family.

Gall says the character Manny is a reflection of himself when he was growing up. "I was always the smallest kid," Gall recounted, "kids who were younger and bigger would always try to push me around, because they thought it was fun."

"But on a greater level, it's about fighting against the odds." Gall described his upbringing in rural South Dakota, where a culture of reading was nonexistent. His father had a sixth grade education, and even though he "read the newspaper constantly," the only two books kept in the house were the Bible and a book of Bible stories.

"I went to a one room school house, which meant that there were eight grades, all in one room and with one teacher," said Gall. "For most of the time, it was very boring. But we had a library, and I feel lucky in that sense, because it meant that I went to the library. And when I say library, I mean that there was a bookshelf at the front of the

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Welcome The Dragon

The Asian Community Service Center will celebrate the 2012 lunar New Year on Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church. The event is free, and activities include the famed dragon dance, food, story telling, as well as the New Year parade that begins at 2pm. For more information call 703-868-1509 or visit asianservicecenter.org



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

The Dragon Dance is performed every hour during the lunar New Year festival. The Dragon is the most auspicious of the 12 Asian zodiac animals.

Welcome the Dragon

Asian community service center to welcome the new year with traditional lunar festival.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE CONNECTION

Dragons are celebrated as bearers of peace and harmony in Asian civilizations. They are the most auspicious and important of the 12 animals in the zodiac calendar, and Monday Jan. 23 marked the Year of the Dragon.

"The Dragon is the most ideal of the 12 zodiacs," said Dr. Margaret Tseng, chair of Marymount University's department of history and political science. "There is a big uptick in births in Asian countries because couples believe their child will be predestined to have good fortune."

"The dragon is a very unique beast," said Theresa Hung, who studied Chinese mythology under a tutor in Hong Kong before moving to the United States in 1966. "It's the only animal of the zodiac you can not identify today."

The myth of the dragon originated when the Yellow Emperor unified a series of Chinese clans nearly 5000 years ago.

"The Emperor did not want to impose his own totem on the clans, so he combined their totems. He took the scales of the fish, the head of a horse, tongue of a bull, talons from the eagle, and tail of the fish to create the dragon," said Hung. "This is why Chinese people consider themselves descendants of the dragon."

Hung will be a featured storyteller at the Asian Community Service Center's fifth lunar New Year festival on Saturday, Feb. 4. Among other stories will be the true history of Mulan, as well as the meaning behind Chinese fireworks.

The festival will also showcase cultures from across Asia, including food, music, and dance from India, Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, Taiwan, Singaporean, the Philippines and others.

"We started the organization to help Chinese who don't speak English bridge the culture gap, now we introduce Asian performances to the western side," said Mindy Ge, president of the Asian Community Service Center.

Moderate Mutiny

Former governor wants to impose state "talent economy" on Washington; increase bipartisanship.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

With the sluggish economy at the forefront of voters' minds this year, former Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine hopes to put fiscal issues at the top of his campaign to fill the seat vacated by Democratic U.S. Sen. Jim Webb. In an interview on Thursday, Jan. 19, Kaine said he hopes to promote a "talent economy" in Washington. It's a reality the former governor says has become evident in the last few decades, when Virginia moved from being one of the lowest median income states to being one of the wealthiest.

"How did Virginia move from sluggish economy to strong economy?" asked Kaine. "I would argue that the main thing that moved it for us was that we decided to become a talent economy."

For Kaine, the key to pursuing the talent economy and fixing the broken economy is education reform. One example would be creating accountability reports for every state's public education system, an effort he said would create a sense of competition between the states that would improve education nationwide. He would also invest more money in career and technical education, and he's critical of the Obama administration for failing to take action in this area. Kaine's vision of the talent economy also expands beyond education reform, encompassing a broad range of economic policy including everything from workforce development to comprehensive immigration reform. And he hopes to land a spot on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee to push his talent agenda.

"Kaine's agenda sounds like a very classic Democratic argument," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's aimed at improving people's prospects without endorsing socialism."

KAINE'S CAMPAIGN is aimed solidly at budget issues and the economy, hoping to capitalize on lingering uncertainty from the global economic crisis and persistently high unemployment figures. Kaine says balancing the budget will involve tax increases and budget cuts. Kaine said he would let the massive tax cuts created by former President George W. Bush expire at the top end.

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NEWS

Kaine Urges Bipartisanship

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Specifically, Kaine said, he would propose eliminating the Bush tax cuts for those who make more than \$500,000.

"Higher income earners are job creators," said David Logan, economist with the conservative Tax Foundation. "So Kaine is talking about taking money from people who are most likely to invest in the economy."

On the issue of cutting the budget, Kaine, trumpeting his time as governor, said he had a better record than Allen. When asked what kinds of cuts he would make in Washington, Kaine said he wants to allow the federal government to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies to reduce the price of drugs covered by Medicare. And he anticipates cost savings associated with a smaller military as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan draw down. He would also like to close some overseas bases, although he couldn't say which ones or how much money would be saved. Critics say it's a flawed agenda.

"With unemployment stuck above 8 percent for months on end



Former Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine discusses his goals if elected to U.S. Senate.

and high fuel prices continuing to hurt Virginia families and businesses, we need a voice in Washington that will represent Virginia values," said Del. Ron Villanueva (R-21). "George Allen will fight every day to unleash our energy resources for jobs and security and that's why we need him in the U.S. Senate."

KAINE'S OPPONENTS are also focused on the economy, although

they're attacking the former governor from the right. Last week, Kaine's decision to back President Barack Obama's decision to reject an application to build the Keystone XL oil pipeline brought criticism from former Republican Gov. George Allen and Del. Bob Marshall (R-13). Both campaigns hoped to use the issue to tie Kaine to Obama and portray the Democratic Party as irresponsible.

"The Keystone pipeline could produce thousands of American jobs, reduce American dollars going to regimes with little sympathy for western democratic governments and increase America's energy security," said Marshall. "What is the real reason Tim Kaine and Barack Obama are in a rush to avoid constructing this pipeline?"

Kaine rejected criticism from Allen supporter Del. Terry Kilgore (R-1) that his support of the Obama's decision on the pipeline shows that he is a "reflex liberal," citing his elimination of the estate tax and Forbes Magazine description of Virginia as the most business friendly state all four years

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PEOPLE

Storyteller to Author

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room.”

By the eighth grade, Gall had read all of the books at his school's modest library. "That's really when I began to get interested in books and interested in literature," he said.

Many of the scenes in his book were inspired by events in Gall's life. For example, there is a scene where an outdoor mouse marries a house mouse, which causes a cultural clash between the two cultures of mice. But the controversy is settled when the mother accepts her daughter-in-law without hesitancy, and so everyone else follows her lead.

Gall took this scene directly from a childhood memory when his uncle had married a Catholic. "In this very conservative community where I grew up, the community was divided between the Protestants and the Catholics," Gall said, "and whenever they crossed paths, there was friction."

"And I remember very clearly as a young child overhearing this conversation with my mother and her sisters," Gall recounted the family feud, "and someone suggested that maybe we shouldn't invite her over for the holidays, but my mother got really outraged at that idea. And so she set the example: she said I will have the next family event, and they will be there."

Gall explores many topics in his book:

survival, family, companionship, cross-cultural interactions. But some of the topics are little more serious, like being a refugee and dealing with death. "Children aren't afraid of death," Gall said, "they don't see that as a subject that is frightening."

His book was written as a series of bedside tales for parents to read aloud to their children, not so much for children to read individually to themselves. So as parents come across some of the weighty topics, Gall intends for them to discuss with their children in a manner that the parents see fit.

Gall's vision of parents reading his book aloud to their children comes from the fact that the story itself was the offspring of a yarn he was spinning for his grandchildren one afternoon. Gall had told stories to his children, and continued the tradition with his grandchildren. With this particular story, he had begun to tell it in the car ride to the airport, but did not have the time to finish telling it. So he promised to write the ending for his grandchildren. "I had thought that I'd spend a couple of weekends, it would be about 30-40 pages, and I'd send it to them," remembered Gall. "Well, almost 600 pages later, I had a book." Over the past 10 years, the author slowly edited it down to the current 269 pages, and had eventually had it published in 2011.

"Of Mice and Magic" is available for sale at Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com.



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OPINION

A New Session for a New State Senator

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



RICHMOND UPDATE

Local Government and Laws and Technology.

Among the 16 pieces of legislation I have introduced with local and statewide significance:

❖ SB 257 School Calendar - Would allow local school boards full

authority to set the school calendar and determining the opening of the school year, eliminating the post-Labor Day opening requirement. Already more than half of localities have waivers for this, and it will allow for equal preparation for standardized tests, including the important AP exams.

❖ SB 259 Human Trafficking - Would require the Board of Education to provide awareness and training materials for local school divisions on human trafficking, including strategies for the prevention of trafficking children.

❖ SB 260 VA Public Procurement Act - Authorizes localities to procure construction on a best value procurement basis, factoring in safety and quality as part of their bids.

❖ SB 265 Child Abuse Prevention - Adds athletic coaches and directors to the list of per-

sons required to report child abuse.

I've also introduced two resolutions of note: SJ 52, which would direct the Commonwealth Transportation board to make high capacity transit a funding priority, and SJ 93, to direct the study of the use of solitary confinement by the Department of Corrections. I am concerned about inmates spending years in solitary confinement and then in some cases being released directly into the community.

I was pleased that Governor McDonnell endorsed the authority of local school boards to set their own calendars (as does my bill, SB 257) during his State of the Commonwealth Address. However, I stand with my fellow Democrats insisting that increases in funding for higher education and transportation not be at the expense of public schools, public safety, and other major services that create jobs and opportunity for Virginia families.

This session will present challenges, and I am excited and honored to work to meet them on your behalf. I will keep you informed as the legislative process unfolds and encourage you to subscribe to updates at www.adamebbin.com and contact me at district30@senate.virginia.gov or 804-698-7530

With the 2012 General Assembly underway, this is my first report as from Richmond as your new senator for the 30th Senate District. As you may know, there has been serious conflicts in the organization of the Senate. With the make up of the Senate split 20 - 20 between Republicans and Democrats, a major dispute arose concerning committee assignments and the ability of the lieutenant governor to break ties. Previously when a tie in the Senate occurred, committee assignments were evenly divided. Unfortunately the Republicans made a power grab as if they had majority party status with full control over committee assignments.

Despite the unfortunate loss of several qualified and veteran Democratic legislators on important committees, Democratic senators intend to keep standing for the families of Virginia.

In spite of the committee structure issue, I was appointed to three committees, Agriculture, Conservation and National Resources,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Meet Highest Standards

To the Editor:

As a candidate in the Democratic primary for Virginia's 8th congressional district, I read with particular interest Michael Pope's article "Blind Trust" [The Connection, Jan. 11, 2012] on the disparity among candidates for ballot access.

In 2011 I ran a principled campaign as an Independent for Fairfax County chairman to voice concerns and stop cutting education funding, stop increasing students per teacher, and stop reducing the take home pay of teach-

ers and first responders.

Working with people across political lines, I am proud and thankful Democratic and Republican senators and delegates signed my ballot petition.

Michael Pope's excellent article exposes the inconsistency of how partisan and Independent candidates are treated in Virginia.

For example, no one reviewed the ballots submitted by Mitt Romney's campaign for the March 6, 2012 Virginia Republican Presidential Primary to verify their authenticity. Separately, former Republican candidate Tim McGhee admitted several of his ballot petitions in his campaign for delegate lacked addresses.

Pope quotes Del. David Albo (R-42) saying, "It just seems to me that we should all be playing by the same rules. Independent candidates shouldn't be subject to more scrutiny than Republicans and Democrats. That's just not right."

Delegates David Albo and Bob Brink (D-48) both said they would support legislation requiring partisans to meet the same standards, although neither is sponsoring legislation currently.

The Democratic Primary for Virginia's 8th congressional district requires my campaign to turn in at least 1,000 voter signatures with dates and addresses on a petition so I may have ballot access.

My campaign will submit signatures collected in Arlington and Alexandria to their respective registrars to verify. We will do the same in Fairfax and Falls Church if their registrars will verify.

We will meet the highest standards in seeking public office.

A. Will Radle, Jr.

Candidate for Democratic nomination in the 8th Congressional District

Correction

To the Editor:

This is in regards to an article that was published Thursday, Jan. 19, "Inked in Arlington: DC Tattoo Expo draws crowds and bodywork."

My name is Bonnie Owen, the bartender interviewed in the first segment. There is an error in the information. The total amount of animals killed were 49 including 18 Bengal tigers.

Thank you.

Bonnie Owen



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Snapshot 2:58 pm, Jan. 14: Members of the Yorktown High School wrestling team roll up the mat in the new gym at the completion of the match against Herndon High School.

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Kaine Campaigning

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he was governor. Kaine also said that the Keystone decision needed to be thoroughly analyzed, and he criticized Congress for trying to force a decision in a short period of time and tying it to the payroll tax extension. He was also critical of Kilgore and Allen for pushing the pipeline when Nebraska was opposed to it.

"I'm not going to be a senator telling Nebraska, 'You've got to have this whether you like it or not,'" said Kaine. "I frankly think in terms of energy policy that there are a lot more immediate and likely successful strategies."

ASIDE FROM TRYING to help the sluggish economy by pushing a talent economy, Kaine hopes to find common ground in the Senate, which he calls a "broken institution." If elected, Kaine said he wants to find a Republican senator elected at the same time and join the bipartisan and moderate Gang of Six, potentially making it a Gang of Eight. By casting himself in this role, Kaine hopes to find what he calls "common ground" with Republicans rather than holding up nominations such as the administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, which has been vacant since 2006.

"Under both presidents under both parties, the advice and consent process in the Senate has fallen apart because they utilize secret holds and cloture," he said. "But more than that, they just don't work together."

He acknowledged that a freshman senator wouldn't be able to do much about secret holds and cloture, although he said something had to be done about excessive partisanship and an unwillingness to work together. Because of the dynamics of the House of Representatives, he said, that would not be the place where the culture of Washington begins to change. The Senate, on the other hand, operates more on personal rela-

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for Feb. 6-10.

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.; Arlington Mill at Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St.; also Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Senior Trips: Harrington (Del.) Raceway and Slots, Sunday, Feb. 5, \$44; Riverside Dinner Theatre, Fredericksburg, "Fiddler on the Roof," \$62; Maymont Flower Show, Richmond and lunch, \$48. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

tionships, and so it would be a more logical place to begin increasing bipartisanship in Washington.

"More senators want to work together, but their chafing under each of their respective sets of leadership," he said. "The president says this, that we're four or five votes away from a mutiny in the Senate, and that would be a good thing."

Winfred Winans (Fred) Charlot

Winfred Winans (Fred) Charlot, 49, died at his home in Buena Vista on Dec. 27, 2011 after battling esophageal cancer. Fred was raised in Alexandria and Arlington and lived in Northern Virginia until moving to the Shenandoah Valley in 2002. He attended T. C. Williams High School and National Business School in Alexandria.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cheryl V.(Obaugh) Charlot in 2008, his father Col. Winfred Walter Charlot in 1997 and mother Eliza-



beth (Malone) Charlot in 1978 .

He is survived by his late wife Cheryl's adult sons Christopher A. and Jason S. Helmick and her mother Susan (Baugher) Obaugh of Staunton, and his companion/domestic partner Carol D. Pelter of Buena Vista and his adoptive sister Lynn M. Javins of Greenville, formerly of Alexandria as well as many friends in both Northern and Central Virginia.

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FRIDAY MORNINGS

Line Dancing Class. 10 to 11 a.m. Line dancing with Barbara Allen. Covers the basic steps, then combines them to music for a gentle, social, aerobic workout. More experienced line dancers are welcome as they can assist the newer dancers. At Aurora Hills Senior Center. Call 703-228-5722.

JAN. 25 TO JAN. 30

Citrus Sale. 8 a.m. to dark. The Arlington Host Lions Club will hold a citrus sale at the Wells Fargo Bank, corner of N. Glebe Road and Lee Highway, Arlington. The following fruit will be sold at the following costs per case: Pink/White Grapefruit @ \$28 per case and \$15 per half; Navel oranges @ \$27 per case and \$14 per half; Tangelos @ \$26 per case and \$14 per half; Hamlin juice oranges @ \$25 per case and \$13 per half; and Tangerines @ \$18 per half case.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 25

Workshop on Trees and Shrubs. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Late winter is a good time to plant trees and shrubs, and now is the time to think about which trees and shrubs will best meet your needs. This workshop explains how to plant, water, feed, prune and protect your trees and shrubs. At Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington. Registrations at 703-228-6414 or mgarlalex@gmail.com or visit <http://mgnv.org>.

Author Talk: "Under Their Thumb — How a Nice Boy from Brooklyn Got Mixed Up with the Rolling Stones..." 7 p.m. Author and Rolling Stones insider Bill German discusses his ups and downs with "the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band," which marks its 50th anniversary in 2012. German's "Under Their Thumb" chronicles how he befriended the Stones while he was just a teenager, and how he documented the band's lives and work for the next two decades. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

JAN. 27 TO FEB. 11



FRIDAY/JAN. 27

Musician Laura Gibson. 9 p.m. \$12 tickets. Will perform La Grande. At IOTA Club, 2832 Wilson Blvd., in Arlington.

"Man of La Mancha." Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. With adult themes, this powerful production is most suitable for audiences 16 and older. Tickets, available at <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/853825>, are \$18 to \$20 with group rates available. Call 703-790-9223. Complete show information is available at www.mcleanplayers.org. Performances at McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.

FRIDAY/JAN. 27

Musician Laura Gibson. 9 p.m. \$12 tickets. Will perform La Grande, which is currently streaming on NPR's First Listen. At IOTA Club, 2832 Wilson Blvd., in Arlington.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

Business Gala. 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Hosted by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Features 100 silent and live auction items, along with the drawing for seven-night villa accommodations in Tuscany, Italy. Individual tickets are \$180. A maximum of 350 tickets are available. To purchase raffle tickets visit www.arlingtonchamber.org/events or contact Leticia Cano at 703-525-2400. At the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City.

Concert for Children. Two shows at 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. IBIS Chamber Music — Members of the National Symphony, Kennedy Center and Boston Pops Orchestra with assistance from the Arlington Children's Chorus. Tickets are \$10/adults; \$8/kids. At the Dome Theater at the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit www.artisphere.com.

Noche de Boleros (Night of Ballads). 7 p.m. Teatro de la Luna, with the voices of Fabiola Echazabal, Katy Leon, Alex Albuquerque, Pablo Henrich, Luis Wanderlinder, Jeffery Watson (piano) and Pedrito Gaona (harp). Cost is \$30/students; \$25/seniors. At the NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-548-3092; www.teatrodelaluna.org

SUNDAY/JAN. 29

50-Plus Champagne Buffet. Noon. Meet, dine and socialize. Enjoy the "Valiha," a Malagasy traditional bamboo and string musical instrument featuring the Rabe Family Foursome from Madagascar. At Ft. Myer Officers' Club, 214 Jackson St., Arlington. Photo ID at Wright Gate, end of N. Meade Street, adjacent to Iwo Jima Memorial, and the Hatfield Gate, Washington Blvd. Park free next to and across from the Club. \$25 all inclusive. Reservations, Seena King, 301-530-4884.

MONDAY/JAN. 30

Author Talk: "Why Vietnam Matters." 3 p.m. Retired CIA officer, adviser to Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Arlington resident Rufus Phillips discusses his book on the history of Vietnam and why it contains important lessons on the recent U.S. actions in Iraq and the ongoing war in Afghanistan. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

Kindergarten Information Night. 7 p.m. Parents will receive information about the registration process, school options, extended day and other school-related services. At Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St., Arlington.

TUESDAY/JAN. 31

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

THURSDAY/FEB. 2

Understanding Virginia Medicaid Waivers — Eligibility & Services. 10 a.m. to noon. This workshop is conducted by the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV, Inc.). The workshop is free, but registration is required by January 27, 2012. At 2100 Washington Boulevard, Arlington County Human Services Building—Stambaugh Center, Sequoia Auditorium—lower level, Arlington. Contact Hannah Manila at hannahm@ecnv.org or 703-525-3268 to register.



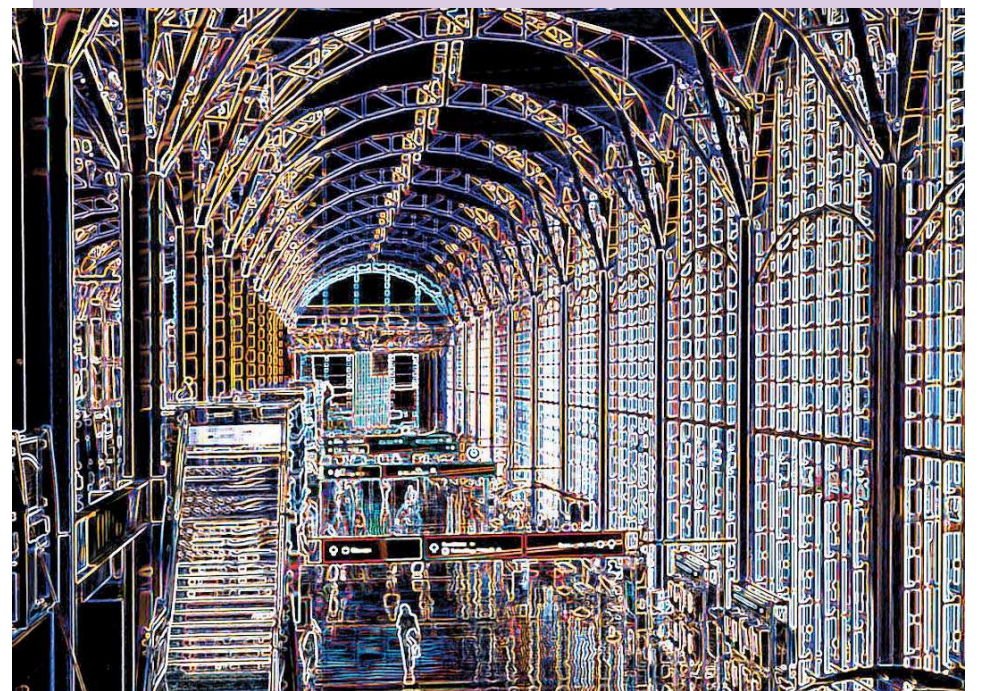
Woo a sweetheart this Valentine's Day with dinner and then performance by vocalist Julia Nixon at the new Arlington Jazz & Blues restaurant Melody Tavern. Most memorable for her lead role in Broadway's "Dream Girls," Nixon has been entertaining audiences with her vocals for years. Melody Tavern will be offering a set two-course meal including grilled salmon, skirt steak and lamb tacos. Melody Tavern is at 3650 South Glebe Road, #170, Arlington. Visit melodytavern.com or call 703-413-4141.

Open House. 10 a.m. St. Agnes Catholic School, 2024 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, is hosting an Open House for Catholic Schools Week for prospective parents and students in grades 1 - 8. Meet the Principal, current parents, and tour the school. Call 703-527-5423, or www.saintagnes.org/school.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

IMPROVFEST. Encore Stage & Studio will host its

first-ever IMPROVFEST, an improv workshop with the College of William & Mary's Improvisational Theatre. The evening will feature Yorktown High School's 28th Street Improv and the College of William & Mary's Improvisational Theatre. Cost is \$60 for the workshop. At Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run, Arlington. Performance at 7:30 p.m. is open to the public. Students ages 9 to 18 are invited to participate in the workshop at 4:30 p.m. Students will learn improv techniques and games. Visit www.encorestage.org.



NOW THROUGH APRIL 3

"The Wired Photography of Ron Cogswell." Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road, Arlington (703-228-6330); Jan. 4 through April 3, 2012. Hours: Mon: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tues.: Closed; Wed.: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.; Thurs.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Opening reception at the library on Thurs., Jan. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

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FEB. 3 TO 17

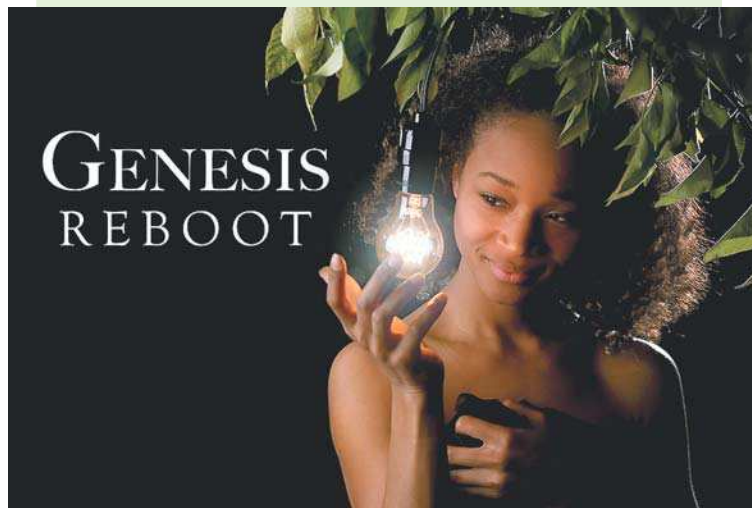
"Laughter on the 23rd Floor." Show times are Feb. 3, 4, 5 (m), 10, 11, 12 (m), 16, 17. Evenings at 8 p.m., Matinees (m) at 2:30 p.m. Presented by the Arlington Players. At Gunston Theatre One, 2700 South Lang St., Arlington.

NOW THROUGH JAN. 28

"Dreamgirls." Evening performances on Jan. 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 at 8 p.m., and a Sunday matinee on Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. Performances will be held at the Gunston Arts Center - Theater One, 2700 S. Lang Street in Arlington. Seating is General Admission; Tickets are \$20 and are available online for pre-purchase at www.DominionStage.org. Group Discounts available. Reservations can be made online or by calling 571-DS-Shows or 571-377-4637.

NOW THROUGH FEB. 11

Jules Feiffer's "Little Murders." Show times are Thursday through Saturday 8 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday matinee at 2:30 P.M. Post-show talk-back on Jan. 19. At Gunston Theatre II, 2700 South Lang St., Arlington. Order tickets online at americancentury.org or 703-998-4555.



FEB. 9 TO MARCH 3

"Genesis Reboot." Tickets are \$30. Presented by Synetic Theater. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. At Crystal City Theater, 1800 South Bell St., Arlington.

NOW THROUGH FEB. 4

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Presented by the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or 703-683-0496.

JAN. 31 TO MARCH 25

"Really Really." Showtimes are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$56 - \$80 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org. At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington.

EXTENDED THROUGH FEB. 5

"Hairspray." Weeknights and matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Directed by Eric Schaeffer, starring national radio host Robert Aubry Davis. Tickets start at \$63. Call 703-573-SEAT or visit www.signature-theatre.org. At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 4

Country Western Dance. 8:30 to 11 p.m. The Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association will hold its smoke-free, alcohol-free dance at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church. BJ Brown will be the DJ. A line dance will be taught beginning at 7:30 p.m. A couples dance will be taught beginning at 8 p.m. Open dancing is from 8:30-11:00 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. Snacks and drinks will be available. Visit www.nvcwda.org, or call the hot line 703-860-4941.

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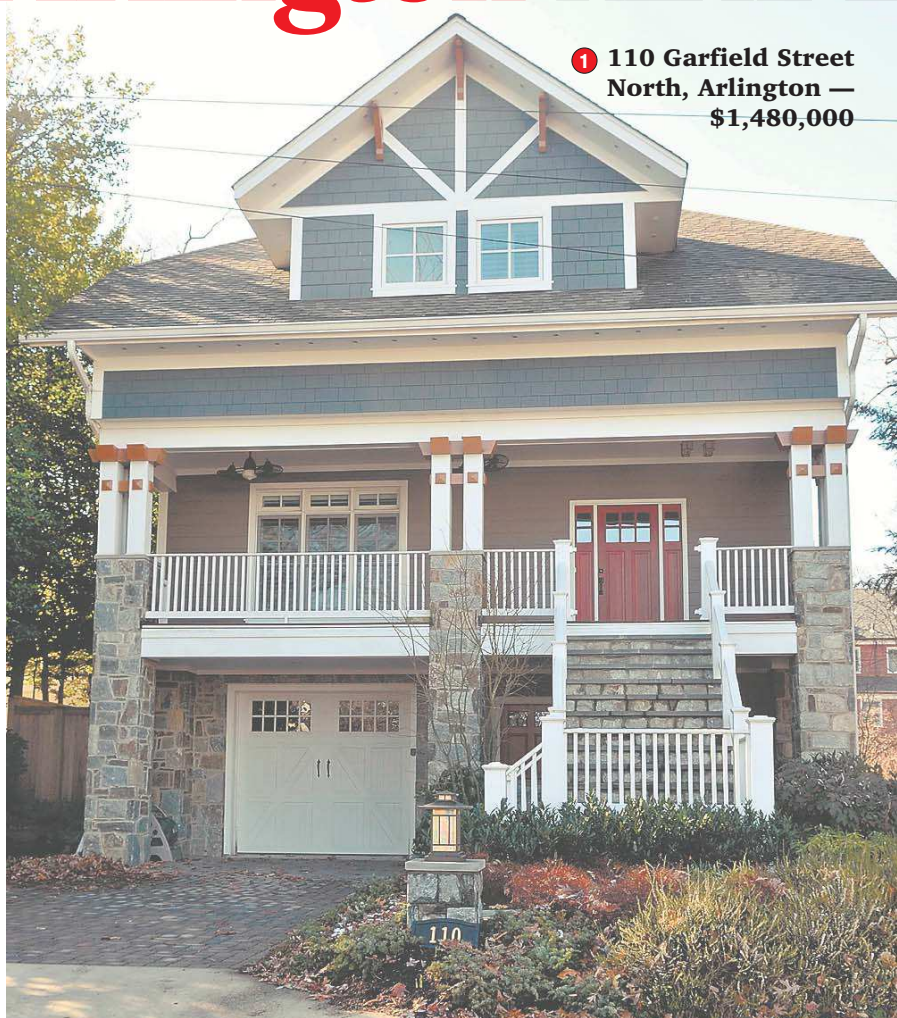
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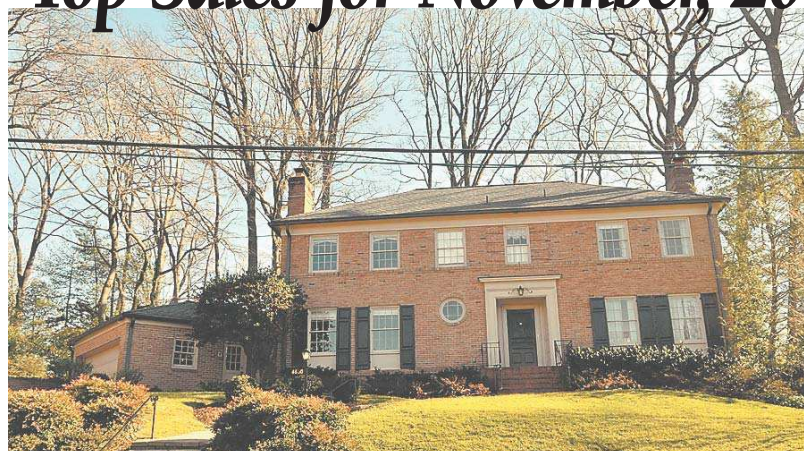
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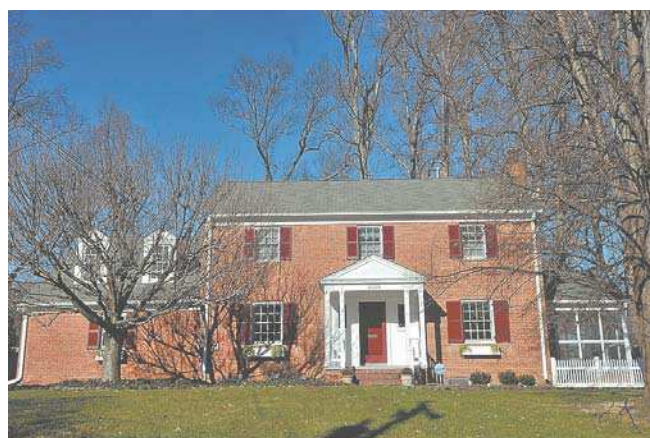
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1 110 Garfield Street North, Arlington — \$1,480,000



3 4630 Dittmar Road, Arlington — \$1,265,000



4 4629 35th Street North, Arlington — \$1,175,000



8 2032 Taylor Street North, Arlington — \$1,100,000



7 3015 Edison Street North, Arlington — \$1,125,000

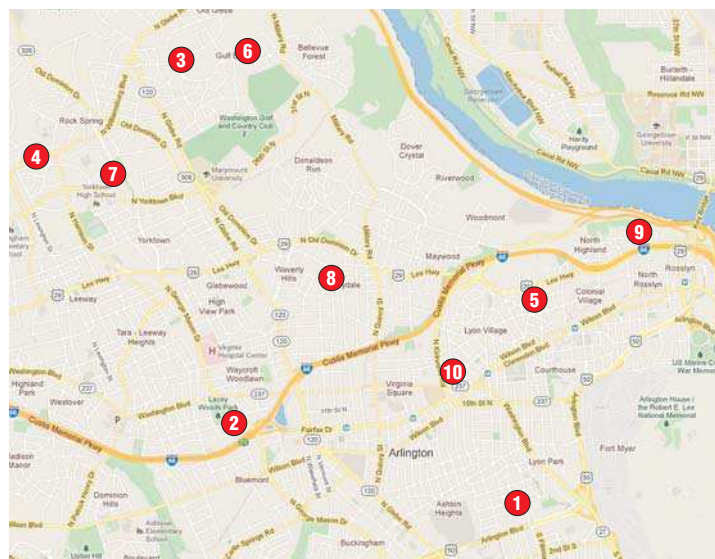


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2	1022 EDISON ST N	5 . 4 . 1	.. ARLINGTON	...	\$1,375,000	Detached	0.30	22205	BALLSTON/ LACEY WOODS	11/09/11
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7	3015 EDISON ST N	5 . 3 . 1	.. ARLINGTON	...	\$1,125,000	Detached	0.51	22207	SHIRLEY WOODS	11/29/11
8	2032 TAYLOR ST N	4 . 4 . 1	.. ARLINGTON	...	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.17	22207	CHERRYDALE	11/17/11
9	1551 22ND ST N	3 . 3 . 2	.. ARLINGTON	...	\$1,052,000	Townhouse	..	0.04	22209	PALISADES PARK	11/23/11
10	1206 JACKSON ST N	4 . 3 . 1	.. ARLINGTON	...	\$1,037,000	Semi-Detached	0.06	22201	...	BROMPTONS AT CLARENDON	11/15/11	

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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot Ac	Postal Code	Subdivision
1818 BRYAN ST N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,800,000	Detached	0.22	22201	AURORA HEIGHTS
5220 32ND ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,775,000	Detached	0.24	22207	CRESCENT HILLS
1713 WAYNE ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,725,000	Detached	0.12	22201	CLARENDON/IXON VILLAGE
1301 14TH ST N	3	3	2	ARLINGTON	\$1,634,000	Townhouse	0.02	22209	MONUMENT PLACE
3550 36TH ST N	5	3	2	ARLINGTON	\$1,475,000	Detached	0.73	22207	BELLEVUE FOREST
4801 29TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,467,500	Detached	0.31	22207	SHIRLEY WOODS
4060 35TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,342,500	Detached	0.23	22207	BROYHILL FOREST/HILLS
937 DANIEL ST	5	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,190,000	Detached	0.19	22201	CLARENDON
3533 36TH ST N	5	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,165,000	Detached	0.52	22207	BELLEVUE FOREST
804 WAYNE ST S	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,125,000	Detached	0.18	22204	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
4504 15TH ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.18	22207	WILLET HEIGHTS
1522 COLONIAL TER	4	3	2	ARLINGTON	\$1,090,000	Townhouse	0.05	22209	HIGHGATE
1881 NASH ST N #303	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$950,660	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	TURNBERRY TOWER
4031 27TH RD N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$950,000	Detached	0.47	22207	DOVER BALMORAL RIVERWOOD
1569 21ST CT N	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$925,000	Townhouse	0.04	22209	PALISADES PARK
2524 QUINCY ST	5	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$900,000	Detached	0.25	22207	DOVER BALMORAL RIVERWOOD
3308 3RD ST N	4	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$875,000	Detached	0.14	22201	ASHTON HEIGHTS
2123 HARRISON ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$859,000	Detached	0.14	22205	GARDEN COMMONS
2341 ODE ST	4	4	0	ARLINGTON	\$850,000	Detached	0.21	22202	AURORA HILLS
4206 11TH ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.03	22201	BROMPTONS AT BALLSTON
1535 GLEBE RD N	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$825,000	Detached	0.18	22207	WILLET HEIGHTS
4125 34TH ST N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$810,000	Detached	0.23	22207	BROYHILL FOREST/HILLS
5529 15TH ST N	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$795,000	Detached	0.13	22205	LARCHMONT
4818 25TH RD N	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$795,000	Detached	0.14	22207	COUNTRY CLUB
1530 KEY BLVD #128	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$790,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	ATRIUM CONDO
5130 9TH ST N	5	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$784,800	Detached	0.17	22205	SUMMIT & VEITCH
4115 25TH ST N	5	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$777,500	Detached	0.18	22207	LEE HEIGHTS
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6428 22ND RD N	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$770,000	Detached	0.31	22205	LINDSEY'S
3750 OAKLAND ST N	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$750,000	Detached	0.28	22207	RIVER CREST
1605 TAYLOR ST N	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$746,000	Detached	0.18	22207	WILLET HEIGHTS
2107 KENMORE ST	5	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$743,000	Detached	0.13	22204	NAUCK GREEN VALLEY
3159 MILITARY RD	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$740,000	Detached	0.22	22207	BELLEVUE FOREST
1418 RHODES ST N #123	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$735,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22209	RHODES HILL SQUARE
1200 CRYSTAL DR #1212	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$725,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22202	WATERFORD HOUSE
2725 GRANT ST	4	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$715,000	Detached	0.16	22202	AURORA HILLS
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3625 10TH ST N #404	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$703,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22201	MONROE
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1717 STAFFORD ST N	4	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$590,000	Detached	0.20	22207	CHERRYDALE
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1618 ARLINGTON BLVD	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$524,900	Townhouse	0.02	22209	LISA COURT
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3173 STAFFORD ST	2	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$510,000	Townhouse		22206	FAIRLINGTON GREEN
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2550C ARLINGTON MILL DR S #3	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$495,000	Townhouse		22206	WINDGATE OF ARL
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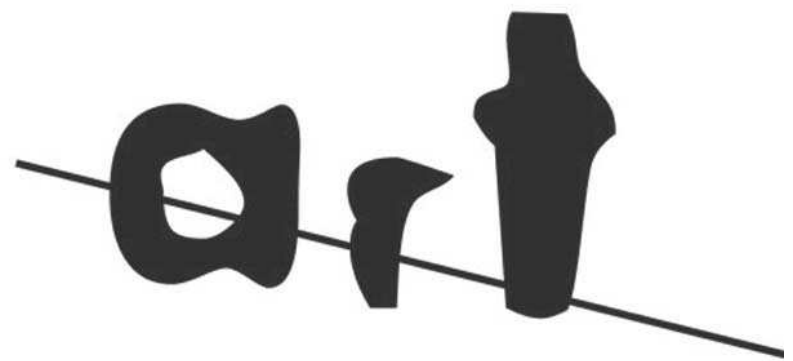
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Virginia Sq-GMU



JAN. 19 TO MARCH 11

Amy Hughes Braden: Too Extroverted to Paint. Free. Plagued by the need for human interaction, stuck in a world of tweets and tags, Amy Hughes Braden will paint large portraits of "tweens" working towards her 2013 show in Artisphere's Mezz Gallery. Artist working onsite in the WIP: Fridays 4-8 p.m., Saturdays 1-7 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m.



JAN. 27 TO JAN. 29

Apolyptoon 2012. Free. Against the backdrop of a region steeped in politics and with a touch of art, style and humor, Art Soiree will unveil what 2012 will bring by presenting a unique exhibition that takes a humorous outlook on the year to come and features works created exclusively for this exhibition by renowned editorial and political cartoonists. At the Terrace Gallery at the Artisphere in Arlington.

Clarendon

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.

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 @ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

THURSDAY/FEB. 9

Dance on Film. 6 p.m. Cost is \$15. Presented by Bowen McCauley Dance. Bob Mondello, who reviews movies and covers arts for NPR, will serve as the emcee for the evening as six short dance films are presented. At the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Contact: dance@bmdc.org; 703-910-5175.

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Yorktown Boys Beat First-Place Edison

The Yorktown boys basketball team edged Edison 56-54 on Jan. 20 at YHS. Edison entered the contest atop the National District standings with a 7-0 record, including a 63-58 win over Yorktown on Dec. 13, but the Patriots started the second half of district play with a win over the previously unbeaten Eagles.

According to stats from the Washington Post's Web site, Jack Earley led Yorktown with 16 points. Zak Esherick scored 10 points for the Patriots, Nick Yore totaled eight and Jeremiah Leano and M.J. Stewart each added six.

Through eight games, Edison sat atop the district with a 7-1 record, followed by Wakefield (6-2), Washington-Lee (5-3), Hayfield (5-3), Mount Vernon (4-4), Yorktown (4-4), Stuart (1-7) and Falls Church (0-8).

Yorktown traveled to face Stuart on Jan. 24. Results of the game were not available prior to the Connection's deadline. The Patriots will travel to face Falls Church at 7:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27. Yorktown's next home game is Jan. 31 against Washington-Lee.



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Yorktown Girls Third Through Eight

The Yorktown girls basketball team lost to Edison 48-38 on Jan. 20. According to stats from the Washington Post's Web Site, Lauren Dresser led the Patriots with 10 points. Haley Molnar scored eight points and Ellen Nye and Emily Rebh each had six.

Through district games, Yorktown was 5-3 and in third place, losing only to first-place Mount Vernon and second-place Edison (twice). Mount Vernon was 8-0, followed by Edison (7-1), Yorktown, Washington-Lee (4-4), Wakefield (4-4), Hayfield (3-5), Falls Church (1-7) and Stuart (0-8).

Yorktown hosted Stuart on Jan. 24. Results of the game were not available prior to the Connection's deadline. The Patriots will host Falls Church at 7:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27.

Jack Earley, seen against Stuart on Dec. 16, and the Yorktown boys basketball team beat Edison 54-52 on Jan. 20. Edison entered the contest undefeated in the National District.

Emily Rebh, seen against Mount Vernon on Jan. 9, and the Yorktown girls basketball team were in third place in the National District through eight games.

Yorkton Girls Win, Boys Lose to W-L

The Yorktown swim and dive teams had their first meets in the new YHS pool, facing cross-town rival Washington-Lee. Both YHS and W-L were undefeated before their dual meet on Jan. 20. At the end of the night, the YHS girls emerged with a win to remain undefeated for the season with a 7-0 record, and the W-L boys edged the Patriots, leaving them at 6-1.

The boys lost their meet by a final score of

161-154, but had many fast swims and challenged the W-L team with their depth even in races where they did not have first-place finishers. Max Fish was a double winner with first-place finishes in the 100 free and 100 breast events. Will Tarkenton finished first in the 200 IM event. The boys 200 medley relay also finished first (Tarkenton, Fish, David Emson, Jason Henley).

The girls won their meet by a score of 227-99 with first-place finishes in every event. Double wins came from Stephanie Romano (200 free, 500 free), Ellie Belilos (100 fly, 100 free), and Abby Young (200 IM, 100 back). Other individual event win-

ners were Elena Bavalack (diving), Mason Nassetta (50 free) and Lauren Allard (100 breast). The girls also won each of the relays: 200 medley relay (Young, Rachel Robertson, Belilos, Kirby Nassetta); 200 free relay (Romano, Belilos, M. Nassetta, Young); and 400 free relay (Romano, Amanda Didawick, Allard, K. Nassetta).

The Patriots return to the pool next weekend for the district championship meet which will be held at the new Yorktown pool. The dive events will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26. Swim preliminaries will take place on Friday, Jan. 27, with finals on Saturday, Jan. 28.

SCHOOL NOTES

Henry Elementary School was selected as one of the schools in four local school divisions to receive the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind Child Assault Prevention Project training in the spring of 2012. The program, which helps school systems prevent child abuse and neglect for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, is part of the International Center for Assault Prevention. Using role-playing and guided group discussions, the classroom workshop trains children to recognize potentially dangerous situations and to make effective use of the options available to them when dealing with such a situation. CAP emphasizes self-assertion, peer support and communication with a trusted adult as prevention strategies.

The following residents are among the more than 450 undergraduates and 350 graduate students who received degrees at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

❖ **Antonia Perez of Arlington** earned a/an M.S.N. in Nursing Education.

❖ **Charlotte Raich of Arlington** earned a/an B.S. in Health Science.

❖ **Joshua Will of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

❖ **Sara Zimmerman of Arlington** earned a/an M.Ed. in Professional Studies.

❖ **Joanna Bailey of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

❖ **Ida Byrd of Arlington** earned a/an M.S. in Management.

❖ **Geraldine Carbajal of Arlington** earned a/an Bachelor of Business Administration.

❖ **Nila Cardozo of Arlington** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Nicole Cruickshank of Arlington** earned a/an Bachelor of Business Administration.

❖ **Curt Espinoza of Arlington** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Jason Hatzenbuehler of Arlington** earned a/an B.A. in Politics.

❖ **Zane Hill of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in School Counseling.

❖ **Jennifer Kilmer of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

❖ **Celeste Klutsey of Arlington**

earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Catherine Murphy of Arlington** earned a/an M.B.A..

❖ **Daniel Rodriguez of Arlington** earned a/an Bachelor of Business Administration.

❖ **Amy Tweed of Arlington** earned a/an M.Ed. in Secondary Education.

❖ **Jennifer Vallejo of Arlington** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Dianah Al Abdul Jabbar of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in Human Resource Management.

❖ **Lauren Ashley of Arlington** earned a/an M.Ed. in Elementary Education.

❖ **Larae Beth of Arlington** earned a/an B.S. in Biology. Beth graduated summa cum laude.

❖ **Joseph Briglia of Arlington** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree). Briglia graduated cum laude.

❖ **William Connors of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in Community Counseling.

❖ **Courtney Corder of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in School Counseling.

❖ **Laura Corder of Arlington** earned a/an M.A. in School Counseling.

❖ **Autumn Fields of Arlington** earned a/an B.A. in Liberal Studies.

❖ **Deirdre Garahan of Arlington** earned a/an M.Ed. in Secondary Education.

❖ **Blessing Gomero of Arlington** earned a/an Bachelor of Business Administration. Gomero graduated summa cum laude.

For All I Know...



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Skipping my monthly targeted treatment (Avastin) because my kidneys are under stress might be a good thing. It might mean my body doesn't need (it certainly doesn't want) to be infused. Alternatively, it might mean that, after nearly 33 months of it, it can't take it anymore (even though it may need it). Outliving your original prognosis and existing between the cracks – and beyond the cracks – of heretofore standard protocols/life-expectancy for stage IV lung cancer patients who live years longer than anticipated, presents its own unique set of problems (maybe challenges would be a better description). Although many books have been written on the lung cancer subject, the number of chapters written about individuals who don't succumb to their disease – according to the statistical history of similarly diagnosed patients, is unfortunately a function of supply and demand/cause and effect: there aren't enough survivors.

As one of the few-and-far-between survivors, my treatment is subject to change and subject as well to how I/my body tolerates what is going into it and how that is measured coming out. Whatever I think I feel is not nearly as important as what the lab work indicates is happening – internally. Absent any complaints/observations from me concerning my symptoms – or lack thereof, the tale of the tape is the blood and urine that I provide every month. After providing an early morning sample, later that day or mid morning the following day, I will have received confirmation that my ongoing treatment can proceed or that it can't. Sometimes my treatment has been delayed a week, other times by as long as a month; waiting for levels to return to semi normal – for me, under treatment, that is.

Given that I am now officially an anomaly: still alive; what happens next, what timetable for treatment will likely follow, what schedule of medications and/or scans will occur going forward, is cast in quicksand. Ever-changing, always in the pursuit of prudence and of not causing collateral damage/making matters worse by being too aggressive or unresponsive to what my body (via the lab work) is indicating, is the bane of my rather fortunate existence. Commonsense medicine becomes the order of the day, and the night, too. It's all one big definite-maybe, a process with which I am happy to live (live being the operative word).

I remember the early days of my diagnosis/prognosis when I was undergoing the heavy-duty (I call it "Big") chemotherapy, an every-three week, six-hour cocktail infusion of three drugs which naturally took its toll. Like the Fairy Tales, my prognosis was grim. I recall asking my oncologist for a scenario-type assessment of my future. He was not particularly encouraging; he was honest, as I asked him to be. Nevertheless, I persisted and when the opportunity presented itself, I would ask him if it was still OK for me to buy in bulk. As I continued to not decline, his answer was always "Yes." Nearly three years post-diagnosis, I can't help wondering if skipping treatment because a certain level of something or other is off the standard charts (high or low), should I stop buying in bulk or rather continue what I'm doing because whatever it's been, with my oncologist's help, it's been working?

I don't want to make too little of what's now not happening as regularly as it once did, but it's becoming increasingly difficult to not make too much of it, either.

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