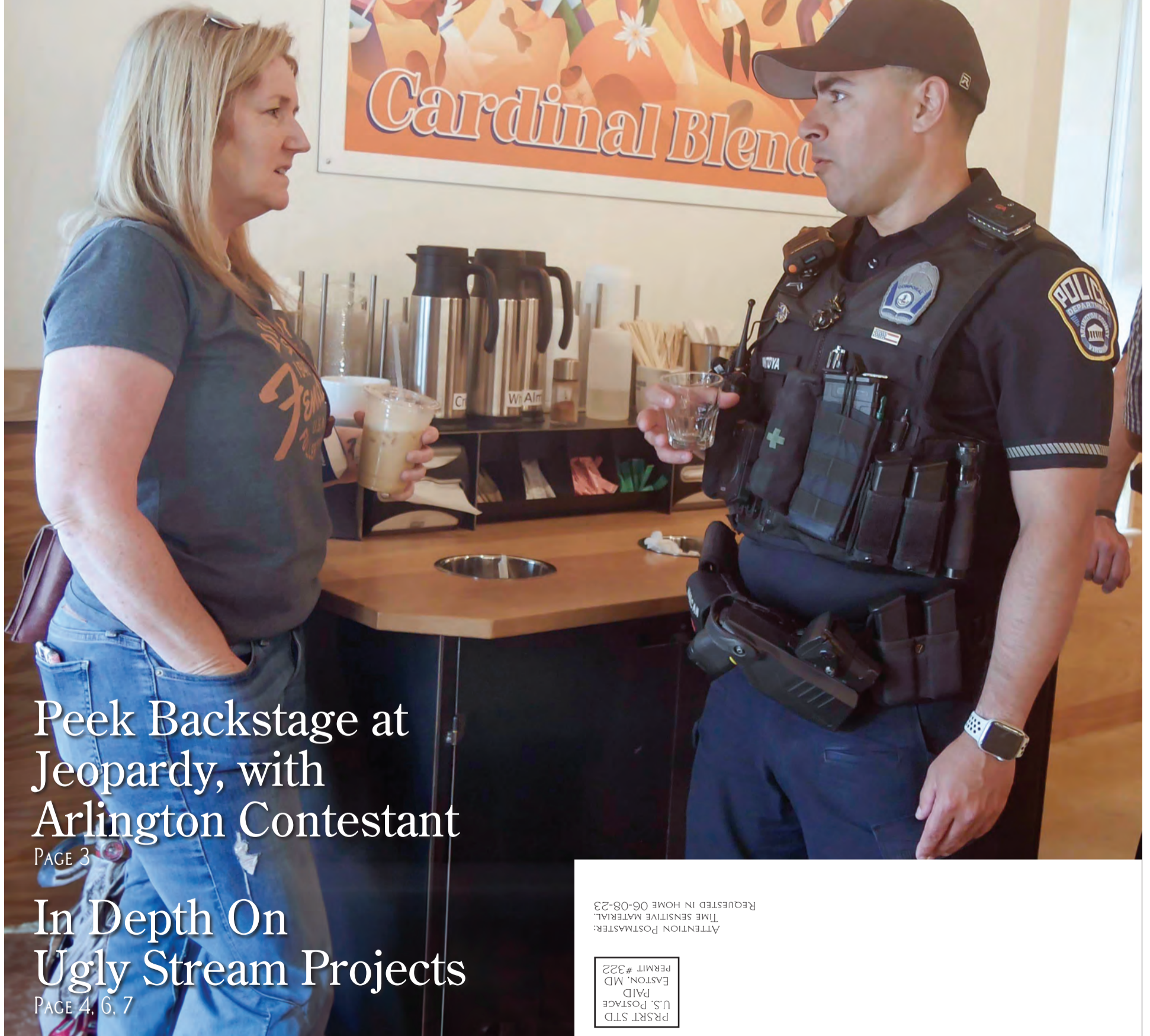


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Jennifer Weller, a former resident of Arlington, is catching up on community events with Corporal JP Montoya at Coffee with a Cop.

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## Arlington Resident Appears on Jeopardy

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Television sets clicked on across Arlington May 26th at 7 p.m. to see one of its own compete on Jeopardy. Jeopardy is the top-rated quiz show on television in its 39th season with 20 million viewers.

Alice Ciciora, a researcher who lives in Rosslyn, had taken the Jeopardy qualifying test quite a while ago but wasn't notified until February that she had been chosen as a Jeopardy contestant. The show wouldn't be filmed until March so she spent the next month immersed in the Jeopardy website archives, watching a lot of Jeopardy and studying the laminate study guides for subjects like poetry and history. She says preparation is all up to the contestants, and they don't receive any briefing material or big black notebook full of facts ahead of time.

Ciciora says when she appeared on the show May 26 she was hoping to get a football category or, "I'm pretty good with flags and geography and sports in general." Ciciora definitely didn't want the opera category. "Nobody wanted that category. We all called it the dreaded opera category — it was a joke."

Ciciora flew into Los Angeles on

a Wednesday and was at the studio early the next morning, about 7:30 she remembers. "We sat in the Wheel of Fortune Sound Stage located on the same complex as the Jeopardy stage where we were briefed on the rules of Jeopardy for a couple of hours." For instance, you can't bet less than \$5 on the Daily Double.

As instructed, Ciciora had brought several changes of outfits with her in case she won for several days. "They give you general guidelines of what won't appear well, too shiny or too busy." Jeopardy must approve what you have chosen to wear. For her it was her blue-gray sweater. Before appearing on the show the contestants sit in a chair where she says they apply make-up and then you move to another chair so they can fix your hair. She doesn't remember much about what they did but, "I think if a hair is out of place they comb it back into place and spray a little."

She says Jeopardy films five episodes a day so the contestants for all five shows sit on the sound stage with the other contestants waiting their turn to be on the show. Then three contestants are randomly selected from the group for each episode. "It has something to do with legal standards of the game."

She says one of the best parts of the whole experience was sitting



Alice Ciciora of Arlington (right) with Jeopardy show host Mayim Bialik.

That's Adorable. She chooses "That's Adorable" and identifies a picture of a red panda for \$1,200. A little later the Daily Double flashes up and the question is about a distinctive part of a sloth. She answers "what is a toe?"

"No," says Bialik. "The answer is 'what is two toes.'" In thinking back about it Ciciora realizes she misunderstood the question.

People always want to know if she was nervous. "I was more excited than nervous. I had to focus and the time went by so fast. I wanted to have fun." When it was all over, although Ciciora wasn't the winner, she declares she had so much fun. She says she has always wanted to do this since she watched Jeopardy as a kid in the suburbs of Chicago after school.

there before the show and talking to the other contestants. "We got along very well." She says, "it isn't really a competitive atmosphere; people are very supportive of each other."

It's 11 a.m. and their time to go for the filming. The three contestants walk to the Jeopardy Sound Stage. Diandra and Jesse line up with Alice behind the podium, buzzers in hand. As is traditional the host of the show, Mayim Bialik, introduces each contestant with an entertaining anecdote from their past. She tells the story of Ciciora who wanted to be a horse. Ci-

ciora's teacher was worried and called her mom who said, "She's 4; she'll figure it out."

Ciciora says they ask you ahead of time for a couple of ideas for these stories, "and we all know what they like to do." So each contestant submits some ideas, and Jeopardy decides which one to use. The contestants also get some questions to jog their memories and help the contestants come up with a good idea.

The categories tonight include World Cities, Technology, Quotes, You Just Made That Stuff Up,

Ciciora's parents had flown out to LA to watch the filming and on Friday the family spent a little tourist time at the La Brea tar pits and the Academy Awards Museum before Ciciora took the red eye flight back Friday night.

"It was a great experience. Everyone working on the show is so dedicated to the show. Everyone loves and respects it, and they do it every day they film. And one of the best experiences was meeting my fellow contestants and getting to know them."

## Culpepper Garden to Celebrate 'Legacy of Grace' Honorees

Culpepper Garden, Arlington's sole subsidized assisted living community for low-income seniors, will host its 2nd Annual BBQ & Blooms Summer Bash on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 4 p.m. This year, Culpepper Garden will honor fair housing advocate Jeanne Broyhill and the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) with the Legacy of Grace award for their philanthropic

commitment to Culpepper Garden as well as their service to the Arlington community at large.

Proceeds from the event will provide subsidies for assisted living residents who have depleted their financial resources and have no other means to afford their cost of care. Guests will be treated to an evening of live music, delicious local barbecue, beer

and wine, a family testimonial and a silent auction. Ticket cost is \$125 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to purchase tickets online visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc6bd2bu>

**WHO:** Jean Broyhill, Legacy of Grace recipient; Charlie Meng, CEO of AFAC, Legacy of Grace recipient; Rosie Hartwell, Miss Ar-

lington 2023; Marta Hill Gray, Executive Director, Culpepper Garden; Peter Kant, Board Chair, Culpepper Garden; State Sen. Barbara Favola (SD-31), Board Member, Culpepper Garden

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 10, 2023; 4 - 7 PM EDT

**WHERE:** Culpepper Garden; 4435 North Pershing Drive Arlington, VA 22203

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#### ARLINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER EXPANDS CALL CAPACITY

The Arlington County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) will launch Amazon Connect to handle non-emergency calls starting June 1, 2023. This cloud-based

service allows anyone to contact the County quickly and easily for non-emergency issues using the non-emergency line, 703-558-2222, freeing up 9-1-1 professionals to focus on emergencies.

Amazon Connect is a secure and accessible service that allows the ECC to address non-emergency calls more efficiently while protecting caller privacy. The technology will streamline operations, improve service delivery, and reduce the burden on emergency responders. Amazon Connect is only for non-emergency calls; the current 9-1-1 system will continue to handle

emergency calls.

#### DONATIONS NEEDED

**Pet Food Bank.** AWLA has established a Pet Food Bank to serve qualifying residents of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. In consideration of the effect financial obstacles have on a pet owner's ability to afford pet care, the AWLA Pet Food Bank program's goal is to keep family pets out of shelters. If you are an Arlington County or City of Falls Church resident and are in need of assistance in feeding your pet, follow this link and fill out a pre-registration form. Visit [goo.gl/forms/s2FuFdaYWdZm4tPw2](http://goo.gl/forms/s2FuFdaYWdZm4tPw2).

Donations Needed. Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 2700 South 19th St., is seeking to replenish its food pantry. Particularly needed are rice (large bags appreciated, the pantry will rebag), dry beans, canned vegetables, soup, small jars of peanut butter, small jars of jelly, pasta and pasta sauce. Donations are collected during Mass each Sunday. Visit [www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org](http://www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org) for more.

**ONGOING Online Salary Negotiation Workshop.** AAUW (American Associ-

ation of University Women) Work Smart is free online for anyone looking to learn how to negotiate a salary increase or promotion. Why is negotiation so important? AAUW's research on the gender pay gap shows that, one year out of college, women are already paid significantly less than men. Visit [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org).

Create a Wildlife Sanctuary. The Audubon at Home Wildlife Sanctuary certification program assists homeowners in restoring their home's natural habitat  
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