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Wakefield High School student Jessica Virico awakens a box turtle from his winter sleep while clearing one of the lettuce beds of leaves at Campbell Elementary School.

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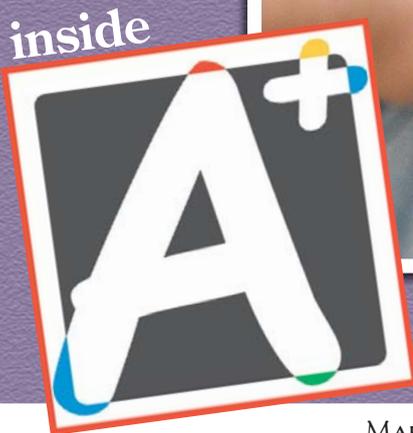
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Wendy Romero adds mulch to a garden.



Dozens of volunteers cleared the gardens and prepared the flowers and bushes for spring of Saturday morning.



GMU student and Escuela Boliva board member Vivian Delgado talks with the volunteers.

'Plot Against Hunger'

The schoolyard at Campbell Elementary School was a buzz of activity on Saturday morning, March 19. Flowerbeds and gardens were weeded and trimmed and mulched, the lettuce beds were prepared, leaves were raked, pebbles were put back in the paths, snake fences were repaired, biofilter tub was filled, sand went back into the sand-box and the rain barrels were set up. Staff, students and their families and 20 emerging leaders of Escuela Boliva joined in on the event. Campbell is taking part in the "Plot Against Hunger" project again this year. Last year, students harvested and delivered 150 lbs. of lettuce to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. See related story on page 16.



Campbell Elementary School principal Sandy Lochhead-Price talks with Katie Morris about the next garden project.

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Tytiana and Laila Epps sweep up the topsoil so it can be put back in the garden.

PTA president Dawn Herron talks to her son Koa about shoveling dirt into a flowerbed.



Long Arm Of the Law Gets Longer

Notorious Arlington case prompts action in General Assembly.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Last February, a man named Jorge Torres abducted and raped a woman in Arlington, then drove her to Prince William County where he tried to kill her. She survived, and Torres was eventually given five life sentences. But Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Trodden says there's more to the story.

"After the trial was over, I got a call from a juror who said, 'Hey, how come you didn't try him for trying to kill her,'" said Trodden, who will be stepping down next year. "And I explained we didn't have a venue."

Prosecutors in Virginia don't have authority to bring charges for crimes that take place outside their jurisdiction. So Trodden asked Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) to introduce legislation to expand the authority of prosecutors, who already have the ability to bring charges for sexual assaults that happen in other jurisdictions. When the bill was considered by the House Courts of Justice, lawmakers raised concerns about unintended consequences.

"We were worried that we were creating some kind of loophole where a crafty defense attorney could argue that the case should be dismissed for the acts that occurred outside the jurisdiction," said Del. David Albo (R-42). "And, of course, there were questions about whether or not this is constitutional."

THE CONCEPT of defendants being tried by a jury of peers has been a foundation of Virginia's system of criminal justice since its earliest days. So the idea that a prosecutor could bring charges for a crime that hap

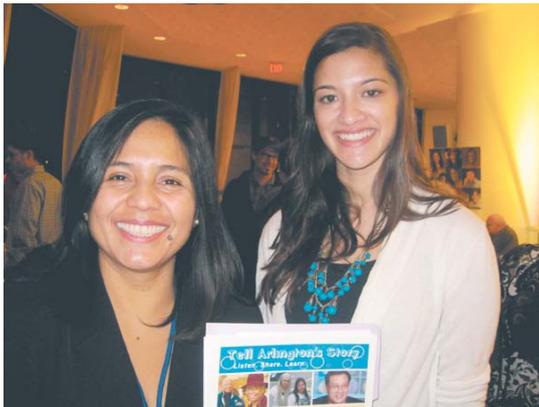
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"The real point of this is that those victims are particularly vulnerable."

— Arlington's Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Trodden



Tiffany Townsend, left, and David Cristeal.



Dulce Carrillo, left, and Lena Shrestha.



Takis Karantonis, executive director of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization.



Sharon Malley.

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Rick Franklin, blues musician.



Becki O'Loughlin, left, and Janet Shea.

'Pictures Of the Pike'

An opening reception was held Friday, March 18, in the Town Hall at Artisphere to honor the artists of the "Columbia Pike Documentary Project" which portrays the ethnically-diverse and rapidly-changing contemporary life along the Columbia Pike Corridor in Arlington.



Greg Whelan.

Northern Virginia Gives Input on Political Districts

Governor's redistricting commission has no bearing on actual lines.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Members of Virginia's bipartisan committee on political redistricting listened intently to the speakers who showed up to a March 15 hearing at George Mason University.

About a dozen Northern Virginia residents came out to share their thoughts about how to redraw boundaries for 11 congressional, 40 State Senate and 100 House of Delegates seats in the commonwealth. The new districts are scheduled to be adopted next month and will remain in place until 2021.

"We really appreciate what you are doing — not looking at partisan kinds of issues. ... We need to avoid as much as possible any type of gerrymandering," said Julia Pfaff, who lives in the Hayfield area of Fairfax County and is active with Virginia No Labels, a group that advocates against political partisanship.

A FEW COMMITTEE members nodded in agreement during Pfaff's comments. Unfortunately, the committee members don't actually have any authority to take the political gamesmanship out of political redistricting.

The committee serves exclusively in an advisory capacity. They will present recommendations for the new political maps in Virginia but the state legislature and the governor are the only parties who have power, in the end, over how the lines are drawn.

A few states have attempted to take the politics out of the redistricting process by handing over the power to draw political lines to a nonpartisan panel.

Following the 2008 presidential election, Gov. Robert McDonnell (R), who was then just a candidate for his current office, said he was in favor of nonpartisan redistricting. His Democratic opponent, state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), was also in favor of turning over the power to create political districts to an independently appointed committee at the time.

After being elected in a landslide, McDonnell cooled to the idea of nonpartisan redistricting. He formed only an advisory committee, did not back legislation that would have created an independent commission with power and gave the current committee few financial resources and minimal staff.

Democratic Majority Leader and Fairfax County state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35) has indicated that Democratically controlled Senate and Republican controlled House of Delegates have a gentleman's agreement in place to focus on their own branch of the legislature and not interfere with each other's lines.

SASLAW'S characterization of the process stands in sharp contrast to how citizens who spoke at this week's hearing wanted to see the process move forward.

"The league would prefer a situation where you didn't consider the addresses of incumbents," said Therese Martin, who has worked on redistricting studies for The

League of Women Voters of Virginia.

"The people of Virginia deserve better. They deserve fair and sensible legislative districts," said Martin, who lives in Reston.

Martin and Arlington Del. Bob Brink (D-48) also advocated for trying to align political districts with natural community boundaries, even if that makes a district less competitive.

Reston, for example, is within the bounds of one compact delegate seat. The seat is not very competitive, but that reflects the values of Reston, which votes overwhelmingly Democratic, according to Martin.

To keep communities from being split into more than one political district, Brink said Virginia should allow for greater deviation in the size of district populations.

According to Brink, all of Virginia's districts are restricted to being just two percent off from the ideal population size. Brink said the deviation should be more like 5 percent, so that towns and counties would not have to be divided up as much.

"As a general principal in the abstract, the degree to which we can keep jurisdictions unified in a minimum number of state districts is preferable," said Brink.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) agreed with Brink.

"I think it is important for me that all of my constituents are within a 30-to-40-minute drive of me. You need to have access to your representative," said Petersen.

OTHER SPEAKERS encouraged the committee to take into account specific communities and to try and create districts that would reflect a certain demographic group.

Virginia is required to comply with the federal voting rights act, which means that a certain number of districts, including one

congressional seat, have to be drawn so the majority of people who are of voting age are African American. To comply with this rule, Virginia has to draw at least a few gerrymandered districts, which do not respect natural community boundaries, according to the commission members.

Approximately 8 percent of Virginia residents are Latino, which should equate to 11 Latino representatives in the General Assembly. Unfortunately there are no Latino members of the state legislature, said Jaime Areizaga-Soto, vice president of the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia.

Areizaga-Soto said Virginia's Latino population tends to be spread out and is not focused enough that there is an obvious political district even at the delegate level that could be drawn as a majority-Latino seat. But there are areas where Latinos in combination with African American or Asian American groups could form political districts that are more than 50 percent minority voters.

For example, 58 percent of voting-age population in the 49th District of the Virginia House of Delegates is an ethnic minority. Areizaga-Soto hopes this district, represented by Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49), would not be redrawn to become a majority white district.

Genie Giao Nguyen, founding chair of the Voice of Vietnamese Americans, agreed with Areizaga-Soto, saying that she would like to see more political districts where the majority of voters were from racial minority groups.

"We are immigrants like Hispanics and we very much identify with other Asian Americans in Fairfax County because we have the same idea about business and education," said Nguyen, who lives in Fairfax.



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Songs for Ireland

Ronan Kavanagh performs during the celebration of St. Patrick's Day at Ireland's Four Courts.

Noelle O'Donnell celebrates her birthday and St. Patrick's Day with friends Martha Newton and Terry Nebel.



CRIME REPORT

The following incidents, from March 10-16, were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

ROBBERY. March 9. 1700 block of N. Moore Street. On March 9 at 5:30 p.m., an unknown man stole a purse from an elderly woman with a walker. The suspect is described as an African American male around 18 years old, 6' and 200 lbs. with a round face. He was wearing a red and black flannel shirt and dark pants. A teenage African American female was also seen with the suspect.

ROBBERY-ARREST. March 9. 300 block of N. Glebe Road. On March 9 at 10 p.m., two men approached a man standing outside his building. The sus-

pect assaulted him and stole several items. One suspect was apprehended by police. RA 45-year-old man from Waldorf, Md., was charged with Robbery. He was held without bond.

ROBBERY. March 13. 800 block of Army Navy Drive. On March 13 at 7:15 p.m., a woman was walking through the mall parking garage when an unknown subject grabbed her cell phone from her hand.

ROBBERY. March 15. 1800 block of N. Quinn Street. On March 15 at 8 p.m., a woman was walking when three teenage males approached her. One suspect grabbed her purse from her shoulder and then fled the area.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH A VEHICLE. March 11. 2200 block of Arlington Boulevard. On March 11 at 10 a.m., two subjects inside a vehicle argued. When the male exited the car, the female driver struck him with it. The suspect is known and warrants are pending.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON POLICE-ARREST. March 14. 1300 block of N. Danville Street. On March 14 at 10:45 p.m., officers arrested a shoplifter wanted out of another jurisdiction. The suspect assaulted an officer while being placed under arrest. A 43-year-old woman of no fixed address, was charged with assault and battery on law enforcement and resisting arrest. She was held without bond.

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The Weakley sign on Dumphries Road near Sinclair Mills Road in Prince William County.



Four crosses on Route 7.

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Roadside in Memoriam

Memorials signal grief — and a warning.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

An automobile cruises down the street, and the eyes of riders are caught by a colorful grouping of ribbons and flowers enfolding a teddy bear.

Another automobile, another street, and another set of eyes are captured by an unusual post and sign bearing a person's name.

Both displays spring from similar tragic events, a fatal auto accident, and the same need of others to remember, in a physical way, someone they loved.

Spur-of-the-moment, informal markers are common.

Memorials erected by Virginia's Department of Transportation (VDOT) on application from a deceased's family member are rare. Of the 135 active memorials state-wide, only four are in Northern Virginia, specifically Prince William County.

The name "Michael" is on a flowery cross beside a shallow creek bed. The accident occurred more than five years ago, yet the display is fresh on Kirby Road not far from Route 123.

Four crosses are set at the intersection of Route 7 and Lewinsville Road recalling the teenagers who died nearly 20 years ago. One name is inscribed on each cross: Robyn, Kendra, Jeremy and Scott. Time has peeled away paint, but a purple teddy bear endures — or, perhaps, a friend or relative was moved to renew a memory.

No name appears for the victim at the display beside Georgetown Pike a short distance from the entrance to Great Falls Park. This marker includes a crucifix, not just a cross.

WHILE STATE LAW provides a \$100 civil fine for

such violations, no record of enforcement can be found. "We make the utmost effort to be sensitive to folks who have placed items," said Jennifer McCord of VDOT's Northern District Office. "Sometimes if items have deteriorated over time, they are removed as part of the mowing/pick-up cycle. If a construction project or safety hazard requires an item's removal, we would try to research and return items to the family. But we do not have crew activities specifically focused on 'enforcing' removal of items left as a memorial."

Uniformity of design imposed by VDOT contrasts with the individuality of unofficial markers. "Drive Safely" is prominent, shapes are square over rectangle and colors are black and gray. The signs are at, or close to, the actual accident site after traffic engineers make sure positioning is safe and on the state right-of-way. On occasion, a person close to the deceased judges the official post too plain, and it becomes a platform for unofficial ornaments.

Del. Bobby Orrrock represents the 54th District lying 20 miles south of Fredericksburg. He was patron of the bill that became Virginia's law on roadside memorials. "There had been a number of highway fatalities and citizens were erecting major displays that were distracting and they also were blocking traffic (creating more hazards) as they gathered at the site of the accident," he said. "The intent was to find a way to allow folks to deal with their grief, not create a safety issue, not create a burden on VDOT, and allow VDOT to recover actual costs of administering the program."

More

Law: Virginia Code §33.1-206.1; Commonwealth Transportation Board regulations on roadside memorials at 24VAC30-151-550.

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"I see Brian's memorial serving the public, not just the family."

— Judy Fryett

FAIRFAX COUNTY'S public roads are maintained by VDOT, so the memorial law applies generally. Alexandria and Arlington maintain

nearly all their streets, but neither has adopted an ordinance covering roadside memorials. When asked, City of Alexandria Attorney James L. Banks, Jr., advises that no inquiry regarding the topic ever had been received.

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Dancing for St. Patrick

P. Brennan's Irish Pub celebrates its first St. Patrick's Day with an Irish dance performed by local students from the Boyle School of Irish Dance on Thursday evening.



Dominic Preston plays the acoustic guitar for guests inside P. Brennan's Irish Pub.

Aiding Victims

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pened in a different community raised serious concerns for members of the Courts of Justice Committee.

Albo acknowledged that a defendant tried for crimes that happened somewhere else would be able to challenge the constitutionality of the prosecution, although that didn't stop him from voting for it.

"If we refuse to pass any bills because someone is going to make an argument," he said, "we would have no laws."

Lawmakers already had some precedence because existing law allows prosecutors to bring charges for sex crimes that took place in other jurisdictions. And prosecutors would only be able to bring charges for crimes in cases that involved an original crime, such as abduction, that originated in their communities. More importantly, the law would spare victims of violent crime from having to testify in multiple trials.

"The real point of this is that those victims are particularly vulnerable," said Trodden. "And it would be most unfortunate if those type of victims had to repeat the parade of horrors at two separate trials."

THE BILL passed the House and Senate without opposition, and is now waiting for the governor's signature. A spokesman for Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell said he has yet to make a decision on it, although he's required to do so by March 29. Hope said he is confident that the governor will sign the bill and that it would be able to withstand any legal challenge.

"The rights of the victims are what's paramount here," said Hope, who is considering a campaign to run for the Virginia State Senate later this year. "I think it will stand constitutional muster."

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OPINION

Opportunity about To Be Squandered

Once-a-decade redistricting offers a chance to do it right; no one with power seems interested.

Have you seen what our political districts look like? It's as if the clown who makes balloon animals has gone mad. And it could be amusing if it didn't matter so much.

Our once-a-decade exercise in partisan hubris is about to unfold. Next week we'll likely see proposals that seek to protect Democratic seats in the Virginia Senate, Republican seats in the Virginia House of Delegates. The status quo in Fairfax County will get another 10-year term. Virginia's incumbents in Congress will get some reassuring padding, even if it means districts that look like boa constrictors that are digesting a couple of meals and have been run over by a car in one or two places.

We are not likely to see districts that best represent residents. No one with power is talking about how to draw lines that increase voter participation and citizen involvement.

Political districts should be drawn by a non-partisan commission that looks at providing communities with representation that works. What works is keeping communities of interest together, so that one town or community is encompassed in some of its political districts. Each resident is represented locally by one member of Congress, a state senator, a state delegate, and then by a county board or city or town council.

The Democratically-controlled Senate and Republican-controlled House of Delegates appear to have a gentleman's agreement in place to focus on their own branch of the legislature and not interfere with each other's lines. So Democrats will gerrymander the senate lines and Republicans will gerrymander the delegate lines.

EDITORIAL

In Northern Virginia, many of these districts sprawl and crawl out like amoebas to capture a given precinct if it will help or hurt partisan balance.

Instead districts should be designed for good representation, shared high school boundaries, shared land use concerns, shared traffic challenges, shared public safety concerns. It's unrealistic to think that part-time legislators will be able to master the nuances and needs that spread out across three or more jurisdictions, as some delegate districts do.

Delegate districts in particular are the smallest unit of representation for many people, with

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about 80,000 residents to be included in the newly drawn districts. These districts can and should focus compactly on communities.

Meanwhile, in Fairfax County local government, the likely outcome of redistricting will be the status quo, with nine supervisor districts, even though Fairfax County's population has grown by more than 10 percent and so could easily support another district. An additional district would allow for elected officials, both supervisors and school board members, to focus on a smaller number of residents, roads, schools and issues.

Fairfax should also consider adding a couple of at-large seats in the future to balance the power of a single supervisor.

Arlington's county board is elected entirely at-large, but should consider changing to have some political districts that could broaden representation for minorities — ethnic minorities, economic minorities and political minorities.

No one actually making decisions seems to be interested in creating districts that best represent the residents of the districts.

— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shame on County Board

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my outrage with the Arlington County Board's recent decision to deny the land use amendment requested by Bishop O'Connell High School for lighted athletic fields.

Although taxpayers funded 100-plus million dollar renovations at Yorktown, Washington & Lee, and Wakefield, O'Connell's privately funded request for lighted athletic fields was flatly denied by the County Board. Note that in 2002, the same Board unanimously voted in favor of Yorktown renovations. Arlington County Board members changed the scope of the consultant reporting required of O'Connell which caused a delay in their completion. It's ludicrous that the County Board based their denial of the use permit amendment on a delay they themselves caused.

Essentially a few NIMBY school neighbors dictated the outcome of this vote and the County Board, it seems, had its mind made up prior to the March 15 meeting. Parents, students, alumni, community leaders, sports commissions, and many fair-minded O'Connell neighbors were in favor of the long-needed fields upgrade and voiced their

support during the meeting.

Some neighbors complained that the student body is largely comprised of students that don't reside in Arlington. To that, the school's mission statement (below) speaks clearly and many of these students are on full/partial scholarship.

"We believe that student self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and faculty; that students thrive in a supportive yet stimulating climate which affirms the dignity of all persons; and that we are called to educate students of diverse economic, cultural, religious, racial, and ethnic backgrounds."

Some neighbors feared that field lights would diminish their property values. Note that the neighborhood is 0.8 miles from the East Falls Church Metro station; their property values will most certainly not diminish. Residential properties bordering Yorktown and Washington & Lee haven't been adversely affected.

It is an absolute travesty that O'Connell students have clearly been discriminated against ... and in a very conspicuous manner.

Shame on the Arlington County Board.

Julia Connell
Arlington

Innovative Leadership

To the Editor:

The Democratic voters of the 30th Senate District are blessed with a choice between three excellent candidates. Politicians too often disappoint and those who do not should be given their just due. But while good politicians are great, great leaders are better. My most fervent support is for an effective politician who has the courage and capacity to lead.

I have observed Rob Krupicka closely for a number of years. Even a cynic like me has been impressed with the way he leads the development and implementation of innovative strategies that make a difference.

There is no better testament than the campaign he has waged, in concert with Mayor William Euille, to assure that all the children of Alexandria thrive. Municipal agencies critical to youth well-being have been merged, youth-serving commissions have been united, and nonprofits receiving city funds are being held accountable for demonstrable improvement in the well-being of the youth they serve. One third of city funds are expended on the children. For these reasons, America's Promise deemed Alexandria one of

the 100 Best Communities for Young People in the country ... an honor bestowed not once but four times in a row.

Jacqueline Coachman
Nauck

Community-Insensitive

To the Editor:

How would you like to be woken at 7:15 because your neighbor was shooting off artillery pieces a couple of hundred yards from your bedroom window — so close that you can see the flashes, not to mention clouds of smoke drifting your way?

This is the new (I have lived overlooking the Cemetery for many years) policy of the management at Fort Myer/Arlington Cemetery ordered.

This comes after it taking our community over a month to persuade this same management to stop blowing Reveille through loudspeakers at maximum volume at 6:30 every morning just a month ago. How long will the community and the Defense Department allow such community-insensitive managers to remain?

Bill Drayton
Arlington

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FROM PAGE 6

"All fatalities on the highway, not just with this program, are sad and the ones that hit home the most are those involving children, teenagers, and young adults," said Garrett Moore, VDOT's Northern District Administrator.

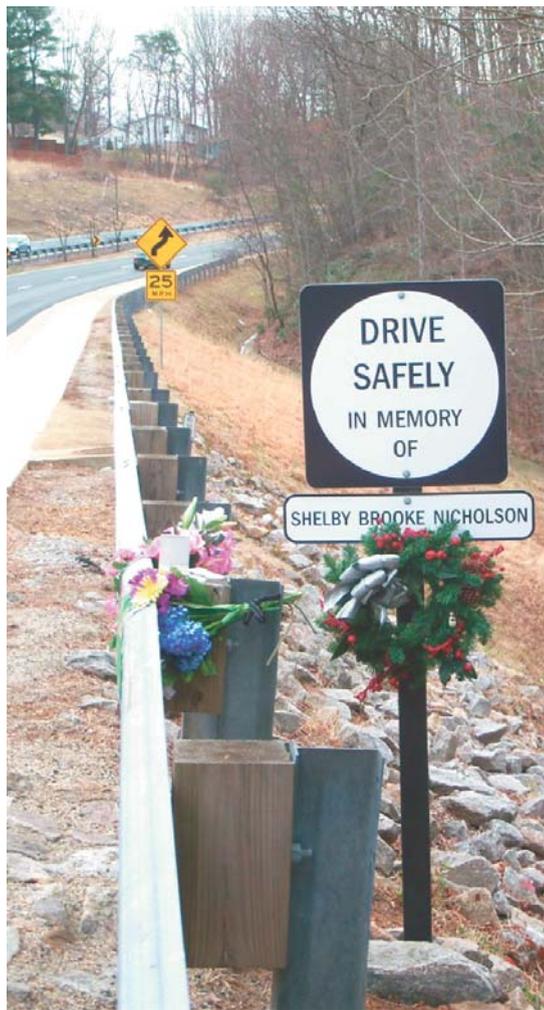
"With the death of my son, Brian, I had to do something," said Judy Fryett of Prince William County, "so I placed flowers at the accident scene. Then my sister, who works for VDOT, suggested a permanent, approved roadside memorial. I saw it as a mark of respect for my son, and the family was very positive."

"Since 2007, I live 24 hours a day with the pain of loss. However, when I pass the memorial on my way home, fond memories of special times with Brian come to mind and make it a bright spot in the day," she said.

Asked if erecting the memorial was worthwhile, she replied: "Absolutely; without reservation I am very glad we did it. If a friend or neighbor suffers the same tragedy, I would recommend erecting the sign because it brings a needed measure of comfort." She also notes that death of a child drains a parent of all energy, and a family member should assume responsibility for dealing with VDOT.

"A marker breaks through the routine of driving and makes a driver think about being careful and avoiding accidents.

Children in an automobile also can be taught the valuable lesson that 'accidents happen'," Fryett said. "So I see Brian's memorial serving the public, not just the family."



A roadside memorial on Old Bridge Road near Colby Road in Prince William County.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL MCMORROW/THE CONNECTION

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for April 4-8.

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

Healthy eating series demonstration begins Monday, April 4, 10:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Safety and fraud issues discussion with Police Department representative, Monday, April 4, 10:30 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Employment counseling, Monday, April 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Walter

Reed. Call for appt., 703-228-0955.

Strength training and full fitness exercise classes, TJ, Monday, April 4, 9 a.m. \$60/15 session. Details, 703-228-4745.

Digital camera workshop, one-on-one, Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Weight room workouts, Tuesday, April 5, Madison. \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-4745.

Celebration Singers performance, Tuesday, April 5, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

Jane Franklin Dance workshops begin, Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown; 11:30 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-6300 (L-B), 703-228-0955 (WR).

Sleeping disorders seminar, Wednesday April 6, 10:30 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

BULLETIN BOARD

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

Health Care Talk. 7 p.m. With speaker Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association. At Marymount's Ballston Center, 1000 North Glebe Road, Arlington. To RSVP for the event, call 703-284-5902 or visit www.marymount.edu/infosession.

Jefferson Community Center — teachers and community members take on the Harlem Wizards. At Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd Street South, Arlington.

TUESDAY/MARCH 29

Scholar Talk. Noon. Dr. Marvin Weibaum, scholar-in-residence at the Middle East Institute, will speak to the Rotary Club of Rosslyn. At Vantage Point Restaurant, Rosslyn Holiday Inn, 1900 Ft. Meyer Drive, Arlington.

FRIDAY/MARCH 25

March Madness in Arlington. 7 p.m. Harlem Wizards Bring Tricks, Hoops and Alley Oops to Thomas

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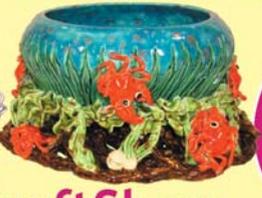
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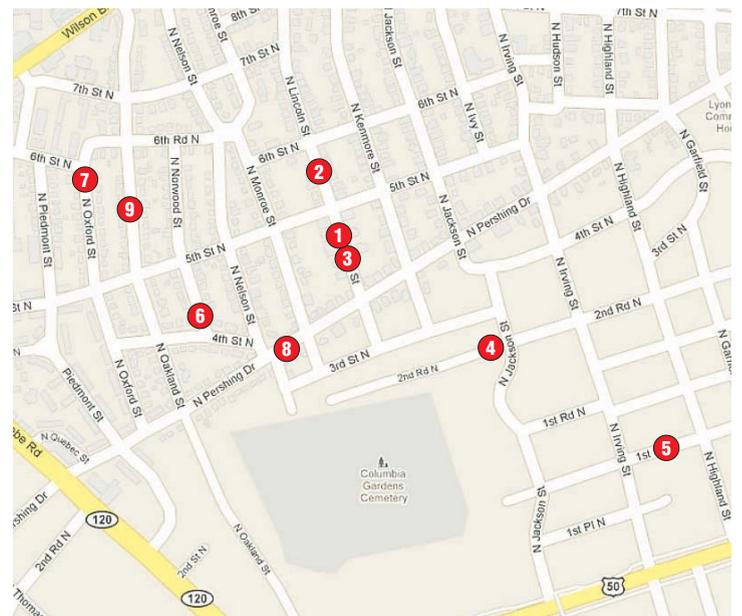
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BUSINESS

Libby Fike has been promoted to vice president, project management at **Virginia Commerce Bank**. With a 27-year banking career, Fike has spent the last five years in the Project Management Department. She played a key role in the oversight of the bank's core processing system conversion in November.

The Lukmire Partnership of Arlington is preparing to begin a major renovation of the Olney Library, a branch of the Montgomery County Public Libraries system located in Olney, Md. The firm, noted for its library expertise, was chosen to design and manage the project in 2009.

SIGAL Construction Corporation of Arlington has elevated **Gene Rife** to senior vice president. Rife has been with SIGAL for more than 27 years starting as a superintendent. SIGAL has also elevated five members of its construction management teams: **Bryan Stolz**, LEED AP, was promoted to project manager. Stolz joined SIGAL in 2008 and has served in the capacity of assistant project manager and LEED Coordinator on numerous projects; **Andrew Patching** was promoted to project manager. Patching joined SIGAL in 2008 and has served as assistant project manager on several notable



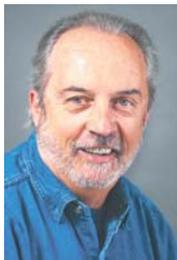
Andrew Patching



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Jerry Gibson



John Sellers



Tyrone Cager

projects, including the multiple award-winning renovation for The Jefferson Hotel; **John Sellers** was promoted to senior superintendent. With more than 20 years of experience, Sellers joined SIGAL as superintendent overseeing project field operations for various complex base buildings; **Wallace "Tyrone" Cager** was promoted to superintendent. Cager joined SIGAL as assistant superintendent and helped coordinate project field operations for several notable assignments, including renovation of two F Street townhouses and construction of a new hall for The George Washington University, and **Jerry Gibson** was promoted to safety director. Since joining SIGAL in 2008, Gibson has served in the capacity as safety officer, as well as, quality control officer for numerous projects.

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Backs to Parkland



Must see the NARI Coty award winning addition on this amazing Craftsman inspired renovation and expansion in Broyhill Forest. The home is nestled on a spectacular (over half an acre) lot on end of quiet cul-de-sac overlooking and adjoining Donaldson Run Parkland. Enjoy the thoughtful reconfigured floor plan offering approximately 4,722 base sq ft, 3 finished levels, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, a true chef's kitchen w/adjoining great room, spectacular walls of windows, dramatic contemporary open and airy floor plan, 2 FP'S, gleaming hardwoods, formal living and dining rooms, main level office/5th bedroom, amazing master suite w/spa bath, spacious rec room, garage, and substantial decking & patios overlooking glorious nature. All just steps to hiking trails, Taylor Nature Center and easy commuting via GW Parkway. **3005 N. Stuart Street.**



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Attention New Home Buyers



Walk to EFC Metro from this practically new, totally rebuilt Colonial nestled on lovely lot with substantial park-like backyard and extensive decking. Enjoy the sun-drenched exposure, an inviting front porch entry, 3 baths, 4 UPPER LEVEL BEDROOMS (including a fabulous master suite with lux bath and his & her walk-ins) a granite & stainless kitchen with adjoining great room plus a separate dining room, Bamboo flooring, a main level office with charming French doors, and a fully finished lower level complete with rec room, playroom & laundry. Conveniently located just steps to parks, bike trail and all of the wonderful amenities of Westover Village. All new everything, Just move in! **1414 N. Ohio Street.**



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\$649,900

Charming 1940's Cape



Just move right in to this updated brick Cape Cod nestled on a gorgeous 10,751 sqft. lot in the shadow of Ballston. Enjoy 2,610 base sqft of space, a welcoming covered front porch entry, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, gleaming hardwoods, 9' foot ceilings on the main level, gracious living room with fireplace with surrounding built-ins, a beautifully remodeled kitchen with adjoining dining room that opens onto extensive decking, playful dormered bedrooms with charming nooks and crannies, and a large basement complete with spacious rec room, storage, and fantastic remodeled bath with relaxing sauna. All just steps to parks, shops, restaurants and just minutes to Ballston and Metro. **862 N Harrison Street.**



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Absolutely Fabulous!



This storybook Colonial is sited on a corner lot in the "Norman Rockwell-esque neighborhood of Waycroft. Enjoy the expanded and remodeled floor plan offering 1937 period charm seamlessly blended with today's modern amenities. This charmer includes hardwood floors, elegantly appointed trim work and plantation shutters throughout, a sweeping living room with custom refaced marble fireplace, a renovated gourmet kitchen, a spectacular main level great room addition opening onto patio, 4 UPPER LEVEL BEDROOMS (original 4th bedroom converted into a large "celebrity" closet) 2.5 baths, and a newly finished basement with rec room, office area and generous storage space. All just steps to neighborhood park, bike trail and within easy walking distance to Ballston and Metro. This wonderful circular floor plan is just perfect for entertaining! **1418 N. Edison Street.**



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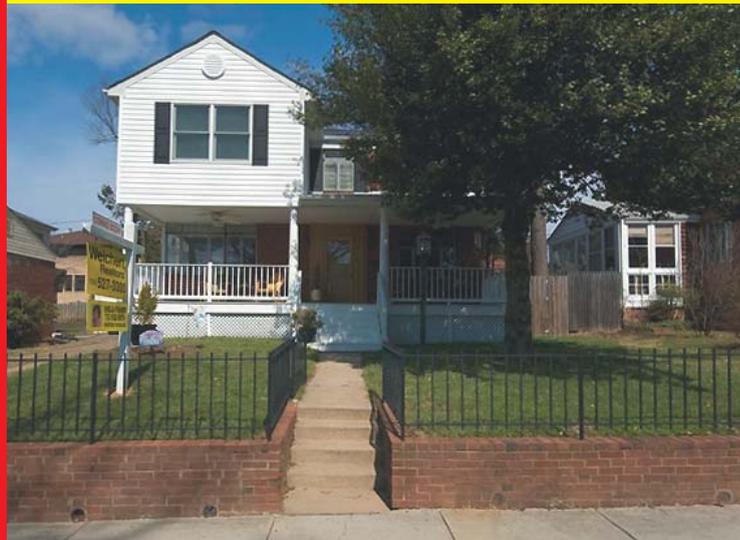
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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 30

Women in Jazz. 7 p.m. Free. A Women in Jazz Tribute to the International Sweethearts of Rhythm features several surviving original band members in a panel discussion at Artisphere followed by a swing dance featuring the all-female Leigh Pilzer/Jen Krupa Quintet. At the Artisphere.

SALSA TUESDAYS

Salsa Tuesdays. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance class; 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. dancing. At the Ballroom at the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850. The following events are \$15/\$12 students, all tickets at the door only.

❖ Tuesday, March 29 — DJ Elvira

SATURDAY NIGHTS

11:01 Saturday Nights. Starts at 11:01 p.m. Late-night dance party. Tickets are \$15/\$12 students. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

DANCE WEDNESDAYS

Dance Wednesdays. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance classes; 8:30 to 11 p.m. dancing. Tickets are \$15/\$12 at door. On Wednesdays, dance the night away at Artisphere, to zydeco, cajun, rock, R&B and swing. The new center features a 3,000 square foot dance floor, one of the best in the area. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

NOW THROUGH MAY 1

HAMTDA: Together Celebration Programming. Exploring the art and culture of Arlington's Mongolian American community. Features the work of visual artist and Arlingtonian Gankhuyag Natsag, whose Tsam dance masks, ceremonial costumes and paintings speak to Mongolia's ancient traditions and contemporary experiences. Accompanied by a multi-faceted program of performances, workshops, films and community celebrations. Closing reception is Sunday, May 1 from 3 to 6 p.m.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 17

Ishihara by Yoav Brill. Free. Part of New Media in the Bijou Theatre. Israeli artist Yoav Brill's award-winning piece on growing up and living with color blindness animates the small dots, called ishihara, used in color blindness tests. At the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 10

Tsam Mask Making: How Do they Do It? Free. As part of the exhibition Hamtdaa : Together, exploring the art and culture of Arlington's Mongolian-American community, see the step-by-step process behind the



TUESDAY/MARCH 29

"Eyes Wide Open." 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$11/\$9. Aaron, a married Orthodox father of four, falls in love with a 22-year-old male student. Aaron then neglects his family and community and is swept away by this forbidden passion. At the Rosslyn Spectrum.



NOW THROUGH APRIL 30

C2YN (Countdown to Yuri's Night). Local artists explore human spaceflight. Curated by Jared Davis, 19 artists exhibit work centered on the theme of Man's journey into space, by exploring both science-fact and science-fiction, these artists deliver unique perspectives on the cosmos. At the Mezz Gallery of Artisphere.

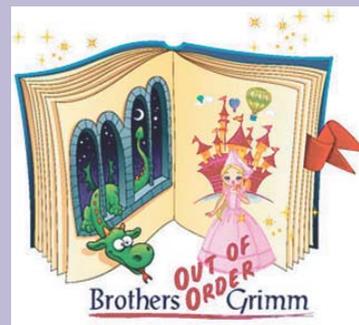


WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

"The Cave of the Yellow Dog." 8 p.m. Academy Award nominee Byambasuren Davaa wrote and directed this docudrama about the disappearing ways of nomadic life in her home country of Mongolia. Admission is \$6. In Mongolian with English subtitles. At the Dome Theatre at Artisphere.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Brothers Grimm. 11 a.m. Cost is \$8. In this mixed-up fairy tale you'll see familiar characters as you've never seen them before! A fast paced show suitable for families and children of all ages by the young actors of Arlington's own children's theatre. At the Dome at the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.



making of the dramatic papier mache replicas of the Mongolian Tsam deity masks in the exhibition. At the WIP Gallery at The Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-875-1100.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 17

Hamtdaa: Together in Photos. Photos by Mario Quiroz. Free. An introduction to Arlington's Mongolian community through the lens of photographer Mario Quiroz.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

Contra Sonic. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8/\$6. Contra dancing is one thing, going clubbing is another. Put them together and you get Contra Sonic. Dance Lessons from 7:30 to 8 p.m.; dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. At the Ballroom at Artisphere.

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

Lunchtime Chamber Concert. Noon to 1 p.m. Free. Part of the Friday Morning Music Club (on Thursdays). At the Spectrum Theatre at Artisphere, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

"Berlin 36" Film. 4 p.m. Admission is \$11/\$9. This film, based on a true story, tells the fate of Jewish athlete Gretel Bergmann in the 1936 Summer Olympics held in Berlin. At the Rosslyn Spectrum.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

"Jews and Baseball." 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$11/\$9. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, this documentary tells the history of baseball during the past 100 years and its impact on American Jews and all Americans. At the Rosslyn Spectrum.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Khuree Tsam Masked Dance. 6 p.m. Free. More than 40 dancers will don full Tsam regalia and perform this ancient dance tradition. At the Ballroom at Artisphere.



SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Diva's Night Out With Soprano Carmen Balthrop. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$25/\$20/\$15. Legendary soprano Carmen Balthrop with pianist José Cáceres joins the National Chamber Ensemble for an enchanting evening of vocal music. She will be singing works by Carissimi, Cavalli, Pergole, Montsalvatge, Vivaldi, Puccini and more. At the Artisphere, Spectrum Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

THEATER

Aldersgate Introduces Area to Whodunit

“Design for Murder” at Aldersgate.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

In “Design for Murder” the Aldersgate Church Community Theater has found a script for a mystery which has one thing going for it: no one in the audience is likely to know who the guilty party is because no one will have seen it before at any other local theater.

AS FAR as the company can determine, this is the area premiere of the play by George Batson. He was a prolific crafter of mysteries and comedies for stage and television in the 1940s and 50s, some combining mystery and comedy. This one is more a straight forward mystery of the British school that most people think of when the name Agatha Christie is mentioned. At least as directed by Liz Owens, the concentration is clearly on the question “Who done it?”

Gail Seavey plays a widow maintaining a mansion long after the passing of her husband. It is too big a house for her and her one grown son, but she’s loath to part with it. To do so would be to let go of her connection to her late husband’s world.

The events begin on the night of a party she’s thrown to celebrate the engagement of her son, played with just a hint of high-society haughtiness by Peter Johnson. The son, it seems, hasn’t quite finished sowing his wild oats and isn’t really ready to settle down.

Their sexy maid, played by Vanessa Stolzoff, seems to have shaken up the household a bit as she is supposed to meet the son

after the party for a late night get together while the chauffeur also expects to have her late night attentions. When she turns up dead the next morning, a police inspector played by Elliott Bales is on the case. It turns out that the inspector has a few connections to the household beyond his official duties.

Complications are added to the mix as the chauffeur, played by Richard Isaacs with a strong streak of self confidence, gives every impression of being so full of himself that the audience believes he could be the murderer — that is, until he is removed from suspicion in a surprise that ends the first half of the show.

Two neighbors are played with flare by Paula Vickers and Liz Isbell, although things get a bit confusing when Isbell also doubles as the senior member of the household staff. It is not clear why these two roles could not be performed by two different actresses in order to avoid having the audience wonder if the plot might revolve around some connection between the two characters.

Rounding out the cast are Lynley Peoples as a mysterious replacement for the deceased maid and one additional policeman, played by Kevin Harr.

The well-paced performance delivers all the clues the audience might need to try to guess “whodunit” before the final curtain but doesn’t give them much reason to care. It is a case of, if you’re going to go to a mystery play you might as well play along and try to solve the puzzle.

Aldersgate’s multi-purpose room can be a difficult space to mount a production. The director and her



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALDERSGATE CHURCH COMMUNITY THEATER

From left: Peter Johnson, Vanessa Stolzoff, Liz Isbell, Paula Vickers, Richard Isaacs and Gail Seavey in the Aldersgate Church Community Theater production of “Design for Murder.”

set designer and producer, Bailey R. Center, take advantage of the fact that the play takes place entirely in one location to build a single well detailed set of the main room of the home on the Hudson River where family, visitors and staff all interact as the mysteries multiply.

Adding to the atmosphere of the piece is a lighting technique that works well for this particular play with its multiple scenes within each act. Owens has her lighting designer dim all but one light at the end of each scene, holding one final spot for a few

more seconds to put a finishing touch on the final moment. It works well, although the cooperation between lighting designer and director might not be too surprising. The lighting designer is director Liz Owens’ mother, Nancy.

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Where & When

The Aldersgate Church Community Theater production of “Design for Murder” plays at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road through April 3. Performances are Friday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. with a special Thursday dinner show at 7 p.m. on March 31. Tickets are \$11 to \$15 (\$25 to \$30 for the dinner show). Log on to www.acctonline.org.

Authors at One More Page Books

One More Page Books, an independent, neighborhood-oriented bookstore in Arlington, announces several author events for this spring season. Located in The WestLee building at 2200 North Westmoreland Street in Arlington, the store recently opened in January 2011 and carries more than 6,000 titles for adults and children, wine, chocolates, greeting cards and featured art products by local artists.

♦ **Brad Parks** will sign his new mystery, *Eyes of the Innocent*, a follow up on his debut, *Faces of the Gone*, which became the first book to win both the Shamus Award and the Nero Award in the same year. Parks, who lives in Tidewater, Va., and was previously a reporter with The Washington Post, will appear on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

♦ **On Saturday, April 9**, during children’s story time at 11 a.m., Kristina Henry will read from *The Fish Tank*, a beautifully illustrated collection of haiku poetry describing life in a tropical fish tank. The book explores the concept of living together peacefully and happily and is gaining appeal with children and adults alike.

One More Page Books’ operating hours are from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and from 12 noon – 5 p.m. on Sunday. There is metered street parking on N. Westmoreland Street and ample free garage parking behind the store.

Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com and on the store’s blog, <http://onemorepagebooks.blogspot.com>.

SCHOOL NOTES

Gray Gustafson, a freshman English major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean’s List with Distinction for the fall 2010 semester. Gray is a 2010 graduate of Washington Lee High School and is the son of Hon. and Mrs. David Gustafson from Arlington.

Sarah Smith-Benjamin, a member of the class of 2011 from Arlington, has been named to the spring 2010 dean’s list at Loyola University Maryland.

Arlington residents **Stephanie Stillman Eiss** and **Samantha Alison Mutter** graduated from Bard College on May 22, during the college’s 150th Commencement. Each was awarded a bachelor of arts degree.

Louisa Allen of Arlington has earned Honors for the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

Sam Hanft from Arlington has graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., with a bachelor of arts in sociology. The College’s 117th Commencement Exercises were held on May 16. Hanft graduated magna cum laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors. He was awarded the Senior Prize in Sociology. He is the son of Steve Hanft and Ruth Sievers of Arlington. He is a graduate of Washington-Lee High School.

Rashid Abdulghani of Arlington graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology during the Commencement ceremony held in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building on campus. Abdulghani earned a master of science degree in systems engineering.

Madelyn K Farris from Arlington was selected for Dean’s Third Honors at Pace University.

Michelle Christine Wiles of Arlington was named to the dean’s list for the spring 2010 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Wiles is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, and is enrolled in the university’s Olin Business School.

Richard Sheffield of Arlington, received a master of engineering management in engineering management during the 2009-2010 SMU Commencement ceremonies. After the University-wide Commencements, SMU’s schools and departments held individual ceremonies throughout the day to honor graduates.

Jennifer Browning, freshman, and **Emily Simmonds**, junior, from Arlington are on the dean’s list in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University for the 2010 spring semester.

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY MORNINGS.

Line Dancing Class. 10 to 11 a.m. Line dancing with Barbara Allen. Covers the basic steps, then combines them to music for a gentle, social, aerobic workout. More experienced line dancers are welcome as they can assist the newer dancers. At Aurora Hills Senior Center. Call 703-228-5722.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 14

Watercolor 1.0. 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$170 for seven weeks. Have fun learning the basics of watercolor painting with two local artists, Beth Hudgins and Linda Maldonado. At St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 N. Lorcom Lane, Arlington. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org or call 703-894-0539.

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

Butterfly Field Trip. 7:30 p.m. Washington Area Butterfly Club meets at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 South Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Club members Rick Borchelt and Richard Smith will discuss efforts to increase information about butterflies in our area, which will help promote butterfly conservation. Call 703-228-6535.

Friday Morning Music Club. Noon to 1 p.m. Free. At the Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington.

FRIDAY/MARCH 25

Kenmore Middle School Silent Auction. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Over 250 items available for bid including tickets to Walt Disney World, personally autographed hockey stick signed by Alex Ovechkin, hotel and restaurant gift certificates, golf outings, wine tasting, theater and museum tickets. At 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. www.apsva.us/kenmore.

MARCH 25-26

Comedian Johnny Sanchez. Admission is \$20. At the Arlington Cinema & Draffhouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Dance for a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Noon to midnight. A dance marathon to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. At Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington.

The Story of Wood. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn about forestry, tree planting, wood lore and other wood uses. Presented by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. Hosted by NVRPA's Potomac Overlook Regional Park in Arlington. Call 703-528-5406.

"Shop, Schmooze, Savor." Noon to 5 p.m. A women's mini-expo with jewelry, crafts, food, exhibits, demonstrations and fun. At Lyon Village Community House, corner of Lee Hwy and N Highland St, Arlington. In lieu of an entry fee, donations will be collected for Doorways Women and Families Shelter. Contact Renee Fisher at reneefisher5@verizon.net.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Singles Senior Champagne Buffet. Noon. Monthly elegant buffet at Ft. Myer's Officers' Club. Free champagne, orange juice, coffee, and tea are included. Enjoy music performed by a group from Madagascar. Open to all. Photo ID is required at the Wright Gate (end of N. Meade Street and Marshall Drive, adjacent to the Iwo Jima Memorial), and the Hatfield Gate on Washington Blvd. Park free adjacent and across from the Officers' Club. Contact Seena King, 301-530-4884.



MARCH 31, APRIL 14, APRIL 28

Sex Rules! Safer sex lecturer Maria Falzone. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15/door. Visit www.comedyindc.com. At the Comedy Spot at Ballston Common Mall.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

5K Run. Walter L. Mess W&OD Trail 5K Run. The start and finish of the race will be located at the American Legion Post Lodge #130 located at 400 North Oak Street in Falls Church. To register or get more run information, visit www.mc-coop.org or call 703-927-4833.

MONDAY/MARCH 28

Singer/Songwriter Margot MacDonald. 8 p.m. With Ted Garber At IOTA Club and Café, Arlington.

TUESDAY/MARCH 29

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. With the Deja Blue Blues Band. Admission is \$10. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

Amy Speace. 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Previewing her forthcoming album, Land Like a Bird. At IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com.

MARCH 31 THROUGH APRIL 2

Lions Club Fundraiser. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fresh Florida Citrus and pure Vermont Maple syrup for sale. At Overlee Pool, 6030 Lee Highway, lower parking lot. Call 703-243-7938.

APRIL 1 AND 2

Comedian Eric Andre. 9:55 p.m. Admission is \$18. At the Arlington Cinema & Draffhouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

APRIL 1 TO 16

"The Shadow Box." Presented by the Providence

Players of Fairfax. Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on April 3 and 10. At the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Tickets are \$18/adults; \$15/students and seniors. Call 703-425-6782 or email providenceplayers@cox.net or visit www.providenceplayers.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

"Awakenings." 5 to 8 p.m. Artist's reception for Vietnamese artists Dinh Cuong, Truong Vu and Nguyen Trong Khoi. At the Arlington Artists Alliance at the Arlington Arts Gallery, 5179 Lee Highway, Arlington.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Coach for the Cure. Noon to 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Arlington Little League. Coach for the Cure sessions provide 60 to 90 minutes of hitting, pitching, and fielding instruction by Arlington Little League coaches for a suggested donation of \$25. The sessions are organized according to age and developmental level. At Barcroft Sports Complex, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr., Arlington. Contact Arlington Little League at 703-401-8738, or by e-mailing coach4cure@arlingtonlittleleague.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 5

Bike Movie Night. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. "With My Own Two Wheels." Followed by a Q&A with producer and co-director Jacob Seigel-Boettner. At the Arlington Cinema and Draffhouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10.

With The Grandsons. At Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

Learn to Grow Shitake Mushrooms. 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10. At the Nature Center, Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road, Arlington. Space is limited so register early by calling 703-228-6414.

THURSDAY/APRIL 7

LinkUp & Live. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. CrisisLink's event to raise awareness and funds for crisis and suicide prevention, intervention, and response services for the National Capital Region. Featured speaker is John Sharp, M.D., executive medical director of "Bridges to Recovery" and author of "The Emotional Calendar: Understanding Seasonal Influences and Milestones to Become Happier, More Fulfilled, and in Control of Your Life." At Carnegie Institution for Science, 1530 P Street NW, Washington, D.C. Visit www.LinkUpandLive.org

Brown Bag Lunch Event. Noon to 1 p.m. With Hugh Montgomery and his new book, Bureaucratic Nirvana. Held in the M-level conference room at the Potomac Institute, 901 North Stuart Street, Arlington. To RSVP, reply to Laurie Kinney at lkkinney@potomacinstitute.org.

APRIL 8 TO 23

"42nd Street." Presented by the Arlington Players. At the Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Visit <http://www.thearlingtonplayers.org>

APRIL 8 THROUGH MAY 7

"Stage Door." Produced by the American Century Theater. Show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday

matinees at 2:30 p.m. There is no performance on Sunday, April 24. TACT will also host a post show talk-back on Thursday, April 14. Tickets can be ordered online at www.americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555. At Gunston Theatre II, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington.

APRIL 8-9-10

"You Can't Take It With You." Bishop O'Connell's drama department presents comedy. Dates are April 8-9 at 7:30 p.m.; April 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5/students and seniors; \$10/general. At Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Call 703-237-1448.

APRIL 8 TO 9

Comedian Tim Meadows. Tickets are \$25. At the Arlington Cinema & Draffhouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Wineology Wine Tasting. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35/person. Fundraiser to benefit Arlington Free Clinic and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. At Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor Street, Arlington. Call 703-892-4846 or go to www.osva.org and select the Wineology Registration link

Growing Vegetables in Containers. 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to grow vegetables in pots, planters or other containers for maximum production on your deck, balcony, porch or patio. At Lee Center, Room 203, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Register early by calling 703-228-6414.

Arlington Home Show and Expo. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics include tenant/landlord law, home improvement, permits, zoning and related topics by staff from Arlington County. At Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th Street, Arlington. Visit: <http://www.arlingtonhome.show.org> or call the Housing Division at 703-228-3765, or CPRO at 703-892-2776.

Harp Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15/\$10. With Jo and Wayne Morrison of Port Righ, specializing in Scottish music with harp, bagpipe, concertina, and voice. At Knox Presbyterian Church, 7416 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church.

Charity Chili Cook Off. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Sponsored by the NoVA Delta Gamma Alumnae to support the Delta Gamma Foundation. At Lyon Village Community House, 1920 North Highland St., Arlington. Purchase tickets at <http://www.novadeltagamma.org/chiliCookOff.html>.

Kids' Clothing, Toy, and Equipment Consignment Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Half price starts at noon. Cribs, strollers, books, games, videos, safety gates, maternity and more. Credit cards accepted. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Parents of Multiples. See www.nvpom.com/sale for more information or contact sale@nvpom.com. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church.

Wineology Fundraiser. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wine-tasting benefit includes wine, cheese, appetizers, desserts, door prizes and live music. At Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor St., Arlington. Reservations www.osva.org. Call 703-892-4846 or email osoffice@comcast.net.

SUNDAY/APRIL 10

Moving Words Poetry Reading. 8 p.m. Hear winners of the 2011 Moving Words Poetry Competition read their winning poems and other selections. At IOTA Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com

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Coach Fitzgerald Earns First Win with O'Connell

Yorktown focused on winning National District title.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

First-year Bishop O'Connell boys lacrosse head coach Justin Fitzgerald is in the early stages of leaving his mark on the program. While wins and losses aren't Fitzgerald's main focus at the moment, senior Josh Trimble's four-goal performance on Saturday helped the coach earn his first victory with the Knights.

Trimble scored his fourth goal with 6 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, giving O'Connell a five-goal advantage en route to an 11-8 victory over Yorktown at OHS. The win came two days after the Knights lost their opener against Potomac School, 15-11.

While Fitzgerald is focused on the bigger picture, beating the Patriots was a step toward establishing higher expectations in the future.

"My goal more than anything else is putting a system in place and establishing a program that kids will want to come and play in," he said. "I haven't set any goals in terms of wins or making it to the tournament."

Fitzgerald came to O'Connell from Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, where he led the Rams to state championships in 2006 and 2007 and was twice named district Coach of the Year. As a player, Fitzgerald was an All-American at Robinson and played at Roanoke College.

Trimble said Fitzgerald's credentials earned him respect with the Knights.

"Everything's new, everything's looking good," Trimble said. "I like the way he coaches. We're practicing a lot better and everyone's getting better. ... We respect him more [because of what he's accomplished]. We respect what he says."

Fitzgerald said seniors Trimble



Bishop O'Connell senior Gray Posey scored two goals on Saturday during the Knights' 11-8 victory against Yorktown.

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Yorktown senior defenseman Rory Devine, right, is a two-time first-team all-district selection and was the 2010 National District Defensive Player of the Year.

(midfielder/attackman), Gray Posey (attackman), Anthony Spellman (midfielder) and Scott Rapuano



Bishop O'Connell senior Josh Trimble, left, scored four goals during the Knights' victory on Saturday.

(defenseman) have stood out for the Knights. On Saturday, Posey and juniors Sean Ohlhaber and Mikey Ripa each scored two goals for O'Connell and Spellman

added one.

The Knights will host Episcopal at 4:15 p.m. on March 23.

Yorktown Eyes District Title

The Patriots carry the feeling of losing to Washington-Lee in the 2010 National District championship game as motivation. While Yorktown fell short against O'Connell on Saturday, the Patriots return the talent necessary to make some noise during district competition.

"It's just one of those things that we beat [W-L] in the regular season and they came in the playoffs and they just wanted it more than we did," Yorktown head coach Greg Beer said. "They came in focused and we weren't focused enough to compete with them. ... We hope to compete with W-L and Edison and the rest of the district [and] to get a National District title. It's been a couple years since we won it and it's definitely our first goal."

Yorktown is an experienced group, led by defensemen Rory Devine, Cully Netting and Josh Fleetwood, who are each three-year starters.

The 6-foot-5 Devine is a two-time first-team all-district selection and was the 2010 district Defensive Player of the Year.

"He's definitely our No. 1 defensemen," Beer said of Devine. "He's real good. He's guarded the No. 1 attackman on the other team since his sophomore year every game and he's always accepted the challenge."

Offensively, senior and four-year starter Michael Crowe is one of Yorktown's main threats. Through two games, sophomore attackman Joe Crawford led the Patriots with seven goals, including three against O'Connell.

Senior midfielder Stephen Kang is committed to Division I University of Denver, Beer said.

Yorktown will travel to face Chantilly at 7:15 p.m. on March 25. The Patriots will host Washington-Lee at 7:15 p.m. on March 31.

team to prepare for state cup competition in spring 2011 and high-level tournaments. The team is professionally trained and coached by Italian native Fabio Diletti, who played as a goalkeeper for professional Italian club Ascoli Calcio and is also a scout for Italian professional teams. For more information, contact Fabio Diletti at 703-477-5957 or president@cuginisoccer.com or visit: www.cuginisoccer.com

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SPORTS BRIEFS

W-L Boys Lacrosse Opens with Win

The Washington-Lee boys lacrosse team opened the 2011 season with an 11-7 victory over T.C. Williams on March 15. The defending National District champion Generals will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:15 p.m. on March 23.

W-L Girls, Boys Soccer Start 1-0-1

The Washington-Lee girls soccer team defeated Marshall, 3-2, during its season opener on March 14 and tied Thomas Jefferson, 1-1, on March 18. Against

Marshall, Susan Ferguson scored two goals for the Generals and Nikki Nicholas scored one. Vasthy Delgado scored W-L's goal against Jefferson. The Generals will host Falls Church at 7 p.m. March 24. W-L is the defending National District champion.

The W-L boys soccer team defeated Marshall, 7-1, on March 14 and finished in a scoreless tie with Jefferson on March 18. The Generals will travel to face Falls Church at 7 p.m. on March 24.

Wakefield Golf Fundraiser

The Wakefield High School Booster Club and Alumni Association is looking for gift certificate, item or service donations to be

auctioned at the Fourth Annual Wakefield High School Golf Tournament Fundraiser on May 7 at Virginia Oaks Golf Club in Gainesville. Financial contributions are also welcomed. For more information contact tournament director Paul B. Greenfield at 703-928-0228 or greenfieldpb@yahoo.com.

U13 Boys Soccer Tryouts

AC Cugini, an Italian style soccer school in Reston, is holding tryouts on Wednesdays in March and April at Lake Fairfax Turf field for its U13 boys team (ODSL in Spring and NCSL in Fall 11). The team is looking for strong and committed goalkeeper, striker, midfielder, and defender to strengthen the

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Schools Supply Fresh, Local Food

Some local schools incorporate gardens into their curricula.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Locally, a handful of private schools and at least one public school are trying to promote health by teaching children about gardening and promoting locally produced food.

Hollin Meadows Elementary School, a public school in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County, maintains a 14,000 square-foot garden space that wraps around the school building as part of its science curriculum. In the fall, children work in the garden and families are allowed to take home the school-grown produce.

Burgundy Farm Country Day School, just outside the Interstate-495 in the Alexandria area, has a gardening program open to children, faculty and staff in the fall and spring. Located on the site of an old dairy farm, this private school also has an operating barn where students take care of goats and hens and a rooster on a regular basis.

Burgundy families get to take home farm fresh eggs from the school hens on a regular basis, according to Erin Futrowsky, Burgundy's communications director. Faculty members also get access to the eggs approximately once every six weeks, she added.

"Sometimes the program takes a little explaining. At first, some people are confused about what we do here. They think we are teaching the kids to farm," said Futrowsky.

EDUCATORS are turning their attention toward teaching better eating habits as the United States continues to struggle with escalating rates of obesity, particularly among younger children.

A 2007 survey sponsored by Inova Health Systems showed that 40 percent of children in the City of Alexandria and 25 percent of children in Arlington and Fairfax counties were either overweight or at risk of being overweight.

Experts at the Center for Disease Control attribute the rise in childhood obesity nationwide to a lack of exercise and poor diet among young people. Locally, the Inova survey found that 70 percent of students in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax do not eat enough fruits and vegetables every day.

There are several efforts to curb childhood obesity through public policy measures. First Lady Michelle Obama has made childhood obesity her top legislative priority. In Virginia, the General Assembly recently passed a bill that would increase the amount of physical education students are required to receive in school each week.

STILL SUZANNE BADOUX, who runs the dining services at Episcopal High School, said she has seen a trend toward students and institutions making healthier food choices.

"We have had a really dramatic increase in the volume of fruit being consumed. The students are eating a lot more whole fruit. Our fruit consumption is probably up 10 to 15 percent, if not more, from last year," said Badoux, who works for FLIX International, a catering company that emphasizes using fresh ingredients and cooking from scratch.



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Burgundy Farm Country Day School has several plots where students and faculty grow vegetables.

"You are never going to see potatoes coming out of a box from us," said Badoux of her company.

In addition to Episcopal, a boarding school in Alexandria, Badoux has also worked in kitchens at Bishop O'Connell, a Catholic high school in Arlington, and Washington International School, a private school in Washington D.C. In general, students seem to be paying more attention to what they put in their bodies than they were a few years ago, she said.

"We have a lot of eager takers on the salad bar and we have a growing vegetarian community. There are more and more students who are not eating red meat these days," said Badoux.

In its dining room, Episcopal posts all the nutritional information of the dishes served. The chef said it can be a difficult for schools to move from a traditional catering service to her company, with its emphasis on fresh produce and healthier food.

"There are lots of kids that would be happy to have a burger and fries every day. I think a lot of schools have made the transition away from that food even at the risk of the students not always being so happy," she said.

IT CAN ALSO be a challenge to incorporate everyone's preferences, particularly at a boarding school. Episcopal serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days per week. There are approximately 600 people including faculty, staff and their families who live on campus that sit down at each meal.

"As a rough break down, I would say freshman boys and senior girls like very different things to eat. ... But we have things we try to throw into the mix that give them exposure to different kinds of foods and different kinds of cuisine," said Badoux.

Even if a school is striving for a healthier menu, it is important to keep some of that well-known, "fun" food — like pizza and chicken tenders — in the line up so the students don't revolt entirely.

"The top 10 foods will always be things like chicken tenders, burgers and pizza. We have interesting whole grains we serve but we also make mac and cheese from scratch," said Badoux.

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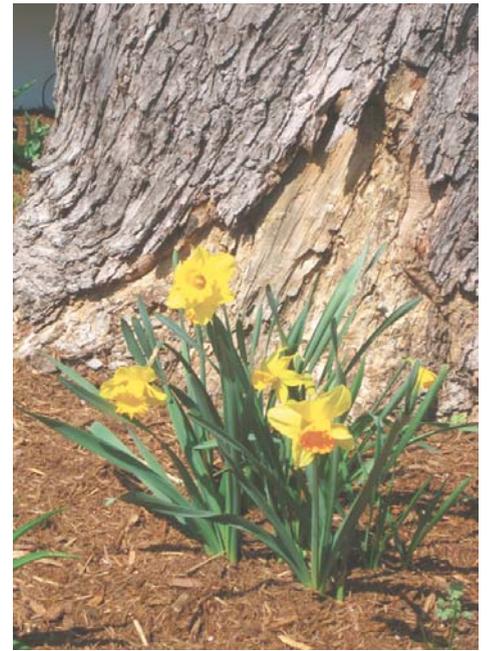
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