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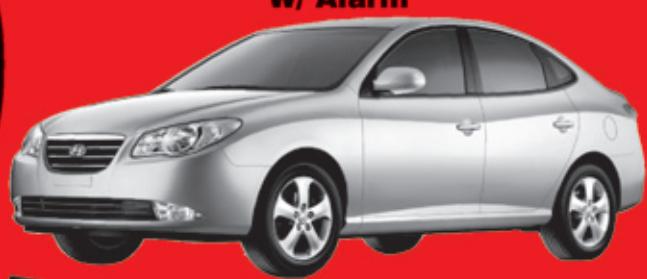


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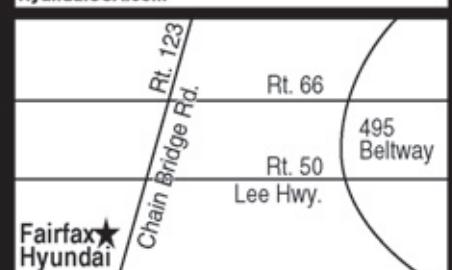
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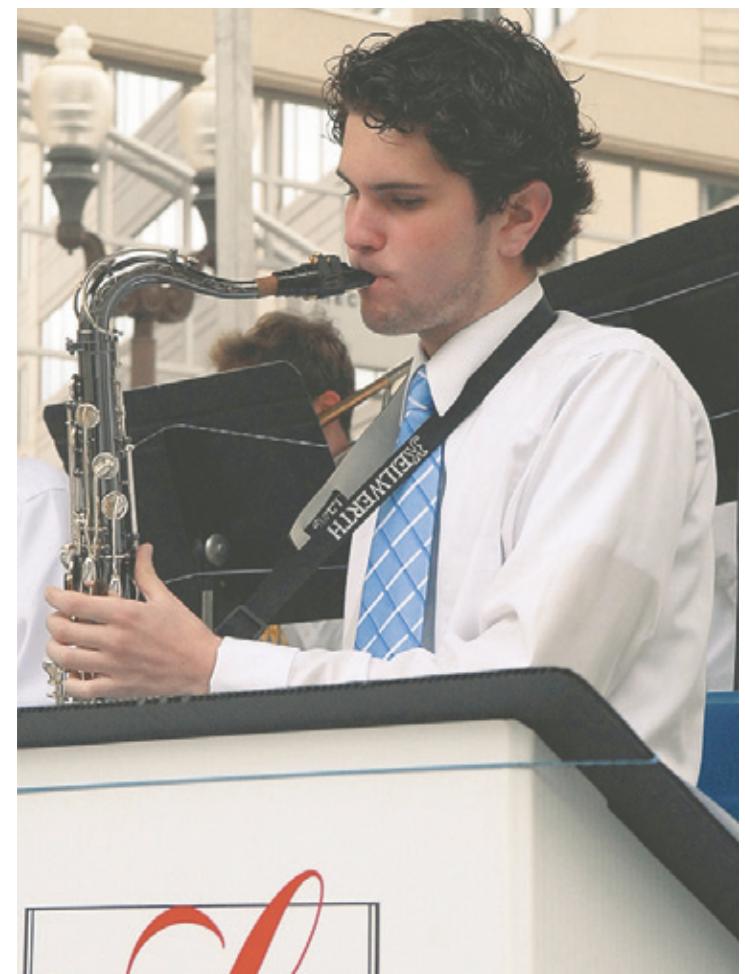
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# NEWS

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Hillary Thomas, Elizabeth White, Erin Petersen and Laura Holman meet under the walkway as the rain begins.



Student of the Levine School of Music perform on stage during the early afternoon.

## Raising Fun, Funds



A crowd grows at the entrance to the Jaleo tent as a giant pot of Paella is almost ready to be served (shown right).



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CONNECTION

Tekway Woods and  
Nina Johnson serve up  
Chocolate covered  
strawberries at the  
Sunrise Senior Living  
booth.



Below, sushi is served up at Mei's Asian Bistro.

Community Residents Inc. hosted the 21st annual Taste of Arlington last Sunday outside Ballston Commons in Arlington. Proceeds from the annual event benefit residents with disabilities. Underwriters of this year's festival were: Ballston Common Mall, Ballston-Virginia Square Partnership, National Science Foundation, Virginia Commerce Bank and Don Beyer Volvo.

## Library Budget Woes Cause Staffing Cuts

In the face of higher-than-expected costs, local libraries have had to drastically scale back their staffing budgets in recent weeks.

Starting last month, Arlington Public Libraries suspended the usage of most of their regular temporary employees, many of whom have been working at their local library for years. Library administrators cited rising fuel and utility costs that caught them by surprise and said that the staffing cuts were necessary to meet budget targets as the end of the fiscal year nears.

"We are just trying to be more judicious in our use of temporary employees," said Maureen Karl, a division chief who one of those responsible for crafting the libraries' annual budget.

Karl said that, because the libraries are open for more than 40 hours per week, they typically use temporary employees to fill in the extra hours. Since the staffing cutbacks, full-time library employees have been working more hours and filling

in where needed. Libraries have also been using more temporary employees in recent days, but still not at the level they were used earlier this year.

Susan Kaminow, who oversees the library branch budgets, said that the cutbacks represented an "attempt to look at the budget and use it as carefully as possible." She also said that when the new fiscal year starts on July 1, Arlington Public Libraries will reassess its financial situation and may return to previous staffing levels.

Some of the permanent employees, who did not want to speak on the record for fear that they will not be rehired in July, were angry at library administrators and said that they had been working for years without experiencing this kind of disruption.

But Karl said that "No one on the [temporary employees] list is ever guaranteed a number of hours. It depends on our need."

-DAVID SCHULTZ

## Rooney Trial Begins

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

Nineteen months after the crime, the trial of Brian Rooney began last week in Rutland, Vt. Rooney is accused of the murder of 21-year-old Arlington native Michelle Gardner-Quinn.

Jury selection was completed and testimony got under way last week in the trial of Rooney, who has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Gardner-Quinn, a graduate of H-B Woodlawn High School, was a student at the University of Vermont when, in October of 2006, she went missing after a night out with friends.

After a six-day search, her body was discovered on the side of a road in Burlington, Vt. with evidence of sexual assault. Rooney was arrested shortly thereafter and charged with aggravated murder.

The lead up to the trial was controversial and plagued with delays. A gag order was imposed over the trial after an anonymous police officer wrote a detailed, behind-the-scenes account of the crime's investigation that was pub-



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**Michelle Gardner-Quinn**

lished in a Vermont newspaper. The location of the trial has also been moved from Burlington to Rutland because of advance publicity that could affect the jury.

A representative from the office of David Sleigh, Rooney's defense attorney, said that the date when the trial will be completed is "up in the air" but that it could last "two or three weeks." Prosecutors in the case, as well as the Gardner-Quinn family, refused to comment citing the gag order.

## Arlington Says No to Snakes

**The County Board unanimously passed an ordinance banning ownership of any poisonous reptile.**



No longer welcome in Arlington.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

Arlington residents who have been living near poisonous snakes scored a major victory on Saturday by successfully advocating for a countywide ban on poisonous reptiles. After a brief debate in which snake-lovers were largely absent, the Board passed the change in the local animal control ordinance unanimously.

"It seems like a 'duh' question," Arlington resident Miriam Rollins said at the meeting. "Should we have venomous snakes next door? It seems to me the answer is obviously not."

The ban was prompted by an incident that occurred earlier this year. In March, local officials responded to a call from residents in the Madison Manor neighborhood of West Arlington that numerous snakes were terrorizing the area.

It was discovered that the snakes belonged to a private owner who, County officials later determined, had broken no laws or regulations by owning the cold-blooded creatures. Due to strict animal control laws, the officials were also unable to prove that he had mishandled the snakes and could not charge him with a crime.

**SEVERAL** Madison Manor residents testified at the Board meeting that encountering the snakes had left them in a perpetual state of fear.

"I really don't like snakes," said Samantha Rollins, Miriam Rollins' teenage daughter, who was visibly shaken as she recalled the experience. "I find it unnerving to know that there are snakes in the neighborhood."

The proponents of the snake ban came prepared to answer protests from any serpent fans who felt their rights were being impinged upon. "We are not against responsible snake ownership," Mary Kosygin said, "But clearly a line has been crossed."

However, the proposal garnered few objections. Only two of the nearly dozen people who spoke on the issue came out against it, one of whom said that

"Most people shouldn't keep venomous snakes. They're not prepared for it."

**COUNTY BOARD** members were happy to grant the residents of Madison Manor their requests, even going as far as to praise their composure during this difficult situation. "I'm not sure I would have been as rational and cogent as the neighbors were," Board Vice Chair Barbara Favola (D) said.

County Board Members were sensitive to the argument that enacting this snake ban was an overreaction to an isolated incident, albeit an argument that few, if anyone, levied.

"It just so happens that this happened in Madison Manor but this could have happened anywhere else," Board Chairman Walter Tejada (D) said. "This is a limited, rational response to what was a particularly dangerous situation," Board Member Mary Hynes (D) added. "The presence of venomous snakes does indeed present a direct threat to the health of our residents."

The ban will go into effect later next month and will apply to all poisonous reptiles. If an Arlington resident is found to be in violation of ban, they will be charged with a Class 4 misdemeanor for each reptile in their possession.

**ABSENT** any dissent, the snake ban sailed through the Arlington legislative process. Unlike many major items enacted by the Board, the snake ban was debated and passed in less than 45 minutes. Towards the end of the proceedings, Board Member Jay Fisette (D) wondered why all changes to public safety ordinances couldn't go this smoothly. "I wish I had the same authority to regulate handguns and assault weapons," he said.

**"I really don't like snakes."**

— **Samantha Rollins,**  
**Madison Manor resident**

## 194 Houses, Condos Sold in April

The Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc. reported on May 7, that 194 houses and condominiums were sold in Arlington County in April with an average price of \$584,253 some 4.27 percent higher than the average \$560,309 for the same period in 2007.

The average number of days on the market was 72, down one day from the same period in 2007.

There were 433 new listings in April, with 147 marked under contract and 98 marked with a contingent contract, for a total of 245 pending sales.

The dollar value of the homes sold dropped 19.73 percent in April from \$141,197,776 in 2007 to \$113,345,054 in 2008. The homes sold for over 93 percent of the original asking price.

— NICHOLAS M. HORROCK

## NEWS

# Non-Profits Keep Close Eyes On Economy

As the economy worsens, non-profits have to keep their eyes on the bottom line.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

**A**rlington has been largely insulated from the dour economic times the rest of the country is currently facing. But that doesn't stop Kay Speerstra from worrying.

The executive director of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, also known as AWLA, said that she never stops thinking about where the money for her organization is going to come from.

"We are in fundraising mode all the time," Speerstra said. "I don't think a passive fundraiser is going to do very well when there's so much competition out there. When money gets tight people need to be reminded of the good work you do."

**THIS IS THE** predicament many non-profit organizations have found themselves in. As costs for basic things such as food

and energy rise across the nation, the disposable income that would be given to local non-profits starts to dry up.

"It leaves less money available to contribute towards charities," Karen Vasquez, spokesperson for Arlington County's business promotion division, said. She added that she has not heard of any specific Arlington-based non-profits who are in financial trouble because of the shrinking economy but said that "They are probably very watchful and concerned that they could see some of that."

In times of economic turmoil, Vasquez said, non-profit organizations should rely on their board of directors to guide them through any rough patches. "Often times this kind of situation is brought to a board to say 'What kinds of things can we do here?'" she said.

She also recommended that non-profits try to partner with a for-profit business to remain connected to the community.

**"When money gets tight people need to be reminded of the good work you do."**

— Kay Speerstra, Animal Welfare League of Arlington



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**An AWLA volunteer poses with one of its many dogs that are up for adoption.**

"[These are] ways to open up the network of people that are aware of their charity," Vasquez said.

**AWLA** has somewhat of an advantage over

## Get Involved

To find out more about the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, including information on how to adopt a pet or how to donate to the organization, call 703-931-9241 or visit its Web site at [www.awla.org](http://www.awla.org).

other non-profits because a large portion of its budget comes from the County for the animal control services it provides.

But AWLA spokesperson Susan Sherman said that inflation has affected the group's financial situation. "Our costs are going up just like anybody's are with gas prices and food for the animals," she said. "We're being affected just like everybody else."

Speerstra said that her group's strategy for overcoming any financial challenges is "to stay very close to our supporters and keep them very close to what we're doing... We're very fortunate we have wonderful supporters."

**"It leaves less money available to contribute towards charities."**

— Karen Vasquez, Arlington Economic Development

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## PEOPLE

# Getting to Know ... Ryan Troll

This Arlingtonian is rasing money to cure a disease.

**R**yan Troll is an Arlington resident who is doing his best to end multiple sclerosis. Troll is the captain of a team that is working with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to raise awareness about the disease as well as funds for its cure and prevention. This weekend, Troll and his team of over two dozen volunteers participated in Bike MS, a cycling event that passed through Northern Virginia. In an interview with the Arlington Connection, Troll spoke about why he is involved in this cause and about how he fights for a cure.

### Why are you participating in this event?

I participate in Bike MS because I believe in the cause. The event is very well planned and organized and I have loved ones in my life who have multiple sclerosis. In fact, if we all took a step back, we'd probably realize that we all know someone who has been impacted by this disease. I ride because I am able and for as long as I am able I will ride to raise awareness.

### Have you ever participated in anything like this before?

Yes, I participated in Bike MS last year. I started Team OutSPOKE with my good friend Andrea Wagenbach in 2007 and we have had a blast recruiting new team members and raising money for two years in a row now.

### Do you know anyone who is affected by MS?

When I started riding last year I didn't know anyone. As I became closer to this cause, I have learned that a few people in my life live with MS. I have a few friends and a recently diagnosed aunt who have MS.

### How did knowing these people change your perception of the disease?

It motivates me to do all I can to raise awareness and money to find a cure. I think it's very important to raise awareness in those that may not think they are impacted by MS because it's a disease that touches all of us in one way or another at some point in our lives.

### What are some of the most common misconceptions about those who have been diagnosed with MS?

The most common misconception, I think, is that most people think that MS is not a treatable condition. In fact, MS can be treated quite effectively. Thanks to the great work that the Multiple Sclerosis Society does to raise awareness of the condition and also to enable and support continued research, more and more people who are diagnosed with MS have many options to live a more comfortable and capable life.

### How did you go about raising funds for this bike

### ride?

Each of my team members set and achieved an individual goal. As a team we held many fundraiser events. We even had a team member convince her company to sell over \$2,000 worth of old office furniture for our cause!

### Was it difficult to find people to donate to your cause?

No. I had a very dedicated team from last year who came back and helped me recruit more riders for this year. Our goal was to be riding 30 strong. I am happy to say we have 27 who have been dedicated to raising money for the cause and training hard for the ride.

### What advice would you give to those who are trying to raise funds for a cause?

Be realistic with the time you have available. Pick a cause that is meaningful to you [or] something you have a passion for. In my case, it's riding my bike. If you have a team around you, set realistic fundraising goals with them and get their complete buy-in. Plan ahead so you can hold events that draw a crowd or bring in more money. And most important of all don't be afraid to ask people for a donation because you already have "no" so go get that "yes"!

### What is motivating you to participate in this event?

I love being part of a team and am so honored to be my team's captain. To be in a leadership position for a volunteer activity is quite the challenge. It's a challenge because no one "has" to be doing this. Asking for money can be a



PHOTO COURTESY NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY  
**Ryan Troll hold up a bicycle jersey signed by his fundraising team at this weekend's Bike MS event.**

daunting task and managing a large team for a long campaign that has many "moving parts" is tough. But I love this challenge and I love motivating people to be

part of something that gives back and that's why I continue to participate!

— DAVID SCHULTZ

## BULLETIN BOARD

community calendar? E-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with any questions. Photos are welcome. For more volunteer opportunities, classes, announcements visit [www.arlingtonconnection.com](http://www.arlingtonconnection.com) and click on Community.

Arlington County has unveiled its new, state-of-the-art **Emergency Communications Center (ECC)**. The County officially began receiving incoming 9-1-1 calls in the new ECC on Tuesday, May 20.

The **Third Annual Faith Community Forum on Housing**, co-sponsored by the Arlington Inter-faith Council and the Alliance for Housing Solutions, will be held at 7:30 p.m., May 27, at Mt. Olivet

Methodist Church, 1500 North Glebe Road. Entitled "Faith in Action," the forum will present examples of how faith communities can help address Arlington's affordable housing crisis. Contact: Sara Bailey, AHS Executive Director at 703-536-7694.

The **Arlington Disability Advisory Commission** is seeking applicants to interview for several vacant positions. The Arlington Disability Advisory Commission is a 13 member, County Board appointed advisory group comprised of individuals who live and/or work in Arlington, and who are interested in and knowledgeable about issues involving people with physical and sensory disabilities. People with disabilities, community leaders, and business people are urged to apply. Individuals interested in serving on the Commission or any of its committees should contact the Disability Advisory Commission staff at

703-228-7096 or via e-mail at [amaynard@arlingtonva.us](mailto:amaynard@arlingtonva.us) for more information or to request a copy of the Commission's Application Form. The form may also be found on the Arlington County Web site under "Advisory Groups."

The larger **Church of the Brethren** celebrates 300 years this summer. The church community has collected over 300 cereal boxes for the South Arlington Food Bank. The 300 2x4 boards and nails will be presented to a rep. from Habitat for Humanity on Sunday June 1. Presentation will be made following 11 a.m. worship in front of the Church, 300 Montague St. 703-524-4100.

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first annual Mac Masters Seminar on **May 30-31**, at Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St. Friday's session May 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., presents "Taming Leopard". Saturday's 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. presentations focus on "Living the iLife." Register for one or both of the seminars at <http://www.wapstore.biz>; the Friday event costs \$139, Saturday \$89, or both days are \$189. Advance registration is preferred; on site registration will also be available.

The **Arlington Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW)** has established a new award this year for Excellence in the Arts in Arlington Public Schools. The recipient is Jeffrey S. Benson, Choral Director and Fine Arts Chair at the H-B Woodlawn Program. In the eight years Mr. Benson has been at H-B Woodlawn, he has greatly increased the number of students participating in music programs.

In addition to the new award AAUW will honor the following: Educator of the Year (Madeline La Salle), Elizabeth Campbell Award for the Advancement of the Arts in Arlington (Firebelly Theater Company), The Campbell Award for Outstanding Community Arts Group (Washington Balalaika Society Orchestra), and The Arlington Branch Award for Notable Achievement in the Arts and Notable Support for the Arts (Ray Griewek).

The **American Society of Appraisers** machinery and technical specialties section will conduct an Introduction to Machinery and Equipment Valuation class at the Westin Arlington Gateway, Arlington, Va., May 29—June 1. For more information or to register, call the American Society of Appraisers at 800-ASA-VALU or register online by selecting a course at [www.appraisers.org/education/](http://www.appraisers.org/education/).

# THIS WEEK IN ARLINGTON

## Rabid Fox In South Arlington

A woman in South Arlington earlier this month was bitten by a fox that has tested positive for rabies and local health officials are investigating the case to try to stop the spread of the contagious disease.

"Rabies is endemic in our area," Arlington County Environmental Health bureau chief Richard Cole said in a statement. "People need to be aware that there are wild animals, including foxes, in many of our neighborhoods."

The bite occurred in the Virginia Heights neighborhood southwest of Barcroft Park. The woman who was bitten is receiving rabies treatments and animal control officers destroyed the rabid fox.

The Arlington County Public Health division is working with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington and the local civic association to identify other people or animals who may have been infected.

"Never approach or handle a wild animal. If you see one behaving in a strange or aggressive manner, call the Animal Welfare League," Cole said in the statement.

Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and is spread through saliva. Humans get rabies after saliva gets directly into their eyes, nose, mouth or a wound.

Without prompt anti-rabies treatment following exposure, rabies is fatal.

Domestic dogs and cats can be infected with the disease. However, required rabies vaccination of dogs and cats has almost eliminated the disease in domestic animals in Virginia.

County officials urge people who own pets to vaccinate their pets, never adopt wild animals or bring them into a home, teach children never to handle wild animals and keep pets under direct supervision.

If you are bitten by a wild or domestic animal immediately seek medical care and contact the Arlington Animal Welfare League at 703-931-9241.

## Historic Home Goes To NYC

The Lustron Home, a historic house made entirely of metal, will be on display in New York City's Museum of Modern Art starting next month, but only after a political controversy was diverted.



PHOTO COURTESY ARLINGTON COUNTY  
This Lustron Home was donated to the County and will be displayed in an art museum in New York City.

"Having Arlington's own Lustron home on display at this internationally renowned museum showcases our community as a leader in historic preservation," County Board Chairman Walter Tejada (D) said in a statement.

Lustron Homes are prefabricated, all-metal houses produced after World War II to satisfy the overwhelming need for affordable housing. Lustron Homes have been praised for their efficiency of materials and space-saving innovations.

Only 2,680 Lustron Homes were built nationwide. Eleven were built in Arlington. Only five of those homes remain, one of which was donated to the County.

Earlier this year, the Museum of

Modern Art in New York sought to feature its Lustron Home in their exhibit. But when it was discovered that the County would foot part of the cost of the home's transportation, local Republicans protested that this was wasteful spending and the County Board denied the museum's request.

After some renegotiation, the Museum of Modern Art, has agreed to fund all costs relating to the Lustron Home's transportation. "MoMA's financing of this project provides a remarkable opportunity," Tejada said.

The museum's exhibit is titled "Home Delivery: Fabricating the Modern Dwelling" and will run from July 20 through October 20.

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# OPINION

# Remembering on Memorial Day

Local families turn grief into service.

**A**mi Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

"He was wickedly funny and empathetic," Neiberger-Miller says, remembering her brother. "In many ways, I feel like I was just beginning to know the man he was becoming."

As we approach the seventh Memorial Day since the beginning of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with the loss of life there. More than 4,075 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 500 more have died as a result of operations in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007 in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, wrote: "Those of us who are already struck by this loss must add the numbers of those who are wounded [to those who have died]. That far greater number and the pain associated with it goes unnoticed and yet it is the one that is most alive around us. My wife and I try to help those at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon Fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)). It was my son's wish that we help the families and soldiers who come back wounded and we try to do all we can to honor him and his last wish." Many of Kirkpatrick's friends also work to raise funds for the Yellow Ribbon Fund.

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day. She also has a special bond with the mother of the soldier buried next to her son at Arlington National Cemetery; both mothers lost their sons on the same day. The other mother lives in Connecticut, so Beth brings extra flowers and tends to her son's grave, as well as Nicholas'. They also hold an annual golf tournament to raise funds for scholarships they distribute to remember Nicholas.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Corporal Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Rafael will soon deploy to Afghanistan with his National Guard unit (and with his twin brother Randy). Xiomara Mena is described as

the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are there because of their sense of duty to serve the rest of us, to put their lives on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there, and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first class health care, and an expanded GI Bill that will provide a college education for every veteran who is so inclined.

**HERE ARE** the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

\* Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27 of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

\* Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007 of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

\* Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006 of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

\* Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at Jeb Stuart High School and had proposed to his high school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

\* Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21,

was killed Oct. 14, 2006 by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

\* Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

\* Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

\* Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

\* Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

\* Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

\* George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

\* On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

\* Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed in Iraq.

\* Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

\* Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

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1408 20TH ST S	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$710,000	Detached	0.13843	04/01/08
928 21ST ST S	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$575,000	Detached	0.206612	04/01/08
949 SCOTT ST S #1	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Townhouse		04/01/08
1511 GEORGE MASON DR #1	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$199,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		04/01/08
3554 STAFFORD ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$419,000	Townhouse		04/01/08
3607 VERNON ST N	5	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,440,000	Detached	0.389141	04/01/08
900 TAYLOR ST #2025	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$435,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/02/08
1500 GEO MASON DR NW #13	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$135,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		04/02/08
1723 21ST RD N	4	5	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,724,604	Detached	0.280441	04/02/08
3211 GLEBE RD	3	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$359,900	Detached	0.126263	04/03/08
321 MANCHESTER ST N	4	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$555,000	Detached	0.151515	04/03/08
5565 COLUMBIA PIKE #315	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$156,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/03/08
5014 COLUMBIA PIKE #3	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$135,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		04/03/08
1157 VERNON ST	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$551,000	Townhouse	0.02011	04/04/08
3835 9TH ST N #1004W	2	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$395,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/04/08
3145 14TH ST S	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$579,900	Townhouse	0.065381	04/04/08
801 GREENBRIER ST #211	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$289,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/04/08
5532 14TH RD N	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$640,000	Detached	0.192424	04/04/08
2717 WALTER REED DR #C	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$278,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.0	04/04/08
3519 PERSHING DR N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$800,000	Detached	0.144467	04/07/08
1276 WAYNE ST N #621	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$450,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/07/08
5353 COLUMBIA PIKE #504	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$130,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/07/08
1609 ROOSEVELT ST N	3	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$404,900	Detached	0.178306	04/07/08
1600 CLARENDON BLVD #M405	1	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$810,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/07/08
1807 UHLE ST N	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$535,000	Townhouse		04/08/08
1919 ROOSEVELT ST N	4	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$698,000	Detached	0.150413	04/08/08
5937 10TH RD N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$610,000	Detached	0.146488	04/08/08
5405 27TH RD N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$671,000	Detached	0.209091	04/08/08
1220 DANVILLE ST N	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$945,000	Townhouse	0.018595	04/09/08
6216 22ND ST N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$690,000	Detached	0.141965	04/09/08
6701 WASHINGTON BLVD #39	3	2	2	ARLINGTON	\$499,000	Townhouse		04/09/08
3118 1ST RD N	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$778,000	Detached	0.156451	04/10/08
1800 WILSON BLVD #335	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$521,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		04/10/08
2808B 16TH RD S #2808B	3	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$194,250	Townhouse		04/10/08
1810 KENMORE ST	5	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$625,000	Detached	0.229568	04/10/08
3721 VERMONT ST	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,775,000	Detached	0.264302	04/10/08
1200 NASH ST #557	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$480,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/10/08
1154 TAYLOR ST N	3	2	2	ARLINGTON	\$612,000	Townhouse		04/11/08
1276 WAYNE ST #1208	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$512,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/11/08
3515 WASHINGTON BLVD #417	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$310,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/11/08
1050 TAYLOR ST #1-103	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$335,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/11/08
1812 QUEENS LN N #4-218	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$364,600	Garden 1-4 Floors		04/11/08
3830 9TH ST N #303E	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$445,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/11/08
855 BURLINGTON ST N	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$394,000	Duplex	0.057392	04/11/08
4332 HENDERSON RD N	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$725,000	Townhouse	0.019467	04/11/08
24 OLD GLEBE RD #206-C	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$200,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		04/11/08
936 MCKINLEY RD	4	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$624,900	Detached	0.160078	04/11/08
5629 LEE HWY	3	2	2	ARLINGTON	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.057736	04/11/08
2400 CLARENDON BLVD #609	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$400,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/14/08
1276 WAYNE ST N #1130	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$577,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/14/08
1000 RANDOLPH ST #610	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$646,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/14/08
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2600 16TH ST S #708	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$291,000	Attach/Row Hse		04/14/08
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6041 22ND ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$957,100	Detached	0.178421	04/14/08
2614H ARLINGTON MILL DR #8	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$360,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		04/14/08
6009 26TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,400,000	Detached	0.229775	04/14/08
3513 JOHN MARSHALL DR	6	5	0	ARLINGTON	\$1,550,000	Detached	0.246511	04/14/08
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3161 19TH ST N	3	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,190,000	Detached	0.168274	04/15/08
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3420 STAFFORD ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$461,250	Townhouse		04/15/08
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1530 KEY BLVD N #707	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$340,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/15/08
3830 9TH ST N #803E	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$539,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		04/16/08
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3630 VACATION LN	3	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$777,700	Detached	0.212029	04/16/08
2015 KENMORE ST N	4	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$900,000	Detached	0.214876	04/16/08
2074 OAKLAND ST N	3	2	2	ARLINGTON	\$783,900	Townhouse	0.02523	04/16/08
1401 OAK ST N #602	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$1,400,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		04/16/08
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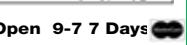
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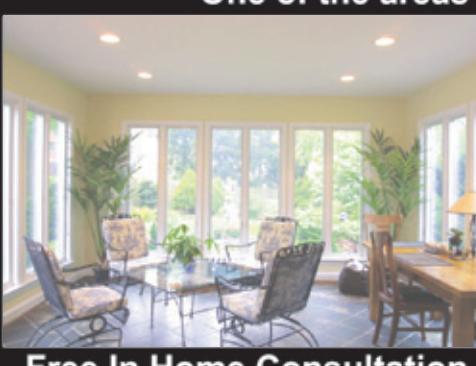
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## NEWS

# Diplomat Faces Time

A repeat violation could mean more jail time.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

**P**atrick Syring, a former State Department employee who was charged with sending threatening emails and voicemails to an Arab-American think tank, could face up to a year and a half in prison after prosecutors say he repeated the offense.

Syring, who lives in Arlington and was previously stationed in the Middle East, was set to plead guilty to a misdemeanor hate crime charge at the beginning of this year. But, according to court documents, on

**"It is a dramatically different plea offer."**

— David Schertler, Patrick Syring's defense attorney

March 13 Syring sent another threatening email to the think tank's leader.

This caused prosecutors to rescind their previous plea deal and request a harsher penalty. "It is a dramatically different plea offer," Syring's attorney, David Schertler, said at a hearing held in a Washington D.C. federal court earlier this week.

Under the terms of the new deal, Syring could face up to 18 months in prison if he agrees to plead guilty to the hate crime charge along

with another charge of making threatening statements across state lines. Mark Blumberg, one of the lead prosecutors on the case, said that, had Syring not sent the March 13 email and accepted the misdemeanor charge, he most likely would not have served any jail time.

Schertler indicated to Judge Kolleen Kollar-

Kotelly

**"Most of it relates to the more recent conduct that occurred."**

— Judge Kolleen Kollar-Kotelly

with another charge of making threatening statements across state lines. Mark Blumberg, one of the lead prosecutors on the case, said that, had Syring not sent the March 13 email and accepted the misdemeanor charge, he most likely would not have served any jail time.

Schertler indicated to Judge Kolleen Kollar-

### NEWS IN BRIEFS

#### Power Line Construction Begins

Dominion Virginia Power began construction on short sections of underground power lines near the substation at Wilson Boulevard on Wednesday, May 14. Construction will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and will be complete by late June. No power outages are anticipated.

All roads will remain passable, although travelers may experience some delays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. The center two lanes

Kotelly that Syring would accept the new deal at a hearing scheduled for early next month. "That's the direction we're going to go," he said.

**THE CHARGES** against Syring, a 20-year diplomat with the State Department who retired shortly after being indicted, date back to the summer of 2006.

During that period, prosecutors charge Syring sent close to a dozen emails and voicemails to the Arab-American Institute, a Washington-based think tank headed by prominent Lebanese activist Dr. James Zogby.

In the emails and voicemails, Syring condemned Arab culture and Zogby in particular, often using harsh language. "Death to Lebanon and death to the Arabs," read one. "F—k the Arabs and F—k James Zogby and his wicked Hezbollah brothers. They will burn in hellfire," read another.

Based on these communications, Syring was indicted in federal court on Aug. 15 of last year. He initially pled not guilty, claiming that the First Amendment protected his emails and voicemails, and he received support from the ACLU, which filed a brief in court on his behalf.

However, only weeks before his trial was set to begin, Syring agreed to plead guilty to the hate crime charge if the charge of making threatening statements was dropped.

**THEN**, in late March as he was awaiting sentencing, Syring was arrested after, according to court documents, he sent another threatening email to Zogby.

This time, the documents state, he sent the email to a television show Zogby regularly appears on rather than directly to the Arab-American Institute. The tone of the March 13 email was almost identical to the earlier emails and voicemails for which he was indicted.

"The only good Arab is a dead Arab," it read. "May God destroy Lebanon and Palestine."

Syring was charged with violating the conditions of his release, which called for him to have no contact with the institute or with Zogby, and he was jailed. He also was forced to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

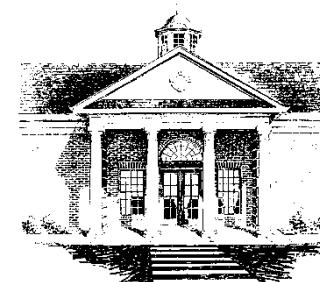
Judge Kollar-Kotelly said that the change in Syring's penalty is directly attributable to the March 13 email. "Most of it relates to the most recent conduct that occurred," she said.

Syring is expected to formally agree to the terms of the new deal at a hearing scheduled for June 2.

of Wilson Blvd (between 10th and Fairfax Dr.) will be closed for approximately three weeks. Two lanes of 10th Street will be closed for approximately four weeks. Dominion is working closely with Arlington County and VDOT to minimize disruptions.

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# SENIOR LIVING

## THURSDAY/MAY 22

**Travel Session.** Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., will host an information session about Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 1 p.m. with S.A.T. manager, Judy Craig. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for information, 703-228-0955.

**Golf Tournament.** Members of the Senior Golf Club will participate in a tournament at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Chantilly. For more information, call 703-228-4744.

**Program.** A celebration/program of Norman Rockwell's famous "Saturday Evening Post" covers, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. Free; newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-0955.

**Grief.** Dealing with loss and grief will be discussed 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. Senior adult specialist Rachel Thompson will assist seniors in finding ways to make grieving more complete and positive. Free. Call to register, 703-228-4403.

## FRIDAY/MAY 23

**Games.** Scrabble enthusiasts (55+) will meet for friendly games, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. Coaching available; free. Details, 703-228-0955.

**Fast Walkers.** Aurora Hills Senior Center's fast paced walking group will meet 9 a.m., 735 S. 18th St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5722.

**Music Group.** The music appreciation group at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, will meet 1 p.m., to discuss 19th Century Austrian composer, Anton Bruckner. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for

more information, 703-228-4403.

**Salute to Soldiers.** Annual Memorial Day salute to soldiers and veterans at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St., noon. Lunch plus program by veteran Les Albers. Cost is \$5; newcomers welcome. Early registration required by calling, 703-228-4722.

**Trip.** First trip of the season to Rehoboth Beach, Del. for seniors. Cost is \$27. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749.

## SATURDAY/MAY 24

**Broadcast.** Wolf Trap in Vienna will host seniors for a live broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion" with Garrison Keillor. Cost is \$59. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749.

## MONDAY/MAY 26

Senior centers will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

## TUESDAY/MAY 27

**Trip.** Arlington seniors will travel to Newburg, Md. and Capt. Billy's Seafood Restaurant. Cost is \$17 for charter bus transportation. For more information, call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749. Registration required.

**Exercise.** Low impact aerobics and strength training for seniors, 9:30 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St., Arlington. \$56 for 16 classes, taught by Irena Woodruff. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

**Games.** Volleyball for seniors, 1:30 p.m. (practice), 2 p.m. (games), Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-4745.

**Walkers.** The Langston Walkers, Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., will meet 9:30 a.m. No fee; newcomers welcome. For details, 703-228-5321.

**Games.** Table tennis for seniors, 10 a.m. – noon, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. Coaching available. No fee. Call for details, 703-228-0955.

**Games.** Friendly poker games for seniors, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Beginners welcome. Call for more information, 703-228-0555.

**Legal Advice.** Arlington seniors can meet individually with attorneys from Legal Services of Northern Virginia, 10 a.m. – noon, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. No fee. Call for appointment, 703-228-0955.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

**Card Games.** Duplicate bridge for seniors, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Cost is \$4. Call Anne Gress for more information, 703-243-7714.

**Exercise.** Senior strength training exercise class, designed to preserve and gain new muscular strength and flexibility, 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.,

Arlington. Cost is \$56 for 16 sessions or \$3.50 per class. Call for more information, 703-228-4745.

**Walking Club.** The Walking Club of Arlington for seniors will travel to the National Harbor, Prince George's County, Md., for its weekly walking program, 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$3; newcomers welcome. Group leaves from Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 Pershing Drive, 703-228-4403.

**Music Performance.** Virginia State Champion Fiddle Player Speedy Tolliver and the Just Playin' Country group will entertain seniors, 2 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St., Arlington. No fee. Call to sign up, 703-228-5722.

**Music Performance.** Trumpeter, keyboardist and singer, Fred Brooks, will entertain seniors, 11 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-0955.

**Cooking.** Cooking demonstration for singers to illustrate nutritious stir fry recipe, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-5321.

## THURSDAY/MAY 29

**Employment.** Part-time employment as school crossing guards for Arlington seniors will be discussed, 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. Details, 703-228-0955.

# FAITH

Know of something missing from our Faith Notes? Send it to The Arlington Connection, e-mail it to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with any questions. Photos are welcome.

**Yard Sale.** St. Peter's bi-annual yard sale will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 31 at 4250 N. Glebe Road. Browse through a variety of goods, sports equipment and more. There will be a hotdog lunch. Free.

**General Buddhist Program** classes, held in Arlington on Monday evening, May 26 are designed for beginners.

They go on for 90 minutes, and involve introductory lectures, and meditations. Contribution of \$12 requested. Held 7-8:30 p.m. at the The Griffin Center, Suite 5, 3800 Fairfax Drive. For more information, go to [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org), or 202-986-2257.

The larger **Church of the Brethren** celebrates 300 years this summer. Our church community has collected over 300 cereal boxes for the South Arlington Food Bank. The 300 2x4 boards and nails will be presented to a rep. from Habitat for Humanity on Sunday June 1. Presentation will be made following 11 a.m. worship in front of the Church, 300 Montague St. 703-524-4100.

**Strawberry Festival.** 4-7 p.m. June 7 at Bethel United Church of Christ, 4347 Arlington Blvd. Enjoy strawberry shortcakes, ice cream, hot dogs and more. Visit [www.bethelUCCVA.org](http://www.bethelUCCVA.org) for more.

**Buddhist** general program classes are held Mondays, from 7-8:30 p.m. at The Griffin Center, 3800 Fairfax Drive, Suite 5. They last for 90 minutes, and involve introductory lectures and meditations. \$12 contribution. For more information, go to [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org), or 202-986-2257.

**One Hundred Years of St. George's Episcopal Church: Growth of A Church Community In the Turbulent 20th Century** has been published as part of the church's centennial year. The booklet is well illustrated, and contains stories from many St. Georgians, as well as chronological and personal history gathered from the church's archives and from interviews. Copies are available from St. George's, 915 N. Oakland St., Arlington 22203.

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**Mary Lee, Robert E. Lee's wife, was reluctant to leave her home when war broke out.**

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery is located on the grounds of the plantation that was founded by George Washington Parke Custis, George Washington's step-grandson.

Robert E. Lee and his wife, Mary Randolph, lived on the plantation up until the beginning of the Civil War in 1861 when they were forced to flee. After the Union Army confiscated the property, the land was turned into a burial ground for indigent soldiers who could not afford to be sent home for burial.

"This area was taken over by Union troops," Arlington County Libraries' local historian Judy Knudsen said, "But that was [Lee's] home. They started burying people there as an 'In your face' kind of thing."

The Union Army also established Freedman's Village, a community for freed slaves, on the site.

After Lee's death, his son George Washington Custis Lee sued the local government, claiming that the plantation was illegally confiscated. In 1882, the Supreme Court sided with him, awarding him the property. However, a year later, he sold it back to the U.S. Government for \$150,000.

Since then, more than 250,000 people have been buried at Arlington National Cemetery, including 63 foreign nationals, 16 astronauts, 12 Supreme Court justices and two U.S. Presidents.

For more information, visit [www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org).

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**Arlington County's seal features Arlington House prominently.**



**"I do not think I can die in peace until I have seen it once more."**

— Mary Randolph Custis Lee on Arlington House



**Arlington House sits atop a hill in what is now Arlington National Cemetery.**

# Historical House

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

In early May of 1861, Mary Randolph Lee still believed she would be able to stay in her home.

A few weeks earlier, her husband, Robert E. Lee, had resigned from his post in the U.S. military and moved to Richmond to lead the nascent Confederate Army. Lee begged his wife to join him but she refused, not wanting to abandon her childhood home, which was known as Arlington House.

However, when a cousin of Lee's informed her that Union troops would be reaching her estate at any moment, Mary Lee was forced to abandon her hopes.

On May 15, 1861, she fled. Nine days later, the Union Army occupied her home.

"I am cut off from all I have ever known and loved in my youth," she later wrote in a letter. "My dear old Arlington... I do not think I can die in peace until I have seen it once more."

**LOCATED ATOP** a hill in what is now Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington House was built between 1802 and 1818 by slaves owned by George Washington Parke Custis, the grandson of Martha Washington and step-grandson of George Washington.

The house was built not only as a family home for the Custises but also to be a living monument to George Washington. "That was before the Washington Monument was around," National Park Service spokesperson Dana Dierkes said.

Custis kept a trove of George Washington memorabilia at Arlington House and even re-enacted Revolutionary War battles on the 1,100-acre plantation upon which it was located.

"The house... was really a showcase in many ways," Emily Weisner, a park ranger at Arlington House, said. "It was like that for much of his existence."

In 1831, Custis' only surviving daughter, Mary Randolph, married her childhood friend Robert E. Lee, then a recent West Point graduate, in a ceremony held at Arlington House. The union between these two Arlingtonians set into motion the events that would lead to the abandonment of one of the most prominent properties in American history.

**WHEN THE CIVIL WAR** began at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, Lee was greatly conflicted. He had served in the U.S. Army for over three decades but wanted to remain loyal to his home state of Virginia.

After a long, sleepless night of deliberation at Arlington House, Lee made the decision to leave the U.S. Army in the early morning hours of April 20, signing his resignation letter in the master bedroom. Two days later, he left for Richmond.

When, almost exactly four years later, Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in Appomattox, Va., effectively ending the Civil War, Arlington House was being used as a Union Army base and Lee's former plantation had become a burial ground.

After the war, Lee and his wife moved to Lexington, Va. where he became the president of what is now Washington & Lee Uni-

**The Robert E. Lee memorial is located in his old abode.**

versity. He devoted the rest of his life to healing the wounds caused by the war he had just finished waging.

"The South would have continued fighting, but Lee reconciled the country," Weisner said. "Lee gave his men the inspiration and courage to restart their lives."

**ARLINGTON HOUSE** now serves as a memorial to Lee and is a part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. In 1920, what was then known as Alexandria County changed its name to Arlington County in honor of Lee's former residence.

"He was one of the most prominent people to live in Arlington," Judy Knudsen, the manager of the Virginia Room at the Arlington Central Library, said. "[Arlington House] is the premiere landmark in Arlington history."

As for Arlington House's erstwhile occupants, Robert E. Lee died five years after the end of the war, never having set foot in his former home after those fateful April 1861 days.

Mary Randolph Lee, however, did return to Arlington House a few months before her death in 1873. Too infirm to get out of her carriage, she was greeted by one of her former slaves who presented her with a glass of water.

"I rode out to my dear old home," she wrote in a letter. "So changed, it seemed but a dream of the past – I could not have realised (sic) it was Arlington but for the few old oaks they had spared and the trees planted by the Genl (sic) and myself which are raising their tall branches to the Heaven which seems to smile on the desecration around them."

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### ONGOING:

The Arlington Farmers' Market takes place on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon year round. Located at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for more on the market and vendors.

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**Weekly Farmers Markets** are set to return May 30 to Ballston's Welburn Square, between N. Stuart & N. Taylor Streets across from the Ballston Metro station. The markets will operate every Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Oct. 17, except for July 4. For directions and further information, visit www.ballstonfarmersmarket.blogspot.com or call 703-528-3527.

Hear music on "Wednesdays at Waterview" from July 9 through Aug. 20 from Waterview Terrace, 1919 N. Lynn St. in Rosslyn. Enjoy happy hour concerts from 5:30-8 p.m.

Enjoy **Rosslyn Restaurants & Rhythms** on Fridays from 5:30-8 p.m. at Tivoli Restaurant, Sundays from 7:30 p.m. at Piola and Mondays from 5:30 p.m. at Café Asia. Free.

There are concerts in **Welburn Square** on Fridays along with Friday nights at Lubber Run Amphitheatre.

There are **James Bond Film Festivals** on Mondays in Crystal City and Fridays in Rosslyn through September. For more information on all of these events and more visit www.arlingtonarts.org or 703-228-6966.

### THURSDAY/MAY 22

**Music Performance.** Levine School of Music New Horizons Band performs at 7 p.m. at Arlington Citadel of the Salvation Army, 518 S. Glebe Road. Free. Visit www.levineschool.org or 703-237-5655.

**Music Production.** Teens can learn

about the production of urban music at 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Free. Register at 703-228-7783.

**Tiny Tot.** 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can learn about nature through stories, songs, crafts and more. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

### Ribbon Cutting

**Celebration.** 12:30 p.m. at intersection of N. Glebe Road and N. Pershing Drive for the Buckingham Streetscape Project. Free. 703-228-3535.

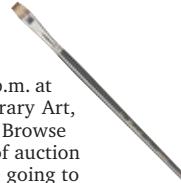


### Naturalists' Collectors Club

4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 11-13 can learn how to create a hanging flower basket and collect a charoite cabochon. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

**School Performance.** Students at HB Woodlawn School, 4100 Vacation Lane, will perform "Holes" at 7:30 p.m. \$10/adult; \$5/student. 703-228-6362 for more.

**Politico Scenes.** 6-8 p.m. at Boeing Conference center, 1200 Wilson Blvd. Enjoy scenes from this election year. Free. RSVP to 703-522-6628 or sprice@rosslynva.org. Visit www.rosslynva.org/roomswithaview for more.



### FRIDAY/MAY 23

**Art Benefit.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Duality Contemporary Art, 2401 S. 26<sup>th</sup> Road. Browse through a variety of auction items with benefits going to Obama's Campaign. \$5 minimum at



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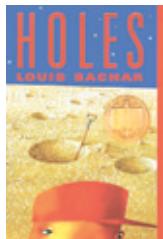
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**Zumba.** 5:30 p.m. at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Teens can have fun while learning a new dance. Free. 703-228-4727.

**School Performance.** Students at HB Woodlawn School, 4100 Vacation Lane, will perform "Holes" at 7:30 p.m. \$10/adult; \$5/student. 703-228-6362 for more.



**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Filmore St. With the lively Ms. Laura. Join for great stories such as "Where the Wild Things Are" and "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." To register: 703-527-5929.

#### SATURDAY/MAY 24

**Story Hour.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Free. For children ages 2-6. 703-241-8281.

**Pebble Pups: Soft Rocks.** 1 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 6-12 can learn about the earth sciences. \$2/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

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**Citizen Science: Firefly Study.** 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Teens and adult 15 and older can learn about the effects of ambient light levels and habitat change on fireflies. Free. 703-228-6535.

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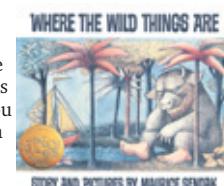
#### MONDAY/MAY 26

**Music Production.** Teens can learn about the production of urban music at 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Free. Register at 703-228-7783.

**Drop In Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Story time for children ages 2 and up. Free. 703-228-6535.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Filmore St. With the lively Ms.

Laura. Join for great stories such as "Where the Wild Things Are" and "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." To register: 703-527-5929.



#### TUESDAY/MAY 27

**Music Performance.** The Yorktown High School Concert and Symphonic Bands will perform their spring

concert at 7 p.m. in the YHS Auditorium. Music selections will feature "popular favorites. Free.

**Sudoku Games.** 1 p.m. at Lee Senior Center 5722 Lee Highway. Free. Learn how to work the puzzles in a free two-hour class. Register at 703-228-0555.

**Film Screening.** Watch "Better Luck Tomorrow" at 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Free. 703-228-0322.

**Art Show Reception.** 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. See "The Arlington Reads Social Justice" art exhibit. Free. 703-228-6321.

**Book Discussion in Spanish.** 7 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Discuss "Todo Bajo El Cielo" by Matilde Ansens. Free. 703-228-5710.

#### WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

**Music Club.** Seniors and their families and friends can enjoy a program with fiddle player Speedy Tolliver at 2 p.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Free. 703-228-5722.

**Story Hour.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Free. For children ages 2-6. 703-241-8281.

**Mysteries of the Titanic.** 2 p.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Listen to and discuss the Titanic. Free. 703-228-5722.

**Music Performance.** 2 p.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Speedy Tolliver will perform with Just Playin' Country. Free. 703-228-5722.

**Story Time.** 3:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Join members of the Washington Mystics as they discuss some of their favorite reads. Free. 703-228-7680.

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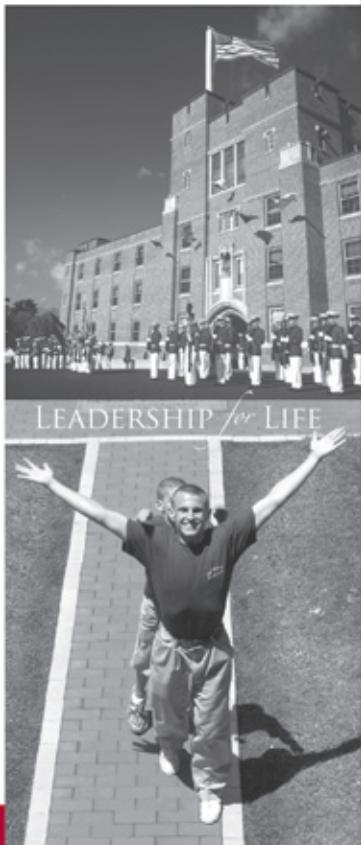
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Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Discuss Sanskrit, an art form from India. Free. 703-228-6321.

### THURSDAY/MAY 29

**Music Production.** Teens can learn about the production of urban music at 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Free. Register at 703-228-7783.

**Meet Author D.J. MacHale.** 4 p.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. D.J. MacHale will introduce his newest book from the Pendragon series. Call to register. Ages 10 and up. 703-241-8281.

**Music Performance.** The Washington-Lee High School band will perform at 7 p.m. at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 N. Glebe Road. Free.

**Movie Discussion.** 1 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Discuss "Snow Falling on Cedars." Free. 703-228-6321.

**Crossing Guards.** 1 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Learn about crossing guards. Free. 703-228-0955.

**Uniting Arlington.** 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Enjoy a panel discussion on the cultural education of Arlington. Free. 703-243-0431.

### FRIDAY/MAY 30

**Zumba.** 5:30 p.m. at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Teens can

have fun while learning a new dance. Free. 703-228-4727.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Filmore St. With the lively Ms. Laura. Join for great stories such as "Where the Wild Things Are" and "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." To register: 703-527-5929.

**Music Performance.** The Washington-Lee High School Jazz Band performs at a Jazz Festival at 7 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Jazz students from several Arlington schools, including both Washington-Lee High School and Kenmore Middle School, perform during this evening of jazz.

**Stop In For Stories.** 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Stories, songs and more for all ages. 703-228-5946.

**Tofu Temptations.** 1:30 p.m. at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. Franklin Fung Chow demonstrates healthy Chinese recipes with tofu. Free, but registration required, 703-228-5722.

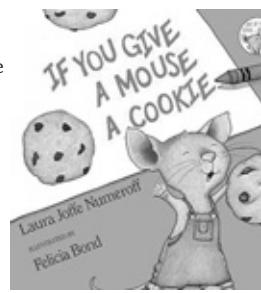
**Party on the Potomac.** 7-9 p.m., middle and high schoolers can cruise along the Potomac with pizza buffet, music, games and more. Drop off/pick up at Thomas Jefferson, Langston or Gunston community centers. \$55/person. 703-228-4711.

**Bug Huggers Campfire.** 8:9:15 p.m.

at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families of all ages can enjoy campfire activities, treats and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

### SATURDAY/MAY 31

**Wine Tasting.** 7-9 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor St. Benefits Arlington Food Assistance Center. \$35/person by visit [www.osva.org/info/wine.html](http://www.osva.org/info/wine.html) or 703-892-4846.



**Story Hour.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Free. For children ages 2-6. 703-241-8281.

**Things That Go.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. "Hush Little Digger" by Ellen Olson-Brown and "Red Truck" by Kersten Hamilton. Free. For children ages 2-6. 703-241-8281.

**Yard Sale.** St. Peter's bi-annual yard sale will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 4250 N. Glebe Road. Browse through a variety of goods, sports equipment and more. There will be a hotdog lunch. Free.

**5k For Congo Women.** 8 a.m. at Bon Air Park, 850 N. Lexington St. Raise funds and awareness for the women of Congo. \$15/person. Walk or run the race. 703-536-9798.

**Birds Abound.** 10 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children ages 7 and up can learn about migratory birds. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Bike Class.** 1 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn how to be a responsible bike rider. Free. 202-518-0524.

**Puppet Workshop.** 3 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Transform common household items into a small marionette puppet. Children ages 4-12. Registration recommended. Free. 703-228-0322.

**May Café.** 7-11 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center. Enjoy playing basketball, using the track and more in the open gym and playing games in the open game room. Free. 703-228-7781.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 1

**Music Performance.** Music by Bach at 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Free. 703-892-2135.

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## STAGE

# Comedy At Gunston

Teatro de la Luna performs in Spanish, with English subtitles.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

Theatre II in the Gunston Arts Center fills with laughter four times a week during the run of Teatro de la Luna's US premiere of the comedy "Volvió una Noche (She Returned One Night)" by Argentinean Eduardo Rovner, a romp of a piece in which the mother of the groom returns from the grave to see if her son's intended is good enough for him.

Rovner's comedy has built something of an international reputation since its debut in his home city of Buenos Aires 17 years ago. With successful productions in non-Spanish speaking countries as

varied as the United States, Israel and even Finland, the show succeeds because its humor isn't confined to the language, it is in the situations in which the characters find themselves and in their reactions.

On stage or on screen, audiences can often find the comedy in confusion when they can understand what the characters don't seem to comprehend. It is a classic concept for comedy, and it works here for audience members who speak Spanish and almost equally well for those who don't.

Teatro de la Luna performs the work in its native Spanish, but with an English translation projected on a screen above the action. Those who are not fluent in Spanish can sit in the rear two rows of the six rows of seats and enjoy a clear view of both the performance and the subtitles.

### LOCAL THEATER

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### Other News

**Act III Theatre Company** is holding auditions for "A Year with Frog and Toad" for men and women ages 15 and up on June 2-3 from 7-9 p.m. at Thomas

That translation is particularly well done, both in the vocabulary it uses and in the way the projection matches the pace of the performance. Rarely is a laugh sparked among the Spanish speaking audience in the front without the text of the gag being available at the right moment for the English speaking audience watching the screen.

Nucky Walder, co-founder of Teatro de la Luna, plays the late mother of the groom, as a busybody in the Lucille Ball tradition

of never seeing the downside of anything she's up to. She's funny and physical, giving plenty of visible clues to her actions and reactions that make the show easy to follow even for those who don't understand the language she's speaking.

Peter Pereyra, a long time veteran of this theater as well as with the English-speaking Washington Shakespeare Company, is energetic and crystal clear as her son, who, in the concept of the play, is the only one who can see or hear Walder. He can't resist reacting to her statements, answering her questions, and thus, confusing all the other people around him.

Rovner ratchets up the intensity of the comedy by adding another layer of unreal but logically consistent confusion: an Archangel who drops in on the newly dead occupants of the graveyard and follows Walder to her son's apartment. Toward the end things get even more outrageous as Walder's spirit friends show up for the wedding.

Director Mario Marcel and the cast of eight performers keep

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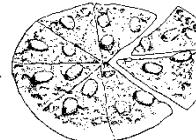
### Just Starting

**Keegan Theatre** presents "Closing Time" through June 7 at Theatre on the Run, 3700 Four Mile Run Drive. Showtimes are Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. \$20/person; \$15/student, senior. Visit [www.keegantheatre.com](http://www.keegantheatre.com) for more.

things clear even in the midst of confusion.

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# SPORTS

## Kusner Still Blazing Her Own Trails

Almost 40 years ago, an Arlington native became the first female to receive a jockey license — ever.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s the only filly in a 20-horse field during the 134th Kentucky Derby, the handicappers doubted Eight Belles' ability to run with the boys. She couldn't keep up, they said. Instead, the three-year thoroughbred proved her detractors wrong, dashing to a second-place finish behind Triple Crown favorite Big Brown.

Durring the filly's challenge to a male-dominated system, Eight Belles sacrificed her life — euthanized after a freakish accident where she suffered two broken front ankles — at the renowned Churchill Downs track. In doing so, she captured the nation's attention.

Forty years ago, Kathy Kusner, a striking Arlingtonian brunette sent similar shockwaves through the intimate horse racing world, po-



**Kusner currently lives in Playa Vista, Calif. where she founded a charity horse camp.**

after women were granted the right to vote, and more than 30 years since Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

A mere speck in the beach of female firsts, the 5-foot-4, 103-pound Kusner still had to buck the boys.



**Kusner called Untouchable, "the most impressive horse I've ever ridden."**

larizing the nation on a controversial sport and subject, all the while becoming an unlikely lightning rod for politics and criticism.

All Kusner ever wanted to do was to ride. Except that in 1968, there were no female jockeys. So the petite brown-eyed beauty applied for a jockeying license.

This was the radical late 1960s, before Neil Armstrong ever graced the moon. Before Joe Namath issued his famous guarantee in Super Bowl III and most importantly, almost three years before Title IX was introduced by President Richard Nixon. But it was decades

**AS A WORLD-CLASS DRESSAGE RIDER,** she began riding when she was 10-years-old. At 18 and prior to graduating from Washington-Lee, she set the U.S. Ladies High Jump record at 7 feet, 2-1/2 inches on a gray mare named Freckles. For that feat, she was named "Horsewoman of the Year," and later that same year, 1961, she became the first female in a decade to join the United States Equestrian Team (USET).

"Even when I was in high school, I was gone to horse events all the time that I had free — which was every minute that I wasn't in school," Kusner said late last week.

In 1963, Kusner won the team gold medal at the Pan-American Games, which catapulted her to become one of the first women to represent the USET in the Olympics.

She competed in the three-day event in dressage — a series of required movements on a rectangular track, which Kusner described as "a cross between ballet and gymnastics on a horse."

At that point, it was the only equestrian sport open to women. She rode in three straight Olympics, first starting in 1964 in Tokyo and eventually earned USET's team silver medal in 1972 in Munich. She even won the International Grand Prix in 1966 and 1967 aboard Untouchable, becoming the first rider ever to win during consecutive years atop the same horse. And she was a two-time winner of the "Leading International Rider Award" at the National Horse Show, which earned her international recognition in 1967 as the Ladies European Champion.

But she was winning in horse jumping, not horse racing. And for this pint-sized trailblazer, that wasn't enough.

**LICENSED FEMALE JOCKEYS** at the time were scarce. Actually, there weren't any. In 1952, Marjorie Haines Gill was the first woman to compete for the United States in the Olympics. But that was in dressage.

In racing, it was another story.

"They would have rather died than give a girl a jockey's license," Kusner said.

In November of 1967, Kusner's application for a jockey's license



COURTESY PHOTO

**Prior to graduating from Washington-Lee, Kusner set the U.S. Ladies High Jump record at 7 feet, 2-1/2 inches.**

was rejected by the Maryland State Racing Commission, who reportedly cited that she "bounced in the saddle," and that she did not give "the impression of strength and authority" as excuses.

Trainers and horse owners didn't think, frankly that females could handle the powerful 1,200-pound horses. The Chairman of the Commission, D. Eldred Rinehart, even told "Sports Illustrated" that "[Kusner] is an able rider, in certain respects, but if she were allowed to ride in regular races...who'd be to blame if she were hurt?"

Kusner disagreed, telling reporters, "Horse riding is more a game of technique and skill than strength. It's the same as playing chess with men."

Almost a year later, in November of 1968, then-Prince George's County Circuit Court Judge Ernest A. Loveless, who died in August 2007, overturned the commission's decision, concluding that she was discriminated against because of

her gender.

The verdict, however, didn't immediately grant female jockeys a free passage.

That same year, fellow female rider Penny Ann Early was ignored when she tried to get a ride at Churchill Downs. It wasn't too much longer that Barbara Jo Rubin — who became the first female jockey to win a thoroughbred race — had her trailer stoned.

**KUSNER DEALT** with her own troubles. Even though the Maryland Racing Commission licensed her, she suffered a broken leg following an equestrian accident, delaying her much-anticipated debut. She began racing in 1969 and in September, won her first race at Pocono Downs, a "very modest track," according to Kusner. Described as aloof, mostly because she wouldn't grant interviews, she once reportedly asked her father, "Wouldn't the world be a lot simpler if it were full of

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**Kusner crosses the 13th fence in the Maryland Hunt Cup aboard Whackerjack.**



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## SPORTS

# Blazing Her Own Trails

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horses?"

She went on to ride races throughout the world, becoming the first licensed woman jockey in Mexico, Germany, Columbia, Chile, Peru, Panama, South Africa and Rhodesia.

At 29-years-old, she was above the threshold to receive an apprentice allowance, a necessary stipend for a woman who bartered nearly everything she ever earned. While still maintaining a rigorous equestrian schedule, her jockeying career was admittedly short-lived.

"It was a Catch-22, because I was not fit enough because I was not getting enough mounts," Kusner said. "Something beat nothing and I just wanted to ride races no matter what degree or level."

She did become the first woman to ride in the legendary Maryland Hunt Cup, arguably the world's most difficult steeple-chase.

"It wasn't like I hadn't ever ridden a timber race," Kusner said. "But it was the beginning of a new day and the new day was just getting better and better."

**KUSNER HAD OTHER PASSIONS** including flying, where she's also come to be considered a pioneer. By 1972, the same year she won the silver medal, she'd already earned a commercial pilot's license and a glider rating. After meeting Bruce Sundlun, the then-president of a charter jet service and a passionate equestrian fan, she bartered lessons in exchange for an appearance at the Washington Horse Show.

After 40 hours of ground school, 14 hours of flying and some additional time in a flight simulator, Kusner earned her pilot's license, becoming one of the country's first female Learjet-rated pilots. She now holds commercial, multi-engine, instrument, seaplane, and aerobatics ratings.

As avid outdoorsman — or woman — Kusner is also scuba diving fiend, having traveled all over the world, including the Red Sea, Great Barrier Reef, and South China Sea. And later in life, she got into running, completing 105 marathons and 66 ultra marathons as of Oct. 18, 2007. In 1997, she ran over 27 hours in the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run. She's also won the Colorado Pike's Peak Ultra-Marathon three times in her age slot, and last August finished a 50-kilometer race (10:48:02).

**HER PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**, however, probably pale in comparison to her latest endeavor, which she founded in 1999. Alarmed by inner-city violence in Watts, South Central Los Angeles, she started Horses in the Hood, a nonprofit organization that provides inner city youth one week at her horse camp.

With the Pacific Ocean serving as a backdrop, the camp has introduced over 5,000 children to "horsemanship." The foundation, where she serves as the founder and

chairman of the board, helped Kusner get inducted into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame in June of 2005. Earlier that year, the West Hollywood, Calif., resident was given a Pegasus Medal of Honor by the U.S. Equestrian Federation, given to those "who have exhibited outstanding service to horses and the sport and ... have attracted people to the sport...by advancing its popularity."

The normally reserved Kusner sees the award banquets as more of a burden, often getting in the way of her diverse invested interests.

"I never had any interest to be the first female in anything," Kusner said.

"I just wanted to be a jockey. Any talk about the first female, I didn't want to hear about that at all. I just wanted to be normal. I didn't want any favors or attention for that because it's all bologna. What you have to do is deliver the goods, no matter whether you're a girl or guy."

She remains active giving clinics both within the country and abroad on riding, training and competing. Just last year, she gave an advanced three-day riding clinic at Fox Chase Farm in Middleburg, Va.

In 1990, she was inducted in the Show Jumping Hall of Fame, and a decade later was inducted to the Virginia Horse Show Association Hall of Fame. In that same year, she was chosen by The Chronicle of the Horse and the American Horse Show Association's as one of the 50 most influential horsemen of the 20th century.

Still, she humbly maintains that her life isn't that more important than anyone else, even describing her receiving the jockeying license as "a pain in the neck."

"None of it is important," Kusner said. "It's having the chance to do things. It's something I wish never happened in having to be the 'first' ... it's about overcoming less than perfect odds and doing something because you want to learn to do it."

## SPORTS

# Despite Losses, O'Connell Wins

## Knights rally to win sixth straight state championship.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

For Bishop O'Connell head coach Tommy Orndorff, the 2008 season was atypical. In adjusting to a young roster, the veteran softball coach watched his nine-year streak within the WCAC vanish. He watched a couple of public schools take their licks, with both Madison and Yorktown scoring upset one-run wins.

But with a standout senior stepping up at the right time, the season ended in a familiar fashion, as the Knights won both the WCAC and Virginia Independent School Athletic Association (VISA) tournament titles.

As the No. 2 seed, the Knights (23-

5) downed fourth-seeded Liberty Christian Academy, 5-1, in Saturday's championship game in Richmond.

Because of weather postponements, O'Connell was forced to play two games on Saturday, first blasting third-seeded Collegiate, 8-2, in the semifinals.

Senior pitcher Colleen Carty (20-5) was pivotal in both tournament championships, allowing the Knights to win the WCAC for the fifth straight time and the VISA state title for the sixth consecutive year and 14th time in the past 15 seasons.

"From my perspective, she got better, better and better as time went on," said Orndorff. "She throws hard and her ball and has some natural movement, but most of it is velocity and

her throwing the ball past people."

Carty, a James Madison signee, finished the season with a 0.78 earned run average over 152-plus innings. She recorded 188 strikeouts to 14 walks, and was the victorious pitcher in all three state playoff games, as well as the WCAC championship.

In the 8-0 championship victory over Paul VI on May 11 at Catholic University, the senior ace was masterful, tossing a perfect game, while belting two three-run doubles.

With only three seniors, four sophomores and five freshmen on the roster, the Knights struggled to find early season chemistry after having nine players graduate — including three four-year varsity starters. The losses mounted in April, including back-to-back defeats to Elizabeth Seton and Madison.

"This has to be one of my most satisfying years ever because we weren't expected to do what we did," Orndorff

said. "Other years, we've been loaded and we've been expected to do what we do. We were down, losing the players we lost."

Paul VI's 3-1 victory on April 10 ended a 121-game winning streak within the WCAC. The Knights lost two more, eventually totaling five losses — the most since they went 12-5 in 1989.

But O'Connell caught fire in the postseason, combining to score 47 runs in six games, while only allowing three. In the WCAC tournament, the Knights didn't allow a single run, ousting Holy Cross and St. Mary's Ryken before displacing the 21-3 Panthers.

O'Connell beat Episcopal, 13-0, in the first round of the state tournament. The Knights won 20 games for the 16th straight season and are now 44-1 in VISA tournament play. It was the O'Connell's 12th league title since the league adopted softball in 1994.

# Patriots Show Spring Power

## Yorktown wins district titles in baseball, softball, girls lacrosse, boys and girls soccer.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

The National District may not carry the traditional power of, say the Concorde in baseball or the Patriot in girls soccer. But almost across the board throughout the spring, Yorktown has dominated almost every sport, despite receiving a lack of notoriety in the region. Over the weekend, the Patriots earned district championships in baseball and softball, which was to be expected, along with boys and girls soccer. The girls lacrosse team also won, while the boys lacrosse team was upset by Falls Church in the championship.

**HEADING INTO** the baseball district final against second-seeded Edison, Yorktown head coach Mike Allen knew no other National District team had finished undefeated in both the regular season and postseason.

Yorktown earned a 4-1 home victory on Saturday evening, to capture its second straight district title. And for Allen, it capped a Northern Region-best 17th straight win.

Junior ace Kyle Toulouse (7-2) threw a two-hit complete game, striking out and walking five. But most importantly, the three-sport star held Edison's bats in check by not allow-

ing an earned run.

Edison did however, notch the game's first run in the top of the second, and kept Yorktown within reach throughout. But that might have been the Patriots' fault; having stranded 12 runners despite 10 Edison walks.

Yorktown countered, taking a one-run lead in the bottom half of the second. From there, the Patriots — like they'd done all season — never looked back.

Up three in the top of the sixth, Toulouse worked himself out of a bases-loaded jam. With no outs, he got the Eagles to fly to short, and then recorded a strikeout. On the following play, Edison designated hitter Zac Crigler's line-drive was caught by Patriot senior Brady Rall. Toulouse retired the side in the seventh.

After starting just 1-3, the Patriots closed with 17 straight wins, coinciding with the return of Kouril from a leg injury. Once the four-year varsity starter returned to the lineup, the Patriots went 14-0 throughout the district regular season and won both tournament games by a combined seven runs.

Yorktown became the first-ever National District team to finish undefeated in both the regular season and postseason.

As the No. 1 seed, the Patriots will host Robinson on Friday in the first

round of the 16-team region tournament.

Cross-town rival Washington-Lee nearly made the tournament final, losing to Edison, 5-4, in the semifinal. After blasting sixth-seeded Stuart 21-2 in the opening round, the Generals gave up a four-run lead, allowing Edison to tally five runs in the sixth.

Even with the first round win, Washington-Lee made the regionals for the sixth straight year, where it will face Oakton on Friday.

**IN SOFTBALL**, Yorktown ousted second-seeded Mount Vernon, 9-4, to win a school-record 19th game, and also its 17th straight.

Behind junior ace Hannah Bauman, the National District Pitcher of the Year, the Patriots tallied its third vic-

tory over the Majors. The school's reigning two-year most valuable player, who also pitched brilliantly in an 11-3 semifinal win over fourth-seeded Edison, allowed only two hits. She recorded five strikeouts and didn't allow a walk.

Offensively, the Patriots built a nine-run lead behind 10 hits.

Baylor signee Bree Hanafin, named the league's Player of the Year, tallied a game-high three-runs, while fellow first-team all-district selection Stephanie Severn had two hits and RBIs.

It was only the sixth time this season that Yorktown failed to score double-digit runs.

Yorktown will face Westfield on Friday night in a first-round game of the Northern Region tournament at Yorktown.

## Kelly Promoted to W-L Head Coach

Angie Kelly, the girls varsity assistant basketball coach at Washington-Lee last season, has officially been hired as the head coach, the school announced last week. The former Virginia Tech standout becomes the school's sixth head coach in the past five seasons.

Michelle Miller, who had been commuting between job commitments in Denver and Arlington resigned following the season, and the job was posted in early April. Miller, according to Kelly, gave Washington-Lee director of activities Carol Calloway a solid recommendation and she was hired soon thereafter.

Kelly has been an assistant at Bradley University, as well as Hertiage, but has never been a head coach.

Last season, she was on the bench when the Generals erased a winning drought that spanned two seasons.

"I was acting like the head coach more than what was initially expected so I just went with it," Kelly said on Monday regarding filling in for Miller last season. "It was something that had to be done."

With five sophomores on a six-win team that went to the regional tournament last season, Kelly is raring to get the new season underway.

"I'm looking forward to having that core come back and they know my expectations," Kelly said. "We're going to work hard this summer and I think we're going to have some great success."

She said she's going to maintain both the freshmen and junior varsity coaches.

"With that consistency, I think we're going to be a pretty good program in the future...I think we have a good foundation in place," she said.

## TITLE WEEK

### 2008 District Titles

#### BASEBALL

Concorde: Chantilly High School (Chantilly 5, Oakton 3)  
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School (Stone Bridge 10, Madison 0)  
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School (Lake Braddock 12, West Springfield 8)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 4, Edison 1)

#### SOFTBALL

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 4, Herndon 2)  
Liberty: Langley High School (Langley 9, Stone Bridge 8)  
Patriot: South County Secondary School (South County 2, West Springfield 1)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 9, Mount Vernon 4)

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 2, Westfield 1)  
Liberty: Madison High School (Madison 3, McLean 2)  
Patriot: West Springfield High School (West Springfield 2, South County 1)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 2, Mount Vernon 0)

#### BOYS SOCCER

Concorde: Herndon High School (Herndon 1, Westfield 0)  
Liberty: Thomas Jefferson High School (Jefferson 2, Stone Bridge 0)  
Patriot: T.C. Williams High School (T.C. Williams 3, West Springfield 0)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 1, Wakefield 0)

#### BOYS TRACK

Concorde: Westfield High School  
Liberty: South Lakes High School  
Patriot: West Potomac High School  
National: Edison High School

#### GIRLS TRACK

Concorde: Westfield High School  
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School  
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School  
National: Edison High School

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 14, Chantilly 13)  
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School (Stone Bridge 14, Woodson 11)  
Patriot: Annandale High School (Annandale 11, West Springfield 10)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 9, Falls Church 6)

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Concorde: Chantilly High School (Chantilly 9, Oakton 7)  
Liberty: Langley High School (Langley 8, Woodson 3)  
Patriot: Annandale High School (Annandale 7, Lake Braddock 6 OT)  
National: Falls Church High School (Falls Church 10, Yorktown 6)

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**Friday, May 30, 2008  
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the following property being the property contained in said Deed

of Trust, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 039-4-61-0626

Commonly known as 2230 George C. Marshall Drive, #626, Falls Church, Virginia 22043.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$34,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

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In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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**EXPOSURE**, 1500 block of S. Jefferson Davis Highway. On April 26 at 12:30 p.m., a man drove up beside a woman standing on the sidewalk. He exposed himself to her and then drove away in a white sedan. He is described as a white Hispanic male.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO (SERIES)**, 11 reports, 1800 block of N. Scott St. On April 28, between midnight and 5 a.m., 11 vehicles were broken into. All vehicles were in secured garages, one vehicle was unlocked. Most vehicles had airbags removed. There are no known suspects.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO (SERIES)**, 4 reports, 2000 block of S. Eads Street. Sometime between 5:30 p.m. on April 28 and 6 a.m. on April 29, four vehicles were broken into. All vehicles were locked and had items stolen from within.

**STOLEN AUTO**, VA KMW7815, 1999 Toyota Camry, beige, 1600 block of N. Queen St.

**STOLEN AUTO**, MD 345702, 2000 Chevy Express, white, 2000 block of S. Eads St

**STOLEN AUTO**, VA XWR7993, 1993 Honda Civic, white, 1300 block of S. Taylor St.

**STOLEN AUTO**, VA YMJ8641, 1999 Honda Accord, green, Unit block of S. Manchester St.

**STOLEN AUTO**, DC CW 4231, 2003 Honda Civic, silver, 600 block of N. Pollard St.

**STOLEN AUTO**, NO TAG, 2002 Honda motorcycle, red, 4200 block of Columbia Pike

**STOLEN AUTO**, VA KFV3080, 2001 Dodge Caravan, blue, 4300 block of Columbia Pike

**STOLEN AUTO**, VA 469709, 2007 Honda motorcycle, black, 4200 block of Columbia Pike

**STOLEN AUTO**, VA 469416, 2007 Yamaha motorcycle, red, 4200 block of Columbia Pike

**STOLEN AUTO**, VA XXN8927, 1996 Ford Taurus, red-recovered, 2300 block of S. 25th St.

**STOLEN AUTO**, MD 105129, 2006 Ford E250, yellow, 1200 block of S. Fern St.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING-ARREST**, 1000 block of S. Frederick St. On May 10 at 2:30 a.m., officers responded to an apartment for reports of cries for help. Officers found the suspect attempting to push a woman holding an infant out of a window. Amilcar Perez, 23, of Arlington, was charged with malicious wounding, abduction, and possession of cocaine. He was held without bond.

**DEATH INVESTIGATION**, 4000 block of N. 9th St. At 7:20 a.m. on May 11, police responded to a call about a person falling from a balcony. Upon arrival, a 32-year-old female victim was found deceased on the ground level. The events surrounding the victim's fall are still being investigated.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT**, 5200 block of S. 8th Road.

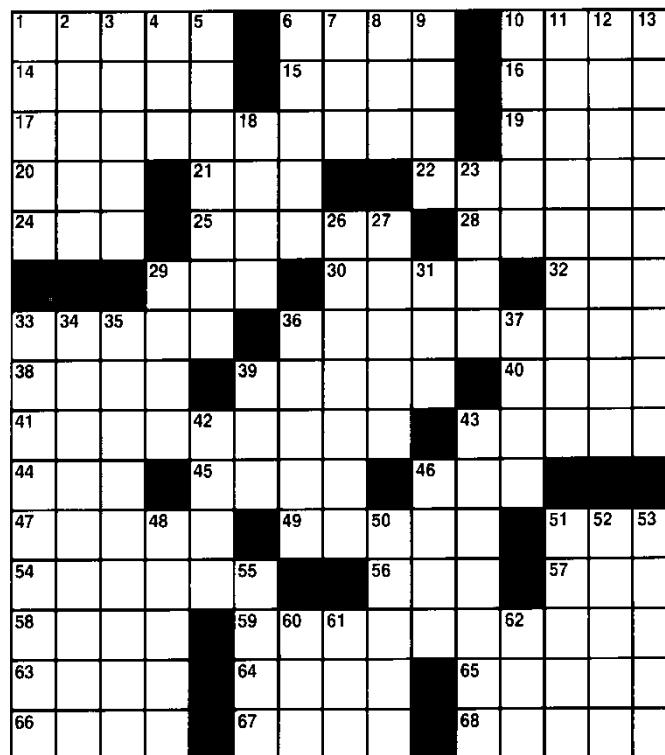
At 6 p.m. on May 10, a male roommate grabbed a woman's breast without her consent. When the woman's husband confronted the suspect, he was then assaulted by the roommate, and the suspect fled the scene.

**ROBBERY**, 200 block of S. 18th St. On May 12 at 3:20 p.m., a female was in a public bathroom stall. An unknown male forced his way into the stall, and assaulted the woman as he stole from her purse. He then fled the area. The suspect is described as an African American male, 35 years old, 5 feet 5 inches, 120 pounds, wearing tan clothing.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Went airborne briefly
- 2 "Holy smokes!"
- 3 Leader of Islam
- 4 Washington wheeler-dealer
- 5 Bun
- 6 Dolphins' home
- 7 Whichever
- 8 Sault — Marie
- 9 — d'oeuvre
- 10 Miss America's prize
- 11 Internal combustion device
- 12 Obstacle
- 13 Basketball strategy
- 14 Eskimo home
- 15 Division word
- 16 "— Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
- 17 Musician at a dance?
- 18 The hunted
- 19 Egyptian cobras
- 20 Vitamin bottle info
- 21 Delaney of "N.Y.P.D. Blue"
- 22 Address part
- 23 Shade of blond
- 24 "No" vote from a horse?
- 25 Funky musical genre, for short
- 26 Rock singer — Bon Jovi
- 27 Julie in "Doctor Zhivago"
- 28 Needlefish
- 29 "What's your sign?" for example?
- 30 "Boleyn
- 31 "Terrible" czar
- 32 MacLeod of "The Love Boat"
- 33 Relay segments
- 34 Superman's alter ego
- 35 Secluded valleys
- 36 "Praise be to —!"
- 37 — brisk pace
- 38 Spring feature
- 39 Critique of an all-night teen dance?
- 40 Modus operandi
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##### MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Beautifully renovated colonial with gourmet kitchen open to large family room. Master bedroom with Waterworks bath, total of 4 BR, 3.5 BA, easy access to 495, 66 & Dulles Toll Rd, large yard with pool. \$1,295,000

**Linda Rogers** 703-627-6776  
**Jeanne Shaw** 703-623-4845



##### ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

MEMORIAL OVERLOOK - Ready to move in, exquisite furnishings convey, top-of-line appliances, luxury condo building, Rosslyn & DC views, 2 bedrooms + den, 2 car garage parking, Metro. \$1,199,000

**Linda Rogers** 703-627-6776  
**Katie Bolt** 202-258-4400



##### FOGGY BOTTOM, WASHINGTON, DC

Watergate South - Fantastic unit in full service building! Spacious 1 BR, 2 BA with updated kitchen, 3 sets of sliding glass doors lead to expansive balcony w/ sweeping views; washer/dryer & garage parking. \$739,000

**Heidi Hatfield** 202-243-1634  
 Anne Hatfield Weir 202-243-1635



##### FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

The "Ashford House" restored and updated to capture original historical charm & beauty. Fabulous new kitchen, adjoining screen porch, hardwood floors, spacious rooms. Large lot with privacy, ideal for comfortable family living. \$689,000

**Joe O'Hara** 703-350-1234



##### NORTH ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

NEW PRICE! Charming Colonial steps from Falls Church Metro. Features Include: Renovated Kitchen, Fenced Rear Garden, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace & off street parking. \$599,000

**Cecelia Leake** 202-256-7804



##### RESTON, VIRGINIA

1BR/1BA condo in desirable Reston location features 929 sq. ft., many upgrades, sun-drenched, private balcony, fireplace, open floor plan, and parking. \$215,000

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