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Isabel and Rubin Toledo pose with Marymount University fashion show models before the spring show, "All Doll'd Up," on Thursday, April 22. Isabel Toledo was honored with Marymount's Designer of the Year Award.

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Board Raises Taxes

Tax and fee burden to increase by \$346 for the average household.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, the Arlington County Board increased the tax and fee burden by \$346 for the average county household, balancing the budget by raising the tax rate 8.3 cents. The new tax rate will be \$0.945 for every \$100 of assessed value plus an additional \$0.13 for the Stormwater Fund, paving the way for a \$955.9 million General Fund budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. That's a tax rate higher than the 6.7 cents recommended in the County Manager's proposed budget, but lower than the advertised rate of 9 cents.

"This budget reflects the values of our community," said County Board Chairman Jay Fiset in a written statement. "This budget ensures Arlington's fiscal sustainability while protecting the most vulnerable among us."

The board action cuts approximately 57 positions from the payroll, reflecting an ongoing trend of a reduced county workforce. Since 2009, Arlington has reduced its workforce by approximately 160 full time positions. County leaders described the 1 percent growth in the General Fund as the second smallest increase in 25 years, with the smallest increase approved last year. The biggest hit to county coffers came from commercial real-estate assessments, which dropped 13 percent compared to last year.

"That is what put us in a hole from day one," said Fiset. "The drop in commercial real-estate put a great burden on us in addressing the budget this year."

FISETTE DESCRIBED the final outcome as a "compromise consensus document," one that would be different if left to the devices of any one member of the County

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Parents in 'Race for Hope' To Honor Their Son

Race this Sunday raises millions for brain cancer research, support programs, and advocacy.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
THE CONNECTION

For Arlington residents Scott, Gina and Abigail Memmott, participating in the Race for Hope this year brings a mix of emotions.

It is the third year they will be doing the 5K Walk/Run that raises money for brain tumor research. But it is the first time they will be there without Benjamin, their 11-year old son and brother who lost his battle with brain cancer last October.

"Doing the Race for Hope this year means a couple of things," said Scott Memmott, Benjamin's father. "It's a way for us to honor Benjamin's fight and the spirit he demonstrated during the last two years of his life. We are as committed as ever to finding a cure for this terrible disease."

Still, he added, it's been a difficult time leading up to the race this year.

"Benjamin was with us for the last two years. The Race for Hope is an uplifting experience for those suffering," he explained. "But it's combined with sadness for not having Benjamin."

Jeff Kolodin of Potomac met Benjamin and his family through the Race for Hope. Kolodin is vice chair of the National Brain Tumor Society and co-chair of the annual Race for Hope 5K Walk/Run. As a two-time brain tumor survivor himself, he feels very connected to all the race participants — especially the survivors and their families.

"Scott and Gina lost their son, and Abby lost her brother last fall, and they are still as — if not more — committed to this cause.



Abby, Gina, Benjamin and Scott Memmott cross the finish line in the 2008 Race for Hope.

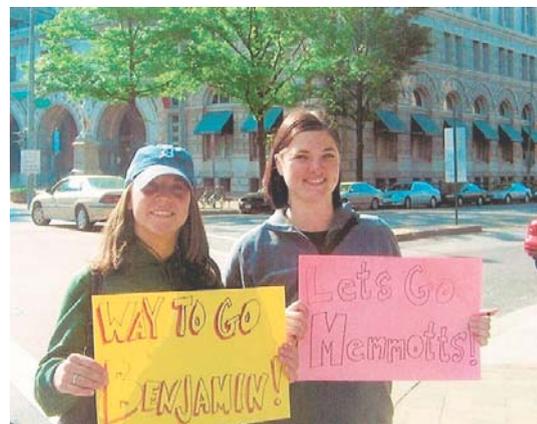
In honor of Benjamin they fully continue this fight," Kolodin said.

"It's people like the Memmotts who keep me obsessed. They continue to put this in front of them everyday. It's something I both can't fathom and am inspired by."

ACCORDING TO KOLODIN, the Washington, D.C. metro area Race for Hope 5K Walk/Run is the largest fundraiser for the brain tumor community in the country.

"Last year we raised over \$2-million in one day with more than 9,000 participants including more than 500 survivors, which is just incredible," he said.

"This year's goal is to increase the bottom line, of course — raise more money.



Benjamin's teachers from Arlington Traditional School offered support at the 2008 Race for Hope. Jessica Prior, 4th grade teacher on left with Christy Swain, 3rd grade teacher.

But we also want to grow awareness of this brutal disease."

Kolodin shared some statistics:

Race Details

The Race begins at 8:30 at Freedom Plaza at 13th and Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. (Metro accessible)

Walk-ups are welcome up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the race.

Additional details and online registration are available at: www.curebraintumors.org

❖ There are more than 600,000 people in the U.S. with brain tumors.

❖ Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer deaths in children under age 20 in the U.S. — surpassing even leukemia.

❖ Brain tumors are the top cause of cancer deaths in young adults — those under the age of 40.

AS IN YEARS PAST, the Memmotts, their friends and supporters will be walking in the race as part of the Children's National Medical Center team — Dr. Bear's Brain Tumor Busters. In 2008 and 2009 Benjamin and his sister Abby helped Children's raise over \$136,000. As recognition, the National Brain Tumor Society twice presented a "Benjamin Memmott Chair of Research" grant to Dr. William Weiss of the University of California at San Francisco to conduct research into therapies for high-grade gliomas, the type of cancer from which Benjamin suffered.

This year, Dr. Bear's team is walking to honor Benjamin's memory. Their goal is \$70,000, but the Memmotts would like to help them get to \$100,000.

"We have great expectations for the day," said Gina Memmott. "The team has been incredibly successful in the past. Hopefully we can help Children's exceed their fundraising goal and help fund research like we did the past two years.

"It's with heavier hearts as we go this year," she said. "But, the race is such an inspiring event, despite the element of sad

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Drawing Lessons Helping at arts center enriches volunteers.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

"The atmosphere here is all in support of art, getting to know other artists and being open to try new things," said Manon Loustaunau. The 15-year-old sophomore at Washington-Lee High School is sitting on the sidewalk in front of the Arlington Arts Center encouraging a little boy to paint during the recent Family Day event.

Loustaunau and her sister, Jasmine Herndon, also 15 and in the same grade at Washington-Lee, are volunteer students at the Center.

"It takes guts to volunteer at the AAC. I imagine each of our volunteers arrives for their weekly appointment with a sense of excitement and anticipation. There is no way of knowing what task awaits, be it painting the galleries mint green, creating wooden sculptures with our homeschooling class, or

working with a resident artist to install their new exhibit," said Sara Yousefnejad, an AAC staff member who works with the volunteers.

"We do whatever needs to be done, preferably working in the classroom because it's so much fun," said Herndon. The girls say they thoroughly enjoy working with the kids but also derive satisfaction from performing their other duties. "It's pretty cool to come on opening night knowing that you have helped to bring it [the exhibition] to the finish," said Loustaunau.

Jamie Archibald, a 16-year-old junior at Yorktown High School has been volunteering at the Center for two years. "My mom sort of suggested it," Archibald laughed and added, "Sort of forced it upon me, in all honesty ... she said it would be a good idea." Archibald says it turns out his mom was right.

"Everybody is so nice and welcoming and the chil



PHOTO BY DELIA SAVA/THE CONNECTION

From left, Arlington Arts Center volunteers Jamie Archibald, Manon Loustaunau and Jasmine Herndon.

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Marymount University Honors Isabel Toledo

The fashion design students at Marymount University prepared for their Spring Show, "All Doll'd Up," on Thursday, April 22. Showcasing 19 senior designers, the production featured "free-ranging imagination of children at play with dolls, building to a sophisticated, innovated dress-up world featuring clothing for every occasion." Fashion designer Isabel Toledo was honored with Marymount's Designer of the Year Award.

Toledo has been in the industry for over 25 years, she collaborates with her husband Rubin, an illustrator. She is noted for her creative vision, attention to detail, cut and nuance.

She came to national attention when soon-to-be First Lady Michelle Obama chose Toledo's lemongrass yellow wool lace dress and overcoat to wear to the inauguration of her husband Barack H. Obama.



Fashion designer Isabel Toledo gives some advice to the students: "You must not lose your enthusiasm, it will carry you through life and lift you out of the bad times into better times. I have seen it and it happens all of the time."

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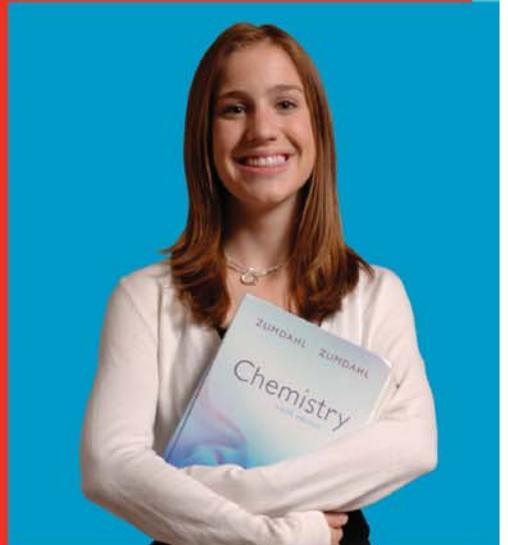


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CRIME

The following incidents, from April 15 to 21, were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

ROBBERY. April 14. 5000 block of Wilson Boulevard. On April 14 at 8 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, 5-feet-10 and 200 lbs. He was wearing a black baseball cap, black jacket and dark jeans.

ROBBERY-ARREST. April 17. 4300 block of N. Pershing Drive. On April 17 at 10:45 p.m., police located several suspects in a robbery that had just occurred. Two juvenile males were

detained and charged. An 18-year-old Woodbridge man was charged with robbery. He was held without bond.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING. April 18. 2600 block of Columbia Pike. On April 18 at 9:30 p.m., an intoxicated subject bit a security guard as he was being escorted from a bar. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle. The suspect is described as a white Hispanic male in his late 20s, 5-feet-9 and 200 lbs. He was wearing all black clothing.

ASSAULT ON POLICE-ARREST. April 18. 2000 block of N. 15th Street. On April 18 at 4:30 a.m., an officer was assaulted by an intoxicated female. A 26-year-old Silver Spring, Md., woman was charged with assault on law en-

forcement and drunk in public. She was held on a \$5,000 bond.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY/ASSAULT-ARREST. April 19. 1300 block of S. Scott Street. On April 19 at 9:40 a.m., a man broke into an apartment and assaulted a maintenance worker. Police located the suspect. A 40-year-old man of no fixed address was charged with unlawful entry, assault and battery, destruction of property, and possession of a controlled substance. He was held on a \$5,000 bond.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY. April 19. 900 block of Army Navy Drive. On April 19 at 10 p.m., a man reported that a subject known to him had assaulted him with pepper spray. He did not need

medical attention.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY-ARREST. April 21. 900 block of N. Stuart Street. On April 21 at 12:30 a.m., an intoxicated male assaulted a bus driver. A 50-year-old man from Washington D.C., was charged with assault and battery and drunk in public. He was held on a \$2,500 bond.

BURGLARY. April 18. 900 block of N. Frederick Street. Between 7 p.m. on April 16, and 8 a.m. on April 18, an unknown subject forcibly entered a house. There are no known suspects.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY. April 19. 4300 block of N. Pershing Drive. Between 4 p.m. on April 17, and 7 p.m. on April 19, an unknown subject cut into

a screen door of an apartment. There are no known suspects.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY. April 14. 1700 block of N. Moore Street. Between 6:30 p.m. on April 13 and 8:30 a.m. on April 14, an unknown subject broke into a business suite and stole several laptop computers. There is no suspect description.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY. April 20. 3300 block of Lee Highway. Between 10:45 p.m. on April 19, and 6:30 a.m. on April 20, an unknown subject broke into a business and stole the cash drawer. There is no suspect description.

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Parents in 'Race for Hope' To Honor Their Son

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ness to it. I've found it a life-changing event from all the stories of the families there."

SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS
Brad Hunter and family are longtime friends with the Memmotts. They walked and ran with Benjamin in the 2008 and 2009 Races.

Hunter said they've been tremendously sad since Benjamin lost his fight last fall. Their two families get together for the major holidays, and they missed him this Christmas and Easter.

"He'll be deeply missed at this year's race," Hunter said. "We promised we'd do whatever we can to help find a cure for brain cancer," he added. I'll go to this

race as long as I can and look for other ways to help bring attention to the cause."

Hunter noted that Benjamin never complained during his two-year struggle. He would go to his treatments, then to class and basketball — he worked it all in and never stopped, according to Hunter.

"He's a hero to me," Hunter said.

"When the going gets tough, I don't worry. After what he went through, I can go through anything — he's an inspiration.

"Benjamin was small in physical stature, but during his sickness he became a lion to me. He was much bigger in spirit. He was pretty special."

Kolodin hopes people will make their way to Freedom Plaza in

Washington, D.C. on May 2, even if it's just to watch the participants and cheer them on. He said 5-minutes before the race begins, every survivor participating in the race gets a balloon.

"The crowd applauds as survivors come to get their balloons in wheelchairs, walkers, having just finished radiation or surgery," he said. "It's a very emotional and powerful moment when we honor these folks, and I'm proud to be one of them. They show up and face their disease and fears and it doesn't matter what shape they're in; they show up."

Gina Memmott hopes that whatever anyone can do, no matter how big or how small, they will at least consider attending The Race for Hope and help them honor Benjamin's spirit.

"He was such a fighter," she recalled. "His spirit and bravery inspired a community, and we're thrilled and honored with the support that the community has given us."

"We couldn't find a cure in time for Benjamin," added Scott Memmott, "but would like to help keep other parents from experiencing what we went through and continue to go through."

Kolodin recently recalled meeting Benjamin through The Race for Hope 5K Walk/Run.

"I briefly got to see his drive and commitment and very positive nature," Kolodin said. "He became my kid in the two races he was in. He was definitely one of the true little warriors who know what they have, may not understand it — but continue to fight. Because of Benjamin and kids like him, we're going to get to the finish line."



Benjamin Memmott in his yellow survivor t-shirt at the 2008 Race for Hope.

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Sara Yousefnejad

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dren are great and they [the staff] really set up a great atmosphere for learning and fun," said Archibald. One of the learning opportunities for him was not to use the word "don't" with the children. "It was actually really cool because we don't want to be projecting a negative image on the artwork." And Archibald says he understood how his negative language could affect a child's creativity. "I think it's really awesome seeing how every single person can have a different style." He added, "I definitely feel more comfortable helping other people."

All three students say that their volunteer experience at the Center has helped them to connect with others in the community and to develop their own artistic skills. "Volunteering here and seeing different art really expands your horizons," said Herndon.

Yousefnejad sums it up this way: "From organizational fiend to classroom helper extraordinaire, each of our volunteers contributes something different to our programs, but all show up with enthusiasm and eagerness ... We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wealth of passionate and compassionate individuals helping our small organization."

When asked what she wants others to know about the Center, Loustau said, "They have such a big vision — art is for everybody."

CRIME REPORT

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BURGLARY. April 20. 2900 block of Wilson Boulevard. On April 19 at 11:30 p.m., police responded to an alarm at a business and found the door unlocked. There is no suspect description.

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OPINION

Outstanding Sales Professional of the Year

Kenneth B. Lourie, award-winning columnist and sales representative with the Connection Newspapers and Potomac Almanac, was named Virginia Outstanding Sales Professional of the Year, receiving his award on Saturday, April 24, at the annual advertising conference of the Virginia Press Association in Portsmouth.

It's a bit unusual to use editorial space to tout sales awards, but this is an unusual case.

Many of our readers are familiar with Lourie's longstanding weekly humor column, The Daze of my Life, which runs in many of our papers and on our web site.

In the past year, Lourie has tackled the more serious topic of his diagnosis and treatment for stage IV lung cancer in his columns, but with the same pointed humor of his previous columns. Meanwhile, despite these challenges, he remains one of our top sales performers.

Lourie's award was presented by Carol Taylor, chairman of VPA's Advertising Committee and a sales executive with Richmond Times Dispatch. "This year's Outstanding Sales Professional of the Year award honors the kind of sales professional who is a role model, someone whose qualities have led to great success in the newspaper advertising profession," Taylor said in giving the award.

Taylor continued: "Among other important attributes, this award recognizes leadership and tenacity. ... It celebrates extraordinary customer service and an attitude that embraces the unprecedented change we're seeing inside and outside of our industry. ... Our recipient is well known for his cold calling prowess and his reliance on old-school technology, like note cards. His customers rave about his flexibility, his patience, his attention to detail and his

ability to find a Boston Red Sox fan anywhere he goes. And he's an award-winning columnist who isn't afraid to write about his need for new underwear."

For more than 12 years, Lourie has been our most organized and creative sales professional. Disciplined, committed and tenacious, he has always been among the top performers in our sales staff. His medical condition is relevant only as to the timing of this award and the recognition it provides and as proof of his unbelievable tenacity, commitment and good humor.

Lourie's column, The Daze of my Life, has developed a loyal following and addresses some of the quirks and milestones of every day life, but also tackling more serious topics. An excerpt from a recent letter he received from a

reader exemplifies the effect his writing has had:

"While we have not met, I want to let you know how much your newspaper columns related to your cancer mean to me; I have saved them all. I can relate to many of the feelings you write about from experience. ... It is impressive to see how you approach your situation with grace and honesty; that is the best one can ask of oneself. You are doing a lot by your writing to help other people learn and go through this experience with you. None of us really knows what is ahead of one in life, and you provide a good example of the value of approaching each day with love and hope.

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EDITORIAL

Call for Mother's Day Photos (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 .jpg 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 .jpg 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, 1610 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.

LETTER

Core Services Or Legal Fees?

To the Editor:

I have to raise issue with reports that came out this week showing Arlington County has spent almost \$550,000 on attorneys for a lawsuit over HOT Lanes. This is against a \$65 million budget gap for next year. According to the County, we can all expect a 7 per-

cent tax hike to try to make up the difference. Even still, they plan to lay off about 90 employees and cut core services like nursing, fire and rescue, mental health and community policing.

I am not sure I would ever use the HOT lanes, but this lawsuit and the attorneys fees that come with it have gotten way out of

hand. The HOT lanes barely even come through Arlington and in my opinion would provide much needed access to the new huge federal building along 395.

County Manager Barbara Donnellan said in a press release that the Board will have to make "some hard choices that will impact services in most areas across

the community." Seems like one choice is pretty easy — use taxpayer money to fund core services like police and nurses, not to line the pockets of the lawyers hired by the County to fight the HOT lanes.

Kurt Koches
Arlington

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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Family Fare

Kelsey Meiklejohn (the girl) and Nicholas Allen (the fool) are in rehearsal for "The Fool at the Circus. The production runs through May 16 at the Synetic Family Theater, 4041 Campbell Ave.

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Average Tax and Fee Burden To Increase by \$346

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Board. Although the county manager recommended a number of cuts to public safety, maintenance and compensation, County Board members rejected those cuts and restored them to the budget. That includes funding for the county's community policing program as well as several positions in the fire department. The board also restored some proposed cuts to parks, libraries, human services, and added funds for affordable housing.

"I think this budget is fair and compassionate," said County Board member Barbara Favola. "In short, it's a sustainable budget, which is something we do really have to consider at this time."

THE TOTAL BUDGET, which includes appropriations to the Arlington Public Schools, as well as Utility Fund and other self-supported funds, is \$1.2 billion. That's an increase of 0.4 percent from the fiscal year 2010 revised budget. The fiscal year 2011 budget includes \$13.7 million in service cuts, which follow \$19.5 million in service cuts made in FY 2010. The largest line in the budget is \$360.3 million for Arlington Public Schools. The transfer of funds to schools increased 2.3 percent over fiscal year 2010, and will fully fund an increase of 699 enrolled students.

"We accommodated their increased enrollment," said Favola. "Investing in schools is probably the most important thing a com-

munity can do."

Employees will receive merit step raises in fiscal year 2011, but no cost of living increases. The board also approved a one-time lump sum payment of 2 percent of salary for employees who are at the end of their grade to help offset anticipated health care cost increases. The board also funded a new on-site health clinic in an

effort to reduce rising health care costs.

"The Arlington County Board members are raising taxes so that county and school employees can have better benefits than the taxpayers who fund them," said Arthur Purves, president of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance. "And they've allowed the health benefits to go out of control."

Tax and Fee Burden

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Real estate	\$4,397	\$4,501	\$4,551	\$4,821
Personal property	\$311	\$338	\$268	\$273
Annual decal fee	\$48	\$48	\$50	\$66
Refuse fee	\$296	\$307	\$326	\$344
Water and sewer service	\$644	\$738	\$784	\$822
Residential utility tax	\$72	\$72	\$72	\$72
Total	\$5,767	\$6,004	\$6,051	\$6,397

SOURCE: Arlington County



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Escape the clutch of clutter with feng shui, Monday, May 10, Monday, May 17, 2 p.m., Lee Senior Center. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

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Pickleball newcomers welcome at Walter Reed, Monday, May 10-Fri., May 14, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Coaching available first hour. Free with 55+ Pass. Details, 703-228-0955.

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For more information contact Rick Bosl, Keller Williams Realty, 703-980-3027, www.Arlingtoncondo.com, Rick@ArlingtonCondo.com. Priced at \$409,000.



Gardener's Paradise

This adorable expanded Art Deco inspired rambler is nestled on a gorgeous landscaped lot in North Arlington's Tuckahoe Village neighborhood. Enjoy two bedrooms plus a den, two baths, hardwood floors, a large kitchen opening onto a family room and den addition, a fabulous master retreat with spa bath addition, replacement windows throughout, and extensive deck and patio area surrounded by mature trees and gardens. Walk to shops, restaurants, café's & neighborhood park. 2300 N. Kensington Street.

For more information contact David Lloyd & Associates, 703-593-3204, www.davelloyd.com. Priced at \$625,000.

Elegant Townhome Surrounded by Parkland

Surrounded by parkland with seasonal views of the Potomac River and Georgetown, this end townhouse is located on the "premiere lot" in Palisades Park. This elegant home features a wall of Palladian windows and doors leading to two terrace levels. The community offers the ultimate location for commuters--whether on the nearby bike path, or the easy walk to the Rosslyn Metro and across Key Bridge to Georgetown, or a quick drive to DC and close-by Reagan National Airport. Three bedrooms, three full-baths, and one half-bath. Two-car garage and lots of guest parking! This house is located at 1559 N. 22nd St., Arlington, VA 22209.

For more information contact Ann Worley, McEneaney Associates, Inc., 703-593-3215, www.AWorley.com. This house is offered at \$1,275,000.



Profile in Real Estate - Carole Schweitzer

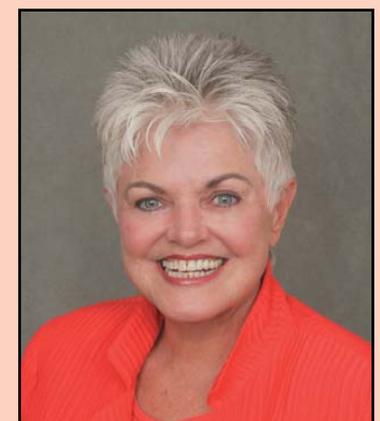
Carole Schweitzer has lived in Arlington for 49 years. She's been a real estate agent here for 30 years. She first taught elementary school. Then she sold real estate one summer and realized how much she loved it, too. Not only was she successful, she got a great deal of satisfaction in knowing she was giving a service -- much like teaching.

Carole now lives in Arlington's Bellevue Forest. She -- and many buyers -- like the area's parkland, nature centers, trails, community pool, and its proximity to D.C. Carole specializes in residential real estate ranging from

first time buyers to upper brackets. She likes to work where she lives. Most of her buyers want Arlington for its schools, parks and recreation, small town feeling, and convenience. There are some houses in Arlington she has sold 3-4 times.

Carole's advice: In today's market, more than ever, a seller needs to prepare the house to sell. Buyers want to buy and want to know that their money is well spent. The need for a paint job in yesterday's market might not have hurt. Today it could cost the seller thousands.

For buyers Carole emphasizes that the inventory of houses for sale is low. There's a lot of competition. The buyer has to be prepared with an approved loan before starting the hunt. This puts the buyer in a position to act quickly when that property is found.



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HOME SALES

MARCH 2010
\$998,000 ~ \$620,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
1609 ROOSEVELT ST N	5	4	1		ARLINGTON	\$998,000	Detached	0.18		MADISON MANOR
4105 27TH ST N	4	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$950,000	Detached	0.31		DOVER BALMORAL RIVERWOOD
2229 12TH COURT N #23	3	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$935,000	Townhouse			VISTA ON COURTHOUSE
4730 33RD ST N	5	4	0		ARLINGTON	\$900,000	Detached	0.23		COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
938 DANVILLE ST N	4	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$875,000	Detached	0.13		CLARENDON
2219 12TH COURT N #26	3	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$860,000	Townhouse			VISTA ON COURTHOUSE
5718 5TH ST N	4	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$856,000	Detached	0.10		BONAIR
1712 JEFFERSON ST N	3	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$850,000	Detached	0.25		TARA
1211 ABINGDON ST	4	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$830,000	Detached	0.09		WAYCROFT
864 JEFFERSON ST N	4	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$825,000	Detached	0.46		BROCKWOOD
1507E COLONIAL TER N	3	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$815,000	Townhouse	0.02		HIGHGATE
4668 DITTMAR RD	4	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$800,000	Detached	0.30		COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
2521 QUEBEC ST N	4	3	0		ARLINGTON	\$800,000	Detached	0.28		DOVER BALMORAL RIVERWOOD
865 JEFFERSON ST N	4	4	0		ARLINGTON	\$789,999	Detached	0.26		SUMMIT & VEITCH
5417 YORKTOWN BLVD	4	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$749,900	Detached	0.23		CRESCENT HILLS
705 WAKEFIELD ST N	4	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$745,000	Detached	0.13		BRANDON VILLAGE
115 IRVING ST	3	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$737,120	Detached	0.19		ASHTON HEIGHTS
1420 UTAH ST N	3	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$729,900	Detached	0.18		WILLET HEIGHTS
1811 HIGHLAND ST N	3	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$720,000	Detached	0.10		LYON VILLAGE
2639 FORT SCOTT DR	3	3	0		ARLINGTON	\$711,500	Detached	0.17		AURORA HILLS
1001 HARRISON ST N	3	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$710,000	Detached	0.14		LACEY FOREST
704 ILLINOIS ST N	4	3	0		ARLINGTON	\$710,000	Detached	0.16		BONAIR
2418 ROCKINGHAM ST	4	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$709,000	Detached	0.16		BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
4716 23RD ST N	3	3	0		ARLINGTON	\$690,900	Detached	0.18		COUNTRY CLUB
4613 4TH RD N	3	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$690,000	Townhouse	0.03		CATHCART SPRINGS
1511 ROLFE ST N #A301	2	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$689,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			RHODES HILL SQUARE
2981 22ND ST S	4	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$685,000	Detached	0.16		JOHNSON'S HILL
1211 ILLINOIS ST	4	3	0		ARLINGTON	\$685,000	Detached	0.15		LACEY FOREST
1817N JACKSON ST	3	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$680,000	Detached	0.17		KIRKWOOD TERRACE
4017 9TH ST S	5	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$675,000	Detached	0.36		ALCOVA HEIGHTS
1923 KENILWORTH ST N	3	3	0		ARLINGTON	\$673,000	Detached	0.16		LEEWAY HEIGHTS
4303 CARLIN SPRINGS RD N	3	2	2		ARLINGTON	\$672,500	Townhouse	0.02		TOWNES OF BALLSTON
4405 8TH ST S	3	2	1		ARLINGTON	\$670,000	Detached	0.25		BARCROFT
1023 MANCHESTER ST	4	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$662,350	Detached	0.13		DOMINION HILLS
501 26TH ST S	5	3	0		ARLINGTON	\$660,000	Duplex	0.15		AURORA HILLS
1511 ROLFE ST N #C301	2	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$655,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			RHODES HILL SQUARE
1009 LIVINGSTON ST N	3	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$652,500	Detached	0.13		DOMINION HILLS
6010 FOUR MILE RUN DR	3	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$651,301	Detached	0.20		DOMINION HILLS
5116 8TH RD N	3	1	1		ARLINGTON	\$643,000	Detached	0.29		SUMMIT & VEITCH
5130 WILLIAMSBURG BLVD	3	2	0		ARLINGTON	\$640,000	Detached	0.26		WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE
4828 26TH ST N	3	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$639,500	Detached	0.11		COUNTRY CLUB
5108 11TH ST S	6	4	2		ARLINGTON	\$635,000	Detached	0.16		COLUMBIA FOREST
2226 SOMERSET ST N	3	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$621,150	Townhouse	0.04		SYCAMORE HEIGHTS
5506 36TH ST N	3	1	0		ARLINGTON	\$620,000	Detached	0.23		MINOR HILL

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Temple's real estate knowledge includes key industry certifications as a residential specialist, negotiation specialist and a relocation specialist. She is also a life member of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Million Dollar and Top Producers Clubs.

Ted Kramer, of RE/MAX Allegiance, was accepted as a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network.

More than just a sales-driven recognition, the Top 5 in Real Estate Network meets a need that heretofore has never been addressed — helping consumers identify the most professional real estate agents in North America. To qualify, each member must first meet a stringent set of criteria, based upon performance, as well as educational and professional skills and service to the consumer.

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Ballston Arts and Crafts Market Starts May 8

The 2010 Ballston Arts & Crafts Market returns to Welburn Square on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Experience local art at its best with handcrafted silver jewelry by bLuGrn design, demented decoupage by BoxBoy, upscale photography by Steven L. Miller Words & Images, cheeky plushes by Grumpy Haters, designer tees by Sharp Shirter and more.

Arlington's own Homeward Trails Animal Rescue will be on hand with information and an artist raffle to benefit its charitable organization. Opening Day will also feature:

Live music Lynn Veronneau Trio (noon - 2 p.m.);

Free tote bags by Bright Green Cleaning Products;

Free goodie bags full of healthy eats and coupons courtesy of Curves of Cherrydale (for the first 50 guests);

Free demos by select artists.

Located between North Stuart and North 9th Streets, across from the Ballston Metro, the Ballston Arts & Crafts Market is Arlington's only 100 percent handmade market.

For a full list of vendors, a glimpse of the Market's art and more, check out the Ballston Arts & Crafts Market blog at <http://ballstonarts-craftsmarket.blogspot.com>. Call 703-528-3527.

Dates: Second Saturday of every month: May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 11, and Oct. 9. Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo

Mexicali Blues is the place to celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Wednesday, May 5th — all day and night. It's usually quite a scene and a party, with lots of drink specials, sombreros and fun! Mexicali Blues is at 2933 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, near the Clarendon Metro stop.

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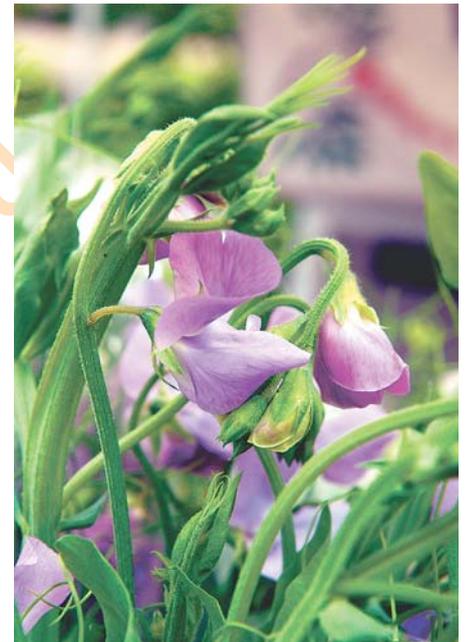
Mister Days — Cinco De Mayo falls on Wacky Wednesday. All drafts are \$2 and there is a \$2 food menu from 4-8 p.m. Additionally Mister Days will be featuring Margaritas, \$3 Corona & Corona Light bottles and \$2 Negro Modelo drafts until 9 p.m. There will be giveaways and door prizes. Mister Days is located less than 1 block from the Clarendon Metro at 3100 Clarendon Blvd., on the corner of Washington Blvd. and Highland Street.

Uncle Julio's Rio Grande Cafe — Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Located at 4301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, near the Ballston Metro stop.

Send your information to Debbie Funk at debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com or to Steve Hibbard at arlington@connectionnewspapers.com

Ballston Farmers Market

Now in its sixth year, the Ballston farmers Market will be open every Thursday from 3 - 7 p.m., starting in May. Market participants will bring locally grown fruits and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, all natural fresh and cured meats, artisan baked goods, organic coffees and teas, raw honey, and much more. Located in Welburn Square at 9th Street North and North Stuart Street, the Ballston Farmers Market is the perfect place to find some of the freshest products around and to support local vendors. At the Ballston Metro stop.



Rosslyn Farmers Market

The Roslyn Farmers Market will be open every Thursday, from May 13 through Oct. 21, 2010. The hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located on Wilson Boulevard at N. Oak Street, across from Cupid's Garden Sculpture.

Offerings include jellies, herbs, vegetables, fruits, pastries, breads and more. Enter a chance to win a \$10 Market gift certificate by visiting the vendor at the end of the row.

Clarendon Farmers' Market

Clarendon Farmer's Market has locally produced breads

and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Held Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Arlington Farmers Market @ Courthouse

The Arlington Farmers' Market is located adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Rd. and N. 14th St. in Arlington. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. The market is opened Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, year round. No dogs are allowed in the market.

Arlington Urban Village Market at Court House

The antiques and collectibles market at Court House is an open air market that has been going on since December 2002. Free parking at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Featuring furniture, art, China, silver, jewelry, books, photographs, vintage clothing, linens, lamps, chandeliers, antique tools and other treasures. Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located on North 15th Street, next to the Courthouse Parking Lot. Sundays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at Courthouse Parking Lot. Call 1-877-570-4570.

Chick-fil-A Operator Is Rookie of the Year

Danielle O'Dell, franchise Operator of the Chick-fil-A restaurant at Ballston Common Mall in Arlington, received one of seven 2009 Rookie of the Year Awards at Chick-fil-A's annual Seminar, which took place in Washington, D.C., Feb. 21-24.

Follows Old Love to New Place

By **Jon Roetman**
The Connection



Maddie Meyer,
Yorktown (Ohio University)

"I was always really interested in photography, and after my internship at the Connection Newspapers I knew I wanted to pursue photojournalism as a career. I looked into the schools that had the reputation for having the best photojournalism program, and decided on Ohio University. I am excited about going to OU because they have a great program for my major and the atmosphere really fits my personality. The professors are really helpful, and everyone I talked to on campus was really nice. Every time I visit I feel like I am already part of the community there."



Suzy Gordon,
Yorktown (Virginia Tech)

"They have a lot of school spirit, it's in-state so it's cheaper, and they have a good science and engineering program."



Logan Knowles,
Yorktown (Miami University, which is located in Ohio)

"I was choosing between a couple different schools but I think that school just fit my personality the best."

Yorktown senior Maddie Meyer grew up in Arlington and played travel soccer since the age of 8. While she's ready for a change in scenery and activities as she heads off to college, her long-standing interest in photography was the driving force behind her decision.

Meyer will study photojournalism at Ohio University next year. The Connection Newspapers intern started looking at colleges as a sophomore, but narrowed her search as a junior to focus on schools with her major. Now she'll study a subject that has long held her attention.

"I was always really interested in photography, and after my internship at the Connection Newspapers I knew I wanted to pursue photojournalism as a career," Meyer wrote in an e-mail. "I am excited about going to OU because they have a great program for my major and the atmosphere really fits my personality. The professors are really helpful and everyone I talked to on campus was really nice. Every time I visit I feel like I am already part of the community there."

Meyer, a member of the Patriots soccer team, is excited about meeting people with similar interests and hopes to continue playing soccer at an intramural level at Ohio. But she's also ready to experience some of the unknown.

"I am also excited to live in a new place — going to a school in the Midwest will be a completely different experience than living in Arlington, but I'm ready for a change of pace," she wrote. "I plan on playing intramural soccer and trying out other sports. I have played travel soccer since I was 8 years old on the Arlington Pride and haven't had time to try different things. Ohio has a lot of sports — beach volleyball, dodge ball, flag football — which I think would be fun to try."

Fellow Yorktown senior Suzy Gordon is taking her desire to study science and engineering to Virginia Tech. She also said school spirit and the college's highly regarded dining halls will make Blacksburg enjoyable.

"I was choosing between a few schools but Tech really stood out to me," Gordon said. "It was pretty easy to make my decision."

Gordon, one of the top goal scorers for the Patriots, said she'll probably try to play club soccer at Virginia Tech.

Senior Logan Knowles, who also plays soccer for Yorktown, accepted a scholarship to play soccer at Miami University of Ohio. Knowles said she was asked to join the team during a camp for recruits and she committed during the summer. She hasn't decided what she's going to study.

"I was choosing between a couple of different schools," Knowles said, "but I think [Miami] just fit my personality the best."

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THEATER

Synetic's Latest Show Could Bug You

Company stages "Kafka's Metamorphosis."

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

If you have a thing for the avant-garde in art, and the farther out the better, the new show "Kafka's Metamorphosis" by the movement-based theater company, Synetic, should be on your must see list. If, on the other hand, you can't quite see yourself accepting a hero who is turned into a cockroach before your very eyes, this might not be the best introduction to Synetic's usually impressive work.

Franz Kafka's short story of Gregor Samsa who, as the first sentence in one translation tells us, woke one morning to discover that "in his bed he had been changed to into a monstrous verminous bug," is an overwhelming metaphor for the purposelessness of life. Kafka, an early 20th century fiction writer living in Prague, wrote of a young man who was the sole support of his family trapped in a life in which he felt constricted only to have constriction become real.

Synetic, well known for highly visual adaptations of classic works in movement that seems a union of dance and athleticism, but frequently with few or no lines of dialogue, steps out of their wordless

world with this adaptation in which words become as important as images. In doing so, they abandon their area of strength to concentrate on an area where they haven't had as much success. Theater companies need to stretch in order to grow, but Synetic may have pushed just a bit too far and taken a larger step than they are ready to.

This is the second collaboration between Synetic and director/adaptor Derek Goldman of Georgetown University's Davis Performing Arts Center. Last year they mounted his adaptation of Aristophanes' "Lysistrata" at the Davis and now they perform his "Kafka's Metamorphosis" in the Rosslyn Spectrum.

The single act plays out on Natsu Onoda Power's dream of a set — literally a dream brought into physical form. The majority of the set is poor Gregor's bedroom as seen from above. What would be the back wall of the set is the floor of the bedroom, what would be the floor of the set is a sloping wall with a window through which the unfortunate hero is swept along with all the rest of the trash after his death. Next to the bed is a floor lamp jutting toward the audience which is but the most noticeable handhold for Synetic regular John Milosich to grasp as Gregor as he crawls about in what has become his cage.

Nearly as impressive as the set is the lighting by Colin K. Bills and the music by Konstantine Lortkipanidze.



PHOTO BY GRAEME B. SHAW

John Milosich as Gregor Samsa and Clark Young as Franz Kafka in Synetic Theater's "Metamorphosis."

As is often the case at Synetic, Lortkipanidze has composed music that becomes both a soundscape, in this case augmented by the work of sound designer James Bigbee Garver, and the throbbing heartbeat of the story to which the performers synchronize their actions. The impact is greatest when the blend of sight and sound isn't interrupted by actual speech.

For this production, however, speech becomes a key element. Goldman not only has Milosich voicing the words of the newly insectized young man, he adds Clark Young playing the writer Franz Kafka as a character, sitting to the side describing what is going through Gregor's mind. Synetic,

when it is doing its best work, doesn't need a narrator to give descriptions — the movement tells it all.

The supporting cast includes a number of locally prominent actors who are known for their work at more traditional companies, but are new to Synetic's unique style. Charlotte Akin is a chipper delight as the family's maid who has to deal with the increasing detritus in Gregor's room. Steve Beall and Annie Houston are convincing as Gregor's parents, more concerned over the loss of his support to their life style than his own torment. Frank Britton is suitably cavalier as Gregor's employer, whose only concern is when he can expect his clerk to return to

his duties. Caitlin Cassidy, who appeared in Goldman's adaptation of "Lysistrata," lends her pure voice as the music in Gregor's mind.

This is not the first time an adventurous local theater company has tried its hand at Kafka's story. The Catalyst Theater Company staged another adaptation on Capitol Hill five years ago with Scott Fortier delivering a tremendously moving performance as Gregor without the use of prosthetics — no makeup, no shell, nothing but pure acting talent. Synetic chose to go a more "realistic" route and equipped Milosich with not only a shell but a gaggle of dangling legs and, for a while, a bug eyed helmet. The effect is to put the emphasis on what is happening to Gregor's body and not to his mind. When he sheds that shell for a body suit with exposed organs, the impact is to once again draw attention away from the inner turmoil. It makes just too much of the metaphor.

Where and When

Synetic Theater's "Kafka's Metamorphosis" plays through May 22 at the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 North Kent Street. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$40 - \$50. Call 800-494-8497 or log on to www.synetictheater.org

Stylish Gowns on Display in Oscar Wilde's 'Fan'

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

Director Stephen Scott Mazzola paid as much attention to selecting costume designers as to casting leading roles for the new production of Oscar Wilde's drawing room comedy of manners, "Lady Windermere's Fan," which opened this week for a four-week run at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Kathy Dodson and Chris Macey provide an evening-long parade of delightful couture. While the men's costumes look like they came from a rental tux shop (but what can you do with the oh-so-proper but blah Victorian era formal wear?), the women appear in one glorious gown after another with the best reserved for the principal characters. Each gown not only lets the audience know something of the time and place of the scenes, they reveal the characters of the ladies who wear them.



PHOTO BY DOUG OLMSTED

From left: Karen V. Lawrence (Lady Windermere), Adam Downs (Lord Darlington), Lars Klores (Lord Windermere), and Rebecca Lenehan (Mrs. Erlynne).

The evening begins with Karen V. Lawrence in the title role in a nondescript house gown, which gives no warning of the ensembles to come. But suddenly, there's a puffed-

up contraption for a fabulously haughty Gayle Nichols-Grimes that matches the stuck-up nature of her "Duchess of Berwick," and a delightful near duplicate for the mugging

of Meg Greene as her daughter, the distracted, barely dutiful "Lady Agatha."

One needn't worry that Lawrence, as Mrs. Windermere, wouldn't get a sartorial spectacle of her own, however. By the end of the evening she's not only created a complex and intriguing character as a lady who suspects she's been wronged, she's resplendent first in a white silk gown in which she presides over the last high-society ball of London's 1892 season, and then a high necked day gown of subtle pastels in which she receives visitors the next morning.

The really splendid costumes are reserved, however, for the mystery woman who shakes up the lives of the Windermere's and their circle, played with superb presence by Rebecca Lenehan, first in a shockingly red outfit that would make every eye at the ball focus on her even if she weren't the topic of the town's hottest gossip of the moment and, later, after we've learned her secret and come to appreciate her

virtues, in a creme and coffee confection.

The performances of the men are in some contrast to the colorful women but one stands out as the strength of the evening, that of Adam Downs as a lord in love with Mrs. Windermere who is emboldened to hope for a chance for her affection by the rumors of scandal that might be expected to break up her happy home.

Other male roles get suitable performances from the likes of Lars Klores who lays on the stiff upper class veneer just a bit too thick, Peter Laager whose befuddlement over the ways of society's women is a delight and Seth Vaughan whose booming voice almost overwhelms a few scenes although the lines Wilde gave his character are certainly worth savoring.

"Lady Windermere's Fan" plays through May 15 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 60 Wolfe Street. Performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$18. Call 703-683-0496 or log on to www.thelittletheatre.com.

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CALENDAR

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Rock Spring Garden Club introduces the First Annual Garden of the Year Award. Any garden in Arlington is eligible for the First Annual Rock Spring Garden Club's "Garden of the Year Award". Entries will be judged by qualified judges and the winner will be announced in June. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2010. Applications are available by contacting the Club at rockspringgardenclub@gmail.com

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.

MONDAYS

Meditation and Buddhism. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost \$12. General Program - What is the key to a good relationship? This month will explore the Buddhist psychology of love and how this can be applied practically in daily lives. Topics include: The Bigger Picture; Living with Gratitude; Connecting with Others; The Practice of Loving Kindness. Each General Program class includes a teaching, guided meditations, and time for Q&A. Everyone is welcome. Each class is self-contained. Drop in at any point. At Vajrayogini Buddhist Center - Arlington Branch - The Griffin Center 3800 Fairfax Dr., Suite 5. Visit www.meditation-dc.org or call 202-986-2257 or info@meditation-dc.org.

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 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 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.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 28

"Mamma Mia" Performance. 5:30-6:30 p.m. With the Bowen McCauley Dance and the DC Cowboys. Part of the Flash Mob "Street Premiere" of



Rubber Duckies, Oil on Canvas by Deborah Taylor

MONTH OF MAY

Kaleidoscope. An all-member show sponsored by the Arlington Artists Alliance. Artist's reception is Saturday, May 8 from 5-8 p.m. At the Arlington Arts Gallery, 5179 Lee Highway, Arlington (between Caribbean Grill and Yorktown Bistro). Hours are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"Mamma Mia." At Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road.

FRIDAY/APRIL 30

Spring-Summer Fashion Show. 9 p.m. Washington Redskin Lavar Arrington and his wife, Trish, will host the event, with proceeds benefiting the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Against Breast Cancer. The public is invited to purchase tickets by calling 703-812-7997 for \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. At Caribbean Breeze Restaurant, 4100 N. Fairfax Drive.

APRIL 30-MAY 2

Peter and the Wolf - And Other Works. Presented by BalletNova. Friday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 2 at 2 p.m. "Behind the Scenes" pre-performance seminar for children under 12 at noon on Sunday, May 2 for \$5. Performance tickets are \$7 - \$22 (discounts for students/seniors and groups over 10) and available at: www.BalletNova.org or call 703-778-3008. At Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road.

APRIL 30 THROUGH JUNE 20

Just Imagine. It's astronomy with a twist, when imagining a sky lit only by stars, or the Earth without a moon, or our sun as a different kind of star. Showtimes are Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 1:30 & 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens & children 12 and younger. At the David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy Street. Call 703-228-6070.

SATURDAY/MAY 1

Civitan Club Garage Sale. 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The funds raised by Civitans are granted for the benefit of Intellectually disabled folks to learn and become more independent. At the I-66 Parking Garage, located at N 15th and N Quincy Streets in Arlington, near Washington & Lee High School.

Country Western Dance. The Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association will hold its dance on May 1, 2010 at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Kat Fanelli will be the DJ. Eileen Scott will teach the "Blue Note" line dance beginning at 7:30 p.m., and

Scotty and Lynne Inman will teach a beginners West Coast Swing at 8 p.m. Open dancing is from 8:30-11 p.m. and includes Two Step, Waltz, line, Swing, Cha Cha, and specialty dances. Couples and singles are welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5; PSDC members \$10. Regular admission rates do not apply to special events dances. Snacks and drinks will be available. Visit our website, www.nvcwda.org or call the hot line 703-860-4941 and leave a message.

Central Arlington History Tour. 9 a.m. Cost is \$2. Walk from 1 to 12 miles (1 to 8 hours) visiting parks and historic sites in Clarendon, Ballston, Glencarlyn and surrounding areas. Meets at the Clarendon Metro Station (top of escalator) at the S.W. Corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Highland Street. Contact Bernie Berne at 703-243-0179.

SUNDAY/MAY 2

Spring Concert Spectacular. 4 p.m. Presented by Prelude: The Arlington Youth Orchestral Program. This concert features Prelude's Full Ensemble & 2010 Solo Competition Winner. At Williamsburg Middle School Auditorium, 3600 N. Harrison Street, Arlington.

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.

TUESDAY/MAY 4

Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the Jeff Carmella Band. At Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd.

Carmina Burana. 7:30 p.m. Presented by NOVA Community Chorus. At the Schlesinger Concert Hall, on the campus of NVCC, Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 5

Vegetable Gardening for Urban Gardeners. 7-9 p.m. This program will explore ways to do more with less - less space, less water, less time, less light and other challenges for urban gardeners. At Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S Stafford St. Arlington. Call 703-228-6414 or email ex013mg@vt.edu.

FRIDAY/MAY 7

Irish Music and Dancing. 7:30 p.m. With the Irish Breakfast Band. At the Arlington Presbyterian Church, 3507 Columbia Pike. Call 703-920-5660 or pastor@arlingtonpresbyterian.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 8

2010 Housing Fair. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Spring Road, Arlington. Call 703-228-3765.

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Veith, Mathis All-Stars from Arlington

Yorktown, Wakefield seniors compete in Northern Region all-star game.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With his team leading by two and 5.7 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Mike Veith prepared to shoot a pair of free throws that could ice the game.

Veith's days of playing for the Yorktown basketball team had come to close months ago. But the senior had one more chance to come up big — this time as a member of the Concorde & National All Stars. But before Veith got a chance to shoot, T.C. Williams' Ryan Yates and West Potomac's Martez Redfean, both members of the Liberty & Patriot All Stars, had some words of "encouragement" for the Yorktown guard.

We told him "if he missed it, we would let him party with us in Alexandria," Yates said of the duo's attempt to disrupt Veith's concentration.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yorktown Crews Prepare for State Title Push

The Yorktown men's and women's crews raced on the Potomac in front of their "home crowd" on April 24 at the Charlie Butt Regatta (CBR) and established themselves as medal contenders in almost every competitive category for the upcoming Virginia state championships to be raced over the next two weekends. The Yorktown program is likely fielding one of its strongest overall lineups it has ever had, according to head coach Andy Bacas.

In the women's first varsity eight, the Patriots opened the regatta by winning their heat by open water and followed that strong showing with a tight second-place finish to traditional powerhouse T.C. Williams. The Patriots are defending silver medalists in the premiere women's event and look to go into this year's state championship ranked second or third.

In the men's first varsity eight, Yorktown also began with an open-water win in the heats over Arlington rival Washington-Lee and two other Virginia schools, Lake Braddock and West Potomac, and advanced to a challenging four-boat final with Washington D.C. powers St. Albans and Gonzaga. Gonzaga is the defending SRA Nationals Champion of 2009. St Albans came out on top, with Gonzaga second, Yorktown third and W-L fourth. Yorktown is the defending VASRA First Varsity Men's Champion.

The Yorktown women's team continued its strong showing all down its lineup of



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Yorktown senior Mike Veith controls the ball while teammate and Wakefield senior Kireah Mathis, left, looks on during the Northern Region All-Star game on April 24 at Wakefield High School.

Veith missed the first attempt, but knocked down the second, forcing the Liberty & Patriot All Stars to attempt a 3-

pointer at the other end. L-P came up empty in the final seconds and the Concorde & National All Stars captured the Northern

Region all-star game, 102-99, on April 24 at Wakefield High School.

STANDOUT SENIORS from the Liberty and Patriot districts faced athletes with similar credentials from the Concorde and National districts. Langley's Travis Hess coached the L-P All Stars and Mount Vernon's Alfonso Smith coached the C-N All Stars. Prior to the game there was a 3-point shootout and dunk contest.

Veith finished with five points for a team that led by as many as 14. He said he wants to play basketball in college — possibly at Mary Washington or Virginia Wesleyan — but is undecided on where he'll attend.

"It's a privilege and an honor to play with the people on the court," Veith said. "I liked it a lot."

Veith wasn't a starter, but Smith gave him credit for giving the team a boost.

"We tried to start out getting five in, five out, try to have some balance," Smith said of making sure each all star got a chance to play. "We really thought that the second group that we started out with, which is probably not a lot of the household names, those were the ones that really got us into a nice rhythm as they came into the game

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BORIS SUVAK PHOTOGRAPHS

The Yorktown boys first varsity crew team is preparing to contend for a state championship.

crews against a very large field of the best crews from Virginia and the District of Columbia. In the women's second varsity eights, the Patriot women recorded the fourth-fastest time in the two levels of finals to take second in the petite final behind Georgetown Visitation. The Yorktown novice eight and novice four both won their flights and the freshman eight, after being slowed by a collision at the start, rowed back to within a length of the leaders for third.

The junior men's boats from Yorktown

also look to be strong medal contenders as well, with the men's junior eight finishing open water ahead over Langley in its Charlie Butt Regatta event, bested only by a Gonzaga crew that will not be part of the Virginia championship. The Patriot men's third eight finished open water ahead over its one Virginia opponent from Washington-Lee, but was also second overall to a crew from Gonzaga.

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5Qs

Five questions with Yorktown senior center back Logan Knowles



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

A: Hjørring, Denmark, for a soccer tournament in 2007.

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

A: A game-winning goal right at the very end.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Dave Matthews. I saw him in concert and I really loved him.

Q: Favorite movie?

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Q: What do you like to do outside of soccer?

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SPORTS



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Yorktown's Mike Veith, left, and Chantilly's Adam Friday sit on the bench as members of the Concorde & National All Stars prior to the Northern Region All-Star game on April 24 at Wakefield High School.

Competing as Regional All-Stars

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— Veith, Marcellus Holley from Westfield” and others.

Veith also competed in the 3-point shootout. He knocked down 10 triples in the opening round, but struggled in the second round, where he was eliminated.

“I felt OK in the first [round],” he said. “I didn’t think I made it to the next round. I was just looking around, waiting and then they called my name and I was just not prepared.”

Wakefield’s Kireah Mathis was one of five C-N All Stars to score in double figures, finishing with 14 points. Playing on his home floor, Mathis showed he could compete with some of the best in the region.

“He held his own,” said Wakefield coach Tony Bentley, the event’s announcer/emcee. He scored “14 points, shot the ball very well, played with a lot of confidence; I was very proud of him. I know he can play like that, a lot of people haven’t seen him play a lot like that.”

SMITH KNOWS of Mathis’ capabilities. The 6-foot-4 senior scored a career-high 24 points in a Jan. 29 game against Mount Vernon.

“I followed his numbers pretty closely over the course of the season and his numbers were not nearly what they were against

us,” Smith said. “He impressed me from what he could do when we played them. His length, he’s able to knock down some 3s, he rebounds well, gets tip-ins. I was definitely impressed with him and happy for him in his home gym for him to play as well as he did.”

Mathis said he would like to play basketball at the next level, likely at a junior college.

“It was all-around fun [and] a lot of competition,” Mathis said of the game. “I [had] a lot of fans [at the game]. They know what I can do.”

Bentley said hosting the event, which draws a modest crowd, at schools with smaller gyms makes for a better atmosphere. He also said the event can get athletes noticed by colleges and make younger players work hard in anticipation of participation.

“Those [seniors],” Bentley said, “will go back to school and tell the juniors that, ‘You’ve got to work hard to play in the all-star game next year. I had a lot of fun.’”

Hayfield senior and Concorde & National All Star Reggie Tate was named the game’s most valuable player. He finished with a team-high 18 points. Yates scored a game-high 24.

Centreville’s Warren Denny won the 3-point shootout and Oakton’s David Larsen won the dunk competition.

SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 16

The Yorktown freshmen and novice men also showed they are ready to take on the best of Virginia with solid second-place finishes in both of their events at the CBR. The Patriot freshman eight trailed only a crew from T.C. Williams and the novice eight bested all its competition but a crew from O’Connell. Last year the Yorktown freshman men were second only to St. Albans in the VASRA Lower Boat Championships.

Bacas summarized the day by saying, “I

think we are in great position going into states this year. The top VASRA crews on both the men’s and women’s side are stronger this year than last, but we are stronger, too, and a bit deeper than last year. We will be very competitive in almost every event we enter at states this year and in the end, that is really the best you can hope for. Our program has come a long way in four years, our coaches, parents and athletes have worked very hard to elevate the program and I am very proud of both where we are where we are headed.”

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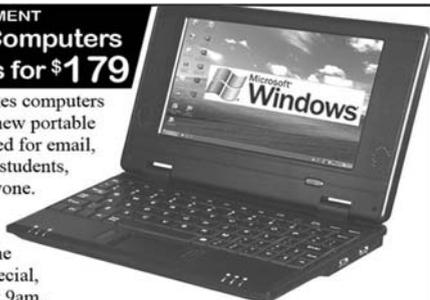
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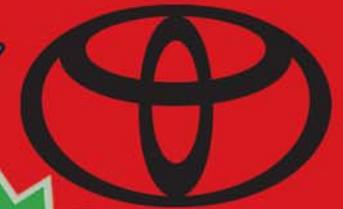
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