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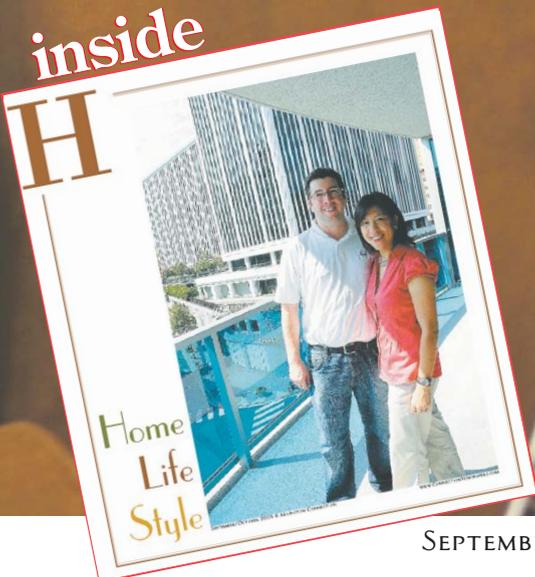
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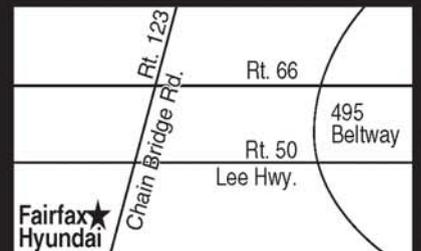


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Familiar Twangs

Annual Banjo and Fiddle Fest Returns Sunday.

BY EMILY CANAL
THE CONNECTION

This Sunday, the tunes of the old time fiddle and banjo will grace the Madison Community Center. Amateurs and professionals are invited to perform a tune on stage and fill the outdoor reception area with twangy music.

"I think celebrating cultural heritage is an important thing to do," said Mary Briggs, the cultural development programs manager of the Arlington Cultural Affairs Division. "This is part of the cultural history of the area and we are trying to keep it and recognize it."

The free event has been held in Arlington for the past 10 years, and honors Roy "Speedy" Tolliver, the local 91-year-old fiddle and banjo player.

"It's a great honor and I love to play music for other people," said Tolliver, an Arlington resident. "I love bringing people together through music."

Tolliver began playing the banjo when he was about 9 years old and started practicing the fiddle he was 20. He played in the 1940's local band The Lee Highway Boys and graced the stage at various dances.

Tolliver has played in the White House for Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, preformed at the Smithsonian in the '70s and '80s for Christmas and Fourth of July, and was part of the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation and traveled to Greece and Turkey for concerts.

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Remembering 9-11

Flags drape many of the office buildings in Rosslyn last weekend in remembrance of the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Three-Way Race in The 47th

Democrat, Republican and Green Party candidates differ on issues and priorities.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Voters in the 47th District of the House of Delegates will be faced with a choice of priorities on Election Day. Do they want a candidate who is going to seek Medicaid reform to cut waste and help patients manage illness? Or do they want a candidate who will seek to fund education and transportation by privatizing state-owned liquor stores? Perhaps they would prefer a candidate who has vowed to seek campaign-finance reform eliminating corporate money in Virginia politics. Perhaps the biggest question is this: Will any of the policy distinctions matter?

"It's not exactly a fair fight," said Isaac Wood, assistant director of communications for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "Theoretically it would be possible for a candidate who is not a Democrat to win, but that would take a dose of scandal or a well-known candidate to overcome party identification, which is the number-one determinant of voter behavior on Election Day."

After fending off four other Democratic candidates in the primary for the open seat this summer, Patrick Hope emerged as the Democratic choice for the seat. Because Democrats have such a strong showing in Arlington, Hope enjoys an obvious edge against his opponents. But the Democratic dominance in Arlington politics has also become a weapon that both his opponents are trying to use against him. During a candidate forum earlier this month at the Arlington Hospital Center both Republican Eric Brescia and Green Party candidate Eric Ruebner tried to turn the tables on their Democratic opponent.

"Doing the same thing year in year out and expecting different results," said Brescia. "Well friends, that's a plan that's just hopeless."

"I left the Democratic Party to propound alternative visions," said Ruebner. "And real hope."

THE DEMOCRATIC candidate caught in the crossfire is a soft-spoken attorney who is best known for his time as chairman of the Arlington Community Services Board. He's been a member of the Arlington Com

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Prayer, Song and Community Participation

Preparing for Jewish High Holy Days.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
THE CONNECTION

At a small Jewish congregation in Arlington, a single woman from Chicago who just earned a doctorate in audiology and a man who grew up Southern Baptist in Raleigh, N.C. are preparing to help usher in the Jewish New Year. Along with Rabbi Leila Gal Berner, they each will chant one of three Kol Nidre prayers on Yom Kippur Eve. It is the most solemn prayer on the most solemn day in Judaism.

The High Holy Days, or Ten Days of Repentance, begin this year at sundown on Friday with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year of 5770, and conclude with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which starts at sundown on Sept. 27.

Rabbi Gal Berner is the spiritual leader at Kol Ami, a Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation that holds services at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Northern Virginia in Arlington. Jim North and Leslie Lesner are members of Kol Ami who will co-lead the Kol Nidre service with the rabbi. Both North and Lesner say they have been singing for most of their lives.

"Southern Baptists get you started in the Sunbeams Choir when you're very young,"

said North. "So all the way up through high school I was singing traditional Baptist hymns."

Lesner remembers singing along with her parents' records when she was growing up. "Porgy and Bess" was a favorite.

"There I was, 7 years old and singing 'Summertime' at the top of my lungs."

North holds a master's degree in romance linguistics and has worked at the Department of State School of Language Studies since 1989. He says he experimented with a wide range of religions and spirituality over the years.

"Surprisingly, Judaism brought me closer to my Baptist roots than anything else. Bap

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Democrat, Republican and Green in 47th

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mission on Aging, a coach in the Arlington Special Olympics and a founding president of the Buckingham Civic Association. He said his professional experience as a health-care attorney would inform his agenda as a legislator in medical issues, including reducing Medicaid costs by helping patients manage their illness. He also said that he would support Virginia's \$2 million liability cap.

"In many cases, doctors have premiums that are so high that it's hard for them to stay in business," said Hope. "I think it's absolutely critical that we have a balance but that people are also getting the care that they need."

Hope pledges that if elected, he will become an advocate in Richmond for the poor, the sick, the homeless, seniors and the disabled — a continuation of his work on the Arlington Community Services Board. His platform also includes creating universal access to pre-Kindergarten, dedicated funding for transportation in Northern Virginia and investing in renewable sources of energy. Like his association with the Democratic Party, these issues have also become fodder for attacks from opponents.

"My Democratic opponent offers a wish list of new spending items, but has no way to pay for them," said Brescia. "And that sounds awfully familiar to our last presidential administration."

"When we're talking about all these great things, Patrick, like universal pre-K and dedicated funding for transportation, said Ruebner. "We do need to figure out concrete ways of raising revenue."

THE REPUBLICAN candidate in the race is a moderate who has taken a number of policy stands outside of the conservative mainstream. He supports civil unions and hospital visitation rights for gays, and he has pledged that if elected he will work to repeal the Marshall-Newman Amendment.

Patrick Hope, 37:

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Hope has a bachelor of arts in political science from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, a master of arts in congressional studies from Catholic University and a juris doctorate from Catholic University. He is currently the director of legislative policy for the American College of Cardiology. He and his wife Kristen Hope live with their three daughters in the Buckingham neighborhood and vote at the Barrett School.



Eric Brescia, 24:

A native of Worcester, Mass., Brescia has a bachelor of science in quantitative economics from Providence College in Rhode Island. He is currently an economic analyst at the American Banking Association. He is single and lives in the Virginia Square neighborhood, voting at George Mason Law School.



Josh Ruebner, 34:

A native of Evanston, Ill., Ruebner has a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Michigan and a master of arts in international affairs from Johns Hopkins University. He is currently a national advocacy director for the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. Ruebner and his wife Mona Hamoui live in the Arlington View neighborhood and vote at the Carver Recreation Center.



He would also support new drug courts that would favor rehabilitation over incarceration for non-violent offenders. Brescia even agrees with Hope on some ideas for Medicaid reform, such as long-term living services. Ultimately, though, his pitch to voters is that electing a Democrat would be counterproductive to these issues.

"If you want to continue to elect someone who fights for it but doesn't do anything about it, you have one choice," Brescia said, nodding his head toward Hope during a recent debate. "But if you want change you have another."

Brescia said his top priority if elected would be to closing the state-owned liquor stores — a major plank in the Bob McDonnell's Republican campaign for governor. In public forums and in one-on-one interactions, Brescia returns to the issue of closing the state-owned liquor store again and again. The idea has been opposed by Democrats as short-sighted, and Hope tried to use the issue to frame Brescia as short sighted about finding ways to address shortfalls in transportation funding and Medicaid spending.

"How are we going to fill in that gap?" asked Hope. "It's something that's going to take a lot more than just privatizing liquor stores."

The Republican candidate also wants to conduct an audit of the Virginia Department of Transporta-

tation, explaining that a similar audit in Washington yielded in \$100 million in savings. He also said he would like to see other counties in Virginia adopt Arlington's model of local control of roads. And he supports an initiative that would accelerate bond issuance as a way to pay for highway construction. Many of his libertarian-leaning positions are similar to Amit Singh, the unsuccessful Republican candidate for Congress on whose campaign Brescia served as an advisor.

"Government should get out of our wallets," said Brescia. "And it should also get out of our bedrooms."

THE GREEN candidate is Josh Ruebner, one of eight Green Party candidates running for the House of Delegates this year. A former Democrat who feels that the two-party system addresses issues from a narrow bandwidth that lead to what he calls "piecemeal reform efforts," Ruebner says that corporate money is too influential in Virginia politics. He said that if elected his top priority will be to ban corporations from being able to donate money to candidates in Virginia.

"Dominion Virginia gives money to almost every single politician in Richmond," said Ruebner. "This skews our state's energy policy away from the clean-energy revolution that we need toward the

dirty energy policies of the 19th century."

He is a vocal supporter of universal health care and a living wage. He supports gay marriage and opposes the death penalty. If elected, he said he would seek ways to make Virginia's tax policy more progressive by "substantially raise the tax rate" on wealthy corporations and wealthy individuals." As a way to frame the issue, Ruebner drew a distinction between corporate taxes and individual taxes.

"Someone working for minimum wage is paying 50 percent more in his or her tax rate than the wealthiest multi-billion corporation," he said. "Under any system of justice and equity, this cannot possibly stand."

The Green Party candidate also said he wants to restore voting right for felons and encourage renewable sources of energy. He has supported measures that would enable localities to tax plastic bags, and he supports a ban on the practice of mountaintop coal-mining removal in Virginia. He's in favor of placing a moratorium on the construction of new coal-fired power plants, and he is an opponent of offshore drilling on Virginia's coast.

I am convinced that working together we can shape a future for Virginia built upon social justice, human rights, equality for all and ecological wisdom," said Ruebner.

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While the event has been deemed a contest, Briggs insists it is not a competition. Judges determine original awards for each contestant and issue ribbons for every contestant at the end of the day.

Briggs said some of the categories of honor are banjo player with the best toe tap and best wrist rhythm. However, conventional awards are given for the best banjo

and fiddle player.

"It's exciting and it's a opportunity for young people to perform on stage," Tolliver said. "You have musicians of all ages who usually register and enter the contest."

The event begins at noon and is expected to end around 4 p.m. Tolliver and some of the judges will open the show with performances, and then critique the other contestants.

Briggs said about 30 to 35 con-

testants of all skill levels participate. Novices are restricted to one song, but all others can play two tunes with a total time of five minutes. Tolliver said his favorites are "Mockingbird," "Orange Blossom Special," and "Love Letters in the Sand."

"They usually play old time music or a traditional tune," Briggs said. "There are thousands of tunes floating around. Anything with a bluegrass, Cajun, Irish, or Scottish sound."

In previous years, the event was held at Lubber Run, but Briggs said the facility was closed earlier this year.

"Lubber Run was perfect, but I think [Madison Community Center] will work pretty well," Briggs said. "Lubber Run was rotting away and it was unsafe to use."

Briggs said one of the perks of the Madison Community Center is the indoor auditorium that can be utilized in case of rain.

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Fiscal Conservative Ready for 45th House District

Vicki Vasques hopes to unseat a two-term incumbent in a heavily Democratic district.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

After years as political appointee and a career-service employee in Washington, D.C. Vicki Vasques wants to bring her passion for public service to Richmond. Last month, she

launched a Republican campaign to unseat two-term incumbent Del. David Englin (D-45), who replaced longtime legislator Marian Van Landingham in 2005.

Ousting any incumbent would be a difficult challenge for a first-time candidate, but the difficulties for a Republican are especially perplexing in the 45th District, which

includes most of Alexandria as well as parts of Fairfax and Arlington counties. In 2007, Englin received 64 percent while Republican challenger Mark Allen mustered 36 percent. During his first campaign for office, Englin received 68 percent while Republican challenger Chris Gregerson took 32 percent of the vote.

"It's certainly no slam dunk," admitted Chris Marston, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. "But we think it's a winnable district."

The Republican strategy against Englin is to attack the incumbent's record. In a press

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A crowd gathered for the 19th annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival to listen to Lafayette Gilchrist featuring New Volcanoes.



Lafayette Gilchrist plays the piano.

Jazz in Rosslyn



Mike Cerri on trumpet.



Freddie Dunn also on trumpet.

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ONGOING

“Maywood at a Milestone,” a photo exhibit commemorating the Maywood neighborhood’s centennial, has opened at Cherrydale Library, 2190 Military Road (703-228-6330; www.CherrydaleLibrary.org). Includes vintage photographs dating from 1908, plus contemporary pictures by Greg Embree. Closes Dec. 31, 2009.

Volunteer gardeners are needed to plan and help maintain a vegetable garden at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. The garden is an intergenerational project shared by both youth and seniors anxious to learn and participate. Call Jessica Vasquez, area supervisor, Office of Senior Adult Programs, 703-228-0948.

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SEPT. 15-17

125th Anniversary Celebration of Laurel Grove Baptist Church. 7 p.m. To be held at Macedonia Baptist Church, 3412 South 22nd Street, Arlington. Visit www.laurelgrovebc.org, or leave a message at 703-971-1160. A celebration banquet will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield.

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release issued shortly after Englin announced for reelection in April, Marston invoked a ranking of legislators issued by a group known as Virginia FREE that placed Englin at the bottom 10 percent of legislators. And he criticized Englin for taking credit for delivering progress when only four of his 15 bills were passed by the General Assembly. Englin dismissed the charges as a misunderstanding of how the legislative process works in Virginia.

“I make no apologies for pursuing an aggressive agenda of legislation to stand up for the interests of our community,” said Englin. “And the Virginia FREE rating done behind closed doors for lobbyists for industries like big Tobacco and the Mirant Corporation.”

VASQUES DESCRIBES herself as a fiscal conservative, someone who would go

through budget line items looking for wasteful spending that could be eliminated. When asked about specific examples of wasteful spending, Vasques responded by invoking Alexandria City Public Schools’ \$19,000 cost per pupil. She said the fact that the city has the highest dropout rate in Northern Virginia indicated that taxpayers aren’t getting enough out of their education tax dollars.

“We’re just not getting a return on our dollar,” said Vasques, a former assistant deputy secretary in the Department of Education. “I want to go through the budget from A to Z and find the wasteful spending.”

She describes many of her views on issues as moderate, and she describes herself as someone who would be willing to listen to the Democratic leaders at the local level who lobby for specific measures in Richmond. For example, she said she would support Councilman Rob Krupicka’s

effort to force motorists to stop rather than yield when a pedestrian is in an intersection. And she said she would have voted for Councilman Tim Lovain’s effort to restrict the use of plastic bags. In other issues, Vasques said she would support broadening access to public records such as police reports, and she said she would vote for a requirement for motorists to use a hands-free cell phone while driving. Although she said she agrees with the concept of public-private partnerships, Vasques says she does not support the High Occupancy Transit lanes now being considered for Interstate 395.

“I believe that the public sector and the private sector can work together,” she said. “But what I’ve heard from people in neighborhoods surrounding this is that they are concerned about their property values going down, and I don’t want transportation projects to have a negative impact on our residents.”

Vicki Vasques, 55

A native of Fort Campbell, Ky., Vasques grew up in Fountain Valley, Calif., where her father was tribal chairman of San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Her first involvement in politics is when she ran for vice president of her high school freshman class, later volunteering for Ronald Reagan’s 1980 presidential campaign. She received a bachelor of science in human services from California State University at Fullerton, and taught elementary school in California before moving to Washington, D.C. to take a position as a political appointee in Reagan’s Department of Education. She later became a scheduler for the AIDS Commission and the Department of Energy before taking a career service position as director of Indian Affairs at the Department of Energy. During the George W. Bush administration, she was the deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Indian Education at the Department of Education. She is currently a business owner, and she has lived on South Pitt Street since 1998.



PEOPLE

'Here Lives a Painter'

Artist creates stage scenery for Teatro de la Luna.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

Audiences of Teatro de la Luna's theatrical productions and bilingual theater workshops have seen Claudia Olivos' work but the Arlington resident has never appeared on stage. Olivos, in the tradition of Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse, has painted stage scenery. "It was so neat to see two art forms come together," said Olivos.

The relationship with Teatro started several years ago when Olivos co-owned an art gallery in Washington D.C. "My idea for the gallery was to bring in different musicians and poets and they [actors from Teatro] came to read." Olivos said she began volunteering with Teatro shortly after that first meeting. "They just asked me to come and paint scenery and so I've done that a bunch of times." Four years ago, she joined the board of directors of the nonprofit.

Working with Mario Marcel, the artistic director of Teatro de la Luna, is a collaborative effort. Marcel



PHOTO BY DELIA SAVA/THE CONNECTION

Artist Claudia Olivos

plans the set design, and Olivos "works it out" based on what he wants. "I start working right on the canvas. I'll draw on it and then I'll paint. That's the way I do it, all artists paint differently." Marcel is effusive in his praise of Olivos' contributions, "Claudia is an excellent painter and she deserves to be recognized for her work."

Olivos' father was a diplomat with the Organization of American States (OAS) and Olivos was born

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 17

GOP Italian Dinner. 6:30 p.m. At Lyon Village Community House, 1920 N. Highland St., Arlington. Cost is \$35/person (\$8/children under 12). RSVP to dinner@ArlingtonGOP.org or 703-524-1804.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 18

10-Mile Group Run. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mid-day "progressive" group run in honor of the 4th annual Run@Work Day. At Road Runners Club of America's National Office, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington. Contact Emily Goodman, RRCA program associate, at office@rrca.org or 703-525-3890.

POW/MIA Recognition Day. 9 a.m. The focus of this ceremony is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and do everything possible to account for those who do not return. At the U.S. Air Force Memorial. 703-979-0674. Go to www.airforcememorial.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

60th Anniversary. Boy Scout Troop 624 will celebrate a Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. with a slide show, skits and storytelling. At St. Ann Church and Parish Hall, 5300 North 10th Street, Arlington. To RSVP or for more information email at

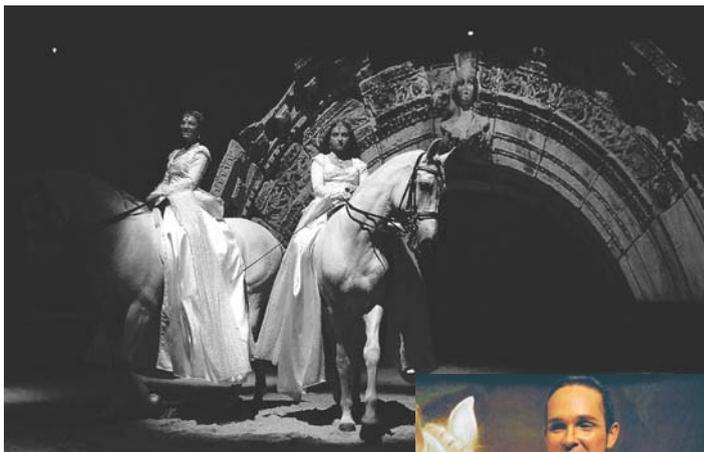
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Country Western Dance. 8:30-11 p.m. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Bill Cole will be the DJ. Eileen Scott will teach the "Quarter to Six line dance and review the "My New Life" line dance beginning at 7:30 p.m., and Keith and Linda Buckle will review the "Chiquita" and Charleston Bump" couples specialty dances at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 for NVCWDA members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call the hot line 703-860-4941.

"Citizen Kane" [1941]. 3 p.m. The Shirlington series "Film of Orson Welles" presents his most acclaimed work, "Citizen Kane" [1941]. Not rated, 120 minutes. At Shirlington Branch Library.

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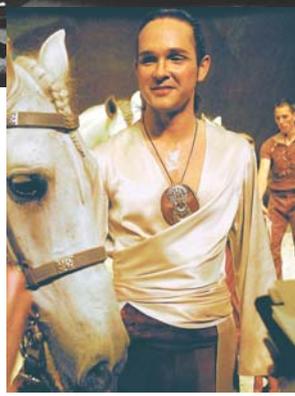
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Raquel de Frade e Branco and Geraldine Boutet in Pas de Deux (The Mirror).

Cavalia, an Equestrian Odyssey. Sept. 15-27 at 8 p.m. Cavalia is a lavish orchestration of multimedia, equestrian and performing arts. Acrobatics, aerialists, dancers, musicians and riders are showcased on a 160-foot wide stage. At South Fern Street and Army Navy Drive, Pentagon City in Arlington. Tickets are priced from \$45.50 to \$98.50. Special pricing is available for children and seniors. Call 1-866-999-8111 or visit www.cavalia.net.



James Buchanan, originally from Alexandria

LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

'The Foreigner' Generates Some Laughs

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

The Little Theatre of Alexandria turns to a tried and true, reliable comedy for its latest pleasurable piece of foolishness that generates loads of laughs five performances a week.

In "The Foreigner," playwright Larry Shue taps into the very human phenomenon that sees people giving lots of leeway to foreigners who may not know the niceties of local customs or understand the local language. Just how much can you get away with if everyone in the room thinks you don't know any better? And just how much might you learn if no one watches what they say in your presence? Shue's pretend-foreigner finds out in this contrived but delightful comedy.

MATTHEW HARTMAN combines charm and comedy as the title's "Foreigner." He's nearly sluggish in the early scenes when he's supposed to be so shy and withdrawn that he's panicked at the thought of conversations with strangers. But, when John McCracken, as his host for a three-day stay in a backwoods fishing lodge in Georgia tells the innkeeper (the high-energy comedian Mollie Wise) that he doesn't speak a word of English, his comic engine begins to get up a real head of steam.

The role gives Hartman plenty



Michael Reid (Rev. David Marshall Lee) and David James (Owen Musser).

of opportunities for physical comedy, often bordering on classic mime. A highlight of the first act finds him matched with Nathan Tatro as a bright fellow whose been convinced that he is actually a dim bulb in an evil plot to steal his inheritance for nefarious purposes. The two engage in a delightful exchange of moves and expressions. Later, Hartman adopts a pretend-patois as his character fakes learning English in order to communicate with his new friends. The patois will sound familiar to fans of Robin Williams in the old television series "Mork and Mindy." That may be a bit distracting but is not an unreasonable

comic choice for Hartman to have made.

Hartman remains the focus of the piece throughout the evening and has the skills to pull it off while others contribute in selected scenes. Wise and Tatro are impressive as are Nicole Goeden, as an innocent young woman being victimized by a plotting Michael Reid, and David James, as a bigot with KKK ambitions.

Director Frank Pasqualino keeps the pace brisk and makes sure that the focus for each scene is clearly established precisely where the greatest comic payout can be had. The script itself is weighted down in the early going with lots of plot



Matthew Hartman (Charlie Baker) and Nathan Tatro (Ellard Simms).

information that the audience must absorb, and Pasqualino can't quite overcome that burden. But he gets his cast beyond that and pulls out as many stops as possible for the second act.

New to the Little Theatre's stage is set designer/painter Erin Cumbo who continues the company's tradition of impressive, highly detailed sets. She has been tapped to design two more of the company's productions this season, the main December show, which is the holiday version of the "Plaid" series, "Plaid Tidings," and a more adult show, "Dog Sees God," that will play as an after-hours offering on the same eve-

nings.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway, and edits *Potomac Stages*, a web site covering theater in the region (www.PotomacStages.com). He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

Where and When

"The Foreigner" plays through Oct. 3 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street. Performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$18. Call 703-683-0496 or log on to www.thelittletheatre.com.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

"Last Rose of Summer." 7 p.m. Flutist Carole Bean and pianist Lisa Emenheiser of the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra perform a program of Brahms and Faure. Tickets are \$75/person. Call 703-635-2770 or email contact@eclipseco.com. At the Arlington home of Priscilla and Johannes Linn. Call 703-635-5272.

Meet Me on a Sunday. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free outdoor event with local bee keeper, juggler, electric bikes and other environmental exhibits. At Potomac Overlook Park at the end of Marcey Road, off of Military Road, in north Arlington. Call 703-528-5406 or e-mail Potomac@nvrpa.org.

Pollination Ecology. 1-3:30 p.m. Explore the ecology of pollination with a lecture and field exploration. Meet at the Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington. Ages 16 and up.

Author Event. 3 p.m. "Orson Welles and the Unfinished RKO Projects" by Marguerite H. Rippey. She will discuss her pioneering in-depth examination of early film and radio projects shelved by RKO or by Welles himself. At Shirlington Branch Library.

Outdoor Wine Festival. 2-6 p.m. Crystal City's 3rd Annual Vintage Crystal Serves Up Latin "Accent" for the Palette. Featuring 30 wines from Spain and Latin America. Live music is provided by the DC Jazz Festival and will include the Marshall Keys Quartet, Reginald Cynjje & the DC Jazz Collaborative, and Trio Caliente. To complement the wine and tequila samplings, many well-known restaurants, such as Jaleo, King Street Blues, Morton's the Steakhouse, Café Pizaziola, Cucina Vivace, Ruth's Chris Steak House, and Kora will serve regional cuisine. At 220 20th St.,

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Banjo Fest. Noon-4 p.m. Honors old-time music master Speedy Tolliver with The Speedy Tolliver Fiddle and Banjo Fest. Speedy Tolliver is known for his versatility, having mastered various fiddle and banjo styles including old time, bluegrass, Dixieland and swing. Free and open to public. At the Madison Center, 3829 North Stafford Street, Arlington. Call Arlington County's Office of Heritage Arts, 703-228-1899, or visit www.arlingtonarts.org.



South, Arlington. \$20 tickets for sips, tastes and a wine glass. Food only tickets for \$10. Go to www.crystalcity.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 21

Author Event. 7 p.m. "The Dickson Baseball Dictionary"/"The Unwritten Rules of Baseball" by Paul Dickson. Author of 54 books, Dickson discusses his recent definitive titles, "The Dickson Baseball Dictionary (Third Edition)" and "The Unwritten Rules of Baseball." At Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

"Batman: The Dark Knight." Free. Part of the Superheroes Summer Film Festival, which start at sundown, rain or shine, at Bell St. Courtyard, along S. Bell Street between 18th and 20th Streets, across from the Crystal City Metro Station and Marriott Hotel. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

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Arlington Yard Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gently used children and babies

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Metropolitan Wind Ensemble Auditions. 6:30-8 p.m. Levin School of Music's Metropolitan Wind Ensemble is looking for new members. At the Levine School of Music's Virginia Campus, Westover Baptist Church, 1125 N. Patrick Henry Drive, Arlington. Call 703-237-5655.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 23

Hispanic Heritage Month Film/Meet the Screenwriter: "Machuca" [2004]. 6:30 p.m. Roberto Brodsky will introduce and answer questions about "Machuca" [2004], which examines the events of the brutal 1973 military coup in Chile through the eyes of two young boys in private school. At Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

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FAITH



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Members of Kol Ami, The Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Community, are preparing for the Jewish High Holidays which begin this Friday night. From left to right are: Jim North of Arlington; Herb Cooper-Levy of Old Town who is co-leading Rosh Hashanah services; Leslie Lesner of Arlington; and, Don Kraus with his daughter Hilary of Mount Vernon. A full schedule of Kol Ami's High Holiday services can be found on its Web site at: <http://kolaminvrc.org/>

Preparing for High Holy Days

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tists are very close to the Bible, the Old Testament," said North. His partner Richard is Jewish.

"The first time I visited my partner Richard's family in Connecticut, I knew all the Bible verses in the prayers and I felt right at home."

LESNER'S FAMILY was not particularly religious, but in her 30's, she began searching for her spiritual roots and started singing with a Jewish choir.

"I love a lot of the Jewish choral music," she said. "It feels as though it's steeped in tradition. It feels very old."

Reconstructionism is the fastest growing branch of Judaism and the only American-founded branch. A Reconstructionist Jew has strong commitments both to tradition and to the search for contemporary meaning.

Kol Ami, which means "the voice of my people," started in December of 2000 with a few families getting together in each other's homes.

Don Kraus of Mount Vernon was one of the founding members. "The Unitarian Universalist Church has been very kind to us since we don't have our own building," Kraus said. "We're not a wealthy congregation. We have about 50 household members. But we plan to survive and flourish and be here for one another."

Rabbi Gal Berner explains that at Kol Ami she is there as a guide and a learned teacher. But the members are just as important in developing the customs and traditions. Among those customs and traditions is the participatory style of Kol Ami.

"Many of us take an active role in co-leading services," Lesner said. "We bring to it our own perspective of what's important in the service, and the other members love and support the interpretation of the service we bring. It makes it new, fresh and different while keeping the same format and honoring the tradition."

On Yom Kippur Eve, Lesner will chant Kol Nidre first followed by Rabbi Gal Berner. North will sing the final prayer.

Kol Nidre, which translates to "all vows," gives worshippers a second chance, according to the rabbi. "Maybe we made vows to God last year and we really tried to keep them but haven't been as strong and ethical as we promised," she said. "On Kol Nidre night, our God, who is eternally forgiving, lets us go

into the New Year with an absolutely clean slate."

Lesner describes the Kol Nidre prayer as a hauntingly beautiful piece that's usually done in a very full strong voice. But when she chants, it will be with a lot of gentleness.

"I'm trying to convey that when you're talking to God it can be very private and personal and almost whispered."

North has participated in leading different parts of both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in the past. He is honored to be able to sing Kol Nidre this year.

"I understand it's often considered a tour de force for a singer," he said. "I learned it from Rabbi Leila. I've learned the meaning of the words. But for me, it's about feeling connected to the people in our community and being able to serve with a gift God gave me."

RABBI GAL BERNER describes North and Lesner as terrific members of the Kol Ami community.

"In addition to their beautiful voices," she said, "both are very active and have co-led services. Jim is a Jew by choice and one of the most knowledgeable in our congregation. He has even taught some of our young people to chant from torah scrolls."

Rabbi Gal Berner says no one should feel that they can't attend High Holy Day services because they haven't been to a synagogue for a while or they don't know enough about Judaism.

"We're welcoming to all people anywhere on the belief spectrum — from very religious to atheist. You don't have to leave your mind at the door or tow a party line.

"When a person comes into Kol Ami, he or she is always greeted with warmth. It's a joyful place."

"It's about feeling connected to the people in our community and being able to serve with a gift God gave me."
— Jim North

Yorktown Beats Wakefield, TC Williams

Bush excels for 4-1 Patriots.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Yorktown's Elyse Bush positioned herself for a kill attempt during game three of Monday's match at Wakefield, but didn't get the opportunity to swing.

After a teammate's dig sent the ball high in the air, the ball ricocheted off the ceiling and fell to the floor for a Wakefield point. Bush could only smile at the situation.

Something had finally slowed her down.

Bush, a first-team all-region selection last season, finished with 19 kills, including eight in game three, as Yorktown defeated Wakefield 3-0 (25-15, 25-10, 25-16) in a National District match.

While Yorktown (4-1 overall, 1-0 district) swept Wakefield, Bush was not pleased with the Patriots' play. The Warriors (0-1 district) led 13-6 in game three before the Patriots scored the next 14 points and 19 of the final 22.

"I got kind of frustrated, so I [told setter] Libby [Kane], 'Just get me the ball,'" Bush said. "There was no way we should have been down" by so much.

Bush got the ball and she responded. The senior had eight kills during Yorktown's 14-0 run.

"She's always an offensive leader that we need," Yorktown coach Brittanie Behar said. "When we play teams like this where she can just hit the ball anywhere and get points, I think it's good for our general morale. ... She played excellent."

BUSH, LAST SEASON'S district Most Valuable Player, leads Yorktown with 87 kills. She also has 53 digs and 11 aces.

"Elyse is great," Wakefield coach Daniel Rios said. "You can't be giving free balls to her because she will take advantage."

A Lisa Anderson kill gave Wakefield an



Yorktown senior Elyse Bush goes up for a kill attempt during Thursday's victory over T.C. Williams.

11-9 lead in game one, but Yorktown responded with 12 straight points for a commanding 21-11 lead. Patriot freshman Katie Rock accounted for the final points of the run with an ace and a kill. She finished with five aces.

Kane dished out 24 assists and recorded nine digs.

After Yorktown won game one, 25-15, and cruised to a 25-10 win in game two, Wakefield used a 7-1 run to build a 13-6 lead in game three. Anderson had three kills and Mekdes Kebede had a kill and an ace to help put the Warriors ahead by seven, but they couldn't hold on.

"We had our ups and downs," Anderson said. "We just have to keep working and get better."

Rios, Wakefield's fourth head coach in as many years, said he is trying to improve attitude and energy in the program.

"We're trying to build something," he said. "We're working really hard with the freshman team and the JV."

THE WIN was similar to Yorktown's 3-0 (25-19, 25-20, 25-19) victory over T.C. Williams on Thursday: the Patriots came in expecting to win and struggled early to find rhythm.

"It's easy against hard teams to really go

Yorktown's Ashley Rock goes up for a block against T.C. Williams while Libby Kane (16) looks on.

after it and play hard," Behar said. "It's less easy against teams that you expect" to beat.

Yorktown trailed in games one and two against T.C. Williams and surrendered an eight-point lead in game three before regrouping. The Titans went on a 9-1 run to tie game three at 16, but a kill by Yorktown's Ashley Rock started 9-3 Patriot run to close the match.

Bush led Yorktown with 11 kills against T.C. Williams. Ashley Rock finished with eight kills and Katie Rock had seven. Kane dished out 25 assists.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

After a five-game loss to Westfield on Sept. 8, Behar was pleased Yorktown bounced back with two wins. The Patriots host George Mason tonight, Robinson on Thursday and Mount Vernon on Monday.

"Coming off Westfield was tough," Behar said. "I wish we would have played another tough team right away because ... when you play those tough teams and you lose to them that close it sort of nicks at your confidence. I think that playing a tough team after that would have been good, but anytime we get a win it puts us in a good position."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yorktown Down to Fourth-string QB, Loses

The Yorktown football team fell behind Madison 7-3 at halftime and lost 21-3 on Friday at MHS.

Patriots coach Bruce Hanson said the offense, led by sophomore quarterback Jordan Smith, was inconsistent. Hanson said the Patriots need to work on running the football.

Smith, a running back last season, is the team's fourth-string quarterback. Hanson said starter Sam Nottingham is suffering from mononucleosis and will likely miss the next two games.

Hanson said linebackers Henry Dixon, Sam Burton,

Erik Cardillo and Charles Banks played well, and receiver C.J. Bartholomew made some tough catches on offense.

Madison improved to 1-1.

Yorktown (1-1) travels to Centreville (0-2) on Thursday.

Wakefield Falls to Dominion

The Wakefield football team dropped to 0-2 with a 28-24 loss to Dominion (1-2) on Friday at WHS.

The Warriors, who were limited to 43 rushing yards in a season-opening 38-6 loss to Lee, rushed for 224 yards against Dominion. Boubacar Diallo led Wakefield with 91 yards on 13 carries. Terry Davis rushed 11 times for 67 yards and Naquan Jewett carried three times for 53 yards.

Wakefield's Terry Davis caught two passes for 36 yards.

Diallo, DaShawn Grady and Aaron Hunt each caught one pass.

Wakefield quarterback Drew Powell completed 5 of 12 passes for 63 yards and was intercepted once.

The Warriors travel to take on McLean (1-1) on Thursday.

Washington-Lee Drops to 0-2

The Washington-Lee football team lost to South County, 35-0, Friday at WLHS.

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PEOPLE

Artist Creates for Teatro de la Luna

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in D.C. but grew up in Chile. She moved back to the area when she was in high school and has stayed, citing a need to be "rooted." Her home in Arlington greets visitors with a painted tile by the front door that says, *aqui vive un pintor* (here lives a painter). Her husband Sergio is also an artist and her 16-year-old son, Julian shows talent but prefers writing.

While working towards her bachelor's degree, Olivos followed the advice a professor by declaring a double major, psychology and art. She later attended Vermont College where she received an M.F.A. Today, she continues to devote herself to her painting, teaches two days a week at the Art Institute of Washington and holds private classes in her studio.

"My work has become a little bit about the story, and it's also why I like Teatro," said Olivos. Her inspiration comes from many sources but literature has played an important part in what she chooses to paint. "One of the authors who has been a big influ-

ence is Gabriel Garcia Marquez, particularly '100 Years of Solitude,'" she said.

A few years ago when Teatro produced a play about Frida Kahlo, Olivos and her husband painted the canvasses that were used in the production and provided the brushes and paints. They also taught the actors that were playing Kahlo and Diego Rivera how to draw and paint. "There were two huge canvasses on either side of the stage the whole time; they actually painted on them while the play was happening."

And every year for Teatro's poetry marathon, the Olivos family hosts one of the visiting poets in their home. "They stay with us for a week and we love it. They love being here, too, usually it's in the spring so it's nice weather," said Olivos.

Surrounded by paintings in her studio, Olivos reflects on what she enjoys most about the theater company: "They are very committed and passionate about their work."

To donate to Teatro de la Luna or for more information, call 703-548-3092 or visit www.teatrodelaluna.org.

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Seaman Recruit David J. Seliquni, a 2008 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, recently completed U.S. Navy basic

training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Airman Tracy L. Jenne graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Leslie Jenne of N. Fifth St., Arlington, and granddaughter of Imogene Whitcomb of Bunfill Drive, Santa Maria, Calif.

Jenne graduated in 2005 from Ernest Righetti High School, Santa Maria, and received an associate degree in 2008

from Mesa Community College, San Diego, Calif.

Jeffrey W. Downie has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy.

He is the son of Thomas and Patricia Downie of North Woodrow St., Arlington.

Downie is a 2009 graduate of Yorktown High School, Arlington.

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The public information meetings will focus on the transportation alternatives under study, including new bus services such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), express bus service and commuter choices such as carpooling, vanpooling and park and ride lots.

Each meeting will include a continuous open house with study representatives available to provide information. Presentations will be given at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. with an opportunity for questions and answers afterwards.

Meeting Dates and Locations	
Wednesday, September 23, 2009 Arlington County Board Room-3rd Floor 2100 Clarendon Boulevard Arlington, VA 22201	Wednesday, September 30, 2009 Oakton High School Cafeteria 2900 Sutton Road Vienna, VA 22181
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Saint Agnes: Blue Ribbon School

Saint Agnes Catholic School in Arlington was selected as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program rewards schools that are proven academically superior by scoring in the top 10 percent on state assessments. According to Principal Kristine Carr, "The entire Saint Agnes school community is overjoyed to receive this recognition. It validates that Saint Agnes offers high quality academic opportunities within a community that recognizes and includes our Catholic faith." Carr and resource director Dr. Terri Eichner will attend a White House ceremony where they will be presented with a plaque and banner recognizing Saint Agnes' status as a Blue Ribbon School. Saint Agnes Catholic School, the parish school of Saint Agnes Parish in Arlington, enrolls 360 students in grades Pre-K through 8. Learn more about Saint Agnes Catholic School at www.saintagnes.org/school.

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"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs, Sept. 28-Oct. 3. Challenging and entertaining **mental activities** to stimulate and enhance memory, Monday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Free. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

Intermediate and advanced **strength training** classes, Monday, Sept. 28 (upper body), Wednesday, Sept. 30 (torso), Friday, Oct. 2 (lower body), 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd Street. Cost is \$56/16 sessions or \$3.50 per drop in. For information, 703-228-4745.

Professional fitness coach available for personal fitness assessment and personal exercise program. Cost is \$145 for assessment and three exercise sessions with coach. Call Office of Senior Adult Programs, Monday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., for information, 703-228-4771.

Newcomers to **pickleball** will play Monday, Sept. 28, Tuesday, Sept. 29, Thursday, Oct. 1, 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Coaching available; free. For more information, 703-228-0955.

AARP's two-day **safe driving** refresher course for seniors, Monday, Sept. 28, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th Street. Must attend both days to receive certificate. Cost is \$14 or \$12 for AARP members. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

Beginners **full fitness exercise** class, Tuesday, Sept. 29, Thursday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Flexibility and strength training exercises; newcomers welcome. Cost is \$3.50 per drop in. For information, 703-228-4745.

How to deal with **stress** caused by economic changes will be discussed, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper Street. Free; newcomer welcome. Call to register, 703-228-5321.

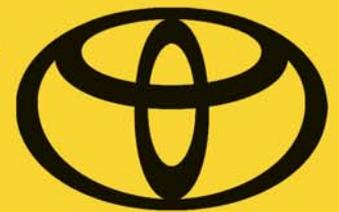
Walk Away the Pounds, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4:30 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Free. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

Legal Services of Northern Virginia offers seniors, free, one-on-one **legal advice** and counsel on a wide array of issues and services, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 12 p.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Call for appt., 703-228-4403.

Line dancing classes begin Thursday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper Street. Partners not required; great exercise. Free; newcomers welcome. Call to sign up, 703-228-5321.

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