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A whimsical pea gravel path with flourishes frames a koi pond, created by Arlington designer Scott Brintzer.

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Replacing Whipple Two Democrats and one Republican are running for the 31st Senate District.

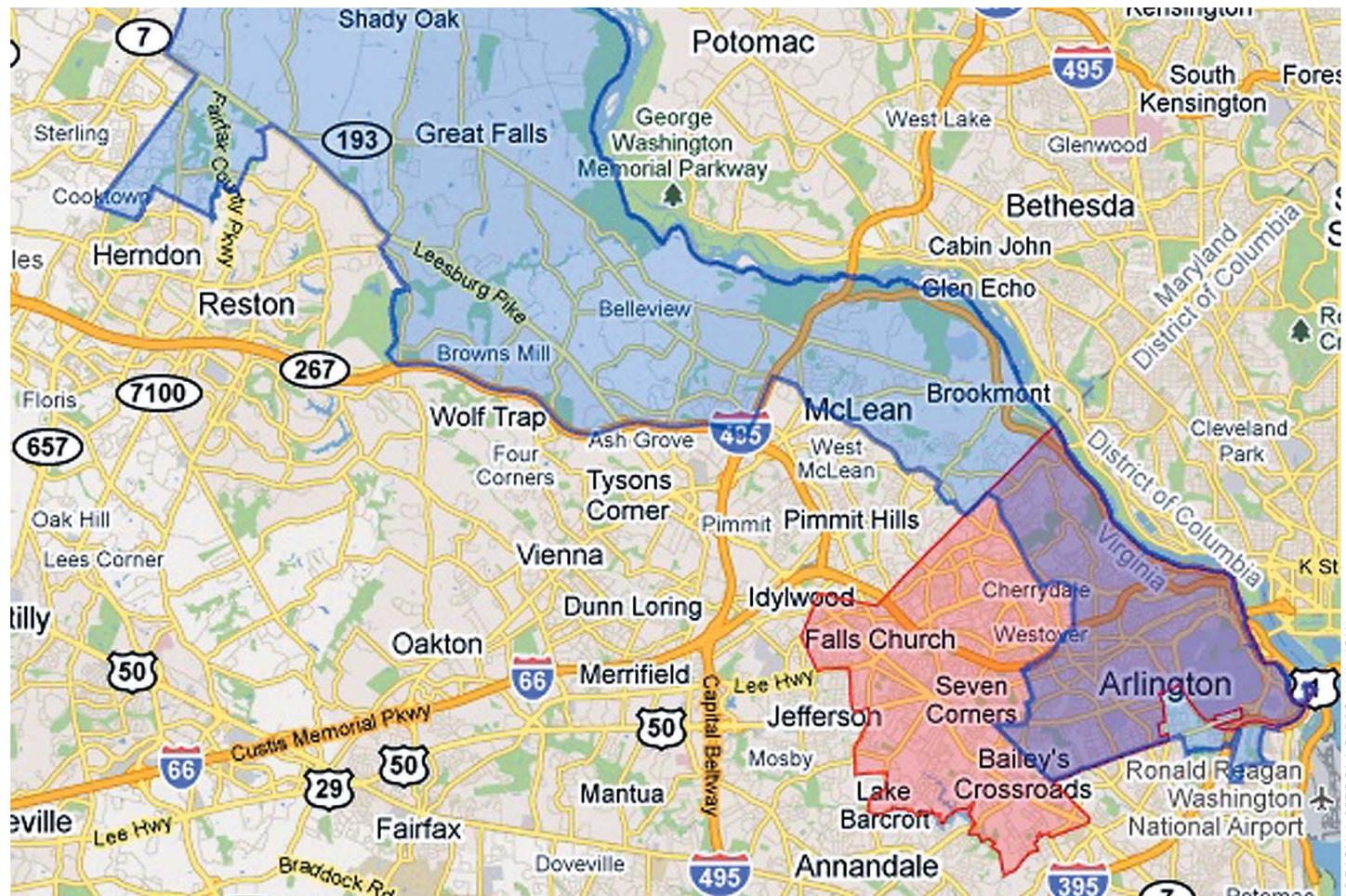
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Now that the boundaries of the 31st Senate District have been finalized, the race to replace retiring state Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31) has taken a dramatic turn.

County Board member Barbara Favola will no longer sail to an easy victory, as some had predicted before redistricting. Now she will be facing a difficult primary challenge from former USAID counsel Jamie Areizaga-Soto in August. And because the new version of the 32nd Senate District picked up heavily Republican precincts in Fairfax and Loudoun counties, she'll face a difficult race in November against conservation engineer Caren Merrick.

"When there's not an incumbent in a seat, it's more likely to become less safe for the majority party — in this case the Democrats, who were in charge of redistricting the state Senate seats," said Isaac Wood, director of communications for the Virginia Center for Politics. "The gamble that Democrats are making is that they can make some seats in Northern Virginia less safe and squeeze as many Democratic seats as they can because they are not going to win in the rest of the state."

The race took shape shortly after the new districts were finalized. Back in December Merrick launched a campaign against Sen. Janet Howell (D-32). But when the new maps came out, her home precinct had been moved to the 31st Senate District. So now she's taking the fight to an open seat, which is traditionally a stronger opportunity than going against a longtime incumbent such as Howell.



The new version of the 31st state Senate district stretches into Loudoun County.

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"The recent self-serving redistricting plan that rips apart communities of interest for their own protection is just the latest example of career politicians putting themselves before our families and communities," said Merrick. "Our communities deserve new people, ideas, and solutions instead of politics as usual."

Areizaga-Soto had been considering a campaign for the House of Delegates in the 49th District, which is an open seat because Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49) is a candidate for the 31st Senate District vacated by retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30). But when the new maps were released, he decided he would rather run for the state Senate. So

he's now taking the fight to Favola — positioning himself as a progressive alternative to a business-friendly member of the County Board.

"The voters of the 31st District will now decide who will be their senator instead of the other way around," said Areizaga-Soto

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Yorktown High School Marks 50th Anniversary

Decades later, sense of community remains.

BY MEGHAN MARVILLE
THE CONNECTION

Local alumni gathered Friday evening, May 6 to celebrate Yorktown High School's 50th Anniversary. The school, serving the community since the 1960-1961 school year, welcomed back the familiar faces of its alumni and friends at a small reception in the cafeteria.

Most of the guests could be found out on the lacrosse field watching the girls play in a district tournament game. Local alumni couple Chris Williams (Class of 1990) and Amy Williams (Class of 1989) remember



Yearbooks decorated the tables.

their days in high school fondly as they still live in the area and Chris Williams teaches special education at his alma mater. "We just celebrated our 20-year class reunion last week and it was so great to see my old classmates and show them around the new building" he said. "I worked at Washington and Lee for a year, and when I was in school



Jeanette Molnar

they were our biggest rivals so it was tough not to relive that while I was there. I'm happy to be back at Yorktown. In fact, some of the teachers I had when I went here are still teaching and I can't bring myself to call



Chris Williams (Class of 1990) and wife Amy Williams (Class of 1989) enjoy the girl's lacrosse game.

them by their first names."

In addition to teaching special ed, he also coaches the golf team and serves as announcer for the football and basketball

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Underwear Showcase for Tsunami Relief

BY MEGHAN MARVILLE
THE CONNECTION

Ever had that dream where you were on stage in front of a huge audience in your underwear and everyone was laughing at you? Well that dream is about to come true for comedian Emily Ruskowski and 10 others this Thursday, May 12 when Comedy in Clarendon presents its 11th Street Underwear Showcase/Tsunami Relief effort.

This show will feature some of the area's best comedians who will be taking the stage in only their underwear in an attempt to raise money for the Japanese Red Cross and the Tsunami relief effort.

"This could be the best or the worst idea in the world," host Emily Ruskowski said. "But we have some awesome comics on the bill, the food and drinks are good, and all proceeds go to help a good cause."

Tickets are \$5 for the show at the Eleventh Street Lounge in Clarendon (1041 North Highland Street, Arlington) this Thursday, from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.



Chris Barylick, the creative force behind Thursday's 11th Street Underwear Showcase/Tsunami Relief effort.

The lineup includes Chris Barylick, along with Jessica Brodtkin, Mariya Alexander, Jamel Johnson, David Blechman, Tyler Sonnichsen, Keith Irvin, Nate Johnson, Drey Dailey, Carson Gross, and a few other special guests.

"These are some really funny people, it's a cheap show, the food's good and people whose bodies are part of their main neuroses will be doing everything they can to make you laugh before dignity and shame kick back in. And that's why you should come on by," said Barylick, the show's creator.

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Gabriel Cohen works his way across the playground equipment.



Alyson Lapidus tries out two hoops after coming in first in the hulas hoop challenge in the gym.



Bob Adamson gives Grace D'Alessandris a quick golf lesson on how to make a hole in one on the third green. Grace went home with a prize!

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Meghan Thomas asks her daughter Corbett to take another bite of her cotton candy as Corbett's brother, William decides what he would like to do next.



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Open Seat In the 31st

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said at a recent Arlington Democratic Committee meeting. "My campaign will focus on grassroots outreach to include all of our friends and neighbors in the process."

THE NEW DISTRICT is dramatically different that the old district, picking up 20 new precincts that voted for Bob McDonnell in 2009. Conventional wisdom is that leaders in the General Assembly draw maps to protect incumbents. So when a seat has no incumbent, as is the case with Whipple's seat, the district can become more competitive. Such is the case in the 31st Senate District, which is picking up 20 precincts where Republican Bob McDonnell beat Democrat Creigh Deeds in the 2009 race for governor. While the old district voted in favor of McDonnell by 35 percent, the new district voted in favor of the Republican candidate for governor by a margin of 44 percent.

"It will be interesting to see how this race plays out," said Mike Lieberman, chairman of the Arlington Democratic Committee. "Nobody really knows what kind of influence the new district will have on the dynamics of the campaign yet, so it's one that a lot of people are watching."

Favola enters the race with far more name

<p>Jaime Areizaga-Soto, 41: A native of Puerto Rico, Areizaga-Soto moved to Arlington in 1994. He has a bachelor's degree in foreign service at Georgetown University, a juris doctorate from Stanford University and a master's degree in Latin-American Studies from Stanford University. He was a political appointee to the United States Agency for International Development — a position he resigned in April to launch his candidacy for office — and he is currently a lieutenant colonel in the Army National Guard. Areizaga-Soto lives in the Courtlands Precinct and votes at the Clarendon Education Center.</p>		<p>Barbara Favola, 55: A native of New London, Conn., Favola moved to Arlington in 1982. She has a bachelor of arts in political science from St. Joseph's College and a master of arts in public administration from New York University. First elected to the Arlington County Board in 1997, Favola currently serves as chairwoman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Chesapeake Bay Committee and as a member of the Virginia State Board of Health. She is also part-time employee of Marymount University. Favola lives in the Park Lane Precinct and votes at the Key School.</p>		<p>Caren Merrick, 51: A native of Santa Clarita, Calif., Merrick moved to McLean in 1992. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a certificate of director education from the National Association of Corporate Directors. She was a co-founder and chairman of webMethods Foundation, and she is currently a partner at Bilbury Partners. Merrick lives in the Cooper Precinct, and she votes at Cooper Middle School.</p>	
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recognition than the other candidates in the race because of her many years as a member of the Arlington County Board. She hopes to make this an asset in her campaign, presenting herself as a seasoned elected leader. During an April 21 kickoff, she said her time on the County Board contributed to making Arlington "a wonderful success story."

"I am so proud that we are tolerant and we embrace diversity," Favola said at her

kickoff. "There are no tensions in our community — racial tensions, ethnic tensions — and that's the model we need to live by. That's the model we need to take to Richmond." But her time on the County Board is a double-edged sword. Campaign-finance records show she raised more than \$58,000 in the first quarter of 2011. Most of that money came from developers — including \$25,000 from John Shooshan, who cut a check to Favola's political action commit-

tee in March. The Shooshan Company is a major property owner in Ballston, and it regularly appears before the County Board for official business.

"This is the kind of issue that could worry a candidate and become fodder for a challenger if it can be framed as an issue that's important to voters," said Wood. "But only if it can be worked into a larger narrative about the candidate rather than being one isolated factoid."



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The following incidents, from April 28 to May 4, were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

ABDUCTION-ARREST. May 2. 4900 block of N. 19th Street. On May 1 at 11:15 p.m., a 17-year-old female was attacked by a former acquaintance. The suspect grabbed the victim and pulled her to a wooded area where he attempted to sexually assault her. The victim managed to escape and call police. After an extensive search and several foot pursuits, police apprehended the suspect. A 22-year-old Arlington man was charged with abduction with the intent to defile. He was held without bond.

ROBBERY. May 1. 5000 block of Washington Boulevard. On May 1 at 3 a.m., a woman was walking when she was pushed from behind and an unknown man demanded her money. She gave him her wallet and he fled. The suspect is described as a man wearing all dark clothing, 5'11".

ROBBERY. May 3. 600 block of S. Carlin Springs Road. On May 3 at 5:30 p.m., a man entered a vehicle under the understanding that he was being hired for manual labor. An unknown female drove the car, and two unknown men were inside. The men then assaulted the

subject and stole his cell phone and cash. The victim managed to flee the area. The suspects were all African American. The female was in her early 30's, wore a purple top and had long hair. The first male suspect was in his late 20's, 6'3" with a skinny build. He was clean cut and wore a red and white short-sleeve shirt, black pants and black sunglasses. The second suspect was in his mid-30's, 6'3" with a chubby build. He had a goatee and wore a blue and red t-shirt and black pants.

UNLAWFUL WOUNDING. April 30. 1400 block of N. Adams Street. ON April 30 at 3 a.m., a man "head-butted" another man at a party during a disagreement. The victim had to seek medical treatment for a laceration. The suspect is known.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY. April 28. 800 block of S. Greenbrier Street. On April 28 at 7:30 p.m., a man assaulted his ex-girlfriend.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY. April 3. 1300 block of S. Joyce Street. On May 3 at 7 p.m., two women attempted to steal items from a pharmacy. When confronted by an employee, one suspect assaulted the employee. Both suspects were African American females in their early 20's. The first suspect was 5'7",

130 lbs., wore a tan and pink mesh shirt, black shorts, and carried a large brown purse. The second suspect was 5'2", 140 lbs., and wore a teal one-piece outfit. The suspects drove off in a tan Chrysler sedan.

ASSAULT-ARREST. May 2. 500 block of S. 23rd Street. On May 2 at 12:40 a.m., an intoxicated man threatened a bouncer with a knife. A 40-year-old Arlington man was charged with Assault and Drunk in Public. He was held on a \$2,000 bond.

BURGLARY. April 28. 2100 block of N. Westmoreland Street. On April 28 between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., an unknown subject forcibly entered an apartment and stole electronic items. There are no known suspects.

BURGLARY. April 29. 6900 block of Fairfax Drive. On April 28 between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., an unknown subject forcibly entered an apartment and stole various items. There are no known suspects.

BURGLARY. May 2. 1200 block of S. Courthouse Road. Between 2:30 p.m. on April 30 and 10 a.m. on May 1, an unknown subject entered an apartment and stole cash. There are no known suspects.



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Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active as a volunteer in fundraising and advocating for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing community events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores and restaurants, have weathered some very tough times in the last few years. Many of the costs of doing business have increased, (price of gas, for example) while many businesses defined a successful year in 2010 if revenues did not decline — again — from the previous year.

And small businesses are critical to economic recovery. In Virginia, small businesses make up more than 97 percent of employers and nearly

50 percent of non-government employment.

And while Northern Virginia's economy has fared far better than almost any other region in the country, small, locally owned, community-oriented businesses have not universally shared in bounty.

The small business owner must be master of the budget and doing more with less. He or she must stay up to date on changing regulations while they market their business, manage benefits and employee schedules and maintain the company's edge in serving its customers.

EDITORIALS

From May 15-20, show support for your locally owned small businesses.

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This year's Washington Metro Minority Business Champion is Danny Vargas of Herndon, president of VARCom Solutions, a marketing and public relations firm. A U.S. Air Force veteran and former Fortune 500 executive, he served as chairman of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the first Hispanic to chair a mainstream chamber in Virginia, according to the chamber. Vargas grew the Dulles Hispanic Business Council and developed a professional support program for local small business owners. Vargas also serves on the advisory board of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Commission of the National Museum of the American Latino, the Virginia Workforce Council, and the Board of the Northern Virginia Family Service.

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James Colwell rides the "energy bike"



Maypole dance.



J.J. Barry with The Raptor Conservancy of Virginia.

'Promenade At the Park'

Potomac Overlook Regional Park held its 26th Annual Open House on Sunday, May 1. The event featured live music, games, exhibits and the maypole dance performed by children from Taylor Elementary School.

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George Hughes, left and his sister, Julie.



Kristen LaForce Reglin, left and Charlotte MacLaury.

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Arlington National Cemetery documentary, Thursday, May 26, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

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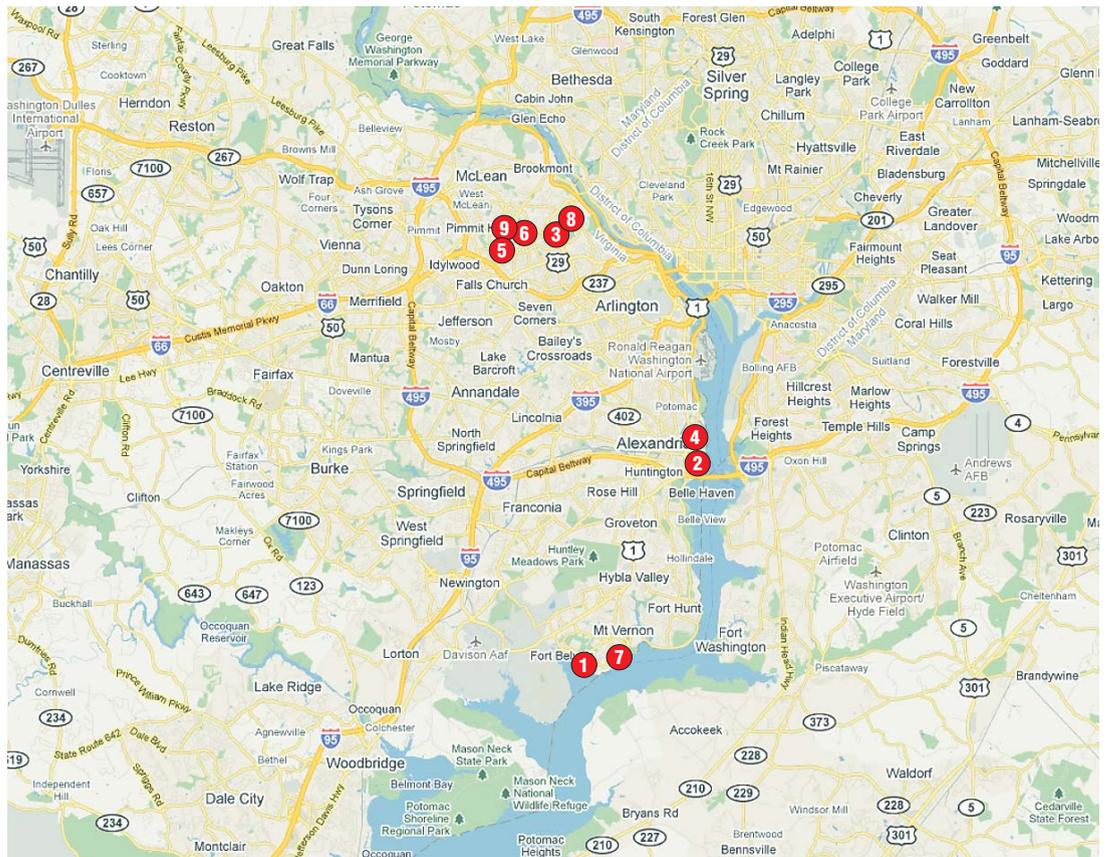
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Arlington Cape Remodeled for Family

Adding to home in Arlington requires painstaking strategy.

BY JOHN BYRD
THE CONNECTION



Adding 925 square feet to what was a 1,880 square-foot Cape Cod on a very tight lot in the Westover section of Arlington required additions on two sides.

There are lots of places in Northern Virginia where adding 925 square feet to a 1,880 square foot house won't require the kind of measured considerations we associate with fine art, or a particularly taxing chess game. But those places are not in the close-in neighborhoods of Arlington. Expanding a home circa-1945 in classic styles that have been the community's iconic look since the Truman administration just adds to the puzzle.

That said, civic pride counts for something in the real world: Arlington home values are up 7 percent from the same time last year (highest in the nation). And there's a certain comfort in rules that preserve traditions.

Homeowner Noel Petree is pleased with the city's Westover section where he's made his home for some 18 years.

"My wife and I bought the house in the early 1990s not long after we were first married," Noel Petree said, describing a three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath brick Cape Cod situated on a quiet corner lot. "Once the family had grown to include our three daughters, however, we were cramped. I even began looking at other houses."

But the Petrees love the neighborhood, the feel of "an older home", and the school system.

"It was easy enough to find an affordable larger house," Petree said. "But when I really thought about changes that might make this house work better, it seemed reasonable to look into renovating."

The problem, Petree understood, was restricted space — less than 8,000-square-foot lot plus a 25-foot setback requirement from curbs abutting two sides of the lot, leaving a mere 15 feet off the rear to maintain an 8-foot distance from a stand-alone garage.

"I knew we could add-on from the rear, but would that yield a better floorplan?" Petree wondered. "Could we appreciably increase the existing footprint while preserving the home's essential style?"

Petree consulted several design build firms before finally deciding on an architect: Joe Burton, of JA Burton Associates.

"Joe helped me develop my thinking. From the first conversation, he had a very fluid grasp of how to get from where we were to where we wanted to go."

Petree's program entailed a series of tall orders: convert three bedrooms to five; create a spacious master bedroom suite with his and her walk-in closets; provide each daughter her own distinctive boudoir; create a sizeable family room with built-ins; a breakfast room bathed in natural light; a highly-functional aesthetically-pleasing kitchen; plus a conveniently-located computer work station.

"Contending with setback requirements from two sides was the first piece of a tricky puzzle," explains Burton who concentrated on ways of substantially increasing available living space while retaining the Cape Cod's cozy character.

"Fortunately, the house is on a corner lot, so I could extend the footprint from both the rear of the house and the south-facing side elevation."

Burton's two-part footprint called for a two level addition on the rear with plenty of room for a spacious second floor master bedroom suite, but included a side elevation "bump out" with porch.

"It was important to scale-back any tendencies towards too much massing," Burton said. Repeating the roof pitch, using casement windows and transoms improved the natural light availability and added details that enhance the side elevation's eye appeal.

A side porch with tin roof is a pleasing period touch, but also the family entrance to a new mud room fitted out with cubbies for the kids.

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Your Home Should Make You Happy'

Design trends include more personal touches, smaller spaces, lower maintenance materials.

BY CLAIRE MCKENNA
THE CONNECTION

Many local interior designers participated in this Spring's design house to benefit Children's National Medical Center. Several reflected on recent trends and offered insight on why good design matters.

"Most of us are looking at our home now as more than an investment," said Barbara Franceski of Alexandria, who designed the family room in the design house. "We plan to stay in place for a longer period of time, and with that comes a desire to enjoy life right where we are."

For that reason, "personal expression is more center stage than ever," Franceski said. Homeowners want to use original, unique art to animate spaces, and can even turn to digitally printed wallpaper to create something unique for themselves. People are mixing materials like contemporary Lucite pieces with wood and alabaster and metals.

"We're embracing originality rather than a stale, decorated look."

DESIGNER MICHAEL ROBERSON of Arlington also referred to "a new eclecticism." This style consists of an "interesting mix of things we've never mixed before."

It used to be that eclectic design combined different historic and modern styles that in one way or another related to each other, she said. But now this is not always a requirement.

"Literally everything in the room is unique from everything else," Roberson said. "People seem to be simply putting what they like in a room."

This design technique can "sometimes be wonderful," but Roberson also implies that it also has the potential for disaster.

That's one reason Nancy Colbert of McLean, who designed the library in DC Design House, recommends consulting a designer, as well as checking other resources.

"Whether you're planning on going it alone, or choose to seek help [from a designer], spend time investigating current design magazines or websites to get a sense of what feels good for you."

In gathering ideas from these different sources, Colbert says new decorators may find "a place to build their vision."

One trend Colbert observes: "We're seeing less and less brown wood." Until recently,

most furniture finishes consisted of some variation of brown wood. Now, however, decorators are noticing more painted and combination finishes on furniture pieces.

LAUREN LIESS OF HERNDON was the designer of a "hideaway" bedroom in the design house that was designed as a relaxing place to enjoy the window seat, take a nap, write at the Parson's desk or share a cup of tea.

Her wing chair in the hideaway bedroom included its back upholstered in a Michael Smith floral while the seat and front of the chair are dark velvet.

For home decorators looking for a casual design, Liess suggests "using a casual mix of patterns and textures is a more relaxed way to design a room."

Grass-cloth wallpaper, in bedrooms or living areas, is one way to add texture.

MANY DESIGNERS have welcomed more business lately as clients look to redecorating as an alternative to relocating. "People seem to be re-doing what they already have rather than moving" says Juliana Cunningham, head of Juliana's Home Interiors in Clifton.

Cunningham commented on the recent trend for clients to simplify the redecorating process themselves. She said that renovating window treatments like panes, blinds and shutters "used to be a more labor-intensive process," but people now seem to be turning to simple shades to compliment their windows.

The designer also echoed many of her fellow designers in commenting on the lack of bold colors seen in homes recently.

"We're seeing much more middle-of-the-color-wheel combinations in all rooms," Cunningham said.



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Beyond two conversation chairs at the library entrance from the foyer two milled bookcases were added to the entrance to the garden room to contribute to the library's symmetry. Designed by Nancy Colbert of McLean.



PHOTO BY LYDIA CUTLER

Michael Roberson of Arlington recently installed this design for the current Washington Design Center Lobby.

Allie Mann of Case Design agreed, saying "Grey is the new beige."

The designer assures anyone looking for a color change in their home that grey is a safe and smart option. "It can work in many rooms," using the successful blend of "Charleston Grey" in the master bedroom in the design house with the "Corn Forth White" she used in the master bathroom which she designed to support her argument.

Like Cunningham, Mann has noticed many of her clients seeking a less laborious approach to redecorating their homes. Rather than the big additions Mann saw in the early 90s, the designer has noticed "a resurgence of people making better use of smaller spaces."

Mann added that many clients were "asking for more low-maintenance projects." Rather than purchasing materials for their new countertops or floors that require constant upkeep, homeowners are looking for lower maintenance options.

For example, Mann, who specializes in kitchen and bathroom remodeling, said that while before her clients have sought out natural stone tiles for their kitchen and bathroom floors, many have now caught on that porcelain tiles look about the same without requiring nearly as much work to maintain.

Mann offered several tips for getting the most from a modest change: "I'm a big fan of stripes- they can often play up the size of a room." Adding crown-molding can quickly make a room look more formal.

When looking to change the



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The family room, above, by Alexandria designer Barbara Franceski, ASID, left.



look of a room, often the easiest thing to do is switch out accessories, including pillows, shades, furniture covers and chairs.

"SIMPLY PUT, I believe your home should make you happy," said Franceski.

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Master bath project designer Allie Mann.

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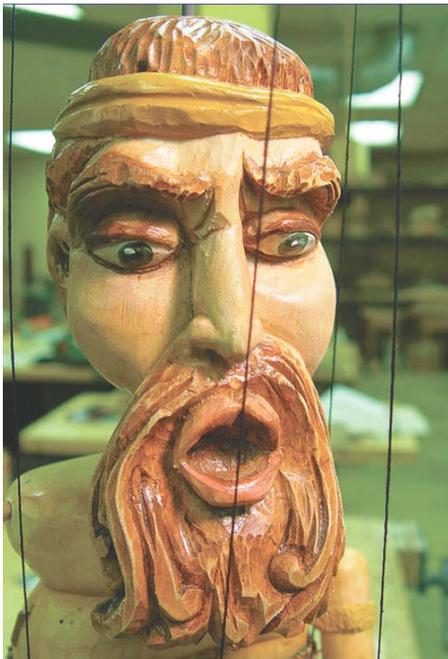
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WEDNESDAY/MAY 11

The Film, "45365." At 8 p.m. Admission is \$6. A film that explores daily life in an American town through the stories of a father and son, a young relationship, and cops and criminals. At the Dome Theatre at Artisphere in Arlington.

TUESDAY/MAY 17

Words and Music: Singer/Songwriter Series. 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$8. Host Jon Kaplan performs and talks with singers/songwriters from around the region. At the Dome Theatre at Artisphere.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 18

"Same Sex America" Film. 8 p.m. Admission is \$6. This Showtime documentary, takes a hard look at the conflict over same-sex marriage, following several gay and lesbian couples who have a personal stake in this civil rights clash. At the Dome Theatre at Artisphere.

THEATER

First Half of the Story

Signature revives early Sondheim review.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

Would you put on a Shakespeare Festival and only cover the plays he wrote in the first half of his career? Would you prepare a lecture on Abraham Lincoln that went up through the first two years of his presidency? If not, why would you mount a musical revue on the career of Stephen Sondheim that stops before he wrote "Sweeney Todd," "Into the Woods," "Passion," "Sunday in the Park with George" and "Assassins"?

This is what Signature Theatre has done in resurrecting a 25-year-old show that has three vocalists — assisted by two pianists — singing nearly 30 of Sondheim's songs from his first 10 shows, a movie and a television show. While Signature has incorporated a few lines of dialogue that are more up to date, the view of Sondheim's career is incomplete without any of the songs he has contributed to the American musical cannon since 1977.

That was when the revue "Side by Side by Sondheim" was put together by a theatre in England as a fund-raiser. Mega-producer Cameron Mackintosh saw that performance and arranged a transfer, first to a London stage and later to Broadway. It was the first, but not the last, revue built on the songs of the composer/lyricist who has been all but canonized by much of the musical theater community with a Broadway theatre named after him, a prize in his honor presented annually by Signature Theatre and, just last year, the topic of a new and comprehensive revue on Broadway titled "Sondheim on Sondheim."

The show now on stage at Signature's larger of its two black-box theatres, the 280-seat theatre they call The Max, will interest solid Sondheim fans. Others, who have yet to be either exposed to, or captured by the genius of his output, can get an introductory course in one pleasant two-hour dose with three talented performers working through the highlights. Interspersed with the songs are some simple explanations of the themes the songs illustrate, such as Sondheim's reported concentration on the topic of marriage and commitment, or his frustration over being known initially as a lyricist rather than a composer. Early in his career he contributed the lyrics for other composers' music on shows including "West Side Story," which had music by Leonard Bernstein, "Do I Hear A Waltz," which he wrote with Richard Rodgers, and "Gypsy," for which it is explained in this show, the star, Ethel Merman would let him write the words but wanted a more famous composer to do the music. What the explanation in the show lacks is the name of that more famous composer. It was Jule Styne.

Sherri L. Edelen, long-time Signature veteran, is joined for this show by two Broadway performers, Nancy Anderson making her Signature debut and Matthew Scott returning after performing here in both the



PHOTO BY SCOTT SUCHMAN

Matthew Scott and Nancy Anderson perform "Getting Married Today" in "Side by Side by Sondheim" at Virginia's Signature Theatre through June 12.

fabulous revue of the music of Kander and Ebb, "First You Dream" and the world premiere of the musical "Ace." Each is talented and hard working, but the blend of their voices seems weak because it lacks a grounding bass or full-blown baritone. Strangely, the arrangements the pianos are playing, which are uncredited in the program, rely on the higher half of the keyboard most of the time, which also robs the sound of a solid bass line.

There certainly are highlights to be enjoyed, especially as the evening comes to a close when, having saved the best for the last, each of the three vocalists take center stage in turn to deliver a crowd-pleasing big number. Anderson starts this triptych off with "Loosing My Mind," the searing torch song from "Follies." Scott then steps in to deliver "Being Alive," one of the closing numbers written for the landmark musical "Company," which underwent multiple rewrites of its finale. (Scott had sung one of the other songs written for that slot, "Marry Me a Little," earlier in the show.) Finally, Edelen takes the spotlight for the most thrilling single performance in the show, "I'm Still Here" from "Follies."

Highlights before the final trio included Anderson's impressive mix of tongue twisting patter and physical comedy on "Getting Married Today," Scott's lovely rendition of the softly sentimental "I Remember" from the 1966 television musical "Evening Primrose" and Anderson and Edelen pairing up for the "I Have a Love" duet from "West Side Story."

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Where & When

"Side by Side by Sondheim" plays at Signature Theatre in Shirlington through June 12. Performances are Tuesday - Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday - Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55 - \$81. Call 703-573-7328 or log on to www.signature-theatre.org.



PHOTO BY DOUG OLMSTED

From left: Matthew Randall, Shannon Benton and Mark Adams star in "Mindgame" at Port City Playhouse.

Adams Shines Evil Light on 'Mindgame'

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

There are some shows that simply seem to belong to a specific actor. Mark Lee Adams takes such command of Port City Playhouse's production of Anthony Horowitz's bait-and-switch thriller "Mindgame" that he can pick it up, put it in his pocket and take it home with him. It's his.

The role is one of those leading parts in a thriller that keeps the audience wondering just who or what the character is supposed to be. Just when you think you have it figured out, the script takes an abrupt about face or at least a 90-degree shift and Adams has to adopt

a different persona. Each of the apparent identities is different, and the shifts so abrupt that Adams gets to flit from laid back to hyper and back again, creating first one and then another different personality and then yet one more. You will enjoy each, perhaps as much as it appears that Adams himself is enjoying creating them.

Adams isn't alone on the stage and his colleagues, both of whom have roles that also have switches designed to surprise the audience as the mystery plays out, are certainly not doing less than fine work themselves.

Shannon Benton spends much of the first act shaking with fear. This could become quite tedious if not handled with skill, and Benton, under the direction of Bruce Follmer, finds that balance between controlled panic and deep-seated dread that keeps the audience from rejecting her out of hand.

Matthew Randall likewise has his character shifting and evolving over the course of the evening. He has to cope

The dialogue isn't exactly what one would call subtle, but this cast manages to keep a straight face in the presence of a clunker or two while they keep the tension level high.

with one of the hardest plot points any actor can have in a horror thriller — he has to have his character make a foreboding mistake in judgment that the entire audience can tell is a disastrous decision

without either becoming unsympathetic or the object of ridicule. He pulls it off

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Where & When

The Port City Playhouse production of "Mindgame" plays at the Lab Studio Theatre at Convergence, 1819 North Quaker Lane through May 22. Performances are Friday - Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. with a special Tuesday evening performance at 8 p.m. on May 17. Tickets are \$16 - \$18. Call 703-838-2880 or log on to www.telgo.com/pcp/home.html.

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well, and as a result, spends a major portion of the evening attempting to emote in the confines of a straight jacket, which is no mean trick.

You will have noticed that I haven't said much about the plot. In part, that is because the plot isn't really that well constructed in Horowitz's play. But mostly it is because I don't want to give away any of the surprises. Let me, instead, simply describe the state of affairs as the play gets underway and then you can decide if you want to attend to find out where the twists go:

A writer with two books on serial killers (Randall) is in the office of the head of an asylum for the criminally insane. He's there to convince the administrator (Adams) to let him interview the worst of the serial killers for yet another book. But the attending nurse (Benton) is trembling so badly that you suspect something in the asylum is very wrong. Of course, it turns out that you are

right.

Horowitz is a British novelist and screenwriter whose personal biographical sketch seems as unlikely as any of the twists in his stories. Raised by a wealthy but secretive father, the family lost its fortune when his father converted all the assets to cash, deposited them in a secret Swiss bank account and then died without leaving a clue as to what bank, what account and what password would free the money. And that was only part of the strange account of his childhood.

AS AN ADULT, he has found success as a writer, turning out mystery novels for adults and teens, most notably the Alex Rider series about a teen super-spy. For adults, he's writing a new Sherlock Holmes mystery with the approval of the Conan Doyle estate. Their choice may not be too surprising given Horowitz's track record with television adaptations of the mysteries by Agatha Christie.

The script for "Mindgame" is marked by the facile touch for twists and turns that one would expect from such an author. The dialogue isn't exactly what one would call subtle, but this cast manages to keep a straight face in the presence of a clunker or two while they keep the tension level high.

Director Follmer's design team puts the intimate space called The Lab Studio Theatre at Convergence on North Quaker Lane to good use even though the limits of their financial resources for set construction are clear. Horowitz has built into his script a number of visuals that set designer Michael deBlois and set dresser Kim Gowland accommodate efficiently. But there are times when you may not notice a change in the set or a clever property because you are just having too much fun watching Adams.

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Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway and writes about theater for a number of national magazines. He welcomes feedback from those he writes about and those he writes for. He can be reached at brad.hathaway@verizon.net.



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Public Comment Period: May 11 – May 25, 2011

Summary: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act
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Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing
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Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of new
Secure Access Lane (SAL), Metro Entrance Facility (MEF),
and Corridor 8 (COR8) Screening Facilities on the Pentagon
Reservation.

The overall purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide per-
manent, efficient, and appropriately sized facilities to support
the Pentagon Force Protection Agency's (PFPA) security
screening and vehicle inspection procedures at the Reserva-
tion. Construction of new facilities is necessary because the
existing security screening and vehicle inspection procedures
are performed in temporary, prefabricated facilities that are
under-sized and are not architecturally consistent with other build-
ings on the Pentagon Reservation. The Proposed Action would
address this issue by constructing new screening facilities at
the SAL, MEF, and COR8 pedestrian access point. A No-Action
Alternative was also considered, whereby PFPA security
screening operations would continue to be conducted in tem-
porary, prefabricated facilities.

The Proposed Action would have the potential for minor, long-
term impacts to architectural resources, stormwater runoff,
greenhouse gas emissions, vegetation, topography, and infra-
structure and utilities. The No-Action Alternative would not re-
sult in any environmental impacts.

Based on the Draft EA, the proposed project is not expected to
result in any significant adverse effects or impacts on the natu-
ral or human environment. It is anticipated that this EA will re-
sult in a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Ac-
tion.

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First Half of Story

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The pianists take a few moments from time to time to narrate. Of the two, John Kalbfleisch has the bulk of the spoken material and he delivers it with a nice, humorous touch. Indeed, he gets the first (or perhaps second) big laugh of the evening when reading Sondheim's lyric for "Invocation," which includes the prayer "You who look down on actors . . . and who doesn't?"

All this takes place on a very big set for what is essentially a very intimate show. Micha Kachman designed a wall-filling expanse of shimmering plastic strips adorned with pages, presumably from the scripts of Sondheim's shows. In the center he places a fairly wide, light encircled proscenium. When the company is spread across the large playing space they seem far apart from each other. Edelen even gets a chuckle by pointing out the paucity of performers when, in the finale, she looks over the stage and says "We need more people!"

At \$55 to \$81 a seat, this is an expensive but enjoyable collection of highlights from the first half of Sondheim's brilliant career delivered with just a touch of explanation. It lacks any effort to use the songs in a story-telling context, however. That is a failing that later revues based on Sondheim's songs, such as "Putting It Together" which Signature's Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer directed on Broadway and then brought here, tried to correct.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY/MAY 12

Author Event. 7 p.m. "Urban Green: Innovative Parks for Resurgent Cities" by Peter Harnik. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington.

Office Space Movie Festival. 7 p.m. Admission is \$12. New high-def projector, trivia contest, O-Face Contest. Hosted by comedian Rob Maher. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

8 a.m. to noon. At Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, 825 S. Taylor Street, Arlington.

Stamp Out Hunger Letter Carriers Food Drive. Donations can be left near your home's mailbox or by your apartment/condo mail room. Donations collected will be given to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Critique the Critics Art Bash. 8 to 11 p.m. Eight DC notables go head-to-head in timed, amateur art competitions using childhood art supplies. The night will feature contemporary art, a silent auction, designer cocktails and open bar, catering and tunes. Admission is \$50/ VIP Tickets \$125. At the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Tickets available at <https://www.arlingtonartscenter.org/tickets>

Walk for the Animals. 8:30 a.m. registration; 9:30 a.m. walk. Three-mile walk or one-mile stroll will start and finish at Arlington's Bluemont Park, 329 N. Manchester Street, Arlington. Registration is \$25/advance; \$40/day. Sponsored by the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. To register or donate, visit www.awla.org or awla.kintera.org/walk2011.

MAY 14-15

"Coppelia Ballet." Saturday, May 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30/adults; \$20/children. At the Ernst Cultural Center Theater, NVCC Annandale Campus. For tickets, visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org or call 703-249-8227.

SUNDAY/MAY 15

Service of Remembrance. 7 p.m. The service is to remember, honor and celebrate the lives of friends and family who have died. At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road, Arlington. All are welcome. 703-536-6606, www.saint-peters.org

FRIDAY/MAY 13

Military to Civilian Career Expo. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the Doubletree Hotel Washington DC — Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington. Visit CivilianJobs.com. Call 678-819-4132. All military and prior military may visit www.civilianjobs.com to pre-register.

National Chamber Players: Saint-Saens and Brahms. 7:30 p.m. Episcopal High School will host the fourth annual National Chamber Players concert to benefit Autism Speaks. The program will be Camille Saint-Saens' The Carnival of the Animals and Brahms' Sextet in B major, with guests Benny and Eric Kim, and pianist Rohan de Silva. Call 202-955-3111 or email nationalcapitalarea@autismspeaks.org.

MAY 13-14

Comedian Andrew Dice Clay. Admission is \$40. Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:55 p.m.; Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. At Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Ashlawn Fun Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moon bounce, cake walk, crazy hair, face painting, raffle. Games for all ages and fun for the entire family. At Ashlawn Elementary School, 5950 8th Rd. N., Arlington.

Antigone Rising. 8 p.m. At the IOTA Club & Café in Arlington.

Trunk and Treasure Yard Sale.

Q&A Meet Andrew Dice Clay



Andrew Dice Clay

Andrew Dice Clay will appear at the Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse (2903 Columbia Pike) for four shows on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:55 p.m.; and Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:55 p.m.

With his meteoric rise to fame in the 1990s, Andrew Dice Clay was the first comedian to sell out Madison Square Garden two nights in a row plus hundreds of other sports arenas from coast to coast. Dice starred in numerous feature films including "The Adventures of Ford Fairlane," released best-selling DVDs like "No Apologies" and "Dice Rules" and a string of multi-gold and platinum selling CDs. Following a string of failed sitcoms and reality shows, Andrew Dice Clay has been staging a comeback for nearly a decade.

The Pike Wire blog (piketowncenter.com) interviewed Andrew Dice Clay for The Arlington Connection about working for Donald Trump, and if thinks Arlington is ready for him.

ADC: I think Trump is a great businessman. He builds empires in real estate and on television and I don't look at him as presidential. Case closed.

PW: What comedians inspired you as you were coming up, and which current comedians do you like now?

ADC: To perfectly honestly, I was never inspired by comedians. I was inspired by people like Elvis and the greatest drummer of all time — Buddy Rich. Most comedians bore me. But I will say my son, Max Silverstein, who opens up for me on the road, is someone to watch out for.

Pike Wire: The Arlington Draft Cinema, where you will be performing, was threatened to be shut down earlier this year when the bar played a rap song with profanity, and the wrong politically connected ears heard it. You have been called America's most controversial and outrageous comic, do you think the area is ready for you?

Andrew Dice Clay: Why wouldn't they be ready for me — I'm the greatest stand-up comic of all time and my show isn't about the language anyway; I paint a picture for the audience and take them where no other comedian can go.

PW: Do you have plans for more reality TV appearances? Perhaps a return of your VH1 show, "Dice Undisputed"?

ADC: It's not out of the question — But it's gotta be done completely the DICE way this time.

PW: On the second season of Celebrity Apprentice, Donald Trump fired you first. When you watched yourself that season, would you approach the contest differently if you had to do it again?

ADC: Let me ask you question — Do you remember who the second person who got fired off the show? And if I had to do it again — I still wouldn't bake the ***** cupcakes.

PW: Speaking of Donald Trump, what did you think of him going after President Obama on not providing his birth certificate, and succeeding in getting the President to release it? How would your team have done if Trump followed Joan Rivers' suggestion and made finding the certificate a challenge on Celebrity Apprentice?

ADC: When it comes to this whole birth certificate thing — Donald Trump is Donny Chump. Let's just move on already.

PW: This being a political town we have to ask, would you support Trump if he runs for President?

PW: Comedians transition into acting all of the time; Oscar award winner Charlie Sheen is doing it in reverse. What do you think about and his "Violent Torpedo of Truth" tour? Any fear that he will replace you as the Heavyweight Champion of Comedy?

ADC: Charlie Sheen should forget all about his act and start working on getting his ***** life together. Charlie, you know I love you, but there's little kids involved — go get some help.

PW: Would you consider joining your "Pretty in Pink" costar Jon Cryer on "Two and a Half Men" to replace Charlie Sheen if asked?

ADC: If Chuck Lorre was smart, he'd hire me in a minute so I could save that show from disappearing.

PW: IMDB.com lists several of your appearances on TV and movies as your birth name, Andrew Silverstein. When you take more dramatic roles, do you switch out of your "Dice" character?

ADC: Everybody tries to make something of Andrew Silverstein vs. Andrew Dice Clay. You wouldn't ask the same question if you were talking to Elvis or Slash, would you?

PW: We hear that you are appearing on the final season of "Entourage." Can you tell us about your character and your role in the show?

ADC: If I can be modest for a moment, I'm unbelievable in it. Seriously, to be part of the one of the greatest shows of all time is a great thrill and Doug Ellin is a ***** genius. Watch it and you won't be disappointed.

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Bauman's 'Best' Effort of Season Not Enough

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Kate Bauman's first pitch against Hayfield on May 6 skipped in the dirt. The junior's second delivery grazed the catcher's mitt and sailed to the backstop.

"The first two pitches," Bauman said, "were a little scary."

The Yorktown pitcher needed time to settle into her start against the National District's top softball team, but once she did, Bauman held the Hawks to just one hit during a five-inning stretch. Unfortunately for Bauman and the Patriots, Hayfield's two runs on three hits in the first inning were all the Hawks needed.

Hayfield defeated Yorktown 2-0 on Friday at HSS, in a rematch of last season's district championship game. The Hawks won the season's earlier meeting, 5-3, on April 15. While Bauman shut Hayfield down for most of Friday's contest, the Patriots failed to break through against Hawks pitcher Amber Fowler.

The defeat came three days after the Patriots lost to Washington-Lee, the team Yorktown is battling for the No. 2 seed in the district tournament.

"W-L, especially, was a frustrating loss, but I think we learned from it," Bauman said after Friday's contest. "We came out today stronger. Even though we lost, we played well. I think going into the district [tournament] we'll be ready. Things are going to turn around."

Bauman allowed two runs and four hits while walking two and striking out three over six innings on Friday. Other than bouncing back from a rough start, what made Bauman's outing impressive was her ability to not get distracted by controversy.

With one out and a runner on first base in the bottom of the first inning, Hayfield's Fowler hit a pop up that dropped in shallow center field. Yorktown center fielder Julia Cushing picked up the ball and threw to second base, where shortstop Kelly John appeared to have trouble locating the bag. Hayfield catcher Samantha Perry-Shifflett slid into second base, dislodging the bag,



Yorktown's Maggie Stewart put the ball in play during each of her three at bats against Hayfield on May 6, but came up empty on each.

and was ruled out. But after the umpires discussed the call, the base umpire's ruling was overturned, giving the Hawks runners on first and second with one out.

After a pop out and an infield single loaded the bases with two outs, sophomore Taryn McElehenny delivered a two-run single that wouldn't have occurred if the earlier call at second base hadn't been overturned.

"It cost us the game, so I hope [the home plate umpire] was 100 percent sure, that's all I can say," Yorktown assistant coach Deb Litman said. "But, hey, we also didn't score any runs. You're not going to win any games if you don't score any runs."

BAUMAN SAID she focused on making her next pitch rather than getting caught up in the moment.

"I was definitely really happy with the rest of the game," she said. "The first inning was frustrating, but the fact that we were able to have a bad inning and hold them for the rest of the game was really important for us."

Yorktown head coach Julie Fetter said the loss was due to a lack of execution, not lack of focus.

"They're pretty good about just getting

past it," she said of the overturned call in the first inning. "We knew what we had to do, we just didn't get on the board. We went out there and continued playing and didn't give up."

Offensively, the Patriots were limited to three hits — all singles — and had only one runner reach second base.

John, third baseman Lindsay Irving and right fielder Rachel Leonard each had a hit for Yorktown.

"We hit Amber well the first time we played them and I think we hit her well tonight," said Litman, adding Fowler pitched better Friday than she did during the teams' first meeting. "There just seemed to be an outfielder everywhere we hit it."

Yorktown will host Madison at 6 p.m. on May 11 before the start of the district tournament on May 17. If Bauman continues to pitch the way she did against Hayfield, the Patriots should be in contention for a dis-



Yorktown pitcher Kate Bauman held Hayfield to one hit after the first inning during the Patriots' 2-0 loss on May 6.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

trict title.

"I think it was the best game she pitched all year," Litman said of Bauman's effort Friday. "Her change up was on. When her change up is on, she's close to unhittable. The first time that we played [the Hawks], their top four batters were the only batters that had hits."

Today, she held their top four batters to one single ... and one walk, otherwise, nothing.

When you can do that against those four hitters that are great hitters, that's as good as you can ask for from your pitcher."

SPORTS BRIEFS

W-L Boys Soccer Moves Up National Rankings

The Washington-Lee boys soccer team moved from No. 49 to No. 47 in the May 2 edition of the ESPNRISE.com Powerade Fab 50 national rankings for spring soccer. The Generals were 9-1-1 at the time of the poll. W-L wrapped up the regular season at 11-1-1, including 7-0 in the National District. The Generals will enter the district tournament on May 16 as the

No. 1 seed.

W-L has outscored its opponents 60-10, including 35-3 in district competition.

YHS Softball to Host Breast Cancer Awareness Night

The Yorktown softball team will host Madison at 6 p.m. on May 11 for Breast Cancer Awareness Night. Admission is free but donations are accepted. Food from

Backyard BBQ, Italian Store and other local business will be sold. Last season, the Patriots raised more than \$2,000 for breast cancer research.

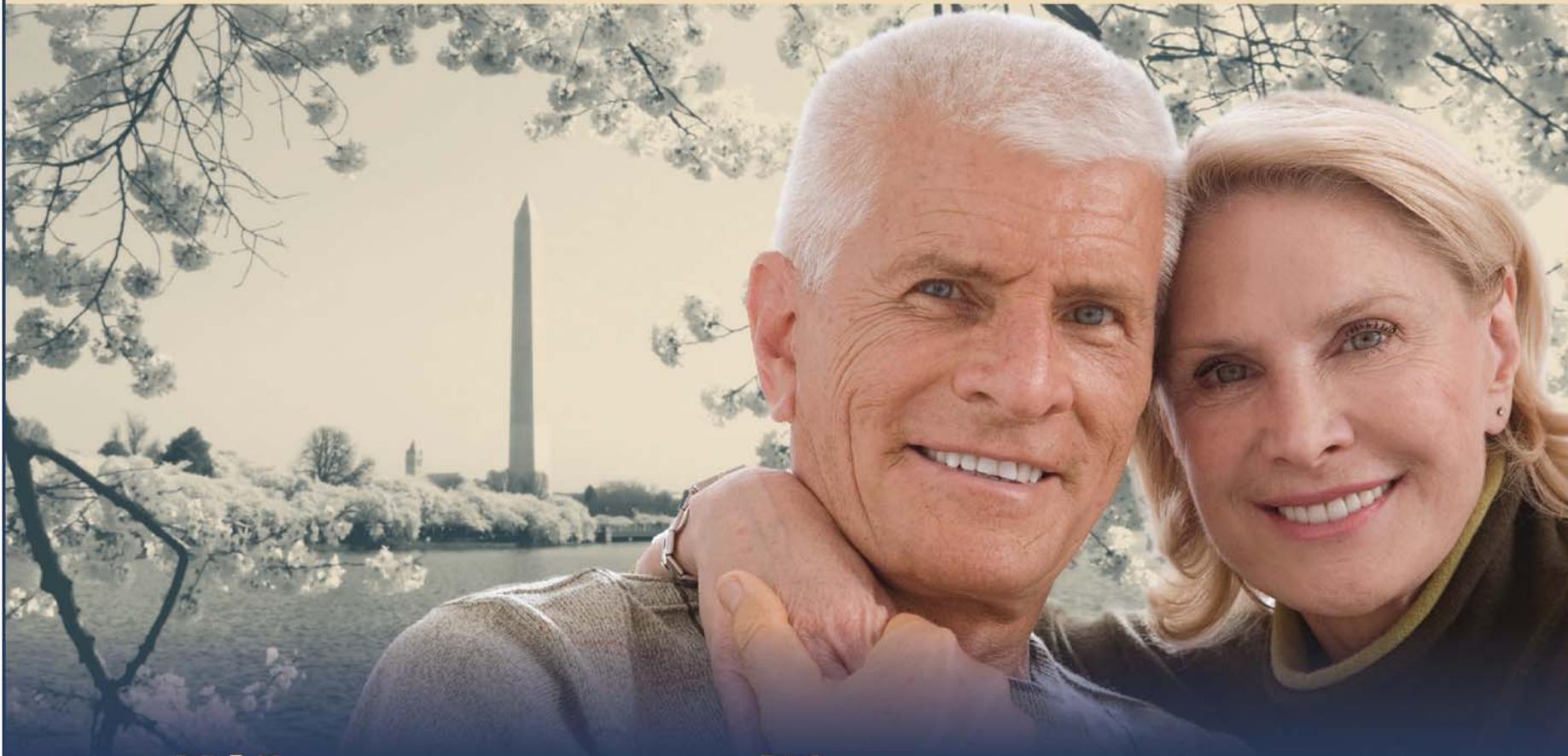
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THURSDAY/MAY 12

National Foster Care Month Appreciation Event. 6:15 to 8 p.m. Adolescent and Family Growth Center Inc. (AFGC) is honoring

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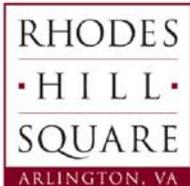
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Fabrielle Moglica admires a Ford Model T car.



In Performance
The Encore Chorale performs inside Washington-Lee High School on May 6.

Director Alex Robinson and the Washington-Lee Jazz Band join the Encore Chorale during the "Berlin to the Beatles Concert."



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Memorabilia was displayed on tables in the cafeteria for alumni to view as they visited the school.

Yorktown's 50th

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teams. His mother Tracy went to Yorktown and he met his wife there. Amy Williams is expecting their first child and they will be very happy to have him or her attend Yorktown as well.

"I loved my time here at Yorktown," Amy Williams said. "I had a good circle of friends, school spirit was high and we would go to football and basketball games together. Oftentimes we would go to the Pizza Hut at Lee Center or the TCBY and just hang out after the games. I remember my parents always wondered why we would hang out in a parking lot for hours, but we just wanted to have fun and talk."

"I STILL GET together with my high school girlfriends," said alumni Jeanette Molnar (Class of 1989). "There is a group of 12 of us and we still get together every other month to keep up with each other. My parents lived across the street so I could walk to school, but the thing to do was to have your boyfriend pick you up and drive you. I remember it took longer to walk in from the parking lot than to just cross the street to school. Now my kids go here and my parents still live across the street so my son will drive and park in their driveway. I know they will have as good a time here as I did."

The face of the school may continue to change as construction is still underway but the sense of community remains the same. Principal Dr. Raymond Pasi is proud to see the sense of close-knit community among the alumni present: "I'm so happy to hear what the grads had to say. We have tried with the current students to really foster a sense of community so that when they move on they will look back upon their time here at Yorktown in the same positive way."

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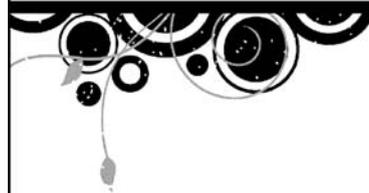
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