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EVERY FRIDAY IN APRIL
5k Fridays Race Series. 6:30 p.m. in Crystal City. Organized by Pacers Running Store; runners can enjoy a professionally timed and certified course. $20/race or $60/series. Visit http://runpacers.com/race/crystal-run-5k-fridays/ to register.

THURSDAY/APRIL 25
Memory Screening Day. 9 a.m.-noon at Langston-Brown Senior Center. Get a confidential screening to detect any memory problems and get information about successful aging. Schedule an appointment or get information at 703-237-9048.

Public Scoping Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Little Theatre at Washington-Lee High School, 1303 N. Stafford St. Discuss an Environmental Assessment for the rehabilitation of the Arlington Memorial Bridge.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27
Basic Literacy Tutor Training Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Become a volunteer tutor to adults who want to improve literacy skills. $50/books, materials and other training items. Must attend both sessions. Visit www.lcvs.org or 703-237-0866.

SUNDAY/APRIL 28
Workshop. 4:15 p.m. at Shirlington Library. Get introduced to Ayurveda through meditation and yoga. Free. All ages welcome.

MONDAY/APRIL 29
Mediation. 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 2700 S. 19th St. Sponsored by Interfaith Mediation Initiative. Visit www.interfaithgatherings.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 1
Deadline. Rock Spring Garden Club will hold its fourth annual Garden of the Year competition this spring for Arlington County residents. Applications are due May 1 and can be downloaded at www.rockspringardenclub.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 4
Gala. 7 p.m.-midnight at Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel. The Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is honoring people in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics field, along with the scholarship recipients from local schools. Enjoy a silent auction, dinner, dancing and more. $165/person. Visit www.nvdscss.org for tickets.

SUNDAY/MAY 5
Meditation and Buddhism Introductory Class. 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Randolph Towers, 4001 N. 9th St., Suite 105. Teachings, guided meditation and Q&A. $10. Visit www.mediation-dc.org or 202-986-2257.

Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Glenmary Library, 200 N. Kensington St. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia and Virginia Cooperative Extension will host a sale of native plants, herbs, sun- and shade-loving perennials, tropicals, ferns, shrubs, trees and annuals. Call Judy Fonderburk at 703-671-5310.

Service of Remembrance. 7 p.m. at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 420 N. Glebe Road. The service is for those who have lost a loved one at any time or would like to remember those who have died. A reception will follow. Free. 703-536-6606 or www.saint-peter.org.

MONDAY/MAY 6
Free Workshop. Virginia Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia will hold a free workshop on outdoor pests from 7:30 p.m. at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Register at 703-228-6414 or www.mgnev.org.

DEADLINE MAY 10
The Arlington School Board is currently looking for individuals to serve on three advisory councils: the budget advisory council, the advisory council on instruction and the advisory council on school facilities and capital programs. The board anticipates filling a number of vacancies on both councils for the 2013-14 school year. Applications are due by Wednesday, May 10. Applications are available by calling the School Board office at 703-228-6015. For additional volunteer opportunities visit www.apsva.us/volunteer.

Leadership Arlington Youth Program. Leadership Arlington is seeking promising rising juniors and seniors from area high schools to apply online at www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/apply-youth-program. The Leadership Arlington Youth Program is designed to enhance leadership skills and awareness of the need for philanthropy, community service and civic participation.

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Celebrating Earth Day

Energy conservation, eco-friendly commuting, healthy homes, and sustainable living were just some of the items on the menu for the Green Living Expo and Arlington Earth Week Community Fair that took place this Earth Day at Founder’s Hall in the Arlington Campus of the George Mason University. The vendor hall showcased more than 50 exhibitors with a variety of planet friendly services and products. The Sunday Earth Day Celebration was sponsored by Arlingtonians for Clean Environment (ACE).

The event featured information on green lifestyles for homeowners, condo owners, apartment renters, students and families. Exhibitors covered a variety of environmental topics including energy conservation, eco-friendly transportation, solid-waste reduction, sustainable food and gardening, green home remodeling, sustainable landscaping, and healthy home products.

10,000 Villages filled a table with dozens of hand-made items that were available for sale at the Earth Day Celebration. 10,000 Villages is located on King Street in Alexandria. Pictured are Alicia Greenwood, Peggy Seufert and Molly Caton.

Jonathan Clegg works his legs on a bike to make enough energy to power light bulbs.

Stephen Green, Henry Dunbar and Ever Franco race to finish changing a tire during an in-house competition on among the owners and staff of Phoenix Bikes Shop.

“...we’ve done the analysis. We’ve done all the studies that need to be done,” said County Board Chairman Walter Tejada. “And if there is anything else, we will take a look at it down the line.”

Critics say that’s not true. Although a return-on-investment study was conducted as part of an alternatives analysis, those who are calling for an independent cost-benefit analysis say that’s not adequate. They say they would like to see a side-by-side analysis showing economic development benefits of a bus-rapid transit system compared to a streetcar line.

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— Peter Rousselot, Arlingtonians for Sensible Transit
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still missing a complete financial picture.

“There are some statements made that, on just sort of general survey data, how people feel about buses and there are little pie charts, and there,” said Garvey. “There’s not real data there at all.”

THE PROPOSED STREETCAR line has created sharp divisions in Arlington County, even among members of the Arlington Democratic Committee that control the county’s politics. Garvey was elected after campaigning against the streetcar. And one of the leading forces of opposition is Peter Rousselot, former party chairman. During a recent forum about the streetcar, he spoke out against the public-private partnership guidelines that were approved by the County Board late last year.

“One of the biggest flaws is that they can approve a multi-million dollar contract to construct the streetcar with no competitive bidding,” Rousselot at the time. “I think that’s a tremendous mistake in light of the experiences in other parts of the state.”

County Manager Barbara Donnellan responded by saying that Rousselot’s statement was “absolutely untrue.” Now county leaders acknowledge that a contract can, in fact, be approved even if Arlington does not receive a second bid. Though a spokeswoman, Donnellan declined repeated requests to be interviewed about her letter to the editor. Instead, she issued a written statement outlining why she believed Rousselot’s statement may have been untrue. “The County took Mr. Rousselot’s comments to mean that the County could receive an unsolicited proposal and take it from that stage to contract award without any opportunity for competition,” wrote Donnellan.

Rousselot says that’s not what he said, and it’s not what he meant.

“They are misinforming the public if they are trying to leave the impression that a second bid is required because it’s not,” said Rousselot. “Whether they are deliberately doing that or accidentally doing it I have no idea.”

EARLIER THIS MONTH, the Federal Transit Administration did not include Arlington on a list of projects that might advance forward in the process for receiving funding under the federal Small Starts program in 2014. Supporters of the streetcar line say the federal money would have funded only about 30 percent of the program anyway. More significantly, new money is now available for transportation in part because of the historic funding package approved by Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell.

“We are in a different transportation finance situation than we were when we submitted this application,” said County Board member Chris Zimmerman. “We now have funding more than sufficient to cover the Small Starts grant that we had been applying for.” Zimmerman dismissed calls for an independent cost-benefit analysis of bus-rapid transit versus streetcar.

“If you are against the project and you don’t want to do it, then you can argue endlessly that there’s some study that should be done by somebody else that will produce the results you want.”

TO HONOR MOM on Mother’s Day, send us your favorite snapshots of you with your Mom and The Connection will publish them in our Mother’s Day issue. Be sure to include some information about what’s going on in the photo, plus your name and phone number and town of residence.

To e-mail digital photos, send to: arlington@connectionnewspapers.com
Or to mail photo prints, send to: The Arlington Connection, “Me and My Mom” Photo Gallery, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314
Photo prints will be returned to you if you include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, but please don’t send us anything irreplaceable.

A Very ‘Green’ Roof

The Energy House will hold its next Education and Demonstration Showcase, Energy House Six, on April 27 and 28 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 2617 N. Nottingham St. in Arlington. Built by Arlington Designer Homes LLC, the home features a living green roof and an advanced storm water management system. The N. Nottingham property has additional energy features not normally seen in new construction such as passive solar gain, water reclaiming rain gardens and LED lighting. Energy House is a partnership of companies in the Northern Virginia area that work together to provide residential energy upgrades through weatherization, insulation, smart technologies, solar thermal, HVAC, and geothermal.
Crime

The following incidents were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

ROBBERY BY FORCE, 1400 block of N. Herndon Street. At 10:41 p.m. on April 11, a female victim was walking to her parked vehicle when an unknown male subject approached her. The suspect forcefully stole the victim’s wallet and fled the scene by foot. The suspect is described as an approximately 25-year-old white male, 6’0” tall and 170 lbs. During the crime, the suspect was wearing a dark plaid shirt and a baseball cap.

ARMED ROBBERY, 200 block of S. Glebe Road. At 9:45 p.m. on April 13, a juvenile subject was walking home when he was approached by four subjects with ski masks and all black clothing from behind. One of the subjects brandished a knife and demanded the victim’s phone. The victim handed over his phone and the subjects fled the scene on foot.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, 3000 block of S. Abingdon Street. On April 11 at 10 p.m., a male subject brandished a knife and demanded money from a victim who was sitting on a park bench. The victim immediately dailed 911 and the suspect fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5’7” tall and had pulled his white t-shirt up over his head to conceal his face. The suspect remains at large.

RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF CHILDREN, 2600 block of Shirlington Road. At 9 a.m. on April 11, police pulled over a vehicle occupied by two adults and seven young children. All of the children were under the age of 3 years old, and none of them were buckled in with any type of safety restraints. One child was unsecured and sitting in the lap of the adult in the front passenger seat. Two of the children were seated in the rear cargo area of the vehicle, which had no seats and no restraints. When police questioned the two adult suspects, it was found that they were the owners of a daycare center in Alexandria.

None of the children were physically injured, and all of the children were returned to their parents. A 34-year-old woman and a 37-year-old woman, both of Alexandria, were charged with seven counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Both have been released on summons.

PEEPING TOM, 4400 block of S. 31st Street. At 10:13 p.m. on April 12, two female victims were inside their residence when they saw a male subject looking inside their apartment windows. He was described as a white Hispanic male, in his late 30s with short black hair. He was wearing a black t-shirt and baggie jeans at the time of the incident. A K9 search was negative and the suspect remains at large.

BURGLARY, 4600 block of S. 34th Street. Between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on April 11, a victim went on a walk in his neighborhood. When he returned home, it was discovered that a laptop had been stolen from the kitchen. There were no signs of forced entry and there is no suspect(s) description.

BURGLARY, 700 block of S. Ode Street. Between 3 and 8:30 p.m. on April 13, an unknown subject(s) entered a residence and stole a 13” Macbook Pro. There is no suspect(s) description.

Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual public safety valor awards luncheon on April 17 at the Fort Myers Officers Club. The honorees are: Arlington County Office of Emergency Management, Donald Winsock - Life-Saving Award; Arlington County Fire Department, Captain Trevor Burrell - Meritorious Service Award, Firefighter Joshua Wise - Valor with Life-Saving Award; Arlington County Office of the Sheriff, Sergeant Jack Lantz - Meritorious Service Award, Sergeant Richard Laureano - Valor Award, Sergeant David Bowers, DS II Efthimios Alpos, DS II Monica Lyons-Carr, and DS II Arthur Pitts - Valor with Life-Saving Award; Arlington County Police Department, Captain Kevin Reardon - Meritorious Service Award, Corporal Richard St. Clair and Officer Patrick Maxwell - Valor Award, Corporal David Munn, Officer Daniel Gardner, and Officer Hilary Maloney - Valor with Life-Saving Award.
Scout Values

To the Editor:

Next month, the Boy Scouts of America will consider a resolution to end their policy of discrimination against gay youth. While this policy is only a first step toward full non-discrimination, it represents an important step.

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2013 Black Opal: Celebrating New Generation of Leaders

The Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network held its awards ceremony on April 6 at the Artisphere.

Black Opal, an awards gala/black-tie reception, serves as the primary fundraiser for the organization. The funds raised by Black Opal support its programs including College Survival, Political Forum, and Opportunity to Thrive.

Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network board members: Gerald S. Padmore, president; Dr. Tonnelle Walker, vice president; Marcel Lewis, treasurer; Tyra Beamon, secretary; Renette Noel, director of community service; Howard Foard III, director of fund development; Olufolajimi Ige, director of political engagement; Tieast Leverett, director of personal and professional development; Angela C. Kasey, director of social programs; Keisha Robinson, historian, and Pamela E. Perkins, executive committee advisor.

The 2013 Sustainability Awardees are Gina Dennis and Darryl Perkins. Perkins is a part of the development team responsible for Green the Block, the environmental awareness campaign initiated by the Hip Hop Caucus. He currently serves as the community engagement director for Dreaming Out Loud and as a partner for Broccoli City. Dennis is a green energy strategist, attorney and the CEO of Reference, a company responsible for advising the District of Columbia on the LEED green building process. Both awardees are community and business leaders that are at the forefront of sustainability.

Other nominees included: Jessica Brunson, an architectural artist and community liaison for transportation alternatives. She promotes green alternatives to the community through awareness-based initiatives including vertical gardening, recycled-reusable artwork, and cooking with local products. Lisa Sayfried, the founder of Redefining Eco, a blog that discusses green living for women, and is currently an executive board member of DC EcoWomen. Jason Flakes, a distinguished designer and award winning architectural photographer based in Washington DC. His multi-media and industrial design company, Nomii Designs, focuses on ergonomic design, green products and photography of LEED Certified architecture. Chris Bradshaw, the founder of Dreaming Out Loud, an organization responsible for several initiatives and community partnerships centered on urban food sustainability and other environmental issues unique to the urban environment.

Hokies (from left): Traci DeShazor, Angela C. Kasey, Joshua L. Morgan, Brittany Yates and Jessica Brunson.

Best in Fair Grand Prize – Students in this category will compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, AZ. May 12-17.
4. Best in Fair – (Grades 7 and 8) Elizabeth Moar – Kenmore Middle School.
5. Alice Bell – Jefferson Middle School
6. Reece Preisser and Zachary Rosenthal – Williamsburg Middle School
7. Clayton Reppert – Gunston Middle School
8. Elizabeth Moar – Kenmore Middle School
9. Ricardo Mestre – Gunston Middle School
10. Bilguuzaga Battogtohk – Kenmore Middle School
11. Johanna Klein – Jefferson Middle School
12. Victoria Krieger and Andrew Mitchell were named to the dean’s list at Salisbury University.

The following students were named to the dean’s list at Geneva College: Taylor Kelly is a junior communication disorders major. Jason Conner is a sophomore Christian ministries major.

Marymount University has been named to the 2013 president’s higher education community service honor roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service for engaging its students, faculty, and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. This is the University’s fifth consecutive year on the honor roll. In academic year 2011-12, more than 1,500 students gave over 21,000 hours of service. In addition, faculty and students in the physical therapy and health sciences programs worked with the Arlington County School System to develop recess and nutrition programs to help address the causes of childhood obesity. Marymount’s athletic teams also worked with Arlington youth on developing skills and love of sports.

Kenmore Middle School eighth grader Delaney Myers won the Intermediate Category of the Virginia Division of the 2013 International Aviation Art Contest. The theme for this year’s competition was “My Favorite Air Sport.” Myers’s painting features a young boy and girl watching aerobatics.

The following students have been named to Randolph-Macon Academy’s honor rolls for the second quarter of the 2012-13 school year: Thomas Kim, the son of Richard and Uni Kim of Arlington, was named to the dean’s list. He is a junior at Randolph-Macon. Jessica Neupane, the daughter of Ram and Gema Neupane of Arlington, was named to the president’s list. She is a sophomore at Randolph-Macon.

More than 300 JMU students embarked on 30 spring break trips around the country and world. Students spent the week living simply, focused on service in their destination community but also on teamwork and reflection within their group. The following students participated in alternative spring break: Ana Pinto, Victoria Corapi, Hannah Dunsenfelser, Marie-Michele Freedman and Erin Connors.

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Connection to Parks Wins ‘Best in Show’ Award

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he Connection Newspapers won dozens of awards from the Virginia Press Association, with winners announced on Saturday, April 20, in Norfolk.

The Connection project, Insiders Guide to the Parks of Fairfax County, published in our Newcomers and Community Guides, won a top honor of Best in Show for Art. The project also won first place for informational graphics. Spearheaded and researched by Jean Card, who also designed the pages, with photography by Craig Sterbutzel and map design by Laurence Foong, Insiders Guide to the Parks led judges to say: “This is check-full of information. It probably leaves readers with no unanswered questions. Colors and typographic work well together. The down-page photo and text wrap features are nice touches.”

A multi-part series on immigration spearheaded by Victoria Ross won first place for in-depth or investigative writing. The Connection devoted multiple pages in multiple editions for multiple weeks to exhaustive reporting on immigration. “This entry clearly stood out above the rest in this category,” said judges of Ross’s work. “The author portrayed an excellent mix of data and human stories in covering all of the facets of this topic. It was obvious she spent a great deal of time working on this in-depth series. This was extremely comprehensive, well rounded and objective. This was not just reporting on the facts, but the challenges and a great deal of hope.” See the entire immigration package at www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/immigration/.

Alex McVeigh, Alexandria Gazette Packet first place for Education Writing, first published in the Oak Hill-Herndon Connection. Photographer Deb Cobb first won for an online slide show of coverage of daily patrols on the water in the Mount Vernon Gazette. See it at www.connectionnewspapers.com/photos/gall/Mike%20Pope%20Bear%20Plunge%20Lake%20Anne. Cobb also first won for general news photo for her photo of “Freeze’ for a Reason,” the polar bear plunge into Lake Anne.

Mike Pope won first place for breaking news for coverage of “New Leadership at Gunston Hall.”

Pope also won third place for continuing coverage for “Horses and Graves Versus Road Widening” in the Mount Vernon Gazette, and third place for Mount Vernon Health, Science and Environmental Writing Portfolio.

The staff of Great Falls Connection won second place for overall excellence (general makeup). Judges said: “Although the tabloid format and general design has a ‘features’ feel, this is a beautiful paper. The text, use of color and section delineation makes it very easy to read and follow both news and features. All cover selections draw you in.” Winners included Kemal Kurspahic, Anma Rehmatulla, Chelsea Bryan, Lawrence Fong, Stuart Moll and Geovani Flores.

Louise Krafft and Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Combination Picture and Story for Memorial Day. Judge’s comment: “A variety of great photos nearly presented helps tell the story of this important day.”

Craig Sterbutzel, Burke Connection: Sports News Photo — Santiago Valdez. Judge’s comment: “Great Exposure.”

Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Headline Writing. Judge’s comment: “Think you can’t say much in two words? This entry disproves that. I particularly like ‘Bovine Cow, ACT partner for local charities.’”

Montie Martin, Alexandria Gazette Packet, won second place also for In-depth or investigative reporting for Guns From The South. Judge’s comment: “This entry disproves that. I particularly like ‘Bovine Cow, ACT partner for local charities.’”

The Potomac Almanac, a Connection Newspaper located in Potomac, Md., competed in the Maryland-Delaware DC Press Association awards, with six press association awards, which will be formally announced on May 17 at the MDPC Press Awards luncheon. Susan Belford, John Byrd, Laurence Foong, Ken Moore (2) and Staff were named as winners.

OPINION

Connection to Parks Wins ‘Best in Show’ Award

Investigative reporting, in depth coverage, education writing, photography, art, design, sports, garner Virginia Press Association honors.
Sales of condominiums built with luxurious materials, such as those used in the bathroom of this condominium at Turnberry Tower in the Rosslyn neighborhood of Arlington, are on the rise.

### What Housing Slump?

Real estate experts explain the rise in luxury condominium sales.

By Marilyn Campbell

When a retired couple decided it was time to leave their sprawling suburban home, they wanted to downsize without giving up luxury. As a result, they purchased a high-end condominium and hired Bethesda, Md., based interior designer Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design to create a serene and sophisticated space.

“The couple are retired professionals, empty nesters who lead active lives and didn’t want the maintenance of a single family home,” said Proxmire. “[They] wanted to blend the furniture, accessories and mementoes they had each collected. ... They wanted a home that was elegant, comfortable, and that also allowed them to lock and leave on a moment’s notice.”

Proxmire’s clients are part of rebound in the high-end condominium market. The National Association of Realtors reports that condominium purchases are on the rise, and says that sales are 13.9 percent higher than they were at the same time last year.

David DeSantis, a partner at TTR | Sotheby's International Realty says his company has seen an increase in luxury condominium sales in the Washington region in recent months. “In the past several months we have broken records for high-end condo prices, and we recently sold the most expensive condo ever sold in the Washington region, which was $7.5 million,” he said. “We sold a number of condos at Turnberry Tower in Rosslyn (Arlington).”

### Home Sales

In March 2013, 224 Arlington homes sold between $3,600,000-$1,050,000. This week’s list represents those homes sold in the $3,600,000-$1,050,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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and Quarry Springs in Bethesda attract those who want both luxury and convenience. “The appeal of these buildings is the fact that you’ve got these large apartments that are like homes except with a health club and concierge service,” said DeSantis. “The close-in suburbs are good places to live. There are good stores, good restaurants and you don’t have the issue of a long commute to work.”

Realtors say that properties close to public transportation are in demand. “Reston is on fire. The condos are turning very quickly these because the Metro is coming,” said Great Falls-based realtor Dianne Van Volkenburg of Long & Foster Companies. “Reston is one of the places where inventory is extremely limited, so you’re getting multiples offers over list price.”

Alexandria-based realtor Allison Goodhart of The Goodhart Group of McEnearney Associates, Inc. said, “Sales and showings for properties have really picked up across the board in Alexandria City. The Oronoce is all high-end, one-level condos near the Old Town [Alexandria] waterfront and those are selling very well.”

Bob Wulff, Ph.D., director of the Center for Real Estate Entrepreneurship and the master’s in real estate development program at George Mason University in Fairfax, says there are two primary types of buyers who are drawn to condominiums. “There are first-time homebuyers and move-down homebuyers who’ve sold their large suburban homes,” said Wulff. “Move-down buyers are looking for luxury in a walkable neighborhood that is near mass transit.”

DeSantis agrees. “A big portion of those clients are the empty-nester crowd,” he said.

— David DeSantis, partner, TTR | Sotheby’s International Realty

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**Luxury Condos in Demand**

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“Their kids have graduated from college and they are looking for a lifestyle change. These people were not pinched by the recession, but it also wasn’t a good time to sell their big house in suburbs.”

DeSantis says that high-income professional singles and couples often choose luxury condominiums. “Those two groups are leading to the up-tick in sales,” he said.

Walter Molony, economic issues media manager for the National Association of Realtors, says the boost in condominium sales is the result of a stronger economy. “It is part of the rising tide that is floating all boats,” he said. “After four years of a sluggish economy that impacted people’s confidence, affordability conditions have improved and people have the wherewithal and the confidence to buy. There is less inventory in the low-end market, and there are more buyers than sellers, which is driving demand up.”

DeSantis said, “For the most part, the Washington, D.C., area was not hit as hard, so we’re coming back faster. One of the things that we’ve seen in the real estate industry is that there’s no shortage of people in this market who have the resources to buy high-end housing. They held off on buying while the direction of the economy … was unclear, but people are now willing to spend the money that they’ve had all along.”

**Board Approves Neighborhood Plan Update**

The Arlington County Board on Saturday April 20, accepted the Fairlington-Shirlington Neighborhood Conservation Plan, a community-based update to the area’s 1987 plan that identifies needed services and improvements for these neighborhoods.

The Fairlington-Shirlington Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update has 35 recommendations; 21 are services-related requests; 14 are neighborhood improvements. In the coming year, county staff will work with the association and residents to help identify priority improvement projects for funding.

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THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET is thriving, with Realtors reporting multiple offers on homes in some areas and a dwindling inventory of homes for sale. At least two things are contributing to this change in the market.

First, interest rates have been in the basement:

Freddie Mac reported a 30-year fixed-rate of 3.57 percent for March 2012, as opposed to 3.95 percent in March 2011 (for reference, March 2005 was 5.93 percent).

Second, home prices are rising: Real Estate Business Intelligence reported a 10.23 percent increase in average sold price in Fairfax County between February 2012 and 2013. Even though inventory is shrinking across the county, distressed sales (foreclosures and short sales) are a smaller part of the market.

On the whole, everyone has warm fuzzies about the market. “It’s as healthy as it ever been,” said Dane Work, an associate broker with Re/Max Preferred Properties in Fairfax. “Everything is hot potato. The whole market is red hot, white hot.”

WHY THE DWINDLING SUPPLY? There are several factors, according to Hanweck, which result in people hanging on to their properties. Among them is a gradual increase in the number of retirees in this area who choose to stay in their homes. Another is people simply waiting to see how high prices will rise. There are also more instances of business investors buying properties to rent.

But none of this should dissuade anyone from jumping into the real estate market right now, Hanweck said. “Sell, sell and buy.”

“If you want to move, sell now. Buying six months ago would be even better, buying a year ago would’ve been even better. But buy. Over the next two years, it’s going to be a good market. After that we’re going to see federal government cuts actually start to impact.”

“I’m incredibly optimistic,” said Work. “I have been for about a year and a half. It makes me look like a saint. The writing was on the wall for some of this.

“It’s such a great opportunity for the end user, for occupants,” he continued. “Everybody’s got to live somewhere. Now is the time to lock in on something and secure it.”

SUSTAINED LOW INTEREST RATES AND RISING PRICES HAVE ENERGIZED THE MARKETPLACE.
By KENNETH H. LOURIE

About what I’m feeling and whether I should even be writing about it. Obviously, the “it” (conflict), “one of my father’s many made-up words), has to do with yours truly having stage IV lung cancer (duh!). Specifically, it has to do with the feedback I received today from my nephrologist (kidney specialist) and the appointment I have scheduled every four to six months. The ongoing concern being that the toxicity of my previous three years of infused chemotherapy has caused collateral damage (internally for sure, externally, not so much), especially since I have lived longer than the standard treatment protocols anticipated have been studied. Over this time, lab work and patient observation has indicated that something not totally unexpected has happened other than my still being alive (that is): damage to internal organs not directly related to the underlying cancer diagnosis. And what has been happening is that my creatinine levels (likely a side effect of my previous 18-month-long Avastin infusion) and bilirubin (likely a side effect of the — at present, nine months-long and counting — daily dose of tarceva, a targeted treatment) I take daily, are reaching new highs. Elevated levels of which are hardly good for the rumor mill. In fact, it’s quite the opposite: cause for concern. The problem is that neither chemotherapy nor targeted treatment have been — heretofore, considered — standard treatment options for stage IV lung cancer patients because long-term survivors are rare. As such, studies determining such multi-year protocols have been equally rare, given the minimal patient population. And since I now fall into this “rare” population, how to treat me is more feel than established fact. The book hasn’t been written, so to speak, because I’m the “book.” That being said, what the nephrologist said to me was: “You look great. Are you in remission?” (“Not that I have been told.”) “No one could tell by looking at you that you’re not fine.”

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Nothing is too small to know, and nothing too big to attempt.
-William Van Horne
Arlington native Alyson Cambridge has a series of homecoming shows.

By Amber Healy

Alyson Cambridge doesn’t want to put limits on herself or her theater. The graduate of Sidwell Friends School said she has some high profile local shows coming up, including a run of “Show Boat” at the Kennedy Center in May 11, before a baseball game. It’s not the first time she’s performed in a high profile show. She has been a part of the Kennedy Center production for the past few months in Chicago.

It’s “a lot of fun, especially since I get to do something I love,” Cambridge said of her homecoming shows.

It’s not the first time she’s performed in this area, but there’s a special affection for this particular production of “Show Boat,” bringing together the grand musical sound of a full orchestra and classic trained voices with one of the best-known musical theater pieces in the country. Cambridge said she loves performing “Show Boat” in an opera setting, because the songs are big, the music is big and the story is big.

“It’s a different art form,” Cambridge said of opera compared with other kinds of musical theater. “Musical theater is usually performed in a smaller theater, without an orchestra, and the singers are amplified. Opera is unamplified, in a bigger theater, and the voices have to be big to carry out over something like 3,000 seats. Without a microphone. It’s difficult in that aspect, but that’s what’s great about doing ‘Show Boat’ as an opera.”

Cambridge, who got her start in 2003 when she was named as a grand prize winner of the Modern Opera National Council Auditions and spent much of the next decade with various companies, including the Republican opera and the Lyric Opera of Chicago, started singing on a lark in middle school.

“A ham” from childhood, Cambridge was goofing around doing impressions in her parents’ home in Arlington when a neighbor overheard her pretending to sing in an operatic voice. The neighbor suggested Cambridge take singing lessons, which she started at 12. Most of her classmates didn’t know about her singing talent until her senior year at Sidwell Friends, when she sang during a school event. Later, she majored in sociology and voice in college, but her love for music and singing won out and became her career.

Her resume includes turns as Frasquita in “Carmen” and Musetta in “La Boheme,” but she’s really enjoying the opportunity to perform in “Show Boat” again.

During the show’s run in Chicago, Cambridge said she’d be standing in the wings preparing for her cue, which comes after the dramatic and well-known belter Old Man River. Each night, regardless of how many shows had been performed, she’d get goose bumps hearing the song performed by the character Joe, played by Morris Robinson.

“One of the greatest songs for bass voices,” she said. “Morris is fantastic.”

CAMBRIDGE IS EAGER to perform at the Kennedy Center, where she’s certain there will be some old school friends and family in the audience. As for singing the National Anthem, it’ll be the first time she’s sung in a professional sports arena. She’s sung the song in front of a large crowd before — before a Paul Simon concert last summer.

“It’s so exciting, I can’t even tell you,” Cambridge laughed. “When I got the call, I was so excited.”

She’ll be working with a voice coach prior to the big day, May 11, to ensure she hits all the notes in what is considered by some professional singers to be among the most challenging of songs.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Bringing Back the Big Voice

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 24

Opera Class, 10 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. “Monkey See Monkey Do.” National Geographic, national opera. Visit www.operaguildnova.org or 703-536-7557 for tickets.

Kids Club, 4 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. Performances are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. for children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Under 2s, 10:30 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. 703-228-5710.

Bilingual Story Time, 4:15 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children can enjoy stories, songs and crafts in English and Spanish. Free. 703-228-5990.

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Author Event, 4 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland Street. Cambridge, husband-and-wife author team, Chef Todd Gray and Ellen Kassoff Gray, of “The New Jewish Table: Modern Recipes for Traditional Dishes” will talk about their lives together, their restaurant and more. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

Nature Detectives, 4-5 p.m. at Alexandria Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children ages 6-10 can learn some of the tricks that can be used in the field or back in the lab. Dress for the weather. $5 at the door. 703-328-3405. Program #62823-N.

Nanny Club, 10 a.m.-noon at Columbia Pike Library, Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Under 2s, 10:30 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5715.

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horticulture program and a tree planting. If you require special accommodations call 703-614-0062.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

One Night’s Celebration Gala.
Arlington Community Foundation will hold its annual gala at Ritz-Carlton in Pentagon City at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Arlington charities. $300/person includes dining, dancing and more. Tickets can be purchased online at www.arlcf.org or 703-243-4785. Performance, 3 p.m. see “Monkey See Monkey Do,” a one-act bilingual opera. $4. Visit www.operaguildnova.org or 703-536-7557 for tickets.

Energy Scavenger Hunt.
1-3 p.m. at The Landing in the Crystal City Shops, 1750 Crystal Drive. Use tips and clues to gather energy saving answers and prizes along the way and a raffle at the end. Register at freshairva.us/energyhunt.

Arlington History Bike Tour.
Meet at Ballston Metro Station at 9 a.m. and bike from one to 23 miles visiting Arlington parks and historic sites. Easy ride along paved streets and bike trails. Bring lunch, water, helmet. $2. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org or 703-243-0179.

Ballet.
2 p.m. or 7 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus in the Ernst Community Cultural Theater. See Virginia Ballet Company and School perform “Don Quixote.” $30/adult; $20/student, senior, child. Visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org or 703-249-8227.

Aprilfest: Books, Blooms and Bites.
9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Walker Chapel, 4102 N. Glebe Road. Features a plant and mulch sale, book and cd, DVD sale, and a cafe that will offer baked goods and lunch items. All proceeds benefit local charities. Visit www.walkchapel.org or 703-538-5200.

Go Camping at Gulf Branch.
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.- Sunday, 9:30 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Families with children ages 6 and up can enjoy dinner, stories and songs, s’mores, and breakfast while getting introduced to camping. Bring a tent if you have one. $30/person due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #632853-E.

Wild Dogs Campfire.
6:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Learn about wolves, coyotes, foxes and other wild members of the canine or dog family. $5 due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #632953-G.

Family Story Time.
10:30 a.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. All ages. Free. 703-228-5710.

Open Studio Doors.
6-9 p.m. at Columbia Pike Artists Studios, 632 S. Walter Reed Drive. Talk to artists and enjoy wine and light snacks. Free. Visit www.columbiapikeartiststudios.org or 703-486-9368.

Energy Open House.
11 a.m.-5 pm. at Energy House Six, 2617 N. Nottingham St. See a green home. Free. Visit www.energyhouse.us/energy-house-vi/ for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Author Panel.
3:30 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. One More Page hosts a Mid-Grade/Teen Author Panel with Morgan Keyes, “A Visual Feast” featuring Jane McElvany Coonce’s mouth-watering paintings from her Crab Series, and other food still lifes, runs Saturday, May 4 through Saturday, June 1. Meet the artist at the opening reception on Friday, May 10 from 5-8 p.m. Gallery Underground (formerly Northern Virginia ART Center) is located at Crystal City Shops at 2100 Crystal Dr. Visit www.galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652.

“A Visual Feast” by Jane McElvany Coonce

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“Crab Feast” by Jane McElvany Coonce

Entertainment
SUNDAY/APRIL 28
Music Performance. 8 p.m. at the Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. See Miss Shevaghun & Yuma Wray perform. 703-527-8466.
Music Performance. 8 p.m. at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Miss Tess & The Talkbacks will perform. $12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

MONDAY/MAY 6
Music Performance. 8:30 p.m. at IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hear The Howlin’ Brothers perform. $12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/MAY 11
Live It Up on the Loop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd. Enjoy free performances of live acoustic music. Visit www.marketcommonclarendon.net or call 703-785-1100.

FRIDAY/MAY 17
Film Festival. “The Breakfast Club” (R) 1985 - 97 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 19
Taste of Arlington. Noon-5 p.m. at Ballston. Enjoy beer, wine, food, entertainment and more. New this year is a virtual reality tour of local celebrities. Visit tasteofarlington.com for tickets and more information.

SATURDAY/MAY 25
Art Bash. Saturday, May 4. VIP arrive at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. for general admission at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Proceeds benefit Arlington Arts Center. Enjoy an open bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres, music and silent auction. $75 general admission; $60/member; $150/VIP, $125/VIP AAC member. Buy tickets at http://artbash2013.eventbrite.com or visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

JUNE 22-23
Arlington Festival of the Arts. More than 100 artists will converge upon Highland Street in Clarendon for a two-day juried outdoor gallery style art exhibit. A wide variety of original artwork will be on display and for sale with prices set to suit all budgets. Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Visit www.ArtFestival.org or 561-746-6615.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28
Film Festival. “I Only Have You” (PG-13) 1999 - 97 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 5
Film Festival. “Bring It On” (PG-13) 2000 - 98 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 12
Film Festival. “Pretty in Pink” (PG-13) 1986 - 96 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29
Storytime at Kinder Haus Toys.

FRIDAY/JUNE 7
Film Festival. “Rocky Business” (R) 1983 - 98 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 14
Film Festival. “Can’t Buy Me Love” (Dinny, PG-13) 1987 - 94 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21
Film Festival. “Easy A” (PG-13) 2010 - 92 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 4
Story Time: Under 2s.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 1
Paint In. 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Arlington Artists Alliance at Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal Drive. Free. Come see a variety of artists at work. Visit www.galleryunderground.com.

MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 25
Theater Performance. See “Club de Caballeros” at Gunston Arts Center Theater Two, 2700 S. Lang St. Performances on Thursday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m., with tickets $30/general, $25/student or senior. Performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with tickets $35/general, $30/student or senior. Visit www.teatrodelaluna.org or 703-548-3092.

FRIDAY/MAY 3
Ballet. 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. See a performance of “Swan Lake Act II and Other Works.” Tickets are $5-$25. For tickets and information visit www.BalletNeva.org or call 703-778-3008.

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MONDAY/MAY 6
Music Performance. 8:30 p.m. at IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hear The Howlin’ Brothers perform. $12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/MAY 11
Live It Up on the Loop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd. Enjoy free performances of rock climbing wall, moon bounce, live entertainment and more. Free. Visit www.marketcommonclarendon.net or call 703-785-1100.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 15

FRIDAY/MAY 17
Film Festival. “The Breakfast Club” (R) 1985 - 97 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 24
Film Festival. “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” (PG-13) 1986 - 115 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro.

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FRIDAY/MAY 3
Film Festival. “Blameless” (PG-13) 1995 - 97 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.roslyny.org.
O’Connell Softball Survives Scare from McLean

Burk delivers clutch hit for Knights, Finucane pitches through pain.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

Bishop O’Connell senior Mary Burk smashed a deep fly ball to center field and headed toward first base during the third inning of the Knights’ April 20 contest against McLean. Burk thought she had hit a home run as the ball sailed through the air. O’Connell head coach Tommy Orndorff also thought the ball was gone. Instead, the wind held the ball up just enough for McLean center fielder Christin Geisler to make a fantastic catch in front of the fence.

“That would have been my first home run ever,” Burk would say. “She made a great play. It’s a tough break.”

While Burk had to deal with the disappointment of a tough break, she made sure McLean walked away on the wrong end of a tough loss.

The Bishop O’Connell softball team, ranked No. 2 in the nation by MaxPreps.com, trailed 2-1 in the seventh inning of the Knights’ April 20 contest against McLean. McLean walked away on the wrong end of a tough break, she made sure McLean suffered the loss for McLean, allowing three runs — two earned — on six hits while walking three and striking out four.

“As I explained to them, we could have won the game today,” McLean head coach Maurice Tawil said, “but we didn’t because we failed to execute. … [Hahne] pitched great. We did have a plan. We had a scouting report on O’Connell. Obviously they’re a very good team and they hit the ball hard. They kept them off balance.

Their No. 3 hitter, [catcher Jillian] Ferraro, is as good as you’ll see and she didn’t hurt us today — and she came up in some big moments, also.

“… We pitched our game plan very well. Unfortunately, [Hahne] hurt herself in the last inning. Otherwise, she pitched fabulously — pitched well enough to win.”

While Hahne pitched well, O’Connell senior Tori Finucane earned the victory despite pitching through back pain. After missing the previous two games due to ailments including a muscle strain and a minor form of scoliosis, Finucane returned to the circle and tossed a complete game against McLean. She limited the Highlanders to two hits and a pair of unearned runs. She walked two, hit two batters and struck out 10 in seven innings.

“I’m not 100 percent right now, I’m still in physical therapy for my back,” Finucane said. “I really did not want that to affect me in any way, but it did sometimes. But knowing that [my teammates] had my back 100 percent was awesome. They came in clutch like no other with those hits. It was just an awesome feeling knowing that no matter what my condition, they always have my back.”

Finucane is unlikely to bat until she improves.

“I wouldn’t want to hurt her in any way,” Orndorff said. “I don’t want to be Mike Shanahan and RGIII.”

Two days later, Finucane threw a no-hitter and struck out 14 during an 8-0 victory against Paul VI on Monday. The Panthers’ only baserunner came via hit by pitch. The win improved O’Connell’s record to 15-0.

The Knights faced St. John’s on Tuesday, after The Connection’s deadline. O’Connell will travel to face Holy Cross at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

McLean defeated South Lakes 11-1 on Monday, improving its record to 12-2, including 7-1 in the Liberty District. The Highlanders faced Stone Bridge on Tuesday, after The Connection’s deadline. McLean will travel to face Marshall at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29.

Sports Briefs

Yorktown Baseball Returns to Top 10

The Yorktown baseball team is ranked in the Northern Region top 10 for the first time since mid-March.

The Patriots are ranked No. 6 in this week’s coaches poll, their highest ranking of the season. Yorktown was ranked No. 10 in the season’s first poll.

Madison is again ranked No. 1. Oakton moved into the No. 2 spot, followed by Lake Braddock (3), Centreville (4) and Robinson (5). Chantilly is ranked No. 7, followed by West Potomac (8), Langley (9) and South County (10).

T.C. Williams, Stone Bridge, McLean, Westfield and Fairfax also received votes.

The Concorde District has four teams in the top 10, most among the four districts in the Northern Region. The Patriot District has three teams in the top 10, the Liberty has two and the National has one.
Marymount’s Remembrance Day: Time to Give Back

By Bob Brown

Marymount communication major

Every spring, Marymount students help clean up Arlington’s Rock Spring Park to honor and remember those in the university community who have died. Working under the guidance of members of the Rock Spring Garden Club, they raked and pulled weeds, removed honeysuckle brush and vines, and planted flow-

ers. Marymount’s Student Government Association started Remembrance Day to honor Tara Howard and Adam Dowell, who were both in the class of 2009 and died in accidents. Tara’s father, Bill Howard, has joined the students each year to help maintain Rock Spring Park in Tara’s memory. He said, “It’s quite humbling to realize that my daughter has been an inspiration for this activity. It has been Tara-iffic! I don’t think it [the park] would look as beautiful as it does without the help of the Marymount community every spring.”

This year, Remembrance Day held special meaning for the 30-plus students who gathered in the park on April 14; the university recently lost two faculty members — Dr. Sean Hoare, professor of literature and languages, and Rhett Leverett, assistant professor of history. In addition, Margot Bardan, who had long assisted students in the financial aid office, died unexpectedly.

Ellis, Shaw Engaged

Mr. David Ellis and Ms. Cassandra Ellis of Campbellsville, Ky. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Malone Ellis to LTJG James Cameron Shaw, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Shaw of Plainview, Texas.

In 2009, Elizabeth received her bachelor of arts majoring in political science and minoring in history at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. Elizabeth currently employed as a federal grassroots specialist at the American College of Cardiology in Washington, D.C.

In 2007, James received his bachelor of arts majoring in international studies and minoring in history at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. James is currently serving as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) stationed in Sasebo, Japan. The couple is planning a June 1, 2013 wedding at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington, Ky. with a reception to follow at the Keeneland Horse Racetrack. They will honeymoon in Santorini, Greece in the Mediterranean. James and Elizabeth

People

Bob Brown, a communication major, and Bill Howard

Juna Luzi and Mark Anthony Curtis, both majoring in economics in society

“Flourishing After 55” from Arlington’s Office of Senior Adult Programs for May 6-11

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2221 N. Culpepper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Arlington Mill at Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St.; also Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Senior trips: National Arborium Trim Tour, D.C., plus box lunch, $31, Monday, May 6; historic Odessa, Del., plus lunch, $57, Thursday, May 9; Suicide Bridge, Hurlock, Md., leisurely cruise, sea-food buffet, $64, Friday, May 10. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.


Seniors only weight room hours, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Langston-Brown. $60/15 sessions with 55+ Pass. Register, 703-228-4771.

Free legal counsel, Tuesday, May 7, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Call for aptt., 703-228-0955.

Table tennis, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Low impact aerobics, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Thursdays, 11 a.m., Aurora Hills. $65/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-5722.


Coping with hearing loss, Wednesday, May 8, 10 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Theater appreciation classes, $5, Wednesdays May 8-22, 11:30 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Drop-in women’s basketball games, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-4771.

Line dancing classes, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

Theater appreciation classes, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Aurora Hills, Thursdays, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown. $5 per class. Register, 703-228-6300.

Decluttering strategies, Thursday, May 9, 3 p.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

Volunteer fishing coaches needed at Culpepper Garden. Call Thursday, May 9, 703-228-4403 for details.

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