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## Honoring the Fallen

Vice President Joseph R. Biden and Brig. General Karl Horst at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the Memorial Day observance ceremony on Monday.



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## Concert Rehearsal

Signature Theater's Luran Williams performs as a stand-in for Broadway singer Kelli O'Hara at the Memorial Day concert rehearsal in Washington D.C. on May 29.



## Graveside Flags

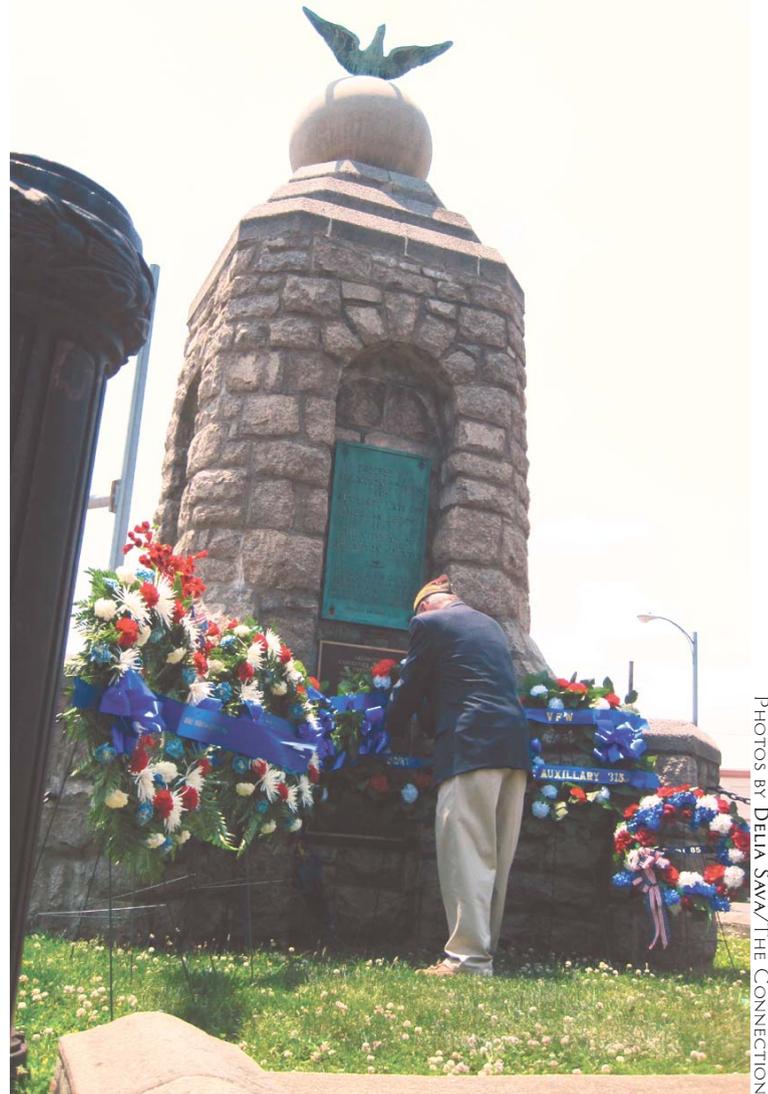
Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard) are joined by service members from the U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard Company, U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard in placing flags on more than 250,000 graves at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, May 27.



PHOTO BY LASHAWN AVERY/THE CONNECTION

## Rolling Thunder

A crowd gathers to honor the Rolling Thunder participants as they ride from the Pentagon to the Vietnam War memorial wall on May 30.



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## Clarendon War Memorial

The Clarendon War Memorial held its annual Memorial Day ceremony and prayer to honor veterans of all wars. Gary Wagner arranges the wreaths after the conclusion of the ceremony.



Michael Barrios plays Taps.



From left, VFW #3150 Post Commander Charles Reddoor and William Binkley, president of the men's auxiliary.



From left, VFW #3150 Chaplain John Mallon, Quartermaster Richard Hoffman and Vice Commander Nelson Betancourt.

# Preserving Cultures

Event highlights Latin America and Laos.

BY DELIA SAVA  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Lao Heritage Foundation and Teatro de la Luna might not seem to have much in common but Mali Phonpadith who volunteers with both nonprofits maintains that they share a similar mission. Phonpadith has forged a partnership between the two groups to host a cross-cultural fund-raising event, "Preserving Cultures for Our Children Through the Arts" on June 13 at the NRECA Conference Center in Ballston. The family-friendly event will feature music, dance, theater and food from Latin America and Laos.

Phonpadith says she was asked by Teatro to chair a fund-raising event but had already committed to doing an event for the Lao Heritage Foundation; the idea to join forces made perfect sense to her. She made the case to both groups by telling them: "I would love to support you both but I can't



PHOTO BY DELIA SAVA/THE CONNECTION

**Marcela Ferlito and Alex Alburquerque guide the children through the routine.**

do two separate events, why don't we do it together?" She added, "I reminded them that the mission is very similar: both strive to preserve and promote and transmit culture through the arts to the children and to the community."

Xai Souphom and his wife, Niphasone Souphom are the volunteer founders of the 6-year-old nonprofit, the Lao Heritage Foundation. The Souphoms are in a race against

time to preserve cultural traditions for the next generation. "The Lao culture is quickly dying because our cultural teachers are passing away faster than we are passing on our arts," said Xai. One of the most urgent initiatives focuses on music that is not written down, but is passed on orally from one generation of musicians to the next. The foundation has been using a Westernized notation system to record traditional Lao

## When & Where

"Preserving Culture for Our Children Through the Arts" will feature music, theater, dance and food from Laos and Latin America.

**When:** Sunday, June 13, 3 to 5 p.m.

**Where:** NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

**Cost:** Early bird price, \$40 through June 8, \$50 after. Children under 12, free.

**Phone:** 703-548-3092 or 202-607-7466

music and Xai has been teaching adults and children how to play traditional Lao musical instruments.

Said Phonpadith, "Not many people know that Laos is even a country, let alone do they know that Laos is a dying culture, especially artistically." According to Phonpadith, who fled with her family when she was five years old, the country was devastated by the bombings during the Vietnam era, and the disruptions that resulted from the Communist takeover dealt a crushing blow to the preservation of cultural traditions.

While the Lao population in the greater D.C. area is relatively small compared to the Hispanic numbers, Phonpadith says, it is a very close-knit community. "One of the things we wanted to do was to piggy back on the popularity of the Latino culture and bring more awareness to the Lao side," she said.

**IT'S SATURDAY MORNING** and 7-year-old Jason Dock is being put through his

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# Referendum Sought To Change Form of Government

## Should Arlington keep county manager form?

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

It's not often that citizens get to choose the form of government they will live under. Here in Arlington, there are a few important precedents. First, there was the American Revolution. Then there was the little-known but significant retro-

cession of Arlington from District of Columbia back to Virginia. And don't forget the Civil War.

After World War II, county leaders chose the modern arrangement known as the "county manager" form of government. And that's the way things have worked around here for 70 years. Until now. A group known as the Committee for a Better Arlington was

formed back in March to support a referendum to change the form of government to one used by a handful of rural southwest Virginia known as the "county board form" of government.

If the committee is successful in assembling the required number of valid Arlington signatures — and that's a big if — county voters could be presented with a referendum on the ballot in November. The prospect of a Northern Virginia county ditching its form of government in favor of

something drastically different would be unprecedented in modern times. If it happens.

"Nothing like this has ever happened here," said county government spokeswoman Mary Curtius. "I can't think of something like this happening anytime in the recent past."

**THE EFFORT** to ditch Arlington's current form of government does not have much support among the county's elected lead  
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# Time for Change?

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ers. According to County Board Chairman Jay Fiset, all of his colleagues on the board are united in their opposition against the plan. The county board form of government would place much of the day-to-day work of government in the hands of the elected leaders, who currently leave that kind of work to county staff in an effort to craft policy directives.

"I don't want the county's purchasing agent to report to me," said Fiset. "I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to see how this has the opportunity to become a patronage system."

Supporters of the referendum to change the form of government say they would like to see fewer decisions made by appointed officials and more power in the hands of elected leaders. Stung by years of unsuccessful negotiation for higher salaries, members of the county firefighters' union are some of the strongest supporters of the effort to collect 14,000 signatures before the deadline on July 15.

"Our fire chief is legally prohibited from having a conversation with county board members," said Mike Staples, president of IAFF local 2800. "They're allowed to talk about the weather, but that's about it."

"Not true," responded Fiset when asked about Staples' comments. "I have substantive conversations with department heads and many other county officials every day."

## "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

*"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for June 13-19.*

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**Senior trips:** Food & Wine Festival at National Harbor, Md., Sunday, June 13. \$78; Harry Connick, Jr., Wolf Trap, Tuesday, June 15, \$71; Cajun Festival, Purcellville, Va., Saturday, June 19, \$29. Call Arlington Senior Adult travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

**Seascape artist J.M.W. Turner's works discussion,** Monday, June 14, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills, \$6. Register, 703-228-5722.

**Men's health issues** examined, Monday, June 14, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Call to register, 703-228-4403.

**Play pickleball,** Monday, June 14 – Friday, June 18, 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., TJ; 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Walter Reed. Free with 55+ Pass. Details, 703-228-4771.

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**Senior vice-president with Main St. Bank Sharon Jackson shows off her autographed football.**



**Darrell Green autographs a football for M. Tarik Saleem.**



**Main St. Bank employees, from left, are Clara Ocon, Huma Mustamandi and Maria Hasan.**



**Gary Clark signs autographs.**

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# OPINION

## Together, We Can Make an Impact

Turn out for the cure.

BY AMBASSADOR NANCY G. BRINKER  
FOUNDER AND CEO,  
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For nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness about breast cancer and to raise funds to discover the cures of tomorrow and fund breast health services that might save the lives of their neighbors today.

We can be proud of how far we've come. What started out as 800 women walking around a shopping mall in Dallas, Texas has grown to include more than 1.5 million people walking or running in more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® events worldwide this year. People are walking in Richmond and Rome; Cleveland and Cairo. It has truly become a global movement.

**ALL THIS WALKING** has paid off too. In the U.S. we have entered into a new era of awareness, early detection and personalized medicines. This new era is saving lives and providing hope of one day putting an end to the suffering for good.

Yet for all of our successes, this hope is not universally shared. In capitals across the globe, women and their families do not yet fully understand this disease or appreciate the benefits of early detection. And they live in communities with health care systems which are unable to adequately screen or treat the disease.

For the Cure, June 5

**Late Registration:** Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill  
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Here too, in the heart of our nation's capital, many women do not fully understand the disease, are confused about early detection, and must navigate a significantly fragmented health care system that is unable to properly serve many areas of our community, particularly for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Together, we can make an impact, both here and abroad. On June 5 on the National Mall, we will host the 21<sup>st</sup> running of the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure®. Up to 75 percent of all the funds raised by the Komen Global Race will stay right here to help local women. The rest will go to support our efforts to share the lessons we have learned educating low-resource women in the U.S. with women in low-resource countries of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

And let me be honest - we have a lot of work to do.

In recent years Komen has sought to raise awareness about breast cancer, particularly in low-income and underserved communities, and to break down barriers that have prevented some women from getting the care they need. And we've had some great successes, such as drastically decreasing the time women at some clinics have to wait in order to get a mammo-

gram.

Yet we are far from satisfied. Komen just finished a comprehensive review of the National Capital Area, and what we found has given us a renewed call to action. Despite our success in raising awareness, women diagnosed with breast cancer in Washington, D.C. are still more likely to die from the disease than women in the rest of the country.

While there are many reasons for this, two things popped out at us.

**WE LEARNED** that awareness is not enough - women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We found that myths and misconceptions are still widespread. Many women are afraid of screening, thinking it is painful and that a cancer diagnosis equals a death sentence. Others are confused by media reports with conflicting messages about who should get a mammogram and how often. This confusion is not limited to the health care consumer, but is also prevalent among health care providers.

Notably, we also found that the region's overly fragmented health care system produces substantial barriers to accessing care for major segments of the population. Many women cannot access affordable screening because there is too little funding for programs that provide free and low-cost mammograms. These women face economic and transportation barriers that keep them from seeking help.

No woman should have to die just because of where she lives or where she was diagnosed. While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

## 'Move Me!' At Kenmore

"Move Me!" arts experience and the Alma Thomas Project took place in April at Kenmore Middle School.

A celebration of theater, dance, music and language, the following arts organizations participated: Arlington Community Band, Arlington Independent Media, Ayllu Cultural Tinkus Wayras, BalletNova, Bobby's Boot Camp, Bowen McCauley Dance, Educational Theatre Company, Encore Stage & Studio, Lightbulb Learning, Potomac Arts Academy at GMU, The Reading Connection and the Synetic Theatre.

McCauley and her dance troupe have been partners with Kenmore Middle School for the



The finale of the world premiere of "Bustin' Out with Alma Thomas."

past four years.

This year the focus became the life and the art of a painter Alma Thomas. Thomas was the first woman to graduate from Howard University's Fine Arts Department and went on for a masters in Fine Arts from Columbia University. She was a teacher at Shaw Junior High School for 36 years and

didn't take up painting until she retired.

At the age of 80, she was the first again to have a solo art exhibition of her work at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. During this school year, the arts and communication technology focus instructor Shauna Dyer and art instructor Jeffrey Wilson

have worked with teachers in the school to integrate Thomas's work. The art was analyzed, poetry was written, and problem solving in math was applied using the backdrop of her painting "Dancing With Spring Flowers." McCauley worked with the dance students to pay tribute to Thomas.

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# SELF STYLING

## Strategies To Look Cool

BY DELIA SAVA  
THE CONNECTION

**C**hristine Varoutsos was spotted in Clarendon on a very hot and muggy day during the Memorial Day weekend. The 27-year-old Arlington resident who works as a teacher at the Potomac School in McLean, shared some of her strategies for looking cool when the temperatures soar during the summer months.



PHOTOS BY DELIA SAVA/THE CONNECTION

### What are you wearing?

I have a black cotton tank under this halter dress from Forever 21 that I picked up for \$13.50 [for the dress] which was the regular price. It has this awesome woven lace detail. The Calvin Klein sandals are from Macy's, the Coach bag and Tiffany heart pendant were gifts from my boyfriend. And the David Yurman bracelet was a gift from my mom. The silver ring I bought in Spain during a study abroad program. And prescription Chanel sunglasses.

### Describe your style.

Some days I am more classic, some days more trendy. I like to experiment by mixing and matching styles but always strive to look appropriate.



**David Yurman silver bracelet and Spanish ring**

### Do you have any formulas for putting together your look?

I usually use the color black as a thread through the outfit — if one piece makes a big statement, then everything else is more subdued.

### For you, what's the key to looking good?

Looking in the mirror before I leave my apartment to make sure the outfit works well together and flatters my body type. Because I'm petite I focus not on what's popular but what fits my figure — I can't do big patterns with big necklaces on top because it's just too much going on.

### Do you have a dress code for work that you need to follow?

For work I mostly wear Ann Taylor Loft; it's professional looking but comfortable. On weekends I love to mix casual and cute pieces with chunky jewelry or a



**Tiffany silver heart pendant**

### Christine Varoutsos

statement bag.

### Where do you like to shop? Do you have favorite designers?

I like Forever 21 and Ann Taylor Loft has a special teacher discount, 15 percent off every purchase. It's really wonderful to have that bit of incentive, and they have a location right here in Clarendon. I also love shopping at Tyson's. Macy's and Lord and Taylor carry so many brands at different price points. One day I may buy \$10 shorts from the junior department and the next day I may get a designer dress for a special occasion like a wedding.

### Do you have any beauty secrets you'd like to share?

I am a minimalist when it comes to hair and makeup. I air dry my hair and don't use a lot of product. For make-up, just brushing bronzer on my cheeks and mascara gives me an immediate fresh look.

### What's been your worst fashion faux pas? What do you consider a fashion "don't"?

People often choose styles that are popular but don't fit their body well or their personal style.

### What do you have in your closet that you can't live without? Favorite purchase?

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# Arlington REAL ESTATE

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## On the Market



### Designer's Own Show Home

Total high-end remodel to a quintessential 1930's two bedroom, two-bath bungalow nestled on a gorgeous landscaped lot in Lee Heights. Enjoy the lemonade sippin' front porch, hardwood floors, charming period details, modern luxuries and finishes throughout, fabulous kitchen renovation and expansion, Architectural Digest worthy bathroom remodels, a newly finished lower level complete with office, full bath, fantastic laundry room, generous storage space and an incredible recreation room with extensive built-ins. All sited on a fenced level landscaped lot with patio and delightful garden just steps to the quaint Lee Heights shops, restaurants and cafés. 4638 N. 23rd Street, Arlington 22207. This house is open Sunday 1-4 pm.

**For more information contact Dave Lloyd and Associates, Weichert, Realtors, 703-593-3204, [www.davelloyd.net](http://www.davelloyd.net). This house is priced at \$729,900.**

### Dazzling Design

Built in 2008 and tucked away on a quiet street, this stunning home is simply breathtaking. With over \$100K in designer finishes, no detail was overlooked. From the stone fireplace, mahogany front door, grass cloth coffer ceiling to the Ann Sacks tiles. The elegant open floor plan features five beautifully appointed bedrooms, four and a half bathrooms, a dream kitchen, a luxurious master suite, and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors. Located in Lacey Forest and convenient to the nearby Westover Shopping Village. 1159 N. Ivanhoe, Arlington, 22207.

**For more information contact Theresa Graham, McEnerney Associates, Inc., 703-989-6829, [www.TheresaGraham.com](http://www.TheresaGraham.com). This house is priced at \$1,399,000.**



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**For more information contact Katie Loughney, Keller Williams Realty, 703-597-9943, [www.katieloughney.com](http://www.katieloughney.com). This house is priced at \$845,000.**



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**For more information contact Maureen Dawson, Coldwell Banker, 703-524-2100, [Maureen.Dawson@cbmove.com](mailto:Maureen.Dawson@cbmove.com). This home is priced at \$258,900.**



## Profile in Real Estate – Nancy Manning

Nancy Manning helps buyers and sellers in Arlington, Alexandria, McLean and Falls Church and has been a "top producer" since 2005. She specializes in residential sales, listings, rentals, and investments. She works well with first time and move-up buyers in educating them about real estate environment. She has also listed and sold building lots to builders and has successfully handled a variety of complex real estate transactions

According to Nancy, "It's all about location. Just look at a map of the metro area and you're drawn towards Arlington with a long stretch on the Potomac River, 11 metro stops, and five bridges. Arlington provides great access to all parts of the DC area. It's actually easier to get into the District from Arlington than from parts of the District!"

"Many Arlington residents work outside the beltway in Herndon, Reston, Bethesda, Landover, Rockville, and even Frederick, Maryland, and Bowling AFB off I-295. They find the commute very doable."

"People do pay a price for living in Arlington and they think it's worth it. Prices have held up very well during the past few years, especially in North Arlington, where there have been few foreclosures and short sales. Resale value is a major consideration in purchasing a property. Prices in many of our zip codes have actually increased."

Nancy holds a B.A. degree from Penn State University and an M.A. degree from Columbia University. Prior to entering the real estate profession, she worked as a senior analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C.



Nancy Manning, American Realty Group 703-850-9476 nfmanning@comcast.net.

# HOME SALES

APRIL 2010  
\$477,500 ~ \$333,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
1101 HARRISON ST N	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$477,500	Detached	0.19	LACEY FOREST		
1917 QUEBEC ST S	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$475,000	Detached	0.12	DOUGLAS PARK NEW ARL.		
4508 6TH ST S	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$475,000	Detached	0.41	BARCROFT		
2162 BRANDYWINE ST N	2	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.04	GLEBEWOOD VILLAGE		
1001 VERMONT ST N #105	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$460,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		WESTVIEW AT BALLSTON		
2063 GLEBE RD S	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.03	HENSON PARK/PERRY ESTATE		
5900 NORTH FOUR MILE RUN DR	3	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$460,000	Detached	0.14	DOMINION HILLS		
2001 6TH ST S	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$459,900	Detached	0.12	FORT CRAIG		
2520 WALTER REED DR S #A	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$459,000	Townhouse		WINDGATE OF ARL		
5137 11TH ST S	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$449,000	Detached	0.12	COLUMBIA FOREST		
3435 WAKEFIELD ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$446,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON ARBOUR		
2330 14TH ST N #308	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$445,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		COURTHOUSE HILL		
1001 RANDOLPH ST N #101	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$445,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		EASTVIEW AT BALLSTON		
1211 EADS ST S #604	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$440,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		BELLA VISTA		
1020 HIGHLAND ST N #1015	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$435,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		PHOENIX		
1301 COURTHOUSE RD N #1410	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$435,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		WOODBURY HEIGHTS		
1001 VERMONT ST N #710	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$430,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		WESTVIEW AT BALLSTON		
2321 25TH ST S #2-102	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$430,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		GROVE AT ARLINGTON RIDGE		
2807 ABINGDON ST #B	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$425,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON VIL		
3187 STAFFORD ST S #385	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$424,900	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON GRN		
4821 27TH RD S #2502	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$424,500	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON VIL		
851 GLEBE RD N #1021	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$420,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		CONTINENTAL		
4801 27TH RD S #2512	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$420,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON VIL		
3085 ABINGDON ST S #1944	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$420,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON VIL		
4928 25TH ST S	6	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$419,900	Detached	0.14	CLAREMONT		
1045 UTAH ST N #2-601	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$412,200	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		WINDSOR PLAZA		
3481 UTAH ST S	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$410,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON MDWS		
726 15TH ST S #2	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$400,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		SOUTHAMPTON		
2126 EMERSON ST N	3	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$400,000	Detached	0.11	HIGHVIEW PARK		
6924 FAIRFAX DR #434	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$394,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		FALLS STATION		
2024 NELSON ST	4	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$388,450	Detached	0.12	NAUCK GREEN VALLEY		
1021 GARFIELD ST N #421	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$387,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		CLARENDON		
1205 GARFIELD ST N #510	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$385,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		STATION SQUARE		
1616 10TH ST S	3	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$385,000	Townhouse	0.02	CARRINGTON VILLAGE		
1021 GARFIELD ST N #245	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$380,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		CLARENDON		
5025 9TH ST S	2	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.02	BARCROFT TOWNH		
1336 BUCHANAN ST	4	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$375,000	Detached	0.14	BARCROFT FOREST		
2820 S. ABINGDON ST S #A2	1	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$375,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		FAIRLINGTON VIL		
4127 FOUR MILE RUN DR S #202	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON		
2105 MONROE ST	5	3	0	ARLINGTON	\$370,000	Detached	0.12	NAUCK GREEN VALLEY		
4212 36TH ST S #A2	1	2	0	ARLINGTON	\$369,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		FAIRLINGTON GLEN		
1021 GARFIELD ST N #604	1	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$368,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		CLARENDON		
1615 10TH ST S	2	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.02	CARRINGTON VILLAGE		
1024 UTAH ST N #616	1	1	1	ARLINGTON	\$363,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		WESTVIEW AT BALLSTON		
951 SCOTT ST S	2	2	1	ARLINGTON	\$363,000	Townhouse		COLUMBIA COURT		
3959 9TH RD S	2	3	1	ARLINGTON	\$363,000	Townhouse		DUNDREE KNOLL		

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Cardinal Bank opened of its third banking center in Arlington at 2505 Wilson Boulevard. Cardinal's newest office is located in the heart of the Rosslyn-Ballston Metro corridor, between the urban Market Commons Clarendon neighborhood and the Courthouse district. Cardinal's Wilson Boulevard banking center will offer banking hours Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and features a walk-up 24-hour ATM and night depository. Cardinal customers can also bank 24 hours a day, seven days a week with online banking and bill pay service.

**N. Arlington \$1,148,000**

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## Ready To Take Off in Air Force Cycling Classic

Two events, one weekend, for professional and amateur cyclists.

BY EMILY CANAL  
THE CONNECTION

**P**edestrians beware, on the weekend of June 12 and 13 the roads of D.C. and northern Virginia will be dominated by professional and amateur bikers. The first event is the Air Force Cycling Classic's Clarendon Cup, followed by the Air Force Cycling Challenge Crystal Ride on Sunday.

"There are so many benefits to cycling from a personal and community standpoint," said Angela Fox, president and CEO of Crystal City Business Improvement District. "We are building a neighborhood people want to be in."

The Clarendon Cup is in its 13th year and is part of the National Riding Calendar. The race is a 1-kilometer course on the city's streets. The route is first open to amateurs, followed by separate races for men, women and children cyclists.

The second day of races kicks off with the Crystal Ride. The 12.5-kilometer course is open to cyclists of any level and is non-competitive. Riders are invited to challenge themselves by determining how many times they want to loop the course. Eight laps on the course equals 100 kilometers.

Bronze, silver and gold medals will be awarded to cyclists who can complete two, four or eight laps in the three-and-half-hour window that the course is open to the public.

Robert Laybourn, president of Arlington Sports and race director of the Air Force Cycling Classic, said a winner is not crowned, but the medals are given to award performance.

"It's something that is not as intimidating as a triathlon and anyone can do it," Laybourn said. "There is always room for another activity to motivate that person who isn't motivated by running."

Fox said Arlington Sports has been operating the Crystal City races from the beginning. Four years ago, Arlington Sports created a new event in partnership with Crystal City Business Improvement District in the same cycling weekend. The Air Force signed on as the first sponsor and lent its name to the event.

"It is growing to become one of the largest events of its kind in the region," Laybourn said. "And now it is on its way to being the largest event of its kind in the country."

**FOLLOWING THE AMATEUR CYCLE**, the men's pro race begins at the Air Force memorial with an official flyover.

Laybourn said a slew of professionals compete in the Clarendon Cup,



PHOTO BY ARLINGTON SPORTS

**The men's pro field glides up Columbia Pike, past the Air Force Memorial during 2009's Air Force Cycling Classic. Cyclists of all abilities will be able to do the same at this year's Air Force Cycling Challenge Crystal Ride.**

and many have conquered or participated in races such as the Tour de France or the World Cup.

"You can see athletes from all around the world," Laybourn said. "Some of those guys are current stars and some are going to be future stars."

Tina Pic, an Alexandria native, will attend the Clarendon Cup this year as the director of the women's racing team for Colavita/Baci. Before she retired last September, she had competed in the Clarendon Cup eight times.

"The Clarendon Cup is quite a technical course," Pic said. "There are a lot of good corners and what it doesn't have in hills, it has in layout."

Pic said a team can have between five to eight riders competing in the course and strategy places a large role in directing a team. She added that this year would be especially difficult after radios have been eliminated.

"When you are racing, sometimes you don't make the best decisions and you are caught in split-second decisions," Pic said. "We will use boards on the side or make yelling work."

Pic said riders are not always able to enjoy the view on the competitive courses and she will sometimes take them around her old neighborhoods on easy training days.

"This is a fun area to ride around and riding quality is hard to find," Pic said. "This is a great place for sight-seeing rides."

### Red Mango Opens in Arlington

Red Mango, a growing retailer of yogurt and smoothies, will open its first store in Arlington. The new store will celebrate its grand opening on Saturday, June 5, by treating customers to free frozen yogurt from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first 100 customers will also receive Red Mango gift bags. The store is located at 2831 Clarendon Blvd. in the Clarendon Market Common.



"A Taste of Africa" is an annual fundraising event to help continue the success story in Senegal, Africa. Join in this evening of relaxation with sampling of delicious authentic dishes from Senegal, homemade drinks, and Senegalese music. RSVP required by Friday, June 4, to: khadylusby@verizon.et Contributions are voluntary and can be made at the door or mailed to: OPEN International c/o Khady Lusby 5925 N. 10th Rd. Arlington, VA 22205 (make checks payable to Open International). For additional information, contact Khady Lusby at khadylusby@verizon.net

Open International is a non-profit organization. IRS tax-exempt and tax-deductible applications pending. Parking is available on the street or at Ballston Common Mall.

### Music at Clarendon Ballroom

Located at 3185 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington.  
Call 703-469-2244

June 3 — Dual show featuring Toxic Mouse and Dr. Fu  
June 10 — Mr. Greengenes  
June 17 — Burnt Sienna  
June 24 — Lost in Paris

### Beach Blanket Bash

The Beach Blanket Bash is back and better than ever. Once again, EatBar celebrates the summer with sun, sand and summer sips at its annual beach-themed wine tasting party on Saturday, June 5 from 1-4 p.m.. Surfer flicks will share the speakers with the greatest hits of surf music legends such as Dick Dale and The Ventures for a fun summer afternoon. At Tallula & EatBar, 2761 Washington Blvd., Arlington.

Priced at \$25 per person, guests at the event will taste their way through 25 wines specially chosen by Neighborhood Restaurant Group Wine Director Juliana Santos, including a Shiraz from d'Arenberg, Australia, Grenache blend from Mas Quindals, Spain, Rose of Pinot Noir from Anne Amie, Oregon and Viognier from Las Perdices, Argentina.

Executive Chef Barry Koslow will offer tasty bites to complement the wines such as Calamari ceviche with mango and chilies, Caramelized onion and olive focaccia and Crab fritters with remoulade.

For reservations, call Tallula directly at 703-778-5051 or e-mail Matt Molaski at mattm@tallularestaurant.com.

### A Taste of Africa Fund-Raiser

**SATURDAY/JUNE 5**

5-9 p.m. At 900 North Stuart Street (across Wilson Blvd. from Ballston Common Mall).

Arlington resident Khady Lusby started Open International in 2009 in hopes of giving back to her village in Senegal, West Africa, where she grew up. With many hours of hard work and her own money, College Adja Penda Ba was opened in 2009 in the small town of Nioro to give girls, middle to high school age, an opportunity to receive an education that would not be possible otherwise. Already a local success story, the school comprises two classrooms with 50 students. However, there is a great need for more classrooms, a library, a computer room, and textbooks in order to accommodate the desires of so many children who just want the opportunity to learn and better their lives.

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## THEATER

# Two New Shows, One Old Problem

Getting audiences to care about characters is difficult.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

One of the important things that any theatrical production has to accomplish is to get the audience to care about the characters in the story. It isn't as easy as it sounds and it is the stumbling block that prevents many a performance from being all that it otherwise could be.

Two examples opened last week. They are very different shows, one with a cast of seven on a large set of an apartment in Chile, the other with a cast of just one on a small set featuring a chair, two suitcases and a wall of suspended pieces of paper. But each falls victim to the problem of getting the audience to care enough about the principal character to want to expend the energy needed to follow convoluted plot lines and put the pieces together to understand the underlying themes.

The Washington Shakespeare Company's production of the Chilean drama "Every Young Woman's Desire" tells of a young woman listed in the program simply as "She" who is victimized by a mysterious stranger just known as "He." Given the fact that it is 1987 and notes in the program make it quite obvious that the locale is a city in the South American nation of Chile, "He" is clearly an agent of the government of Augusto Pinochet who ruled that nation through a 17-year reign of terror following the coup of 1973.



**The Washington Shakespeare Company's "Every Young Woman's Desire."**

When "She" is visited by "He," an officious and increasingly offensive man who assumes the authority to do anything he wants without restraint, she is instantly terrified. Since the audience never sees her in anything short of the state of panic, it is difficult to comprehend just what sort of transformation she has undergone. We never know the un-terrorized "She" so we never know just how far she has descended down the slope of fear and dread. Without that, it is difficult to make the connection between the world that playwright Marco Antonio De la Parra intends to expose and the pre-coup normalcy of Chilean culture.



PHOTO BY DENNIS DELORIA  
**Melissa Flaim as Sophie Treadwell in The American Century Theatre's "Treadwell: Bright and Dark."**

The energetic but initially over-emotive Kari Ginsburg plays "She" in such a way that we see her become dazed by terror and disappear into a numbness brought on by over-exposure to horror. Of course, there is ample reason for her reactions what with her boss being "disappeared," his replacement killed, her best friend also murdered and plenty of violence or threats against her person from Christopher Henley as "He." Henley is his creepy best (and few can play creepy as well as can Henley) but he has little to work with in this script. An ensemble of five additional actors play subordinate characters, each providing other events to increase the terror "She" experiences.

In the American Century Theater's world premiere of Allyson Currin's new drama "Treadwell: Bright and Dark" the entire cast is Melissa Flaim, a capable actress who brings her character to life with a host of tiny touches. This bio-play lets us get to know the writer/playwright Sophie Treadwell.

Who? Well, if you are a regular at this theater company, you will remember their production of Treadwell's play "Machinal"

### Where and When

The Washington Shakespeare Company's "Every Young Woman's Desire" plays at the Clark Street Playhouse, 601 South Clark Street through June 20. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$26.50 to \$36.50. Call 703-418-4808 or log on to [www.washingtonshakespeare.org](http://www.washingtonshakespeare.org). The American Century Theatre's "Treadwell: Bright and Dark" plays at Theatre on the Run, 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive through June 19. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26 - \$32. Call or log on to [www.americancentury.org](http://www.americancentury.org).

six years ago. You might also recall that a short piece of hers was included in an evening of playlets by the same theater in 2007. But I don't recall leaving the theatre after either of those productions with a strong desire to get to know more about the playwright, and this production spends a great deal of effort trying to answer a question that few in the audience actually are asking: "Who was Sophie Treadwell?"

That lack of intrinsic interest in the topic (at least for those whose interest in theater doesn't approach an obsession) creates a problem for Ms. Flaim, and Ms. Currin's script doesn't offer a great deal of help in the early going. But it does provide many human interest asides which, in Flaim's hands, add up to an intriguing character. In the end you like her Sophie Treadwell even if you don't treasure your knowledge of her place in theater history.

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](mailto:Brad@PotomacStages.com).

# Signature Offers Another World Premiere Musical

Gordon's autobiographical musical opens in Shirlington.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

Craft and energy mark the world premiere of "Sycamore Trees" at Signature Theatre. It is a bio-musical by one of the more avant-garde composer/lyricists now working in musical theater: Ricky Ian Gordon. The musical, which slated its official opening for Tuesday of this week with only two weeks remaining in the run, features performances by some of Broadway's big names.

The piece is by Gordon whose work has

been widely praised and recorded, although this is the first full-scale production of a musical by him to be mounted in the Washington area. Often, his work is viewed as "art songs" rather than "show music" and the score for the show at Signature exhibits a wide range of musical styles from jazzy pop songs to snappy show tunes to something approaching but not quite crossing the line into operatic arias.

The cast certainly has the talent to handle any style Gordon throws at them. Every one of the seven members of the cast has had featured or starring roles on Broadway, including Mark Kudisch who returns to Signature after earning a Helen Hayes Award for his performance in "The Witches of Eastwick" here and a nomination for the earlier "The Highest Yellow."

The show is structured as the story of the

life of one family as seen through the eyes of the one son among the family's four children. The family is a thinly fictionalized version of his own, and the narrating son is clearly Gordon's own view of himself. It rushes through the decades from his parent's first meeting to the death of his father. Along the way there are also the deaths of one of his sisters and of his lover. Love, loss and the struggle for acceptance is at the heart of the piece.

Tony Yazbeck, fresh from his Broadway run in this season's version of "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," is charming in a slightly off-kilter way as the gay son who narrates the show. He brings both energy and humor to his performance along with a touch of schmaltz. Matthew Rich, who starred in last year's revival of "Pal Joey"



PHOTO BY SCOTT SUCHMAN

**At Signature Theatre, Diane Sutherland, Matthew Rich, Marc Kudisch, and Farah Alvin star in the world premiere musical "Sycamore Trees" by Ricky Ian Gordon, May 18 - June 13.**

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# CALENDAR

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**"Sycamore Trees."** Second part of Signature's "American Musical Voices Project" sponsored by The Shen Family Foundation. Show times are Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$52 to \$76. Call Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or go to [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org). At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington.

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## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 2

**Jazz on the Lawn Concert.** 7 p.m. Presented by the Yorktown Jazz Ensemble. Those attending are



## SATURDAY/JUNE 5

**Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."** 7:30 p.m. Emceed by RR/BID Executive Director Cecilia Cassidy, who will narrate the sonnets Vivaldi inserted into the score, which Artistic Director Leo Sushanksy has reinstated into the performance. Tickets are \$15 to \$25. Presented by the National Chamber Ensemble. At the Rosslyn Spectrum.

encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket. To be held at Williamsburg Middle School, 3600 N. Harrison Street, Arlington. Visit [www.yorktownband.org](http://www.yorktownband.org).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 3

**Lunchtime Chamber Concert.** Noon to 1 p.m. The program will feature Albéniz: Asturias (Leyenda), Paganini: Caprices Nos. 9 & 20, Christine Kharazian, violin; Beethoven: Trio in G Major, op. 9, no. 1; Marion Richter, violin; Jeanne Rosenthal, viola; James Lieberman, cello. Free. Part of the Friday Morning Music Club (On Thursdays). At the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 4

**Summer Concert.** 8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band Airmen of Note performs. At the U.S. Air Force Memorial, 1 Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil)  
**Lecture on Free Will.** 4 to 6 p.m. Speaker Lt. Col. William Casebeer, USAF, will speak on "The Neurobiology of Free Will: How I Learned to Love Determinism and Still Respect Myself in the Morning." At the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, 901 North Stuart Street, Suite 200, Arlington, in the M level conference room. Visit [www.potomacinstute.org](http://www.potomacinstute.org) and [www.neurobioethics.org](http://www.neurobioethics.org).

## JUNE 4-5

**Comedian Natasha Leggero.** She is a round table guest on "Chelsea Lately." At The Arlington Draft House, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. For tickets and show information go to [www.ArlingtonDrafthouse.com](http://www.ArlingtonDrafthouse.com). Call 703-486-2345.

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**Neighborhood Day & Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Old Dominion Citizens Association, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church are holding a large neighborhood yard sale in the parking lot of St. Mark's Church, located at 2425 N. Glebe Rd (just north of Lee Hwy.). (Rain date: June

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**Summer Book Study.** 7 p.m. Adam Hamilton's book, *Confronting Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues* deals with hot-button issues that can divide or unite people. Sponsored by The Alexandria and Arlington Bi-District Young Adult group. At Clarendon UMC, 606 N. Irving, Arlington. Contact Jen Potts [compasscumc@gmail.com](mailto:compasscumc@gmail.com)

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## SATURDAY/JUNE 12

**Hawaiian Luau.** 6 p.m. Fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Sponsored by the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington and the Perry Hall Committee. Tickets are \$25 (adult) and \$15 (17 & younger), **sold only in advance.** Contact Marsha Curnyn at 808-778-4820 or Pam Hawkins at 703-989-2397 for tickets.

# Signature Offers Another World Premiere Musical

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on Broadway, plays both the son's gay lover and all the subordinate male roles as the play barrels through six decades.

The father who can't bring himself to accept his son's homosexuality, or the various perceived ways in which his daughters fail to fulfill his dreams, is played by Kudisch with a strong stage presence and a good deal of personal charisma in both the early and later sections of the play even as, in the middle, the script requires a period of bigotry and intolerance that runs counter to that early impression.

As his wife, a singer and comedian turned mother and housewife, is Diane Sutherland, a performer of charm and humor. It is harder to assess the performances of the actresses playing the three sisters. Clearly, Judy Kuhn is the most impressive, and strangely, the only one of the three without her own solo. The other two, however, have to cope with somewhat overwritten roles. Jessica Molaskey is the oldest sister who succumbs to addiction and her performance seems to succumb to the damage of the drugs as well. Farah Alvin is the youngest sister and her performance is hindered by the fact that she has to spout some tired clichés to establish her character as a radical liberal rejecting her father's values.

Gordon's output has been varied and voluminous. He's written works intended for traditional musical theaters, the concert hall and the opera house. His opera "The Grapes of Wrath" premiered at the Minnesota Opera but a concert version was mounted at Carnegie Hall earlier this year with Broadway stars singing and Jane Fonda narrating. He's written song cycles including "Orpheus and Euridice," which premiered

at New York's Lincoln Center. He's had off-Broadway and regional productions of musicals such as "My Life with Albertine" and "Dream True," which he wrote with Tina Landau who directed this latest production.

In 2006 Gordon was one of Signature Theatre's first recipients of a "Composers Grant" under the American Musical Voices Project funded by the Shen Family Foundation. Like the other recipients, he was given a \$25,000 grant plus four years of health insurance coverage so he could devote himself to writing a new piece. This is the second of the American Musical Voices Project musicals to premiere at Signature. The first was last year's "Giant" by Michael John LaChiusa.

In "Sycamore Trees" Gordon exhibits his talent at both story telling and song writing. However, he has chosen to tell a story that is crowded with clichés and focuses on all the negative aspects of American life over the second half of the 20th century without so much of a mention of any of the positives. That, of course, is the privilege of a playwright, but it makes for an evening that becomes a droning dirge of criticism that the strength of the music and the energy of the cast can't quite overcome.

## Where and When

"Sycamore Trees" plays through June 13 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Avenue in Shirlington. Performances are Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m. with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$52 - \$76. Call 703-573-7328 or log on to [www.signaturetheatre.org](http://www.signaturetheatre.org).

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# Yorktown's Regional Hopes Washed Away

**Patriots lose to Fairfax in a rain-shortened opening-round contest.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s rain poured down on Greenbrier Park, Yorktown's Red Dowdell stood near the third-base dugout with a rake in his hand, eager to do what he could to keep the Patriots' season alive. Other players carried bags of drying agent to the field, ready for action to resume.

The Yorktown baseball team trailed Fairfax during a rain delay in the sixth inning of a regional playoff game on May 28. As the basepaths turned into mud baths, the Patriots were uneasy about the fate of their 2010 season.

"We didn't know if they would suspend the game or drop the game dead right then," senior Dean Johnson said. "Then when we realized they'd drop the game dead we really wanted to work on the field."

Yorktown trailed 5-0 early but battled to within one. The Patriots trailed 6-4 at the time of the rain delay but had proven capable of a comeback. It didn't matter.

Rain continued fall and since five innings were complete, the outcome was ruled official. The Patriots' season was over.

Andrew D'Addario was leading off the bottom of the sixth for Yorktown when the rain delay started. An hour later, the senior paced around in left field, pondering how his high school career ended two innings too soon.

"The momentum was turned our way," he



Yorktown pitcher Dean Johnson, right, reacts after a Fairfax runner was ruled safe at the plate.

said. "We thought that we were going to get some more runs. We started seeing the pitcher a little better. It's really bad to lose when you can't really control it. You want to go down swinging."

On May 24, Yorktown experienced the high of beating Washington-Lee for the National District championship. Four days later, the Patriots were left with a feeling of unfinished business.

**FOR JOHNSON**, the district Pitcher of the Year and a two-time first-team all-district selection, the loss ended on a particularly sour note. After giving up five runs in two-plus innings of work, the left-hander settled down and retired nine straight Fairfax batters. In the sixth, the Rebels added a run

when senior Daniel Fernandes scored on a wild pitch. On the play, Johnson raced from the mound to cover the plate, caught the throw from catcher Mike Ryan and applied the tag. The home plate umpire ruled Fernandes safe and an animated Johnson showed he disagreed with the call.

The play added to Johnson's frustration of the game being cut short due to inclement weather.

"We feel a little robbed," Johnson said. "We feel like if we had played that game out — we were mounting a big comeback — I definitely think we could have pulled it out. We're not happy how the season ended. We're happy we won the district championship. That's what we wanted to set out to do — prove to everyone we still had it.

"It sucks that this is our last memory. Our last game, we're coming back, had a lot of momentum and then a very bad call at the plate. That's my last play, you know?"

Fairfax led 2-0 when Tyler Lescure and Joseph Vanderplas hit back-to-back home runs in the third inning to give the Rebels a 5-0 advantage.

Offensively, Yorktown struggled against Vanderplas, a first-team All-Liberty District pitcher. The left-hander topped out at 88 mph in the first inning, and threw in the low-to-mid 80s for most of the game.

"This season," Dowdell, said, "we haven't seen anyone who threw that hard."

After four of the first six Patriot batters struck out against Vanderplas, Yorktown got on the board in the third when the team's first hit — a single by Nick Cantow — drove in a run. The Patriots scored a run in the fourth when James Overbeek's single drove in Chris Kyser, who doubled in the previous at bat.

Yorktown pushed across two runs in the fifth, including an RBI double by Dowdell, but stranded runners on second and third.

**YORKTOWN COACH** Mike Ruck said he knew the Patriots were capable of coming back.

"That didn't surprise me one bit," he said. "This team started off with a lot of guys with not a lot of experience. Every day they got better. They have so much confidence in themselves right now."

Yorktown junior Shaun Wood (designated hitter) and sophomore Dowdell (utility) were named to the All-National District first team along with Johnson.

Wood hit .521 with four home runs and 28 RBIs. Dowdell hit .366 with one home run and 18 RBIs. Johnson went 7-5 with a 2.54 ERA.

# W-L Falls to Lake Braddock in Regionals

**Generals finish with 18 wins, first regional victory since 2004.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Washington-Lee baseball team was familiar with the hitter-friendly dimensions at Oakton's Thomas K. Hall Stadium. In the second game of the season, the Generals watched Oakton's Luke Willis belt an opposite field walk-off home run to right. With the right-field foul pole only 280 feet from home plate and a distance of 350 feet to dead center, fly balls can be an adventure.

Facing Lake Braddock in the second round of the regional tournament on May 31, W-L pitcher Tom Edwards fell victim to the dimensions.

With the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the first, Lake Braddock's Ryan Owens lifted an Edwards offering to center field. With the wind blowing out, the ball carried over the fence for a grand slam and a 5-0 Bruins lead. The following bat-

ter, Mike Fanning, hit fly ball to right-center field that also carried over the fence, essentially taking the Generals' chances of victory with it. The Bruins went on to win 11-0.

"He put the bat on it, popped it up [and] the wind carried it out," Edwards said of Owens' grand slam. "It kind of sucks because we worked so hard. We know [Lake Braddock] is good [but] I make a good pitch, it should be an out — one run at most."

Edwards, the National District Player of the Year and a first-team all region selection as an outfielder, pitched five innings, allowing three runs over his final four frames.

"We knew that was going to happen," W-L head coach Doug Grove said of the field's dimensions turning fly balls into home runs. "We were hoping we would do it, but we didn't and they did. ... There's nothing you can do. Those are outs on our field but we're

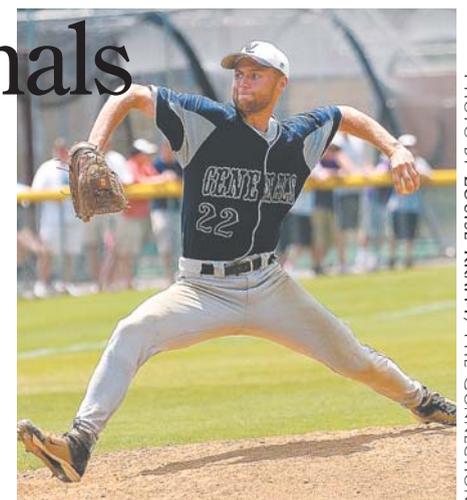
not playing on our field. That's the way it goes. We were well aware of that, too, believe me. We wanted to pop one out there."

While the Generals' season ended with a lopsided loss, the team finished with 18 wins and its first regional playoff victory since 2004. W-L defeated Stone Bridge in the opening round on May 28.

"We've been a tough out all year," Edwards said.

The Generals finished with the best record in the National District during the regular season (13-1) and lost to Yorktown in the championship game. W-L had six players named to the all-district first team: catcher Ryan Dick, first baseman Ben Coffman, third baseman Jeremy Seipp, outfielder Tom Edwards and pitchers Tim Edwards and Austin Evans. Dick, Coffman and Evans are juniors and should be key contributors next season.

Coffman said the Generals have to carry the effort they gave this season into 2011.



Tom Edwards and the W-L baseball team ended their season with a loss to Lake Braddock on May 31 in the second round of regionals.

We have to continue "the work ethic that we had in the offseason," he said. "The way we played, we left it all on the field."

"We probably had half-a-dozen bad days all season long, including practices, which is all you can ask for," Grove said. "Maybe five to six days where we weren't really a good team."

# NEWS

## Preserving Cultures

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paces by Marcela Ferlito and Alex Albuquerque during the rehearsal of Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham" for Teatro de la Luna's Experience Theater program. Jason is clearly enjoying himself as he sings, dances and delivers his lines.

Teatro de la Luna has a schedule of theatrical productions in Spanish for adults; they began offering programs for children in 1996 to fill a growing need. The event is designed to help them address recent cuts in their funding. According to Ferlito, 50 percent of the children who participate in their programs receive scholarships because their parents cannot afford the cost.

Ferlito sees first-hand the benefits for children to have this type of learning opportunity. "Children need this component in their lives — it not only helps them with their schoolwork because it deals with concentration, it also deals with imagination ... they need to use



**Mali Phonpadith.**

that side of their brain."

The children are excited about the upcoming event where they will showcase their abilities. "I'm just in it for the fun," Jason said, while his 9-year-old brother, Tristan, quipped, "And fame!"

**THE CHILDREN** may not have the fame of the professional performers slated for the event but their enthusiasm is off the charts. "It's going to be a creative explo-

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sion," said Ferlito, when asked about the program. "We are bringing artists from California, from New York, as well as D.C. and they will be performing in English, Spanish and in Lao so it's going to be really interesting."

Among the eclectic roster of performers are Monalisa Arias, Alex San Dinero, Jonny Olsen and Mauricio Alexander.

"What I would like to come out of the event is a better understanding of cultures between the Lao-American and Latino communities. We share so much and yet not many of us are aware of each other's cultures," said Xai Souphom. Proceeds from the event will be used to support children's programming at the two 501(c) 3 organizations.

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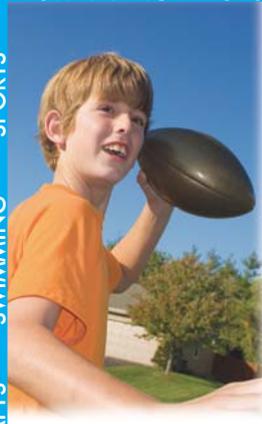
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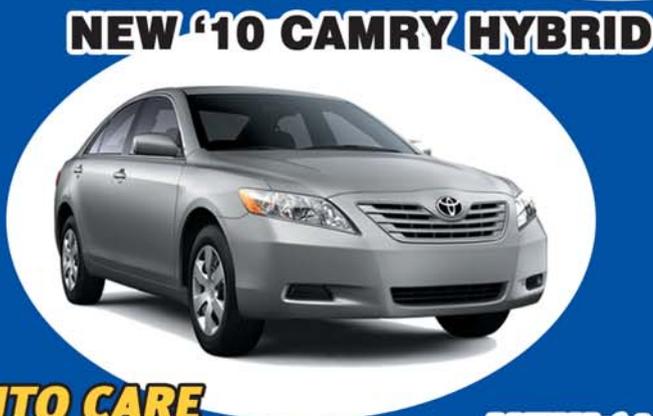
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