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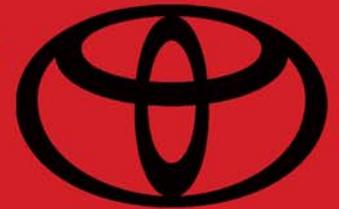
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Hundreds gather to remember 11-year old Benjamin Memmott.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
THE CONNECTION

Benjamin Memmott liked go karts, power washers, snow blowers and his granddad's truck. Traffic once stopped for him as he maneuvered a Bobcat through a Georgetown construction zone. He hugged a rock star, conversed with an Academy Award-winning actor and climbed The Green Monster at Fenway Park. He packed a lot of life into 11 years.

More than 500 friends, teachers, relatives and neighbors filled the auditorium of the Arlington Traditional School on Nov. 8 to celebrate the life of Benjamin S. Memmott, 11, who died Oct. 14 of anaplastic astrocytoma, an inoperable brain cancer. He was remembered for his love of sports, wisdom beyond his years and his courage.

Several of Benjamin's close friends and teammates at Arlington Traditional School (ATS) were greeters and handed out programs for the service. Friends Peter Cook and Spencer Micali also participated in the service with a reading.

ATS Principal Holly Hawthorne called



Outside ESPN Zone in May 2007 for friend and teammate Peter Cook's birthday party. Pictured from left to right: Andrew Jensen, Troy Allison, Henry Burneson, Benjamin Memmott, Peter Cook, Kevin Brewer, Spencer Philps, and Spencer Micali.

Benjamin one of the most courageous students she's ever seen and announced the school would be placing an engraved brick in its outdoor patio: "In memory of Benjamin Memmott. His strength, courage and

kindness inspired us all."

Benjamin's parents Scott and Gina Memmott and sister Abigail, 14, wrote a tribute that was read by their friend Chris Janney of Arlington.



At the 2009 Race for Hope, Benjamin Memmott and his sister Abigail (left) share a moment with American Idol David Cook.

In it, they remembered their son and brother's determination to minimize the effect of the disease on his life. Within days of a surgical brain biopsy he was back on the soccer field and went trick or treating

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Winter Wonderland

Guest arrive at the 7th Annual Pentagon Row Holiday Festival on Nov. 14.

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The Camerson brothers got their faces painted during Saturday's event.



Affordability on the Pike

Board approves \$7-million loan to preserve affordable housing on Columbia Pike.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

The weakened real-estate market has created a \$100-million budget shortfall for the county, but it has also created an opportunity for County Board members to move forward with preserving affordable housing. Last weekend, the board approved a \$7.1-million loan to a nonprofit organization to purchase a 111-unit garden apartment on Columbia Pike. The move comes after years of concern about market pressures eroding the stock of affordable housing along the pike, which currently has the greatest stock of affordable housing in the county.

"This is an area that has retained a lot of market-rate affordable housing," said Kenneth Aughenbaugh, the county's director of housing. "The county is interested in preserving as much of it as possible."

The board's action allocates money from the county's Affordable Housing Investment Fund as a loan to the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing to assist with the acquisition of Buchanan Gardens. In March,

the nonprofit organization executed a purchase contract on the 1940s-era brick garden apartments. Under the conditions of the loan approved Saturday, the nonprofit would restrict 66 units to households with incomes at or below 60 percent of the area median income.

"Now is the time for us to capture as much affordable housing as we can," said County Board member Chris Zimmerman. "This is a property that would likely be lost in the next few years if we didn't take action."

THE PROPERTY consists of 11 colonial-style, walk-up garden apartment buildings on Buchanan Street, which is a half-block north of Columbia Pike. The garden apartments currently include 81 one-bedroom units, 29 two-bedroom units and one three-bedroom unit. Monthly rents are affordable to households at 50 percent to 60 percent of the area median income, ranging from \$835 to \$1,395. But neighbors say the property hasn't been kept well.

"The perception in the neighborhood is that this property hasn't been maintained

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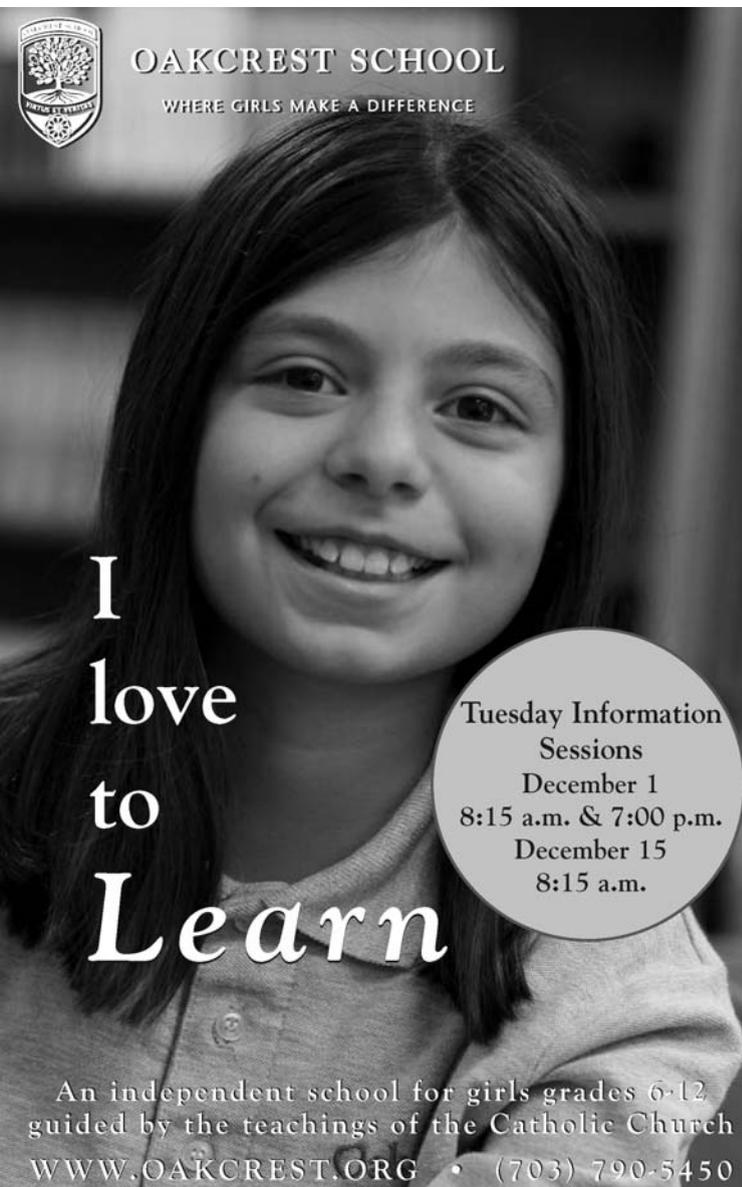
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NEWSPAPERS

Dedicated to Historic Preservation

40 years of work acknowledged.

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

What is a historic preservation? For **Constance Ramirez**, it is a simple answer. "Helping people to find and save their history," she said.



Ramirez

For 40 years this is what Ramirez did on the Landmark Review Board for with Arlington Heritage Alliance (AHA). She was recently awarded the AHA's 2009 Heritage Award.

"Because Connie was moving out of Arlington, we wanted to acknowledge her long commitment to preservation," History Matters president Kathryn Smith said.

No where is this more evident than in her fight to save the Marcey Cabin.

Back in 1982 when Ramirez worked for the Landmark Review Board, she was given a list of sites to investigate. Then, she got a call that the Marcey Cabin near Donaldson Run in Arlington — one property on the site list — was going to be demolished.

AFTER VISITING the site, Ramirez contacted the county to see if the building could be moved to one of its parks. She was unsuccessful until Ramirez had a conversation with Vienna attorney Charles Sloan, who has worked on a number of preservation projects around Virginia.

"I knew Connie worked with the Arlington Heritage group ... and we were talking one day about something else when she asked me if I'd like a log cabin in my backyard," Sloan said.

He did like the idea and two years later they were reconstructing Marcey Cabin on his property in historic Vienna.

Ramirez feels that the project demonstrates "what

historic preservation should be about."

"Now Arlington's Marcey Cabin is now sitting in Vienna, Virginia," she said.

Her dedication to preserving historic sites is also evident in her work with Sharon Park at the National Park Services in the restoration of Ft. Myers during the mid-1990s. The National Park Service helped to restore the one-story military building designed by Montgomery Meigs by removing the extra paint to bring out the beauty of the building's natural wood.

"Connie is someone who has always been teaching and sharing her knowledge with

the next generation of preservation practitioners. I was a guest speaker at one of her classes at the UVA extension program on Historic Preservation," Park said.

Currently, Ramirez is teaching courses in historic preservation at University of Maryland and George Washington University. She tells her students and anyone interested in a career in historic preservation that there are lots of opportunities within the field in recent times.

RAMIREZ'S PASSION for historic preservation goes back to her hometown Annapolis, Maryland.

"I grew up in downtown Annapolis. I was just struck by how much the variety of the city enhanced my life. And I looked around and thought it's really neat how you have some old buildings and modern buildings in there ... I think it was that kind of environment that led me to think about how you can help other cities have this kind of mixture." Ramirez said.

After spending some time helping city planners at the nonprofit organization Historic Annapolis, Ramirez became interested in city planning and urban history. Upon finishing up her undergraduate at Wheaton College in Massachusetts, she went on to receive a Masters in City Planning from Yale University and a PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from Cornell University.

However, she recognizes the challenges facing his

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Dale J. Roberts

Green Values

Some values aren't so new after all.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

While he was in Taiwan teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) in 1988, Dale J. Roberts discovered really good coffee houses. The 50-year-old single owner of The Java Shack said, "That's where I fell in love with coffee — in Taiwan." In 1996, Roberts opened the Arlington coffee house with a vision: "We see ourselves as a community coffee shop, giving our time, energy and money to the community that sustains us."

Roberts represented the business community at a panel and audience discussion at the Central Library sponsored by the library and Potomac Overlook Regional Park on Sunday, Nov. 15, National Recycling Day. The other members of the panel were Jay Fisette (Arlington County Board), Scott Sklar (president of The Stella Group, an energy consulting firm), Annette Osso (president, Virginia Sustainable Building Network) and James Barrett (economist). After an introduction by Martin Ogle, chief naturalist at Potomac Overlook Park, the panelists shared their thoughts on how a green economy will evolve in Arlington. The library's auditorium is nearly full with a diverse group of about 80 people.

Roberts delivers a simple message: "Everybody can do something that's going to have an impact." At the coffee house, in an effort to reduce paper products, Roberts uses ceramic cups; for coffee to go Roberts asked customers to bring their own containers. A year ago they implemented a ten-cent charge on a disposable to go cup to discourage their use. Roberts estimates that they have seen a 75 percent decrease in the trash

produced.

The paper products used at the Java Shack are made from 80 percent post-consumer recycled material. The liners in the paper cups are corn-based material which decompose naturally, rather than petroleum based. To save water, Roberts has installed 1/2 gpm (gallon per minute) water aerators. And this past year they installed a solar panel for the patio. On the wall of the coffee house, Roberts has posted a sign listing the various eco-friendly practices observed by the business.

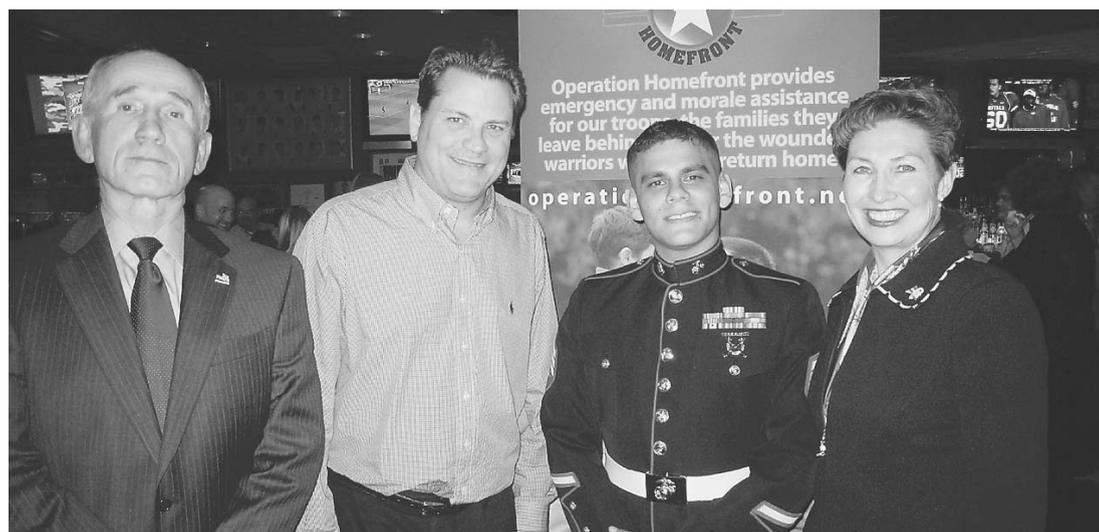
Roberts uses organic and fair-trade teas and coffees. In his introduction Ogle noted that The Java Shack was the first restaurant in Arlington to receive a green certification from the Restaurants Association. "Arlington has been a leader in the green movement. I am happy that I live here," said Roberts adding, "When I first moved here, there was one farmer's market and now you have a market almost every day of the week."

Joining the Army in 1977 brought Roberts to the area. He spent two of the four years he

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NEWS

Affordability

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as well as we'd like it to be," said Bryant Monroe, president of the Barcroft School and Civic League. "That's one of the reasons we've been supportive of a place for an affordable housing in our community with a responsible owner that maintains the property."

The nonprofit anticipates closing on the property in December, and the loan from the county will have a 35-year term at a 3-

percent interest rate. Once financing has been secured for renovating the property, the nonprofit organization intends to create more family size-units in a series of additions known as "bump-out." The additions will include 55 one-bedroom units, 49 two-bedroom units and seven three-bedroom units. "In recent years, the county has been doing so well with bike paths and pedestrian access and accessibility and desirability," said Zimmerman. "But affordable housing is the one area that has been the biggest challenge, and I feel that this loan will make significant inroads to working toward a solution."

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toric preservation in recent years. "The challenge in Arlington as I saw it is to make people understand that we can preserve history places and have new development. We can integrate a lot of what people want ... good housing, various retail services or good schools. We can have all that and house them in places that have historic value. Schools for instance, people want good school and say we have to modernize them. But there are ways to protect the older part of the school or the front of the school but then also upgrade it and put in

the new facilities. I think our neighborhoods are richer if they maintain places from the past that we enjoy," Ramirez said.

Currently, Ramirez hopes to work on expanding the National Park Service Web site HistoricPreservation.gov. She wants to provide educators with more supplemental information on historic preservation. She is also working on obtaining more historical information on an area called Edgewater in Annapolis. Since 1969, she has lived in Arlington, but she moved back to her hometown recently. Ramirez is married with children.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 19

U.S. Army Chorus. 7:30 p.m. An evening of German Music for Men's Chorus with selections by musical giants Schubert, Beethoven, and Wagner. At Brucker Hall, Fort Myer, Arlington.

Lunchtime Chamber Concert. Noon to 1 p.m. At the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850 or go to <http://www.arlingtonarts.org>.

FRIDAY/NOV. 20

Festival of Praise. 8 p.m. 10th Anniversary of the Arlington Diocesan Choir; 20th Season of Richard Gibala, Saint Thomas More Music Director; and 40th Anniversary of the Saint Thomas More Cathedral Choir. At The Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. Call 703-524-2815 or visit www.stmcathedralconcerts.org.

NOV. 20-22

Dance Festival of India 2009. 7:15 p.m. Friday Opening Ceremony. Saturday at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday at noon and 3 p.m. Cosponsored by Embassy of India and Arlington Cultural affairs. Guest artists from India presenting a wide range of classical dance styles: Kathak by Pundit Rajendra Gangani; Sattriya Dance by Sattriya Dance Company; Mohinyattam by Vijayalakshmi, and Kuchipudi by Pasumarthi Sarma. The festival will also feature full length productions by area dancers in Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Manipuri, Odissi, and Kuchipudi. At the Thomas Jefferson Theater, Arlington. Visit www.ideadancers.org or contact 703-532-5479.

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Fabulous Night of Tango. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25/general, \$15/

HOLIDAY CALENDAR



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SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Holiday Boutique. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift selections will include hand-crafted jewelry, imported linens, luxury natural beauty products, embroidered bags, global handicrafts, baby gifts, home decorator items, and more. December fund-raiser for Arlington Historical Museum Building fund. Sponsored by Aurora Hills Women's Club. At Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 935 23rd Street South, near Crystal City. Contact Susan Small at 703-739-0659 or smallssue@mac.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 19

Holiday Design Ideas. 10 a.m. Presented by Muriel and Harlin Turner of the Rock Springs Garden Club. At the Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Contact the Membership Chair, Anita Brown at 703-532-1107 or membershiprockspringgardclub@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 22

Christmas Bazaar. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors can join in the fun, sample delicious baked goods and shop for gifts, artwork, Holy Land sculptures, crafts, children's clothing, books, jewelry and Christmas decorations. At Saint John the Beloved Catholic Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean. Call 703-714-1999.

SUNDAY/NOV. 29

Messiah Sing-Along. 7 p.m. \$20

suggested donation. Dr. J. Reilly Lewis will lead a full orchestra, harpsichord, organ, guest soloists and the audience in Part One of Handel's "Messiah." At Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 N. Irving Street, Arlington. Call 703-527-8574.

DEC. 3-6

The Nutcracker. Sponsored by BalletNova (formerly The Center Dance Company/Arlington Center for Dance). Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at 1 and 5 p.m. Over 350 tickets are being made available free to children and families from economically disadvantaged communities. Tickets range from \$14 - \$25 (lower Thursday night prices from \$8 - \$20). At the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre. Tickets are available online at www.BalletNova.org, or call 703-778-3008.

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SUNDAY/NOV. 22

CD Release Party. 3 p.m. For Hüsnü Aydođu. His debut CD, Anadolu, features twelve tracks of traditional Turkish music and song. In the ballroom of the NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington.

Chamber Music Recital. 2 p.m. Presented by the U.S. Navy Band. At the George Washington Masonic

Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-433-2525 or go to www.navyband.navy.mil.

Russian Revelry. 3 p.m. The Washington Balalaika Society concert featuring its 60-piece Russian Folk Orchestra. Tickets \$20/general, \$18/seniors. At the Kenmore Center for the Performing Arts, Kenmore Middle School, 200 South Carlin Springs Drive, Arlington. Call 703-549-2010 or visit www.balalaika.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 23

"The Advance Man." 7 p.m. Author event with Jamie MacVicar. Jamie MacVicar, author of "The Advance Man: A Journey Into the World of the Circus" will discuss the world of the circus and his years as a promotions man for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. At the Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington.

TUESDAY/NOV. 24

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Daryl Davis Band. At Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-359-9882 or visit the Web site at <http://www.gottaswing.com>.

THEATRE

'Show Boat' at Signature

Legendary musical revived in Shirlington.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

There is much to like in Signature Theatre's new, downsized revival of "Show Boat," one of the biggest musicals of the 20th century. Much, but perhaps not as much as might have been hoped by those who already know and love the show.

It isn't that this is by any stretch of the imagination a skimpy musical. Not with cast of 24, an orchestra of 14, a set that is both functional and massive, given the size of Signature's 280-seat black-box theater, and 18 songs of which most have been a hit at one time or another over the past 80 years.

No, it is just that, in downsizing the original while remaining true to its 1927 roots, some of the heft of the original has been lost, and Signature hasn't quite found a way to compensate for that.

"Show Boat" ranks as one of the four or five most important single events in the history of the American musical stage. In one fell swoop, Oscar Hammerstein II and Jerome Kern took the conventions of the light and zippy musical entertainments, the musically heavy but dramatically unrealistic operettas and the serious dramas of the day, and blended them into a unified whole.

Not that it was an easy birthing process. The script is based on Edna Ferber's sprawling novel of life on a Mississippi River show boat. It dealt forthrightly with racism as well as some somber matters like addiction to gambling. Hammerstein crafted an almost equally sprawling script which, on the night of its first pre-Broadway preview performance (which was at the National Theatre in Washington) ran over four hours.

Much cutting was necessary then, and there have been revivals over the years that cut more, put things back or added new material. This latest revision, which builds on the original 1927 script, the 1946 revival and a 2005 version developed by Nic Muni for the Bern Opera, cuts or shortens seven songs that were in on opening night on Broadway while picking up some that were added later. The result is a very good representation of the score which can be performed by a cast that, while big by today's standards, isn't as huge as, for instance, the most recent Broadway revival which had



CHRIS MUELLER/THE CONNECTION

VaShawn McIlwain as Joe, Delores King Williams as Queenie, Stephanie Waters as Magnolia, Terry Burrell as Julie, and ensemble member Kevin McAllister (all front row), with other members of the ensemble in Signature Theatre's production of "Show Boat."

nearly 60 performers on stage.

The 24 in this cast include a delightful Harry A. Winter as the avuncular captain of the show boat. Broadway's Terry Burrell delivers not one but two highlights as the show boat's leading lady — "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" and "Bill." Delores King Williams ballyhoos marvelously as the show boat's black maid and Stephanie Waters and Will Gartshore combine as the river boat gambler and the girl he loves, with full-throated love songs such as "Make Believe" and "You Are Love."

The show is probably most famous for "Ol' Man River," its recurring theme sung by the show boat's black handyman. Here, Signature has VaShawn McIlwain, a trained opera singer. His vocal timbre and its touch of upper class enunciation is a bit unconvincing for a role of a laborer probably born in slavery and which is so identified with the likes of Jules Bledsoe and Paul Robeson. Director Eric Schaeffer adds a few distracting touches to staging the number over the course of the show.

As the two-month run of the musical gets underway, the performances overall seemed to still need some smoothing and polishing as does the orchestra under John Kalbfleisch's baton, or perhaps they need more experience playing the score. The orchestrations are new, having been done by one of Broadway's best, Jonathan Tunick. But they sound thin when compared to, for example, the orchestra for the Kander and Ebb revue in this space earlier this year, "First You Dream" (which, had five more players) or the accompaniment to Sondheim's "Into the Woods" using Tunick's own orchestrations, which was the first show to play this hall.

Where and When

"Show Boat" plays through Jan. 17, 2010, at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. in Shirlington. Performances are Tuesday - Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday - Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$52 - \$76. Call 703-573-7328 or log on to www.signature-theatre.org.

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NEWS

Remembering Benjamin Memmott

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with his grandfather. "That sort of set the course for his treatments and the way he handled the cancer," Gina Memmott said. She explained that Benjamin chose to take the first radiation therapy appointment at Inova Fairfax every morning for seven weeks so he could get to school on time. One evening after chemotherapy infusions he pitched his baseball team to victory.

For the past two years, Benjamin, his parents and sister participated in the annual Race for Hope that benefits the National Brain Tumor Society and Acceler-

ate Brain Cancer Cure. Benjamin and Abigail together raised \$130,000 in the two races which led to two research chairs being named for Benjamin.

The family hopes to top that in 2010's race and beyond.

"Time and money is what you need to advance the research that will save the lives of children diagnosed with brain tumors," Gina Memmott said.

They hoped that Benjamin might be the first child to survive. Now they are dedicated to helping the next parents who hope their child survives.

"Benjamin never stopped fighting," Gina Memmott said. "He knew he had brain cancer and he

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was scared, but he was just a fighter the whole time. He helped us all through this.

"I have to do something to honor Benjamin's fight."

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Holistic Moms Network Arlington/Alexandria Chapter Meeting. 7-9 p.m. Topic: "Holistic Journeys" – A discussion of our passions led by HMN members and health professionals: Nina Elliot, certified personal trainer and co-owner of Health and Wholeness; Josie Nelson of Miessence/ONE group Organic Skin Care; Katherine Sumner, certified health counselor. At the

Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. Visit <http://arlexva.holisticmoms.org> or call 703-824-6167.

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TUESDAY/NOV. 24

NAMI-Arlington Meeting. 7:30 p.m. For parents, spouses, friends and significant others of individuals with mental illness. At Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 North Glebe Road, Arlington (in the basement).

FRIDAY/DEC. 4

Peace Corps Information Session. Noon to 1 p.m. Brown bag lunch information session. Learn about the application process, the benefits of service, and what skills you need and the training you will receive. At the Peace Corps Regional Recruiting Office, 1525 Wilson Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington.

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Applying Green Principles

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served in D.C. Later Roberts worked for MCI in human resource development.

Roberts said the military was his way out of Kansas; he grew up on a farm, the eighth of 10 children. He credits his mother with teaching him the values that have driven his green efforts. He remembers being told to turn off lights and not to leave the water

running. "It was instilled in me at a very young age not to waste things."

In addition to a handout with statistics and more green ideas, Roberts brought bags of used coffee grounds for the audience to take home along with a small card on ways to use the grounds. "We were doing these things before it was considered cool ... because it's the right thing to do."

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Behar Succeeding with Yorktown Volleyball

Life changed for Michigan native after move to Washington, D.C. in 2005.

By JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Unsure of her next move, Brittanie Stowell's desire to live in a big city led her to Washington, D.C. shortly after her 2005 graduation from Indiana State. She accepted a job as a nanny, but that was only temporary. Nothing was set in stone, but a short stay on the East Coast before moving back to her home state of Michigan seemed logical.

But more than four years later, Stowell's still here. Except it's not Brittanie Stowell anymore. It's Brittanie Behar. She met Chris Behar through match.com and, after dating for more than three years, the two were married Aug. 23. She was also a preschool teacher, a substitute teacher, moved to Arlington and is working toward earning her master's degree in elementary education from Marymount University.

While life has taken Behar down an unexpected path, one thing has remained constant for the 26-year-old from Kalamazoo: her love for volleyball. After a standout career as a middle hitter at Indiana State, Behar has coached for two different volleyball clubs — Metro-American and Arlington — since moving to the East Coast, and is the head varsity coach at Yorktown High School. Behar completed her fourth season with the Patriots on Nov. 9 with a 3-1 loss to Herndon in the opening round of the regional tournament.

While the team hoped for a deeper advance in the postseason, Behar's body of work at Yorktown still has plenty of bright spots: four winning seasons, two National District championships, a pair of runner-up finishes and one district Coach of the Year award.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Brittanie Behar has led the Yorktown volleyball program to two National District championships and a pair of runner-up finishes in four seasons as head coach of the Patriots.

BEHAR LED Yorktown to the district title in 2006 and 2008, and the Patriots appeared on their way to another championship in 2009 before senior standout Elyse Bush suffered a season-ending knee injury in the team's regular season finale on Oct. 28. Yorktown lost to Washington-Lee that night — the Patriots' first district loss since 2007. Without Bush, who was twice named district Player of the Year and first-team All-Northern Region, Yorktown lost in the district championship match to Hayfield (the Patriots swept the Hawks in an earlier meeting).

The Yorktown program started experiencing success in terms of district titles before Behar arrived, winning at least a share in 2004 and 2005. But Behar said when she took the job, the quality of volleyball had room for improvement. Players did not have set positions. Some athletes had never played prior to high school and club volleyball wasn't very popular in the Arlington area.

Behar made some changes, and she said all of the 2009 Patriots have at least one year of club volleyball under their belts.

"I feel the major difference," Behar said, "is the general level of volleyball has in-

creased."

Behar said memories of her playing days have helped her as a coach.

"I had a lot of experience playing when I started coaching," she said. "The big way it has helped me is I try to remember all the things my coaches did well."

SHE ALSO THINKS about what her coaches didn't do well. Any unpleasant volleyball-related memories have made making volleyball fun for her players a priority for Behar.

While thoughts of her playing days have aided Behar, past production on the court furthers her credentials. Behar, a four-year starter at Indiana State, ranks second on the school's all-time hitting percentage list with a .270 clip. She's also fifth on the all-time kills list (1,174), fifth in career attacks (2,887), fifth in block assists (253) and sixth in total blocks (304). Her .305 hitting percentage in 2003 is the school's fourth-best single-season mark.

Against Bradley on Nov. 21, 2003, she recorded the second-highest single-game kill total in school history (28), and the third-highest single-game hitting percent-

age (.605).

Sophomore middle Ashley Rock, a first-team all-district selection for Yorktown, said she respects Behar's experience as a college player.

"I really like her as a coach," Rock said. "I would definitely feel more comfortable being coached by someone who played college volleyball. ... She understands what happens in the game. She's experienced what we go through on the court. ... That's helped a lot."

Senior setter Libby Kane said she values Behar's input.

"I was just having a conversation with [freshman] Katie Rock last night because she wants to play in college," Kane said. "I was like, 'You shouldn't be talking to me, you should be talking to Brittanie.' I feel no matter what, regardless of what you're talking about, anything volleyball related, she knows the answer to. I definitely trust her more than anyone else."

Behar said she's very competitive when it comes to volleyball. She enjoys playing during the summer, but doesn't play with her team during in-season practices. She said focusing as an observer allows her to be a better coach and correct mistakes.

NEXT SEASON will be a challenge for Behar. She will be without Bush, a four-time all-district selection, for the first time and will have to replace Kane at the setter position. Kaley Burlingame, who played junior varsity as a sophomore this season, will likely be the varsity setter next year. Ashley Rock and Katie Rock will be relied on for kills. Malaika Bain-Peachey showed potential while filling in for Bush at the end of the season.

Now that volleyball season is over, Behar will be busy with other activities, including leaving with Chris this weekend for their honeymoon in Italy.

"I moved here more or less because I had never really lived in a big city," Behar said. "I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do as far as job-wise. I planned on living here two or three years at the most and moving back home ... but things change."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hayfield Ends Yorktown's Season

The No. 6 Yorktown football team lost to No. 3 Hayfield, 34-6, in the opening round of the northern region playoffs on Friday at Robert E. Lee High School.

Yorktown moved the ball early against its National District foe, but had a pair of field goal attempts blocked by Hayfield. The Hawks turned both special teams plays into touchdowns, including returning the first block 90 yards for a score, and took control of the game. The Hawks led 34-0 at halftime.

Hayfield running back Rayshawn Rigans scored on touchdown runs of

67, 6 and 69 yards, respectively. Hawks quarterback Anton McCallum scored on a 35-yard run.

"That's a nine-point swing," Yorktown head coach Bruce Hanson said of the Hawks returning the first of their blocked field goals for a touchdown. "Instead of us being up three, we're down 6-0. You can't overcome that, it's just too hard."

Senior quarterback Sam Nottingham scored Yorktown's lone touchdown on a 2-yard run with 2:48 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Patriots finished the season with a 6-5 record. Yorktown dropped four of its first six games but clinched a playoff berth with four consecutive victories, including a 28-10 win over Washington-Lee during the regular season finale.

National District Field Hockey Players Honored

Washington-Lee senior defender Kelsey Clark was named field hockey Player of the Year in the National District. Senior teammates Anne Murray (defender), Molly Wolford (midfielder) and Mandy Maggio (goalkeeper) joined Clark on the first team.

Yorktown seniors Hope Barrazotto (forward) and Olivia Shipley (midfielder) were also named to the first team, along with Wakefield senior defender Libby Lyon.

Second-team honors went to Washington-Lee's Camelia Rubalcava (senior

defender), Catherine Pricone (junior forward), Patricia Murray (senior midfielder) and Margaret Duarte (senior midfielder), Yorktown's Christine Downie (junior forward), Grace Ballou (senior forward) and Molly Adair (sophomore goalkeeper), and Wakefield's Sara Santos (senior goalkeeper).

Honorable mention accolades went to Washington-Lee sophomores Adrianna Gorsky (forward), Robin Gordon (forward), Raleigh Mills (forward) and Emily Gursky (midfielder), Yorktown's Maeve Thomassie (junior midfielder), Melissa Hung (sophomore midfielder), Ashley Fredericks (senior defender) and Hannah Madison (junior defender), and Wakefield's Margo Rodriguez (senior forward) and Jessica Valerazo (sophomore midfielder).

National V-ball Players Honored

Yorktown senior Elyse Bush was named National District volleyball Player of the Year. The outside hitter was also a first-team all-region selection. Joining Bush on the National District first team were Washington-Lee's Becca Jones and Yorktown's Ashley Rock.

Second-team honors went to Wakefield's Lisa Anderson and Mekdes Kebede, Washington-Lee's Erin Fox and Aliya Winker and Yorktown's Libby Kane.

Honorable mention accolades went to Wakefield's Dominique Lopez-Piper.

A Big Shot I'm Not



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I would have thought – or expected, that after nearly eight months since I received my cancer diagnosis and six months since I've been column-writing my thoughts on the subject, that I would (perhaps even, should) be able to actually talk about it. And in talk about it, I mean, actually say the word cancer out loud in response to a friendly inquiry about my appearance, my hair (or lack thereof), my water-drinking, my diet, my work schedule, etc. But I can't, apparently, at least not without a lot of stammering and stuttering, and hemming and hawing, anyway.

And here I thought I was so well-adjusted, so comfortable in my cancer-affected skin; Mr. Positive, Mr. What-A-Great-Attitude, Mr. I-Can-Handle-This, that a simple question asking the obvious wouldn't illicit such a verbal vacuum. I know silence is supposed to be golden, but this silence seems so awkward, so inappropriate, sort of, that I find myself trying, occasionally, to avoid the conversation/situation altogether. Sometimes it feels better to be simply left alone with my own unspoken thoughts rather than struggling to express them in public to a sincerely interested person but one who is not, quite frankly, someone who my life is not dependent upon (the kindness of others notwithstanding).

And not that my life is dependent upon anyone right now, thank God! And not that cancer patients in general, or anyone with serious medical issues, are not dependent in some way on said kindness and queries – and prayers of others, because I've certainly come to realize that we are. Moreover, it's not that I'm a private person fearful of the invasion of that privacy. Hardly. I'm comfortable writing about it (obviously) and comfortable having people know about it. But in the past few weeks, social situations have presented themselves that have made it clear that I'm not nearly as comfortable talking about it as my writing would have lead me to believe.

I don't think I'm in denial; I think I'm in reality. Heck, when they stick a needle in your arm every three weeks for chemotherapy and every week for lab work, there's not a minute (make that second) that goes by when you're not keenly aware that you're "Not in Kansas anymore," unless of course, you're a cancer patient who actually lives in Kansas. I know exactly where I am, what I'm doing and more importantly, why I'm doing it. I don't know the outcome, yet. However, if I were to guess as to why my words are more easily written than they are spoken, I would bet that not knowing my future may be the cause of some of the verbal problems I'm having in the present.

It's that uncertainty that ties my tongue, I believe. And in recounting various conversations I've had with my oncologist, my oncology nurse and miscellaneous other health care professionals with whom I interact (and who know my diagnosis), my prognosis is so interdependent on variables impossible even to predict and/or anticipate that receiving a definitive assessment/scenario/future summarizing them and in turn comforting me, is unrealistic, apparently.

Therefore, when I ask the existential question, "What does it all mean, doctor?" the answer I usually receive is unsatisfactory. But at least I'm alive to ask it (and to hear the answer, too).

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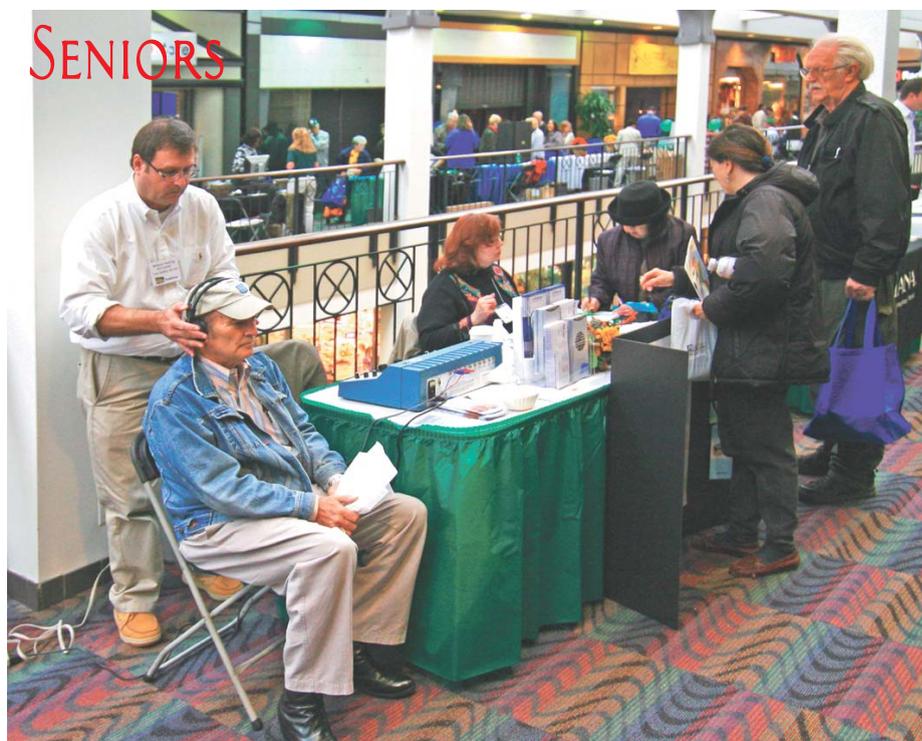


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Representatives from local agencies were on hand to discuss services and resources. Exhibitors included health care providers, retirement communities, legal and financial advisors, arts venues, travel services, non-profit organizations and more.

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Computer users group, NOVACOM, will meet Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., for roundtable discussion of new programs, problems, Walter Reed Senior Center. Free; newcomers welcome. For more information, 703-978-4968.

Renee Groban, information specialist, Jewish Council for the Aging, will meet with senior job seekers to discuss available resources, Thurs., Dec. 3, 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center. Free. For more information, 703-228-0955.

Belly dancing classes begin Friday, Dec. 4, 11:45 a.m., Lee Senior Center. Learn posture, basic rhythms, arm and hand movements plus isolation exercises to tone and condition. Cost \$25/5 classes. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

Crafters Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center. Local crafters offer their wares for the holidays. Open to the public. Details, 703-228-4403.

Call for free copy of Arlington County's **"55+ Guide,"** published by the Office of Senior Adult Programs, 703-228-4721. Register with OSAP (\$15 annual fee) to access programs and activities at senior centers and community centers with senior programming.



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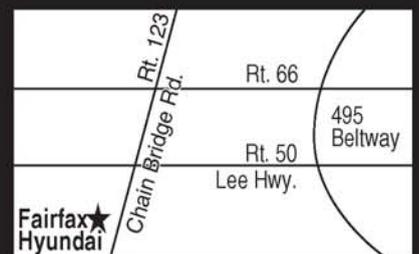


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