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Protesters Bearing Arms

Restore Constitution rally brings Second Amendment advocates from across the country.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Participants of the Restore the Constitution rally came to Virginia this week with a long list of grievances. And they came bearing arms. Concerns ranged across the political spectrum, with protesters opposing everything from the federal requirement to purchase health insurance and the surveillance provisions of the Patriot Act to Social Security and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ultimately, their open-carry rally at Fort Hunt Park in Mount Vernon and Gravelly Point Park in Arlington called for less government intrusion and a reduced amount of spending.

"Most of us are libertarian, and we have libertarian concerns," said Andrew Graves, who traveled from Vermont to be part of the rally. "We want smaller federal government. We want the federal government to play by the rulebook, the rulebook being the Constitution."

Speaker after speaker denounced the federal government to spending too much and encroaching into the lives of citizens. Some called for action at the ballot box, describ-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Protesters carrying firearms gather Monday, April 19 in Gravelly Point Park in Arlington. Rally participants oppose growth in the size and scope of the federal government.

ing the upcoming primary season as crucial to shaping the Republican Party. Others called for direct action, such as Mike Vanderboegh, an Alabama militia leader who advocated throwing bricks through the windows of Democrats who voted for the health-care bill.

"Whatever I've written over the last few years, including my call to adopt the tactics of the Sons of Liberty of old and break

windows, this is my motive: I want to avoid a civil war," said Vanderboegh at Fort Hunt Park. "This is what the king of England didn't understand on the 19th of April 1775. We are done backing up. Done!"

AT TIMES, THE RALLY seemed to be a cross between a political assembly and a religious revival. Loaded handguns were holstered to waistbands, and unloaded rifles

were slung across backs. Religious rhetoric mingled with political philosophy and heated calls to action. About 75 protesters took part in the rally, with an equal number of media types and a handful of counter-demonstrators.

"I find it very ironic that they are complaining about the federal government," said Laura Austin, a Mount Vernon resident.

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Earth Stewards To Gather

Students learn how to help the environment.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

"It gave me knowledge about what's going on in our community and ways to help," said Alex Mazarr, a 12-year-old sixth grader at H-B Woodlawn who is taking part in the Earth Force Youth Summit at Potomac Overlook Park later this month. Earth Force is a national nonprofit that promotes active citizenship and environmental stewardship; local offices help tailor projects to the specific needs of the community.

"Earth Force staff look forward to the Youth Summit each year because it is truly a day of education, recognition and celebration for the educators and young people we work with," said Jessica Bromelkamp, ex-

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PHOTO BY DELIA SAVA/THE CONNECTION

Alex Mazarr, left, and Marion Chavarria with watershed model created by H-B Woodlawn students Marie Johnson, Gus Norrbom, Lars Christensen and Edward Quintana.

Holistic Moms Connect

Organization links those interested in healthy living.

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

After attending a local meeting of Northern Virginia chapter of Holistic Moms in Fairfax, local working mom Jessica Haney thought it was an interesting organization and decided to start one closer to home.

Four or five months later, in January 2009 she gathered enough members with help from area holistic businesses and practitioners to start the Alexandria/Arlington chapter of Holistic Moms.

Currently, it has more than 75 members. Meetings are held on the third

Thursday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at Arlington United Methodist Church. Holistic Moms welcomes anyone from the Arlington/Alexandria area.

Guest speaker Mitch Baker of American Plant spoke with the Arlington/Alexandria Chapter of Holistic Moms about starting a healthy garden free of toxins and chemicals for the March monthly meeting on organic gardening.

The next monthly meeting, "Local Food: Markets and Farms" will highlight local farmers markets and other resources for organic food.

"We'll have a couple people coming to talk about farmer's markets. We are going to have a panel of at least four speakers talking about ... farmers markets and community supported farms. My hope is that people walk away thinking their only option is Safeway to get affordable options for getting real quality produce,

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Burke Named Chairman of The Board

E. Hunt Burke, Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Company's chief executive officer, has been elected Chairman of the Board effective April 1.



E. Hunt Burke

Burke previously served as president, and was named chief executive officer of the bank in July 2009. He succeeds Charles K. Colum who served as Chairman since 2002. As part of the executive leadership transition, W. Scott McSween joined the bBank in July 2009 as president and chief operating officer. The fifth generation of his family to lead the 158-year-old bank, Burke has worked at the bank in a variety of roles since the age of 13 and then as a full-time staff member for 30 years.

"I am honored to assume the role of Chairman of Burke & Herbert Bank," said Burke. "This is an exciting time for our Bank. We have produced record levels of growth and earnings for two consecutive years, amid challenging times for the banking industry and the economy in general. We now move forward with the next exciting chapter in our story. Our near-term future includes new and enhanced banking products and services, improved use of technology, and new branches in more Northern Virginia communities to offer even greater convenience for our customers."

Burke was born and raised in Alexandria, attended Episcopal High School and the University of Richmond. He received his B.A. from George Mason University while working full time at Burke & Herbert Bank. He graduated with honors from the Graduate School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia. He and his wife of 26 years, Molly, reside in Alexandria with their four daughters.

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PEOPLE



Family Day

Children create art in front of the Arlington Arts Center which held "Family Day: Can You Dig It?" on Saturday, April 17.

Workshops about dirt, soil and different colors of clay from the earth were sponsored by CVS, VSArts and Corporate Apartment Specialists.

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Sam Rizkalla (left), CVS store manager, with Lisa Cookson, CVS regional manager. CVS was one of the event's sponsors.



Ryan Ermovick, 5, with volunteer Manon Loustaunau.



Rami Mansour, nine years old.



Maya Mansour, six years old



Ginger Geoffrey, left, and John Andelin of Arlington attend the opening.

'Spring Solos'

The Arlington Arts Center held an opening reception on April 16 for "Spring Solos 2010," the best contemporary art from the Mid-Atlantic region featuring abstract paintings and sculptural installations. The exhibition runs through June 5.



Artist Ana B. Hernandez has several works in the exhibition.

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PEOPLE NOTES

To have engagements, weddings, obituaries, or other significant personal events listed in The Arlington Connection, e-mail arlington@connectionnewspapers.com or fax to 703-917-0991. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412. Photos are welcome.

Marine Corps Pfc. Daniel Bourne, a 2007 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School, Arlington, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Courtney R. Taylor has arrived for duty at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Montana. Taylor is a financial management journeyman with less than one year of military service. She is the daughter of Douglas A. and Paris Taylor of S. Eads St., Arlington.

Army Reserve Sgt. Eugene J.

Dirks has been mobilized and activated at Fort Dix, N.J., in preparation for deployment to serve in support of either Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom. The soldier is a member of the 6th Military Intelligence Battalion, based at Fort Devens, Mass. He is the son of Joseph Dirks of Second St., Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sara Schom of N. Washington Blvd., Arlington. His wife, Mary, is the daughter of Edwin and Rhodora Dolores of Constitution Lane, Totowa, N.J. The sergeant is a 1997 graduate of Xavier High School, New York City, N.Y., and earned a bachelor's degree in 2001 from the University of Scranton, Pa.

Cuppett Ballet Performs at Kenmore

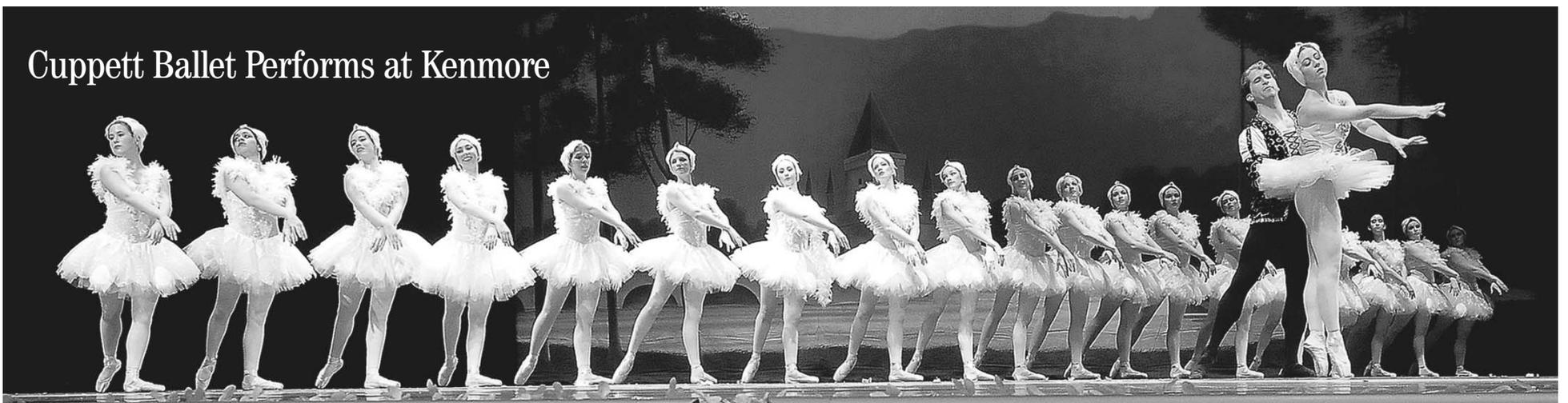


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On March 27, 178 ballet students from the Cuppett Performing Arts Center took the stage at Kenmore Middle School for two performances of *Gayaneh* and *Swan Lake*. The performances were directed by Christine Musig. The Cuppett Dance School was founded in Vienna in 1962 by Alzine Cuppett who received her early dance training from Gene Kelly, and later was a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall in New York. In the foreground "Prince Siegfried," professional ballet master Bryan Skates with "Odette," Alyson Kuba. In the background are the "Cygnes", or Swans. For more information on the Center and upcoming classes call 703-938-9019 or visit www.cuppettpac.com

Holistic Moms Find Common Ground Naturally

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meats and eggs,” Haney said. Haney describes Holistic Moms as a support group and a community resource. “We educate our members by having speakers every month and ... we have an e-mail list and mom’s night out. It’s a way to create community. They can ask each other questions. We share information and links. The idea is to support families who are looking into alternatives that maybe having a hard time finding information about like healthy homes, green cleaning and organic medicines. Things that are going to be gentle on their families’ bodies and the body of the earth,” Haney said.

Some topics covered in past meetings include mindful parenting, holistic skin care, school options for holistic parents, creating balance in family life and fighting the flu naturally.

As a community resource, Holistic Moms also works with other social service organizations in the area.



They worked with Arlington for a Cleaner Environment set up a children’s area for the Green Living Expo in March. In addition, they’ve worked with Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool and the Family and Home Network to produce a children’s film called “Consuming Kids: Commercialization of Childhood.”

They also contribute to the food pantry of the church where their meetings are held and helped out with a bake sale for the church’s Fall Festival.

Haney hopes that Holistic Moms will do more community outreach before their June meeting which will deal with community service options for holistic families.

For more information on Holistic Moms, visit <http://arlalexva.holisticmoms.org>.

Members of the Holistic Moms organization gather at their February meeting on fighting flu naturally.

Earth Force Youth Summit Focuses on Environment

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ective director of the Capitol Region of Earth Force.

Jen Mazarr, Alex’s mother, is the volunteer parent working with the H- B Woodlawn students on the Earth Force project this year: “I am a huge supporter of the organization because it provides a structure under which kids develop real expertise on an environmental issue from a scientific perspective — it also pushes them to look at how they can influence their community in responding to the issue.”

“We did an analysis of the Windy Run stream and found high levels of nitrate,” said Alex. He added, “We are trying to figure out how to let people know to reduce the amounts of fertilizer they use.” In neighborhoods that are close to rivers, lakes or the ocean, lawn fertilizer use is associated with dire environmental impacts — contamination of the water with nitrates and



Alex Mazarr



Marion Chavarria

phosphates are harmful to plant and animal life.

“Don’t use fertilizer in big amounts — animals live nearby and when you hurt the stream, you hurt the animals,” said Marion Chavarria, a 12-year-old classmate of Alex also working on the project. Chavarria would like to be a wildlife veterinarian when she grows up, and says it was her love of animals and the outdoors that prompted

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her to sign up when science teacher Kathy Molina asked for interested participants.

“I love animals and in girl scouts we do a lot of things outdoors, camping and canoeing ... I love being outdoors, I love being in the water,” Marion said,

The students have created a poster with helpful tips on the use of fertilizer and substitutes people can use.

Alex notes that they want to carry the message to the communities around the stream: “People should know that some of these things can have a big impact on the environment.” The students are promoting various measures to reduce the amount of fertilizer running off into the nearby stream. “We’ll also be giving out native plant seeds,” said Alex.

Mazarr says she has enjoyed working with

the students and appreciates the long-term benefits. “Doing a stream cleanup helps that stream for the short term but helping kids become knowledgeable and empowered citizens and environmental stewards can reap much bigger rewards for the environment and for these developing leaders in all areas of their lives.”

For Bromelkamp, the best part of the Youth Summit is seeing the students make their presentations on their action projects. “It is the ultimate demonstration of how our youth can be leaders in solving local environmental problems today.”

Both students say they are excited about taking part in the summit. “It’s going to be interesting to see what other people think are big problems,” said Chavarria.

Alex admits that working on the project has given him an appreciation for his community and new ways that he can be more involved. “We are getting to make our ecosystem better.”

Rally Brings Second Amendment Advocates Here

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“But we are in a national park paid for with federal tax dollars.”

The event was the first of its kind, taking advantage of a new federal law forcing the National Park Service to dump its no-gun policy in favor of following state gun laws. Because Virginia allows registered gun users to openly carry fire-

“We want the federal government to play by the rulebook, the rulebook being the Constitution.”

— Andrew Graves

arms, armed rallies like the one that happened this week may become a regular feature at National Parks Service sites.

In a written statement issued just as the rally was beginning Monday morning, U.S. Rep Jim Moran (D-8) said he opposed allowing firearms into national parks.

“These anti-government demonstrations are fueled by the belief that our constitutional rights under the Second Amendment

are somehow under attack and urgent action is needed,” said Moran. “While this may be a powerful rallying point for special interest groups, the claim could not be further from the truth.”

ORGANIZERS SAID they chose April 19 as the date to commemorate the Shot Heart Round the World that began the Revolutionary War. And they vehemently denied that the timing was in any way related to the Oklahoma City bombing, which also happened on April 19.

Most of the rhetoric compared modern politics to the Revolutionary War, describing modern-day Washington insiders on par with the tyranny of the British government

under King George III.

“They know what they’re doing. This isn’t a mistake,” said Californian Tim Hammond, wearing a black tri-corn hat. “It isn’t mismanagement. They know what they’re doing, which is bringing down the U.S. in order to create a one-world government.”

Counter-demonstrators expressed dismay at the heated rhetoric on display Monday.

“These people who are rallying here today, they are very subversive,” said Martina Leinz of Burke. “And it’s not just virulent talk. It’s action. They really truly believe that the federal government should be overthrown.”



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Auditions for Next Top Model

Alexis Stenftennagel walks the catwalk in hopes of becoming America's Next Top Model.



Lee Anne.



Yvonne Elosiebo.



The Traveling Talk Show DCTV Comcast ch. 95 hosts Markette Smith and Vanessa Camozzi are at America's Next Top Model's Washington D.C. tryouts inside Pentagon City Mall on April 10.



Layuitta Wright.

Toftoy Uses Local Sites in Novel's Setting

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

Detective Lars Neilsen stares into the glassy eyes of a raped and murdered young woman while he hears her voice in the distance saying "Please get him." He vows then and there to find the killer.

This is the opening scene of "It's in the Eyes" by Arlington native and former Olympic participant Dr. Charles Toftoy.

Inspired by the rape and murder of a former female student during his years at George Washington University in the summer of 1994, Toftoy began the nine-year journey that produced his first thriller mystery novel.

It can be purchased at Amazon.com.

Currently, Toftoy is working on the sequel "Eyes of Cold Case Killers" where the case



Dr. Charles Toftoy

forces the collaboration between three local police departments (Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax).

TOFTOY AVOIDED writer's block by creating an outline surrounding every aspect of the novel including his characters.

"Before I even wrote the novel, I had the characters in my mind. I wrote bios on the four main characters that are called the Alpha Team in the novel." His two Yorkshire terriers, Sasha and Zoe, will join Alpha team.

Throughout the writing process, his "characters talked to him." Toftoy remembers waking up at 2 A.M. from a dream about his characters and writing it down on little Post-Its or gaining inspiration for one of his characters by seeing a man with a "Yankees t-shirt stained with mustard and ketchup

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The following incidents, from April 8-14, were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

ABDUCTION-ARREST. April 10. 800 block of S. Greenbrier Street. On April 10 at 7 a.m., a man dragged his ex-girlfriend into a vehicle against her will. When he stopped the vehicle she fled, attempted to call police. The suspect then prevented her from using her cell phone. The man was charged with abduction, stalking, and interfering with emergency communications. He was held without bond.

ROBBERY. April 8. 1200 block of S. Courthouse Road. On April 8 at 6:45 p.m., a man was walking while looking at his cell phone. An unknown suspect approached him and struggled with the victim, stealing the phone. The suspect is described as an African American male in his early 20s, 5-feet-8 with a thin build, and shoulder length hair in braids. He was wearing a white t-shirt and black athletic shorts.

ROBBERY. April 9. 1400 block of S. Thomas Street. On April 9 at 2 a.m., a man was walking to his apartment when an unknown male knocked him to the ground. The suspect then stole the victim's wallet. The suspect is described as an African American male, 30 years of age and 6-feet with a muscular build. He was wearing a white T-shirt.

ROBBERY. April 9. 2400 block of S. Kenmore Street. On April 9 at 9:30 p.m., an unknown male approached the victim, assaulted him, and stole his wallet and bicycle. The suspect is an African American male in his early 20s, 6-feet, 145 pounds, with shoulder length dreadlocks. He was wearing a red and white T-shirt and jeans.

ROBBERY. April 14. 2300 block of Columbia Pike. On April 14 at 12:30 a.m., an unknown man approached a gas station clerk and displayed a handgun. He demanded money, and then fled on foot. The suspect is described as an African American male, 6-feet and 185 pounds. He was wearing a black baseball cap, black jacket, jeans, and a black and white scarf covering his face.

SEXUAL ASSAULT. April 7. 4200 block of Fairfax Drive. On April 7 at 2 p.m., an unknown man followed a woman from an elevator to her office door where he touched her groin area. The victim yelled and the suspect fled. He is described as an African American male in his late 20s, 5-feet-10, 180 pounds with shoulder length dreadlocks in a ponytail. He was wearing a white button down shirt with blue pinstripes and blue pants.

ASSAULT. April 9. 3500 block of Columbia Pike. On April 4 at 5:30 p.m., two women argued. The suspect threatened the cut the victim, but did not touch her. The suspect is known.

GRAND LARCENY AUTO/HIT AND RUN-ARREST. April 7. 5200 block of N. 12th Street. On April 7 at 8 p.m., a teenage suspect stole a vehicle and was then involved in a minor traffic accident. Officers apprehended the suspect and he was detained.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT-ARREST. April 11. 1700 block of S. Glebe Road. On April 11 at 2 a.m., while officers were investigating an assault and battery, a female become aggressive with police. Once she was arrested, the suspect attempted to kick out the police vehicle's windows. A 23-year-old Stafford woman was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. She was held on a \$3,000 bond.

EXPOSURE. April 9. 900 block of N. Barton Street. On April 9 at 10:15 p.m., an unknown male knocked at an apartment window and then exposed himself. The suspect was a white male wearing all dark clothing.

BURGLARY. April 10. 200 block of N. Glebe Road. On April 10, between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., an unknown subject broke into an apartment and stole various items. There is no suspect description.

BURGLARY. April 11. 3300 block of Washington Boulevard. Between noon on April 10, and 6:45 p.m. on April 11, an unknown subject broke into an apartment and stole various items. There is no suspect description.

OPINION

Call for Photos For Mother's Day

And Father's Day too ...

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and the

location (who, what, where, when, why).

We prefer digital photos in JPEG format; email them to Arlington@ConnectionNewspapers.com, and write Mother's Day Photos in the subject line. Or you can mail a CD with your photos on it in Jpeg format.

We will also accept prints, and we will do our best to return photos that include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced.

Send photos to Arlington@ConnectionNewspapers.com, or mail to Arlington Connection, Mother's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

And remember, a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren. Or feel free to send your Mother's and Father's Day photos at the same time.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial Reform Now

To the Editor:

It is critical that financial reform separate the too-big-to-fail financial institutions from the commercial banking system.

The American taxpayer can no longer be liable for the excesses of financial firms. These firms must bear the risk of failure without jeopardizing the financial system upon which citizens depend.

Regulations that were put in place after the Great Depression contributed to the great strength of the U.S. economy since World War II. The dismantling of these regulations and also the failure to enforce them has led to a series of financial booms and busts since the 1990s.

It is time to stop the financial sector from enriching itself at the taxpayers expense.

Jeanne Hudson
Arlington

Need Energy Independence

To the Editor:

As a veteran of The Army, I know the best way to strengthen our

national security is to reform our energy policy. We spend a billion dollars a day on foreign oil, while the global oil market enriches hostile countries that protect our enemies.

As we count down the weeks till Earth Day, one reason each day will be delivered to our senator's offices calling for our leaders in Virginia to take a stand. Recently I helped deliver the 14th Reason

during this 40 Day countdown to Earth Day 2010 to Senator Webb's office in Northern Virginia: The United States imported around 4 million barrels of oil a day from dangerous or unstable countries in 2008 at a cost of \$150 billion and spends \$1 billion a day on foreign oil that enriches hostile government, funds terrorist organizations, and props up repressive regimes.

Participating in "Operation Joint Endeavor" opened my eyes to the world. Our foreign affairs and defense policies as well as our economy are linked to our energy policy through our dependence on foreign oil. There is no doubt we as Americans rely on foreign oil reserves: currently, we are sending billions overseas to pay for oil, leaving us vulnerable to unstable or hostile regimes.

It's time to ask our leaders in Washington for the policies we need to drive clean energy investments to Virginia. With comprehensive legislation, we can reduce pollution, enhance our national security and create good new jobs, all at the same time. Virginia deserves nothing less.

Ronald M. Wilson
Army Veteran



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Artist Mounir Afrangi, left, with Dominique Lamb. Afrangi's painting was awarded first place honors.

'Love Stories'

In the Jenkins Community Gallery, Doorways Red Flag Campaign intern Dominique Lamb organized "Love Stories" a collection of artwork by local artists depicting healthy relationships. The Red Flag Campaign works with area high schools and colleges to educate students about the "red flags" in dating relationships. The exhibition runs through May 8.



Dominique Lamb stands next to two of her works being displayed in the exhibit.

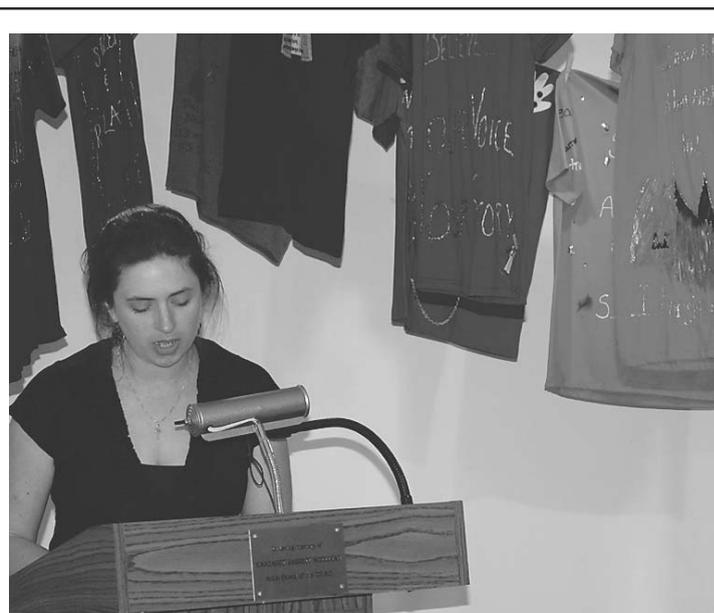


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Awareness

Writers shared emotional prose and poetry among The Alexandria Clothesline Project display at the Torpedo Factory Target Gallery on April 8. The project was coordinated through the Sexual Assault Response and Awareness (SARA) Program in Alexandria. At the lectern is writer Amy Moffitt of Arlington.

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NEWS

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs, May 2-7.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 S. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Madison, 3829 N. Stafford St.; also TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Fairlington Comm. Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Senior trips: Charlestown (WV) Races & Slots, brunch and gaming, Sunday, May 2, \$42; a day at Rehoboth Beach, Del., Monday, May 3, \$44. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4748.

Employment counseling, one-on-one, 10 a.m., Monday, May 3, Walter Reed. Free. Call for appointment, 703-228-0955.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

Improve mental skills with engaging mind challenges, Monday, May 3, 1 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

New biking group forming for all levels of bikers. For details, call Jennifer Collins, 703-228-4745.

Strength training exercise classes, Monday, May 3, 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson. \$56/16 sessions or \$3.50 per drop in. Details, 703-228-4745.

Volleyball, Tuesday, May 4, 1:30 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-5321.

Documentary film on influential "First" mothers, Tuesday, May 4, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

Modern approach to **low impact aerobics,** Tuesday, May 4, 9:30 a.m., Aurora Hills. \$56/16 sessions. Register, 703-228-722.

Understanding Alzheimer's disease, Wednesday, May 5, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Details, 703-228-5722.

Jane Franklin Dance workshops begin, Wednesday, May 5, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown; 11 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-5321 (L-B), 703-228-0955 (WR).

Pre-track meet preparation, Thursday, May 6, 11 a.m., TJ, for runners in the Virginia Senior Games, May 8-9, Richmond. Free. Register, 703-228-4745.

Steps to a successful **garden program** by expert Peter Jones, Thursday, May 6, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

Amateur poets to meet Friday, May 7, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-5321.

Music appreciation group to discuss Chopin's piano compositions, Friday, May 7, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

Fast-paced walking group, Friday, May 7, 9 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

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NOW THROUGH MAY 11

Become a Foster Parent. 6-9 p.m. Participants take part in an orientation session before enrolling in the program. At UMFS Northern Virginia Regional Center, 6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Call 703-941-9008, ext. 308.

NOW THROUGH MAY 16

"The Fool at the Circus." Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. For ages 4 and up. Run time: 1 hour. Tickets are \$12/advance, \$15/door, \$10 for parties of 10 or more. Call 800-494-8497 or www.classika.org. At the Synetic Family Theater, 4041 Campbell Avenue, Arlington.

NOW THROUGH MAY 30

"Sophisticated Ladies." Starring Maurice Hines. At Arena Stage at the Lincoln Theatre. Show times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. curtain on 4/25); Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (1 p.m. curtain on 4/25); Weekday matinees at noon on 4/21, 4/27 & 5/5. Tickets range from \$25 to \$74. For tickets, call 202-488-3300. At Arena Stage, 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 4

"America and Vietnam: Photographs by Charlene Nguyen." Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road, Arlington (703-228-6330); Hours: Mon.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tue.: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.; Wed.: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.; Thu.: 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Fri.: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 21

Power Purge and Shred. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents can safely and securely shred and recycle unwanted and outdated documents and electronics. At 20th and Bell Street, Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 23

Organ Duo Recital. 8 p.m. Free. Marilyn and James Biery perform at Saint Thomas More Cathedral, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. Call 703-524-2815.

Author Ronald Kessler to Speak.

With the Arlington Republican Women's Club. At The Washington Wine Academy, 1201 S. Eads St., Arlington. Call Sally Linderman at 703-534-7224 or mygalsal@verizon.net.

Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

8 to 10 a.m. Tickets are \$35/individuals or nonprofits and \$50/corporate guests. At the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. To purchase tickets, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org. Or contact Samantha Watson at swatson@volunteerfairfax.org or 703-246-3826.

"My Sisters Keeper — When Women Pray."

6 p.m. A Special worship service for women to come together to learn about the power of prayer in the hands of women. Special music along with speakers including Maudeva Hansford and Chastity Johnson, Wesley Seminars, Marci Schiller, Lisa Gibbs-Smith and more. At Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 N.



SUNDAY/MAY 2

Potomac Overlook Open House. 1-4 p.m. Live music, games, food, a juggler, community exhibits, art and the annual Taylor Elementary School maypole dance and much more. Potomac Overlook Regional Park is located at the end of Marcey Road, off of Military Road, in north Arlington. Call 703-528-5406.

Irving, Arlington. Contact Tiffany at 703-527-8574.

Singer-Songwriter Eilen Jewell. 9 p.m. Tickets are \$12. At IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-522-8340

APRIL 23-24

Comedian Jennifer Coolidge. Cost is \$25/person. Friday, April 23 at 9:45 p.m.; Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Performs live stand-up comedy at the Arlington Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

SATURDAY/APRIL 24

Meet the Author. 2-4 p.m. Author William H. Johnson returns to his native state of Virginia to talk about his debut novel, *The Dark Province*. At Mei's Asian Bistro, 3434 Washington Blvd., Arlington.

7th Grade Sneak Preview. 5-6 p.m. Bishop O'Connell High School invites all seventh-graders and their families to attend a short information session in the school's upper gym. At 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433.

Festival of the Arts.

6 to 9 p.m. Student artwork, dance, music, poetry and more on stage and on display. At Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Visit www.bishopoconnell.org.

Spring Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Used books, furniture, tools, clothing and household items. Outside, a wide variety of locally grown bedding plants, both annual and perennial, will be available along with bagged mulch. At Walker Chapel United Methodist Church, 4102 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Go to www.walkerchapel.org or call the church office at 703-538-5200.

Washington-Lee High School Plant Sale. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A fund-raiser for W & L Students. At Quincy Park (Corner of Quincy St. and Washington Blvd)

Items for sale: Annuals, Hanging Plants, Organic Herbs, Student Artwork. Contact Sue Di Filippo 703-732-7524.

League of Women Voters Meeting.

9:30 p.m. followed by meeting until noon. Guest speaker is Joan Bradley Wages, President and CEO of the National Women's History Museum. Call 703-536-8270. At the Sheraton National Hotel, 900 So. Orme Street, Arlington.

A Skeptical Conversation.

1:30 p.m. Free. With Ray Hyman, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, University of Oregon about his many decades of widely respected skeptical critique of Psychics and Psychical Research, such as the CIA's 1990's "Star Gate" remote viewing project. Professor Hyman will be interviewed by D.J. Grothe, President of the James Randi Foundation. At the National Science Foundation, Room 110, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Presented by the National Capital Area Skeptics, call 301-587-3827 or visit ncas@ncas.org www.ncas.org

APRIL 24 AND 25

60th Anniversary. Virginia Ballet Company and School will perform *Les Sylphides*, *Firebird*, and the *Polovetzian Dances* from Prince Igor. At the Ernst Theater at the NVCC Annandale Campus. Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Seats are \$30/adults, \$20/children, students and seniors. Visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org. Call 703-249-8227.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 25

The Cowboy Astronomer. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and Sundays at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Admission is \$3/adults, \$2/seniors and children. Baxter Black serves up a year's worth of stars and Indian tales with a southwest flavor. Seasonal constellations and stellar evolution are the concepts covered in this program. At the David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy Street, Arlington. Call 703-228-6070 or login to www.apsva.us/planetarium

SUNDAY/APRIL 25

Touch the Earth Celebration. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Kids of all ages are invited touch the earth by joining Arlington School Board Chairman Sally Baird on a kid-sized Walkabout of Potomac Overlook, just one of several opportunities to get outdoors and re-connect with nature during the Touch the Earth Celebration. The event is free and open to the public. At Potomac Overlook Regional Park.

TUESDAY/APRIL 27

Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, The Fabulettes. At Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington.



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THEATER

Paul Scott Goodman Performs At MetroStage

Songwriter's solo-show surveys his own story.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
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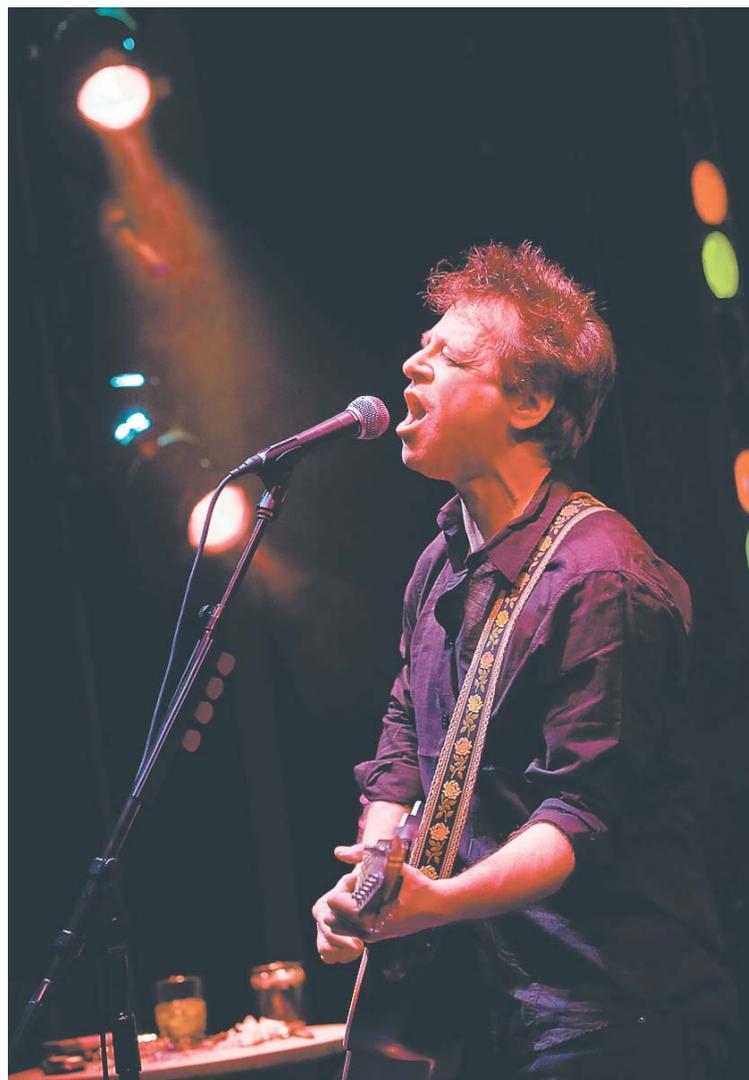
The self-described Scottish Jewish Rock Musical, Paul Scott Goodman's "Son of a Stand Up Comedian," has a venue problem — as in "where should you perform?"

A pub might be right, if you could find a Scottish pub. An Irish pub would probably do. It would be too much of a stretch to try to find a Scottish-Jewish pub, where songs like "Oy Vey I'm Having a Baby!" wouldn't sound quite as strange as in a traditional Irish pub.

A club like the Birchmere in Alexandria might be a good fit, especially if the show was presented as an opening act. It is, after all, a solo performance piece where its author/songwriter stands center stage chatting with the audience and singing his songs while playing his guitar. That would probably require trimming the piece down a bit to less than the 70 minutes it currently runs, but the show would benefit from such trimming.

Put it in a theater and call it a musical, however, and the audience arrives with expectations that don't quite match the material. This is especially true since the theater where the piece plays through May 9 — Alexandria's MetroStage — pleased its audiences immensely two years ago when it presented an earlier musical by the same Paul Scott Goodman and his wife Miriam Gordon, "Rooms: A Rock Romance." That show told a very theatrical story in a very theatrical way, with two actors assuming roles, playing scenes set in multiple locations and singing songs that, while distinctly rock flavored, were at heart musical theater songs.

"Rooms" premiered here at MetroStage and earned a Helen Hayes Award for its co-star, Natascia Diaz, before transferring to New York where it played in an Off-Broadway theater to great acclaim, drew three nominations for awards from the Outer Critics Circle and stimulated additional



Paul Scott Goodman in "Son of a Stand Up Comedian."

productions.

This new show, however, despite the venue and the contributions of theatrical director Michael Baron, it is a simple club act that seems just a bit skimpy when a theater offers it with tickets priced at \$45 or \$50. Placing Goodman center-stage under a spotlight with a microphone on a stand and a guitar in his hands merely emphasizes the non-theatrical nature of the material. Changing the lights on the rear screen to reflect different emotional moments doesn't help much.

The material is arranged in a chronological, autobiographical order as Gordon explains his Scottish and Jewish heritage, his immigration to America and his involvement with his first wife. It is centered on the events of the summer of 1988 which, he informs us, was the hottest summer on record in New York although little of the feeling of a hot and humid world comes through.

Gordon is an extremely likable person and the audience finds it easy to care about his effort to es-

cape the fate of many would-be performers in Manhattan — waiting tables and serving at catered affairs. He also tells about his father's career as a stand-up comedian. He even throws in three rather funny jokes from his dad's routine although the impact of that is to reenforce the feeling that the audience is watching a club act and not a theatrical show.

Greg Holloway accompanies Goodman on drums and throws in an occasional rim shot on a punch line. That, too, gives the club act feeling a boost.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland and writes about theater for a number of national magazines. He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

Where and When

"Son of a Stand Up Comedian" plays through May 9 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal Street. Performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$45 - \$50. Call 800-494-8497 or log on to www.metrostage.org.

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An extensive raw bar featuring a wide selection of oysters will be offered, along with a classic Alsatian Tart, carefully composed salads, the house-ground Short Rib Lyon Burger on a house-baked Kaiser roll, and a grilled fresh-made Frankfurter.

Entrée selections include Skate Schnitzel, grilled Hangar Steak w/ fresh Frites, and a selection of Liam's pastas and spaetzles by the half and full order, including Chicken confit accompanied by chicken liver dumplings. Liam and Andy are also excited to debut a variety of delicious sausages and wursts, including Jagdwurst, Bratwurst, and Rzeszowska Kielbasa, which will be available either a la carte or as part of the Bohemian Sausage Platter. Finally, a nightly plat du jour will be offered, including the likes of Coq au Vin, Dover Sole, and Ribeye Steak for two.

Lyon Hall will offer a menu of 20 wines by the glass, 40 wines by the bottle, and several wines by the carafe, including a Cotes du Rhone Blanc and a Cotes du Rhone Rouge.

The restaurant will initially be open Tuesday-Saturday from 4 p.m. onward. Additional days and hours will be added shortly thereafter, including Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

Tallula Celebrates Earth Day

Tallula in Arlington looks forward to celebrating Earth Day on Thursday, April 22nd with a special four-course dinner showcasing locally grown produce, humanely raised meats and sustainable seafood. Bev Eggleston, founder of EcoFriendly Foods and leading proponent of ethical farming, as well as Drew Koslow, biologist, clean water advocate and brother of Executive Chef Barry Koslow, will also attend the dinner. The dinner will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22 in the restaurant's wine shop.

Priced at \$85 per person including wine pairings (excluding tax and gratuity) the Earth Day dinner will feature dishes such as Bison Carpaccio, sourced from New Frontier Bison in Madison, Va., and a Pork Trio from EcoFriendly Farms. The dinner will also include dishes using local, sustainable seafood, such as Virginia Clams and Striped Bass.

Tallula is located at 2761 Washington Boulevard in Arlington. Go to www.tallula.restaurant.com or call 703-778-5051.

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Lyon Hall's Sausage Platter



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Canstruction Competition

AIA Northern Virginia is celebrating Architecture Week with its 7th Annual Canstruction Competition, featuring teams of architects building fantastic structures entirely of canned food, which ultimately goes to a local food bank, the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Over the last six years, this event has become the single largest food drive benefiting AFAC. Exhibits are on display at Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, through April 24.

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Fire Works Pizza at Courthouse

This spring the Arlington Courthouse area will have an exciting new dining option opening. It's Fire Works Pizza, the high energy, wood-fired American Pizzeria and Bar at the corner of Adams and Clarendon Boulevard. Along with hand tossed, wood-fired Pizzas they will offer a menu of salads, sandwiches and entrees prepared using unique ingredients. Many pizza toppings come from local and organic farms and are prepared without nitrates or other additives. Pizza dough, breads, soups and desserts are all made daily in house. The dough is made of a special blend of flours including fine milled Italian flour.

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Roberto and young Roberto and Joseph Cruz fill in a yellow circle in the hardscape design.

Rosslyn Paints a Park

Rosslyn Renaissance and the Rosslyn Business Improvement District joined Cannon Design, area students, Girl Scouts and other community members to create a temporary urban space across from the Rosslyn Metro at N. Moore Street and Wilson Boulevard.

The space is located on the site of The JBG Companies' future Central Place project. Until construction of the million square foot, two-tower office project begins, the site will be transformed into a pedestrian-friendly space with a stage, benches, tables and chairs on a painted plaza, adjacent to a sustainable rain garden.

The new public space will be dedicated and open on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22 at 2 p.m.

BUSINESS

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To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on Thursday, April 22 from 3 to 7 p.m., **Big Wheel Bikes** will introduce Pedego Electric Bicycles to the D.C. area. The event will be at Big Wheel Bikes, 3119 Lee Highway, at Lyon Village Shopping Center, on Earth Day. Visit www.bigwheelbikes.com.

Engineering Services Network Inc. of Arlington has been awarded a \$12.5 million contract from the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) under the GSA VETS GWAC to support the Department of Veterans Affairs, Field Security Operations (FSO), Network Security Operation Center (NSOC) Critical Infrastructure Protection Service (CIPS).

Edwin M. Scholly, certified executive chef, of Crofton, Md., has earned the certified culinary educator (CCE) designation from the American Culinary Federation Inc. Scholly is chef instructor, at The International Culinary School At The Art Institute of Washington, Arlington, and a member of ACF Art Institute of Washington.

Two Arlington residents, **Gary W. Brown and J. Robert McAllister, III**, have been recognized by Virginia Business magazine as being among Virginia's "Legal Elite" in 2009. They are two of 11 lawyers from McCandlish & Lillard to receive this honor.

Patrona Corporation of Arlington has hired Neil Stubits, the retired Commander of Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC)-Indian Head. Stubits will oversee Patrona's operations. Prior to joining Patrona Corporation, Stubits was the U.S. Navy Commander in charge of the Indian Head Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) and brings Patrona 27 years of leadership and management experience at the corporate level within the Department of Defense (DOD). His military experience is extensive and spans from waterfront and depot maintenance and modernization to command at a NSWC Field Activity where he oversaw research, development, testing and manufacturing of propellants and explosives for weapons systems.

The Lukmire Partnership, an architectural firm, has named former Associates, Robin Z. Puttock, AIA, LEED AP and Keith Leonard, AIA, LEED AP as Partners.

Puttock, who joined The Lukmire Partnership 11 years ago, is LEED Accredited and served as project architect for the Francis Scott Key Middle School in Silver Spring, Md., which received Gold LEED Certification.

Leonard, also LEED Accredited, has spent 16 year in the field of architecture, 14 of them at The Lukmire Partnership. He was project architect for the Charles Houston Recreation Center in Alexandria, a 35,000-square-foot Gold LEED Certified facility that has become a centerpiece of the city since it opened in early 2009.

The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City will mark its 20th anniversary from May through December 2010 with a series of special events. The official anniversary date of May 7 will be commemorated with a gala launch throughout the month of May. The celebration's theme: "20 Years of Legendary Service Embracing the Past, Focusing on the Future!"

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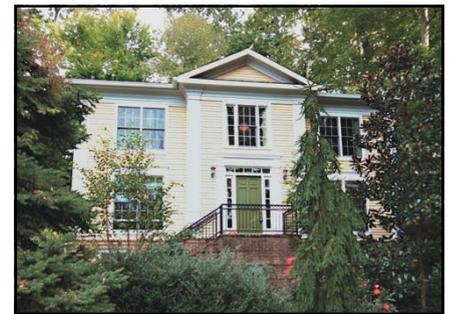
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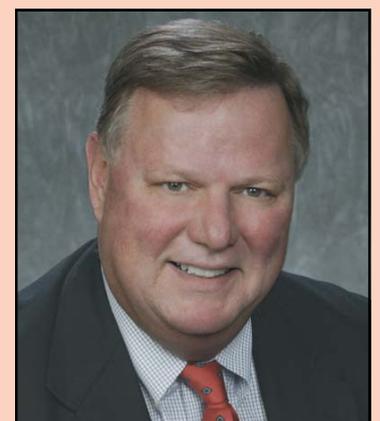


Profile in Real Estate- Steve Klintberg

As Director of residential sales and leasing at Buck & Associates, Inc. since 1996, Steve Klintberg has assisted numerous buyers, sellers, tenants and investors with all of their real estate needs. Moving to Buck & Associates in 1996 after many years with large national companies, Steve finds the ability to instantly make decisions that are in the best interest of the client is a key advantage to working with a quality regional firm. During his tenure as Sales Manager, Buck & Associates has grown to be recognized as one of the premier private Realty firms serving the VA and DC markets.

As a resident of Arlington since 1973, Steve has extensive knowledge of the local marketplace and a longstanding commitment to his community. He is longtime member of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and a past president of his local citizens' association. Steve is married and the father of two sons. When his children were younger, he also participated on the board of the PTA and pool association, as well as coached local youth soccer teams. He and his wife, Tricia, enjoy the many activities of the DC metro area and are avid boaters on the Chesapeake Bay.

These many years of experience and commitment are a great advantage to his buying and selling clients. Steve is licensed in both DC and VA. His belief in full service and client loyalty makes Steve a true real estate professional.



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6206 30TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	ARLINGTON	\$1,267,500	Detached	0.16		BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
5226 17TH ST N	4	4	1	ARLINGTON	ARLINGTON	\$1,189,000	Detached	0.20		LARCHMONT
1597 COLONIAL TER N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	ARLINGTON	\$1,105,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.07		HIGHGATE
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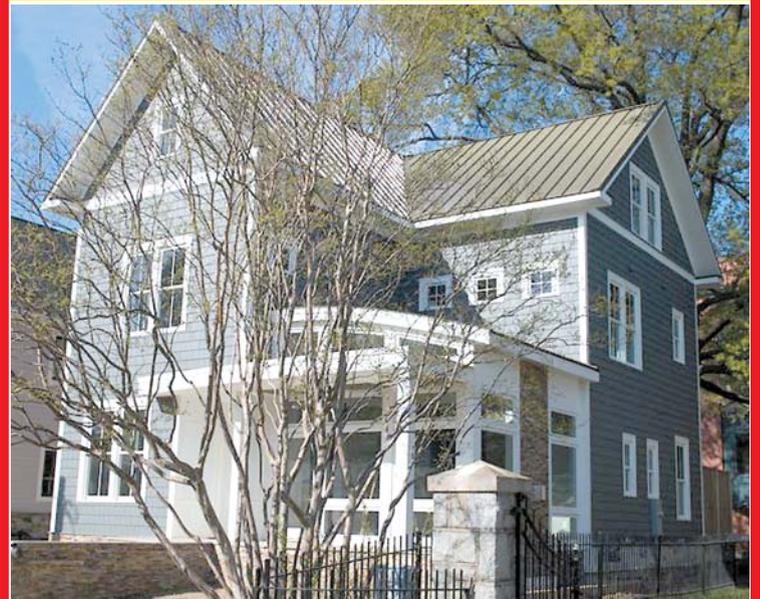


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PEOPLE

Local Sites in Mystery Novel

FROM PAGE 7

in a lobby.”
 Shaping his characters’ speech to fit the way real people talk was a challenge. However he states that even though it’s the hard way, it helps the readers relate to the story and feel for the characters.

“One of the characters is from New Orleans and so you get a little New Orleans slang while another character is a very proper woman and she listens to classical music so she doesn’t use slang.”

One of his favorite parts of the book involves the relationship between the Indian Goddess Kali and the protagonist Lars Neilsen.

“It’s In the Eyes” features many local restaurants and landmarks including the Hard Times Café, Rock Bottom Brewery, Star Bucks at Loin Village, Arlington Cemetery, Murphy’s Funeral Home and Virginia Hospital Center.

He also believes readers will learn a lot from the novel.

“There’s a lot to learn. You learn about water moccasins, black widow spiders and air marshals. As they’re reading along, I want people to say ‘Gee I didn’t know that.’”

In addition, the novel is filled with symbolism. The title refers to the power of the eyes. According to Toftoy, the Detective Nielson can tell whether or not someone is guilty by looking into their eyes.

Toftoy suggest that first time novelists or writers go to their local library and check out as many books on how to write novels and plot development along

with finding someone who is a writer to bounce ideas off of as a starting point.

He also admonishes novice writers not to overlook the most important aspect of there book: the book cover.

Toftoy notes that “People spend seven seconds looking at the cover of your book. Your cover should portray what the book is about. If “It’s In the Eyes” had a cover with a flower on it you wouldn’t know what the book was about. Instead you see a woman who’s strangled on the cover’s right side ... so right away you know it’s a thriller type book.”

When he’s not writing thriller mystery novels, Toftoy spends his time competing in track and field events and the 50-meter swim in the senior Olympics, playing tennis, biking with his wife and camping in there RV in the Shenandoah Valley with their two Yorkshire terriers.

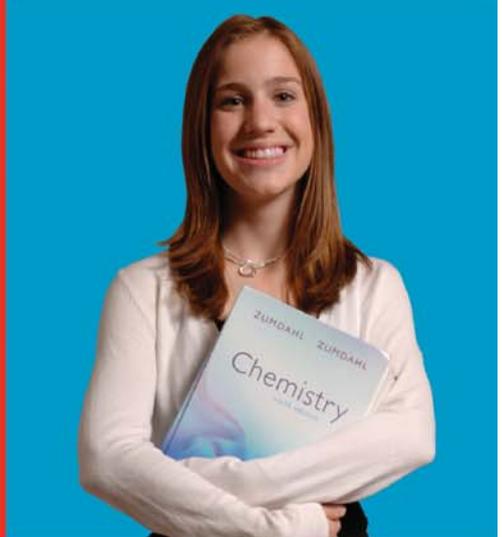
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Three Tuckahoe Elementary School students recently won the highest honor in this year’s WordMasters Challenge. Fifth-graders Sarah Dickson, Grace Elman and Jonathon Malks all earned perfect scores in the challenge. Only 275 fifth-graders achieved perfect results.

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OBITUARY
Emil Frank Mostek



Emil Frank Mostek was born in New York City, New York, on February 12, 1915 to Frank and Marie Mostek. Emigrates from Czechoslovakia, they married in New York City where they also had a daughter, Lillian.

Emil died on April 9, 2010 at the age of 95 in The Woodlands, Texas. Emil attended elementary school through Fordham College in New York City. He then attended Georgetown University and graduated as a Doctor in Dental Surgery in June 1941. Emil started his practice in Arlington, Virginia until the World War II started in December. Emil served as a Naval dentist with the rank of Lieutenant. He was in many campaigns throughout the war and stationed in China until 1946. After his military tour, he returned to Arlington, Virginia and restarted his dental practice.

Emil married Cora Norton in May 1958. They lived in Fairfax and Arlington, Virginia until retiring in 1988 to Boca Raton Florida then, Stuart, Florida. He was a lifetime member of the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library and president of the Men's Bridge Club at The Forum in The Woodlands.

He is survived by four step sons and their wives, Harold and Kay Norton, Tucson, AZ; Bruce and Marie Norton, College Station, TX; David and Concetta Norton, The Woodlands, TX; and, Colburn and Susan Norton, Plano, TX. Eleven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren also survive him.

He will be buried in Offerle, Kansas next to his wife, Cora Mostek. Donations can be made to South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, 2101 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380 or Odyssey Health Care of Conroe, 100 145 North Suite 300, Box 103, Conroe, TX 77301

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PEOPLE

Author Discusses Inspiration Book signing in Arlington on Saturday.

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION



William H. Johnson

Author William H. Johnson talked about his debut novel "The Dark Province: Son of Duprin," who motivates him and why he would like to have dinner with former Redskins coach Joe Gibbs. Johnson will be talking about the novel as well as signing copies at Mei's Asian Bistro, 434 Washington Boulevard in Arlington this coming Saturday, April 24, from 2-4 p.m.

tion as "dirty" or "inappropriate" and relate it to sort of a lower class of thinking. Meanwhile the most successful businesses use it to sell their products: movies, beer, fast food, cell phones, to name

Q&A

What is your book about?

WJ: "The Dark Province: Son of Duprin" is an adult epic fantasy adventure, set in an originally created world. It follows the quest of Calvin Gooding, a man who is forced to deny the strict religion of his homeland to follow his faith into a forbidden country that to even enter is grounds for excommunication and condemnation. But it is his only hope to save his dying sister's life.

How did you come up with the title? Does it have any symbolism?

WJ: "The Dark Province" is the name that Calvin's people use when referring to the land across the sea to which they are forbidden to travel. The symbolism is from the Duprinite belief that going there brings out the darkness of your soul.

Are there any themes or an overall message you want readers to walk away from the book with?

WJ: To me, the primary literary theme is religion vs. faith. So often they're spoken of together. But aren't there times when a person has to choose one or the other? This doesn't have to necessarily relate to the conventional definition of religion either. Any system of beliefs that founds a person's worldview can count as religion. A time may come when one must choose between their loyalty to those beliefs and following a feeling that resonates deeply in their soul in order to proceed forward in life. In Calvin's case, his decision is this: does he risk the damnation of his soul to save his sister's life? Or does he bow to the demands of his cultural heritage and accept her fate and passage to the next world?

How did you come up with the idea for the book?

WJ: It started with musing on the duplicity of the public role of sex and intimacy in our culture. Sex's public persona in our culture is one heavy with racial and ethnic stereotypes, hardline moral judgments, and an ongoing stream of stories from the media about crippling abuses by people in power from our schools to our largest religious institutions — yet in private quarters it is about connection and a certain knowing of another person. We so often brand its men-

How did you become an author? Was it a childhood dream?

WJ: I have been telling stories and writing them down since I was quite young but I would say it was high school when I realized how important writing was as a means of expression and exploration and what it could be for me. I've written screenplays, staged plays, and poetry. But when it came time to create a piece that I would point to as a true sample of my work, I wrote a novel. For me writing fiction has it all.

Where or who do you draw your inspiration from?

WJ: Everything and everyone from my own personal experiences to current events. I'm a fairly emotional person and feel intensely about people and social issues. My own emotional reactions to what I see and hear drive my need to write and tell stories.

What types of authors do you read? Do you have a favorite author?

WJ: I don't have a favorite author. I enjoy different works for different reasons. For example, I really enjoyed "Caucasia" by Danzy Senna and "Brothers and Sisters" by Bebe Moore Campbell because they dealt with the social issue of race and integration's legacy. Right now I'm reading "The Murderer's Daughter" by Randy Susan Meyer.

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be and why?

WJ: Former Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs. He was always such a class act while being a respected and effective leader. I would enjoy talking to him about how he inspired the best out of so many people over such long span of time.

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Yorktown's Brunt Wants Assertiveness

Patriots coach wants players to be more aggressive.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Yorktown girls soccer team won the game. But that didn't mean head coach Vicky Brunt wanted to talk about it.

Yorktown defeated Mount Vernon 1-0 on April 16. The Patriots played similar to the evening rain which dampened the turf at Greenbrier Stadium — aggressive at times but not enough to impact the game. Yorktown controlled play for most of the evening, but lacked execution when it came time to capitalize in the form of goals. Senior forward Suzy Gordon scored Yorktown's lone goal in the 15th minute, striking a sharp-angled ball from the right side past the Mount Vernon goalkeeper.

But, in Brunt's eyes, the Patriots should have had a few more.

"I told you I didn't want to relive this game," she said with a laugh while discussing the Patriots' problems.

Brunt also said Yorktown's performance against Mount Vernon was a bit of an anomaly. The Patriots were coming off an emotional 1-0 win over rival Washington-Lee on April 14 and might have experienced somewhat of a letdown. But while Yorktown has scored enough during the season to win or tie six of its first eight games, Brunt would like to see more individual aggression out of the at-times passive Patriots, who are shooting for their eighth district championship in nine years.

"What we need are those star-quality moments on the field," Brunt said. "I'm not



Yorktown sophomore Melissa Hunt (8) jumps past Mount Vernon sophomore Haley Stromberg during the Patriots' 1-0 win on April 16.

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LOUISE KRAFFT/
THE CONNECTION

talking about just scoring a goal, but changing the course of the game because they've taken on a little more responsibility. We're such a team-oriented group that it's like, 'Oh no, here you go, you can do it.' Sometimes we may get beat by a team that has one or two kids that have that will to take it into their own hands."

Gordon and junior forward Alice Jurkevics are Yorktown's primary goal scorers. Brunt has told Jurkevics to be more of a playmaker on the field and described her as a high-energy athlete. The coach moved Gordon from an outside mid to a forward last season.

"She has a great nose for the goal," Brunt

said of Gordon. "If she gets the ball at her feet and she's faced up she's got a way to finish. She will score goals."

Gordon, the Patriots' tallest player at 5-foot-8, also scored Yorktown's lone goal against Washington-Lee.

"W-L is always trying to beat us and always trying to one-up us," she said, "and we're just like, 'Nope.'"

Center midfielders Stephanie Megas and Aidan Hitt and center back Logan Knowles comprise Yorktown's trio of senior captains.

Knowles has "got a lot of experience in the back," Brunt said. "She's calm, level-headed and composed and she's trying to organize and keep players back there com-

posed."

Eryn Hurley (OB), Maddie Meyer (OM) and Mary Karangelen (GK) are the Patriots' other seniors. Sarah Little (OB), Alejandra Espinoza (CM/F), Ashley Stevens (OB/OM), Caitlyn Denkler (CB/OB) and Caroline Balshaw (CM) are the team's other juniors. Gia Axiotis (CM/F), Melissa Hunt (OM), Dana Warnecke (GK) and Rachel Brooke (OB) are Yorktown's sophomores and Innis Hitt (OB/OM), Sophie Frank (GK) and Elizabeth Oden (CM) are the team's freshmen.

Yorktown travels to face Woodson at 7

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SPORTS BRIEFS

W-L Baseball Wins 6 in a Row

The Washington-Lee baseball team defeated Hayfield 7-2 on April 16, extending its winning streak to six games. The Generals (8-4 overall, 6-0 National District) beat Yorktown 6-1 on April 12.

W-L traveled to face Mount Vernon on April 20. Results were not available before deadline. The Generals host Mount Vernon at 6 p.m. April 22 and travel to take on Wakefield at 6 p.m. April 23.

Yorktown Knocks Off Undefeated Mount Vernon

The Yorktown boys soccer team defeated previously unbeaten Mount Vernon 3-1 on April 16 at MVHS. The Patriots, who played

Washington-Lee to a scoreless tie on April 14, improved to 3-2-3.

Yorktown hosted Edison on April 20. Results were not available before deadline. The Patriots host Woodson at 7 p.m. on April 22.

Yorktown Baseball Wins a Pair

The Yorktown baseball team defeated Stuart 11-1 on April 17 and beat Hayfield 10-5 on April 14, improving the Patriots' record to 5-5 overall, 5-2 in the National District. James Overbeek pitched a complete game to earn the victory over Hayfield.

Yorktown hosted Falls Church on April 20. Results were not available before deadline. The Patriots travel to face Edison at 7 p.m. April 23.

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5Qs

Five questions with Yorktown senior forward Suzy Gordon



Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Matt and Kim. I got a mix tape with them on it and I loved it.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Pasta.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Dazed and Confused."

— JON ROETMAN

Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you've traveled?

A: Australia — I was born there.

Q: What is the best feeling you can have during a soccer game?

A: The [game-winning] goal I scored against W-L [on April 14] is the best feeling I've ever had in a soccer game.

SPORTS



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Yorktown junior Alejandra Espinoza (9) dribbles while Mount Vernon freshman Sabrina Smith gives chase.

Coach Wants Assertiveness

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p.m. on April 22. The Patriots' next National District game is April 26 at home against Wakefield.

As Yorktown competes for yet another district title, Brunt, in her fourth season as head coach, said maintaining a relationship between expecting to win and working to win is key.

"The biggest thing for me this season has been balancing on that line of the kids expecting it and the kids wanting it," she said. "I feel, from the coach's perspective, a lot

more pressure. If we don't produce that outcome, we have not lived up to our expectation. The standard's been set. With each year I feel the other teams in the district do get a bit frustrated with us. We have a big target on our backs."

Knowles said as a marked team, continuous improvement is important toward matching each opponent's best effort.

"We're always moving forward to being the district champs," she said. "As the season progresses I can see it with the team — we're more cohesive."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Wakefield Baseball Gets Second Win

The Wakefield baseball team defeated Falls Church 11-0 on April 14 for its second win of the season. The Warriors lost to Mount Vernon 17-3 on April 16.

Wakefield traveled to face Edison on April 20. Results were not available before deadline. The Warriors host Washington-Lee at 6 p.m. April 23.

O'Connell Softball Remains Undefeated

The Bishop O'Connell softball team defeated Good Counsel 8-0 on April 19 to improve to 13-0. The Knights have outscored their opponents 145-14.

O'Connell faced Bishop Ireton on April 20. Results were not available before deadline. The Knights travel to face Bishop McNamara at 4 p.m. April 21.

Patriot Boys Tennis Racks Up 6-2 District Record

The Yorktown boys tennis team moved its National District record to 6-2 with a split on April 12 and April 14. The Patriots' winning record was boosted week by an 8-1 victory over Wakefield. Yorktown's win in that April 12 away match resulted from strong play in singles matches, in particular those won by senior Matt Karvelas (No. 1) and Sky Leyden (No. 2). Singles wins also were achieved by Aidan Papavizas (No. 3), Ben Martindale (No. 4), and Eamonn Delacy (No. 6), along with doubles wins by Karvelas/Leyden, Martindale/Papavizas and Delacy/Danny Yeatman.

Yorktown has beaten every team in district play this season except Stuart. The Patriots suffered a second loss to that team in a hard-fought home match on April 14. Even in the loss to Stuart, Yorktown won more singles matches (three) than ever before in the last two years with strong wins by Leyden, Papavizas and Delacy.

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Musical Improved at Arena Wins Pulitzer

Kitt & Yorkey's "Next To Normal" a surprise winner.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

"Next to Normal," the musical that was given a chance to improve at Arena Stage in their Crystal City facility after a promising beginning off-Broadway, has received this year's Pulitzer Prize for Drama, becoming only the eighth musical in history to receive that honor. The prize goes to composer Tom Kitt and lyricist Brian Yorkey who also shared the Tony Award for Best Original Score for a Musical.

The show, a searing portrait of a family dealing with the pressures caused by the mother's mental illness, a not-uncommon mixture of bi-polar disorder and delusions, had impressed audiences and critics when it first

opened in a full production at New York's Second Stage Theatre in 2008, but it was generally conceded that it still had room for improvement. Arena provided Kitt and Yorkey with the opportunity to do that additional work by bringing it to Crystal City where they added, deleted or changed material to make the show work better. In the end, they had written an additional five songs for the musical.

THE CAST of six had remained relatively stable with just two substitutions between the Off-Broadway run and Arena. Alice Ripley, who had played the role of the mother Off-Broadway was joined by J. Robert Spencer as her husband. Aaron Tveit and Jennifer Damiano remained as their children. The full cast that appeared at Arena remained with the show when it opened in April of 2009 at the Booth Theatre on Broadway where it is still playing. It received three Tony Awards including one for Ripley as Best Actress in a Musical.

The Pulitzer Prize was estab-

lished by newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer to recognize excellence in journalism, literature and musical composition. The first Pulitzer Prize for Drama was awarded in 1918. Since that

time, the prize in Drama has been given "for a distinguished play by an American author, preferably original in its source and dealing with American life" each year with the exception of

14 years when the Pulitzer Committee chose not to give any award. "Next to Normal" is the second Pulitzer Prize winner that went to Broadway from Arena Stage. In 1969 Howard Sackler's drama "The Great White Hope" became the first regional theatre production to transfer complete with its original cast to Broadway, and it went on to win not only the Pulitzer but the Tony Award for the Best Play.

The Pulitzer wasn't awarded to a musical until 1932 when it went to the musical satire "Of Thee I Sing," but even then, the award went only to the writers of the lyrics and the book and not

"Next to Normal" is the second Pulitzer Prize winner that went to Broadway from Arena Stage.

to the composer, George Gershwin. That policy was changed in 1950 when the recipients for the second musical ever to win the award, "South Pacific," included composer Richard Rodgers. This year's citation reads "Awarded to 'Next to Normal,' music by Tom Kitt, book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey, a powerful rock musical that grapples with mental illness in a suburban family and expands the scope of subject matter for musicals."

Some controversy surrounds the selection of "Next to Normal" for this year's prize. The 17-

member Pulitzer board chose not to give the award to any of the three plays recommended by its five-member drama jury, and instead, award it to this musical which had been "mentioned favorably" in the jury's report. It is not unusual for the board to make up its own mind rather than ratify the jury's views — only three years ago David Lindsay-Abaire's "Rabbit Hole" received the nod over the jury's recommendation, and the year before that, the board chose not to award a prize at all even though the jury had submitted three plays for consideration. The New York Times has reported that this year, after the board met and none of the three plays recommended by the jury received the requisite majority vote, some members of the board went to see "Next to Normal" for themselves after it had been praised in the juror's report. The next day, a three-fourths vote of the board moved it into contention for the award and it was then selected for this year's award, which is a citation and \$10,000.

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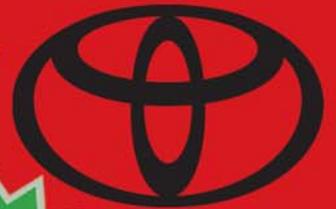
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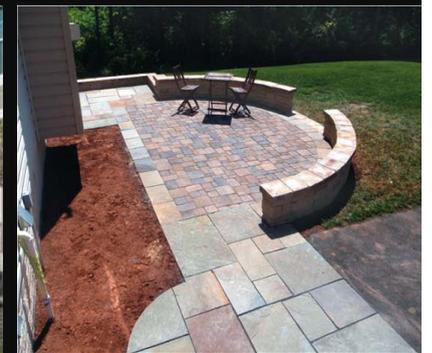
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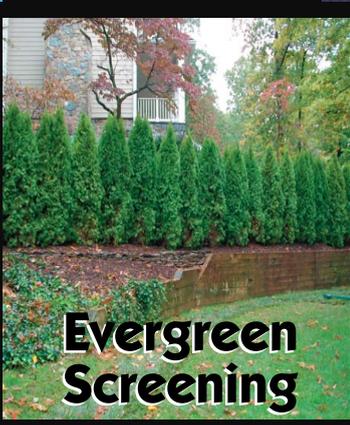
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