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Blues musician Chris Polk leaves his band on stage and plays into the crowd at the Columbia Pike Blues Festival.





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2013 Contest Winners Announced

Thank you to all the students, teachers and partners who participated this year! Hundreds of area students in grades 6-8 competed to develop solutions to watershed issues. Classroom teams presented their proposals at the School Environmental Action Showcase on

April 24 at George Mason University in Fairfax. This program empowers students to imagine, develop and create solutions in their local watersheds, as they develop research, problemsolving, budgeting, community- involvement and presentation skills.

Nearly \$12,000 was awarded in cash prizes and school awards. Agrium is also providing \$10,000 to help implement student ideas.

Turning ideas into realistic solutions is the key to improving our local watersheds.



“What can you do to improve your local watershed?”



Lanier Middle School students won top honors for their project to prevent erosion on the school grounds.

Alexandria/Arlington/Fairfax Finalists, Grades 6-8

Final Place	Award	Proposal Name	School
1	\$1,000	Loosening Erosion's Grip	Lanier Middle School
2	\$900	Frankenfish	H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program
3	\$800	Rain Gardens	Centreville Elementary School
4	\$700	Bean There Grown That	George Washington Middle School 2
5	\$600	Scare-Beasts Scare Geese	Kenmore Middle School
6	\$500	Rain Check	George Washington Middle School 2
7	\$450	Hit the Lights	George Washington Middle School 2
8	\$400	More White Oaks for a Greener Community	Kenmore Middle School
9	\$350	Rooftop Garden	Kenmore Middle School
10	\$300	Lincolnia Community Garden	Lincolnia Community Center

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The Chris Polk Band was among the five bands that played during this year's Columbia Pike Blues Festival, Saturday afternoon on Walter Reed Drive. More photos on page 7.

A Great Day To Get the Blues

Thousands of music lovers and street-food connoisseurs filled South Walter Reed Drive at Columbia Pike Saturday for the annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival. The festival is an all-day event featuring t-shirt vendors, community organizations, a handful of food trucks and, of course, a wall-to-wall lineup of blues bands. The event's headliner was G.E. Smith, former leader of the Saturday Night Live band, but the four local bands that kicked off the event got the crowd up and dancing. People brought their dogs and lounged in chairs on the street and on lawns of nearby apartment buildings, while area organizations dealing with affordable housing, car-free transportation and politics handed out flyers to anyone and everyone enjoying the beautiful day.

— AMBER HEALY



Busy at work, Nena Depaz uses life to inspire her art, which features musicians playing brass instruments like those enjoyed by the thousands of people who attended the Columbia Pike Blues Festival Saturday.



Cheri Brown, left, talks to a passerby making a donation to Guitars Not Guns, a nonprofit organization that provides free after-school guitar lessons to underprivileged children, inside the group's tent at the Columbia Pike Blues Festival. The local chapter of Guitars Not Guns was started in 2006 by Skip Chaples, the former Boy Scout den leader of Brown's late son, Aaron, who was killed in February 2006.



Big Daddy's BBQ serves up brisket and pulled chicken sandwiches and sides during Saturday's Columbia Pike Blues Festival, on Walter Reed Drive at Columbia Pike.

Harvesting Time At Reevesland

Task force recommends transforming historic house into a learning center.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Judy Norton reaches into a patch of sprawling oregano at Reevesland to pull off the top of a plant about to bloom. Searching across the thick green mound, she finds another. Then another. She's trying to keep the plant healthy by preventing it from blooming. Neighborhood residents here say that the house at the top of the hill has also been prevented from blooming, but the result is not as pleasing as the oregano plant in the old vegetable garden once tended to by Nelson Reeves.

"I feel like the county has forgotten us," said Norton, a Bluemont resident, as she continued to work in the garden. "If they were really interested in taking care of the house, they would have taken some action by now."

But now that the county has owned the property for a decade, the urban agriculture task force has finally presented the county board with a recommendation to transform the house into a learning center. Neighborhood resident Joan Horwitt has been pressing county officials to create a learning center at Reevesland for

years, and she's created a non-profit organization to run the operation. Now that the task force has approved an official recommendation, she believes that her years of laboring in the field will finally bear fruit.

"Michelle Obama is not doing this. Alice Waters, who is famous for her edible schoolyard, is not doing this," said Horwitt. "This is about civic engagement, about involving our neighbors."

TUCKED AWAY in a quiet section of the Bluemont neighborhood on the western edge of the county, Reevesland was the last remaining dairy farm in Arlington County. When it was purchased by William Torreyson in 1866, the

160-acre farm stretched west of Four Mile Run and south of Wilson Boulevard, extending beyond Route 50 to Glen Carlyn Road. It was later operated by Torreyson's

"This is about civic engagement, about involving our neighbors."

— Joan Horwitt

daughter, Lucy, and her husband, George Reeves, from 1898-1949.

Their son, Nelson Reeves, became a partner on the farm in 1924, the third generation of family to work that land. He and his wife, Louise Reeves, kept the farm running until July 1955, when it released its last shipment of milk.

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The Urban Agriculture Task Force recommends transforming Reevesland into a learning center.



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PEOPLE



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From left: Jane Rudolph, director, Department of Parks and Recreation; Walter Tejada, chairman, Arlington County Board, and Cheryl Johnson, manager, Office of Senior Adult Programs.



New officers of Senior Adult Council, from left, are treasurer Cindy Miller, co-chair Virginia Blake, chair Jerrilyn Andrews and Department of Parks and Recreation director Jane Rudolph.



Office of Senior Adult Programs manager Cheryl Johnson (center) presented special recognition awards for exemplary leadership to Jim August (left), Jerrilyn Andrews (right) and to Betty Lou Adkins who was not present.

Praising Senior Volunteers

Citing a total of 26,364 volunteer hours by 308 seniors who volunteered their time and efforts last year with the Office of Senior Adult Programs, County Board chairman Walter Tejada said these seniors provided \$618,235 in equity.

Tejada was the guest speaker at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon sponsored by the Office of Senior Adult Programs and hosted by The Jefferson Retirement Community.

Tejada also praised OSAP programming which includes fitness, education, wellness, travel, arts and sports.

Jane Rudolph, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, installed the 2013-2014 officers of Arlington's Senior Adult

Council: chair, Jerrilyn Andrews; co-chair, Virginia Blake; vice chair, Vera Libeau; secretary, Daena Kluegel, and treasurer, Cindy Miller.

Cheryl Johnson, manager of OSAP, presented leadership awards to Betty Lou Adkins, Jerrilyn Andrews and Jim August. Johnson also recognized the senior adult advisory committees at each senior center including Arlington Mill, Aurora Hills, Culpepper Garden, Langston-Brown, Lee and Walter Reed plus the sports and fitness, travel and peer transitions committees.

For more information about OSAP and senior center programs, call 703-228-4721 or check the website at www.arlingtonva.us, click on 55+ Guide.

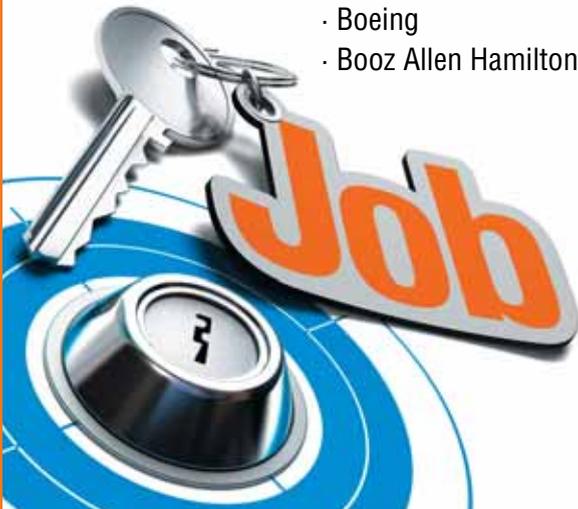
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Wine Tasting

The annual wine tasting at the Crystal City Water Park every Friday 6-10 p.m. Victoria Ferguson pours a glass of wine for visitors on June 14.



A crowd stands by as cook Gonzalez Dilaubo and sous chef Robbie Meltzer prepare to serve chicken and mushroom paella.

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LASHAWN AVERY-SIMON
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CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 4900 block of S. Columbia Pike. At 11:05 p.m. on June 7, a verbal dispute escalated and a subject cut a victim with a knife in the neck area. The victim sustained a minor laceration and refused medical treatment. The suspect fled the scene on foot and is described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'0 tall and 115 lbs.

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY, 3700 block of N. Lee Highway. At 10:58 a.m. on June 10, a suspect approached a teller at the SunTrust Bank and handed him a note demanding money and implied he had a weapon. The suspect fled the scene prior to receiving money. He is described as a black male in his late forties, with a medium build. He was wearing a red Washington Nationals hat, polo shirt with a blue rain jacket and blue jeans.

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY, 2900 block of S. Glebe Road. At 11:23 a.m. on June 10, the same suspect from an earlier bank robbery attempt, approached the teller at the PNC Bank and handed her a note demanding money. The suspect fled the scene prior to receiving the money. The suspect is described as a black male in his late 40s, with a medium build. He was wearing a blue Washington Nationals hat, polo shirt with a blue rain jacket and blue jeans.

BRANDISHING A FIREARM, 3200 block of S. 24th Street. At 1:01 a.m. on June 8, a subject approached the victim and pulled a handgun from his waistband during a verbal dispute. The suspect fled the scene and is described as a black male between 35-40 years of age, approximately 5'9" tall and 170 lbs. He was wearing a black shirt with "thug life" in white writing at the time of the incident.

PEEPING TOM, 4200 block of N. Wilson Boulevard. At 5:50 p.m. on June 10, a male subject was caught looking at a female under the bathroom stall in the women's restroom. The suspect fled the scene and is described as a white male in his early 40s, approximately 5'7" tall with a medium build. He had shaggy brown hair and was wearing a brown t-shirt and khaki pants.

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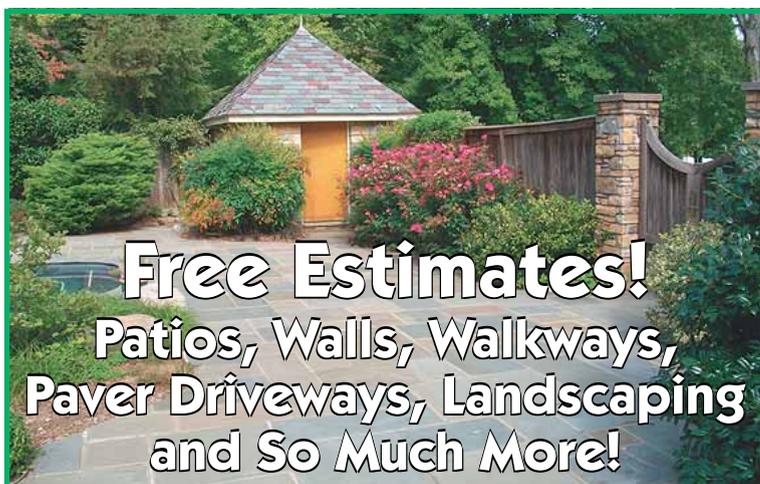
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Concert Series Returns



By LASHAWN AVERY-SIMON/THE CONNECTION

The annual Air Force Band summer concerts have returned to Crystal City. Every Friday night at 8 p.m. the band will perform at the Air Force Memorial. SMSgt Kevin Burns plays the trumpet during a performance of "The Rumba Jumps" on June 14.



TSgt Emily Wellington sings "The Rhumba Jumps" during the opening of the Air Force Band concerts at the Air Force Memorial.

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Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is noon the Thursday before publication. Photos are welcome.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Summer Solstice Celebration and Cleanup. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bluemont Park, Wilson Boulevard and N. Manchester Street. Refreshments will be available. Register at www.arlingtonenvironment.org/events.

Arlington Rotary Meeting. noon-1:30 p.m. The speaker this week will be Dick Burk, president of the Arlington Academy of Hope, at La Cote D'Or Restaurant. His topic will be an update on AAH activities for the last year and a preview of new initiatives. For more info on this organization: <http://aahuganda.org/>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Workshop. 9 a.m.-noon at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Arlington residents over 50 can

learn about what to do after retirement. Free. To register, 703-228-4759.

Grant Application Deadline. The Tree Canopy Fund gives grants to community groups to plant and maintain trees on private property. Eligible groups include civic and homeowner associations, community nonprofit organizations, civic service clubs, school-related groups, and ad hoc neighborhood groups. Individuals may also apply for grants for maintenance to be performed on specific trees that have been designated by Arlington County through their Champion Tree Program and Tree and Shrub Ordinance. Visit <http://arlingtonenvironment.ipage.com/community-action/tree>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Arlington Energy Masters Open

House. 6:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn about the program which provides hands-on training in energy efficiency. RSVP at www.arlingtonenvironment.org/energy.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Small Business Open House. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Speak with small business experts and get advice on starting a business. Free. Registration required, 703-228-5999.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 15-19

Vacation Bible School. 5:30-8:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 415

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Happy 238th Birthday

The 238th Army birthday cake-cutting ceremony was celebrated at the Pentagon on June 13. The oldest soldier Col. Arthur C. Wittich, M.D., staff physician at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, and the youngest soldier PFC Andrew Philip Selga join in the festivities.



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Mona Kotlarsky kicks up her heels to the music of the Chris Polk Band.

At the Columbia Pike Blues Festival



Heather Wilkes from Wales, United Kingdom, poses for artist Mounir Afrangi as he paints a canvas at the music festival.



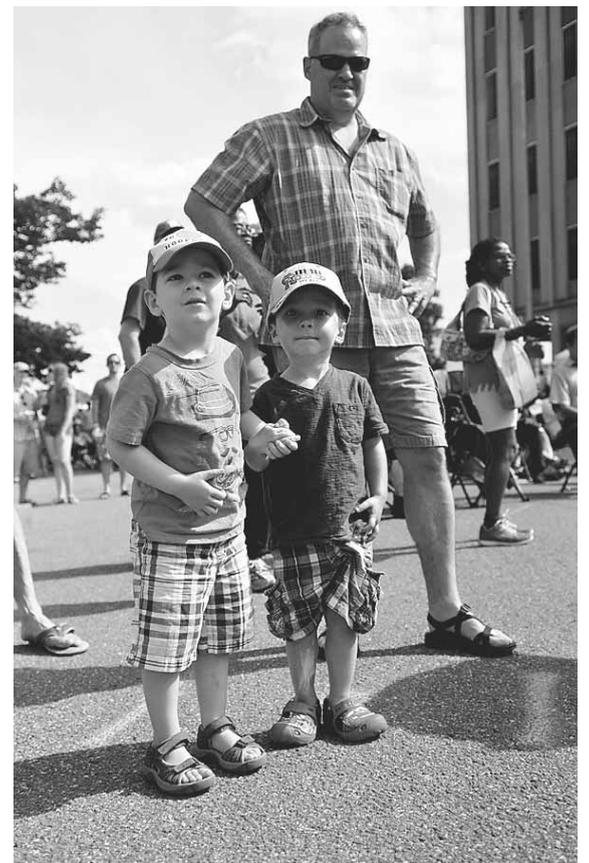
BY AMBER HEALY/THE CONNECTION

Cantina Mexicana, located on Walter Reed Drive, was in a prime location to sell tasty treats during Saturday's Columbia Pike Blues Festival.



PHOTO BY AMBER HEALY/THE CONNECTION

Margarét Kröyer adds some flowers to her canvas, one of four created during Saturday's Columbia Pike Blues Festival.



Young Nate Knauer arrives with his family at the annual street festival.



Pat Nelson dances with her granddaughters Isabella Tyner and Leah Nelson.



The Chris Polk Band performed along with BG and the Mojo Hands, Clarence "Bluesman" Turner, Cathy Ponton King and G.E. Smith at the 18th annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival.

OPINION

Talking, Acting To Keep Them Safe

Reducing drug- and alcohol-related fatalities.

Next week's Arlington Connection will capture the joy and accomplishment associated with high school graduation. The day celebrates graduates who accomplished much just by finishing, graduates headed to college and more.

Most area high schools also celebrate with an all-night graduation party, an event designed and coordinated by parents to provide graduates with safe and appealing fun, with many schools organizing an annual party for more than 20 years.

It was, for example, the 25th annual All Night Drug and Alcohol-Free Graduation Celebration for T.C. Williams High School when the class of 2013 held its party on Saturday, June 15. Since 1989, when this tradition began at T.C. Williams, there have been no drug or alcohol-related graduation night fatalities.

Herndon High School parents have been providing a memorable evening for our graduates in an alcohol and drug free atmosphere for more than 20 years, and report that, "since the All Night Grad Celebrations began, we are happy to say there have been no alcohol or drug related fatalities on graduation night."

Summer is the beginning of many celebrations for young people in this area, and many of them, whether underage and over 21, admit that they celebrate with alcohol. Chances are that if your household includes a high school student, that student sometimes consumes alcohol. Graduation night is not the only danger lurking, as everyone knows.

All night graduation parties provide not only a safe place on graduation night, but also many opportunities before and after to talk about drinking and driving. There is no substitute for parents talking to their children about drinking, no matter how awkward, no matter how many eye-rolls you must endure. Driving while under the influence, or getting into a car as a passenger with someone who is impaired, is not the only danger of drinking, but it is one of the most avoidable.

On graduation day in 2007, West Potomac High School endured the unimaginable tragedy. Two young women who had graduated just hours before died in a car driven by another young woman who had alcohol in her system. The driver and another passenger, a 2005 West Potomac graduate, also died in that crash.

If you've successfully raised a teenager through high school graduation, it is unbearable to think of losing him or her now. Talk. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been

way too much trouble to get to this point to risk losing them now. Tell them that you will come and get them, without consequences, any time they need a ride to avoid getting in a car with someone who has been drinking and/or otherwise under the influence. Look them in the eyes. Say the words.

For Adults Who Need a Reminder

Washington Regional Alcohol Program will provide free rides for those over 21 who find themselves out celebrating on the Fourth of July without a safe ride home.

The 2013 Independence Day SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4 until 4 a.m. Friday, July 5.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30.00 fare), please call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service.

WRAP's SoberRide has helped to ensure greater Washington, D.C. residents have a safe way home on high-risk holidays. Since 1993, WRAP has provided over 57,990 safe rides home, keeping impaired drivers off the road.

SoberRide operates during the December/January holiday season, St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween.

See <http://wrap.org/soberride>

EDITORIAL

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for July 1-6.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper 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: Monday, July 1, National Geographic Museum, D.C., \$19; Tuesday, July 2, Kutztown (Pa.) Festi-

val, \$21. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Registration opens Monday, July 1 for Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Register online at www.nvso.us or call for registration form, 703-228-4721.

Open rehearsal of Tom Cunningham Orchestra, 17 pieces, Big Band Music, Monday, July 1, Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-

Line dancing for beginners, Mondays, 11 a.m., TJ. Newcomers welcome. Register, 703-228-4403.

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Lee's book club to discuss "The Greater Journey," by David McCullough, Tuesday, July 2, 11:15 a.m. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

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

Pickleball, Tuesday-Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-0955.

Introduction to Facebook begins Wednesday, July 3, 1 p.m., Lee. Limited space. Register early 703-228-0555.

Drop in basketball for women 50+, Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m., Langston-Brown. Call for details, 703-228-4771.

Open Tai Chi practices, Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

Ballroom Dance, Friday, July 5, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Lee. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

Belly dancing workshops begin Friday, July 5, 10 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Fast-paced walking group, Fridays, 9 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Street Art

Jessica Hirst and Eliu Almonte attract a crowd on the corner of Wilson Boulevard during a street performance on June 8 titled "Federal Reserve" — a piece symbolizing the distribution of wealth. In this performance Hirst stitches American dollar bills together and glues them onto a Dominican flag as her assistant Almonte walks around her with a calf.



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Jessica Hirst walks down N. Moore Street wearing a Dominican flag mounted with American dollar bills over her head.

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

Deadline. Leadership Arlington is seeking up-and-coming young leaders to apply online for the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program Fall class of 2013. The Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program is an initiative of Leadership Arlington that provides participants the opportunity to develop new skills and acquire the resources and knowledge necessary to engage in the community. Visit www.leadershiparlington.org for applications.

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT

Apply. Arlington County Fair has released its 2013 Competitive Exhibits Guide. The theme for Competitive Exhibits is "Explore Arlington" and celebrates the many opportunities Arlington offers residents and visitors. Categories for participation range from fine arts, photography, and ceramics to baked goods, flowers, and food preservation. Information and guidelines can be found in the official Competitive Exhibits Guide located in most community centers, libraries, and online at <http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/entertainment/exhibits/>. The entry form and entry tags are included in the Guide and can be downloaded separately from the Fair website.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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ONGOING

Food Truck Thursdays. In the surface parking lot at the corner of Crystal Drive and 18th Street.

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

Art Exhibit. Through Saturday, June 29, see "Coastal Colors," a solo exhibit by Keith Wilkie at Gallery Underground, in the Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal Drive. Wilkie's painting captures coastal scenes, landscapes and waterway subjects. Free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit www.galleryunderground.org or 571-483-0652.

'Biography.' Through Saturday, June 29, see "Biography" by S.N. Behrman, which revolves around a single career woman's acceptance of a hefty fee to write her tell-all memoirs and the problems her threatened candor creates. Presented by The American Century Theater, at Theatre II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Buy tickets at americancentury.org or 703-998-4555.

Art Exhibit. Through Monday, July 1, see "Life on a Lake: Photos from Kashmir" by Robbie Hammer at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. Hours: Monday, Thursday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday from 1-9 p.m.; Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 703-228-6330.

Art Exhibit. Through Thursday, July 4, the High Country Basket Guild is being featured at the Craft Gallery of Artisans United. This show of handcrafted baskets made of natural materials by trained fiber artists includes work by Arlington resident Barbara Weber. The Craft Gallery is located in the Annandale Community Park, 4022-C Hummer Road, Annandale. Call 703-941-0202 or go online www.artisansunited.org for more information.

Campfire Programs. Saturdays this summer (except Aug. 24), 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch and Gulf Branch Nature Centers. Campfire programs include stories, songs, games, special live animal guests and more. Topics will range from Rascally Raccoons to High-flying Hawks to Buzzing Bees. \$5 fee per participant, registration not required for children age 2 and under. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/ParksRecreationMain.aspx.

Enjoy a Monday morning **yoga class** through September held in Crystal City's Water Park located across from 1750 Crystal Drive. Led by instructors from Mind Your Body Oasis.

The Crystal City **FRESHFARM Market** is open on Tuesdays from 3-7 p.m. with the same selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St.

Take a free outdoor Zumba class in the courtyard at 2121 Crystal Drive, led by instructors from the local Sport & Health Clubs, every Wednesday through the end of September. Participants can take a free shower afterwards at the nearby Sport & Health.

Theater Performance. See "Company" at Signature Theatre,

4200 Campbell St., through June 30 in the MAX Theatre. Tickets are now on sale and start at \$40. Visit www.signature-theatre.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Sahar Delijani will discuss and sign "Children of the Jacaranda Tree." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Music Performance. Hear music by The Potomac Harmony Chorus at 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at N. Columbus and N. 2nd Street. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or call 703-228-1850.

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

Prose Out Loud. 11 a.m.-noon at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Hear "The Gambler, the Nun and the Radio" read by library staff. Free. 703-228-6545.

Expert Gardening Talk. 7-8:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn about plant diseases. Free. 703-228-5946.

Book Club. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Discuss "In the Time of Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez. Free. 703-228-5710.

Kiwanis Club Blueberry Sale. June 19 is the deadline to order 10-pound boxes of fresh blueberries as a part of a Kiwanis Club fundraiser. Cost of each box is \$31 and will be delivered at the end of June. Proceeds support the club's outreach activities in the community. Those who wish to support the effort can also request their shipment be sent to the Arlington Food Assistance Center, which will distribute them to families in need. For more information, or to order, call 703-646-1572. To order online visit www.tinyurl.com/blueberriesin Arlington.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Maryanne O'Hara will discuss "Cascade." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Music Performance. 7-9 p.m. behind Champps Americana Restaurant at Pentagon Row. Hear music by 70s tribute band Uncle Jack Band. Free. Visit www.pentagonrow.com for more.

GMU Arlington Hosts DMV2GO. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Arlington Campus, in front of Founders Hall. George Mason University brings the DMV to their Arlington campus. Apply for or renew driver's licenses, obtain vehicle titles, plates and decals or update address. Visit <http://hr.gmu.edu/worklife/docs/Summer2013.pdf>

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-575.

Arlington Rotary Meeting. noon-1:30 p.m. The speaker this week will be at La Cote D'Or Restaurant. Visit www.habitatnova.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Wine Tasting. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Enjoy free wine tasting. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Music Performance. Hear music by the Army Blues at 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at N. Columbus and N. 2nd Street. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or call

703-228-1850.

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. at The Air Force Memorial by The United States Air Force Band-Max. Free. 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Author Event. 6 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Jessica Spotswood will discuss the next book in her Cahill Witch Chronicles series "Star Cursed." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Music Performance. Hear music by King Teddy at 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at N. Columbus and N. 2nd Street. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or call 703-228-1850.

Beautiful Birds Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. All ages can learn about birds with activities including stories, games and treats. \$5/person due at registration, 703-228-3403. Program #642953-E.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Author Event. 4 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Andrew Jampoler will discuss and sign copies of his book "Congo: The Miserable Expeditions and Dreadful Death of Lt. Emory Taunt, USN." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Music Performance. Hear music by The Constituents at 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at N. Columbus and N. 2nd Street. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or call 703-228-1850.

Bug-of-the-Month Club: Bees & Wasps. 10-11 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 7 and up can learn about and then search for bees and wasps. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #642923-A.

MONDAY/JUNE 24

Laughter Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. All ages and abilities. Learn about this technique. Free. E-mail arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com for more.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Human rights lawyer and author Marianne Elliott will share from her memoir "Zen Under Fire: How I Found Peace in the Midst of War." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs for 15 minutes. Each dog is part of PAL. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5946.

JUNE 24-AUG. 23

Classes for Children. Arlington Arts Center, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Supervised lunch breaks for students in consecutive classes, complimentary aftercare until 5 p.m. for students in 1:30-4 p.m. classes. Call 703-28-6800 or visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.



Casual Acquaintance by Bryan Jernigan.

'Earth Song & Visions'

Gallery Underground will feature works celebrating the earth in Earth Song & Visions, through Saturday, July 6. All mediums will be represented in everything from traditional landscapes, to still lifes of flowers and fruit, to abstracts depicting earth subjects, and sculpture and ceramics made from earthy materials. Free. Gallery Underground is located in the Crystal City Shops at 2100 Crystal Dr. Visit www.galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

Film. 2-4 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Watch "Made of Honor." Free. 703-228-5710.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5260.

Book Club. 7-8:30 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. Adults can discuss "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant" by Anne Tyler. Free. 703-228-5260.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Author Event. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Forrest Pritchard will discuss his book "Gaining Ground: A Story of Farmers' Markets, Local Food and Saving the Family Farm." Free.

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

Expert Gardening Talk. 7-8:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn how to garden with and for children. Free. 703-228-5946.

THURSDAY/JUNE 27

Music Performance. 7-9 p.m. behind Champps Americana Restaurant at Pentagon Row. Hear music by 80s tribute band Gonzo's Nose. Free. Visit www.pentagonrow.com for more.

Show & Tell: Best Field Guides. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Teens and adults can share favorite field guides. Free. 703-228-3403.

Drought Management Tactics. 7-8:30 p.m. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford Street. Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent Kirsten Buhls and VCE Master Gardeners overview practical ways to limit the use of water in the garden

and reduce water bills. Free. Registration is requested. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Book Club. 10:30 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Discuss "House of the Seven Gables" by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Free. 703-228-5946.

Stories from Gulf Branch Nature Center. 4-5 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. Children in grades K-5 can hear stories and meet critters that live in the dirt. Free, but tickets required and are available starting the day before the performance. 703-228-5715.

Knitting Group. 6:30 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. Drop-in for knitting support and instruction. Free. 703-228-6548.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Music Performance. Hear music by Margot MacDonald at 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at N. Columbus and N. 2nd Street. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or call 703-228-1850.

Cool Creek Critters. 4-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children ages 5 and up can explore waterfalls, try and catch water striders and take a closer look at creek critters. Dress to get wet. \$5/due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #642823-A.

Consumer Art Show. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drewry Center Room 201 1725 North George Mason Boulevard, put on by Arlington Behavioral Healthcare. Call 703-228-5150.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Paws to Read. 3-4 p.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-6330.

Summer Literary Program. 6 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Features Laura Ellen Scott and Tara Laskowski. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Music Performance. Hear music by Eric Scott at 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at N. Columbus and N. 2nd Street. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or call 703-228-1850.

Mind Reading and Magic. With Max Major at Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. For more information and tickets visit <http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com>. Show is not recommended for children under 13.

Movie Premiere. "Signals 2" will premiere at the AMC Shirlington 7 in Arlington at 10 a.m.

Who Dwells in Shells? 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Families with children ages 7 and up can learn about shells and animals that live in them. If you have shells, bring them to share. \$5 due at registration. 703-228-3403. Program #642853-E.

Fabulous Fawns Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. All ages can enjoy learning about the deer with activities and more. \$5 due at registration, 703-228-3403. Program #642853-H.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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SUNDAY/JUNE 30

Music Performance. Hear music by Black Muddy River Band at 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, located at N. Columbus and N. 2nd Street. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org or call 703-228-1850.

Annual Firefly Festival. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 241 N. 24th St. All ages learn about critters that light up the night through games, crafts and more. Bring a picnic blanket and dinner to enjoy while the sun sets and the lights come out. \$7 due at registration. 703-228-6535. Program #642953-A.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 3-6

Magician Shows. The annual Society of American Magicians Conference to bring 1000 magicians and their families to Arlington for contests, workshops and meetings. Four shows will be open to the general public. Marriott Hotel Crystal Gateway at 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway. All show tickets are \$25. Visit <http://magicsam.com/annual-convention>.

THURSDAY/JULY 4TH

Festivities at Long Bridge Park. 3 p.m. at Long Bridge Park, 475 Long Bridge Drive. The event will begin with a food truck rally, arts and

crafts market, free fitness activities for all ages, live music, and more. Interested in being an event partner or vendor? Email lbarragan@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-3329.

FRIDAY/JULY 5

Wine tastings. 7 p.m. at One More Page bookstore, 2200 N Westmoreland St #101. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

JULY 5-27

Free Exhibit. Mystery: Solo Show by Nihal Kececi at Crystal City Shops at 2100 Crystal Drive. Visit

www.galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652. Opening Reception is Friday, July 5 from 5-8 p.m.

SATURDAY/JULY 6

Summer Concert. 7-9 p.m. Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Barbara Martin and Tara Lindhardt perform. Free. Contact Potomac Overlook Regional park at 703-528-5406 or www.nvrpa.org/potomacoverlook.

JULY 9-27

Musical. "Spin" at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Avenue. \$30. Visit www.signature-theatre.org.

JULY 9-AUG. 29

Classes for Adults. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 7-9:30 p.m. Arlington Arts Center is located at 3550 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-248-6800 or visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 11

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St #101. Joshua Kendall discusses "America's Obsessives: The Compulsive Energy That Built a Nation." Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

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ONGOING

'Unplugged' Concert Series.

Thursdays, June through August from 6-8 p.m. at Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd. Enjoy free performances of live acoustic music. Visit www.marketcommonclarendon.net or 703-785-5634.

Mr. Knick Knack. Fridays, June through October, 10:30 a.m. Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd., presents 45-minute performances for children. Visit www.marketcommonclarendon.net or 703-785-5634.

Storytime at Kinder Haus Toys.

10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays through Friday, Nov. 1. Children must be accompanied by an Adult. 1220 N. Fillmore St. Visit Kinderhaus.com or call 703-527-5929.

Group Bike Rides. Tuesday nights through September at 7 p.m., meet at Freshbikes Arlington Store, 3924 Wilson Blvd. All abilities welcome. Free. After the ride purchase food from various food trucks each week. Visit www.freshbikescycling.com for more.

Restaurants and Rhythms. The BID's free happy-hour live music series inside Rosslyn restaurants. Origem will bring Brazilian jazz to Le Méridien. Dave Chappel and friends will perform blues rock at the Hyatt Arlington and Mary Ann Redmond will sing jazz standards at the Key Bridge Marriott. Visit www.rosslynva.org for schedule.

Comedy. Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, located in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.

Comedy. Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("unclean"), both at Comedy Spot, located in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Call 703-294-LAFF or visit www.comedyindc.com.

Art Exhibit. See "An Artistic Discovery" exhibition through June 23 at Works in Progress Gallery at Artisphere, 1101

music by Josh Burgess. Free. Lawn chairs welcome. Visit www.marketcommonclarendon.net or 703-785-5634.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 20-23

BuddhaFest. Featuring films, spiritual talks, meditation and live music, BuddaFest returns to Artisphere. Robert Thurman joins author Sharon Salzberg on Saturday, June 22 for "Buddhism: A Joyous Science of Kindness and Wisdom." New at this year's festival is Tibet Fest, a family friendly event on Saturday, June 22, featuring the food, dance, music and spirit of Tibet. Children are admitted free, and activities include making birthday cards to send to the Dalai Lama and a Tibetan Market. Tibet Fest is inspired by Tibetan Buddhist culture and the global concern for its survival inside Tibet. A complete festival schedule, ticket pricing and venue information, is at www.buddhafest.org or email buddhafestdc@gmail.com.

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.rosslynva.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Improv Classes. Learn improv at Comedy Spot, located in Ballston Common Mall, at 4238 Wilson Blvd. Visit comedyindc.com or call 703-294-LAFF.

3rd Annual Erica Paul "Fabulous" Event. 5-9 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. Chris4Life Colon Cancer Foundation holds its annual event in memory of Erica Paul that includes happy hour, dancing and auction. \$25 online and \$30 at the door. Visit www.chris4life.org/events for tickets.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 22-23

Arlington Festival of the Arts. More than 100 artists will converge on 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. Food festival hosted by the Clarendon Alliance. Art giveaway where the prize is original artwork by a participating artist, no purchase necessary to participate. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Visit www.ArtFestival.com or 561-746-6615.

MONDAY/JUNE 24

Improv Classes. Learn improv at Comedy Spot, located in Ballston Common Mall, at 4238 Wilson Blvd. Visit comedyindc.com or call 703-294-LAFF.

Ibis Chamber Music. 7:30 p.m. at The IOTA Club & Cafe at 2832 Wilson Boulevard. Enjoy music for strings, flute and harp along with music by Mozart, Beaser, Francaix, Hoover and Gershwin. Cover charge \$12, at the door. Call 803-522-8340.

JUNE 24 THROUGH AUG. 23

Week-long Summer Classes. Children can take art classes from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1:30-4 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for a list of classes and to register. 703-248-

Art Festival

Highland Street in the Clarendon District of Arlington will be transformed into an outdoor art gallery when the Arlington Festival of the Arts debuts on Saturday, June 22-Sunday, June 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Festival patrons can expect to see bold and vibrant paintings, contemporary and whimsical art, life-size sculptures, photography, handcrafted jewelry and much more. A food festival hosted by the Clarendon Alliance will be located adjacent to the Metro Station stop on Clarendon Boulevard and Highland Street. Admission to the art show is free and open to the public.

This two-day event will showcase the work of more than 150 leading artists in the country and will appeal to people of all ages including families, art enthusiasts and serious collectors looking for new and emerging talent. Artists will line North Highland Street from 13th Street North past Wilson Boulevard, Clarendon Boulevard and the metro station, and will end on Washington Boulevard. All artists will be on site for the duration of the show, available to discuss their art, techniques and inspiration.

An art giveaway will give festival patrons an opportunity to win original artwork by participating artists Connie and Jimmy Langford. This couple specializes in metal, paying close attention to texture and color while creating bold works of art. The giveaway prize, a hand etched and colored 18" x 18" stainless steel wall sculpture titled "Going Wild With Color" is valued at \$450. It will be on display at their booth throughout the weekend where registration will also take place until 4 p.m. on Sunday when the winning ticket will be drawn. No purchase is necessary to participate in this giveaway.

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blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 27

Music. 6-8 p.m. at Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd. Hear music by Willem Dicke. Free. Lawn chairs welcome. Call 703-785-5634 or visit marketcommonclarendon.net.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Film Festival. "10 Things I Hate About 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.rosslynva.org.

Music Performance. Gangstagrass Friday, June 28, 8:30 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard. Mention Artisphere at Rosslyn's Piola restaurant and get 20 percent off your meal before or after the show. Order tickets at www.artisphere.com.

JUNE 29-OCT. 13

Art Exhibition. Green Acres. Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Boulevard. Contact 703-248-6800 or visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

Mixed Media Exhibit. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Boulevard. Opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 6-9 p.m. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

Special Art Exhibition. Dupont Market. Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Boulevard. Call 703-248-6800 or visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 2

Arlington BBQ Tuesday Night Rides. 7 p.m. at Freshbikes Cycling, 3924 Wilson Blvd. Free. All abilities welcome. Free food and drink after the ride. Visit www.freshbikescycling.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 4

Music. 6-8 p.m. at Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd. Hear music by David Andrew Smith. Free. Lawn chairs welcome. Visit www.marketcommonclarendon.net or 703-785-5634.

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

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.rosslynva.org.

JULY 15 THROUGH AUG. 16

Week-long Summer Classes. Teens can take art classes from 1-4 p.m. or 1:30-4 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for a list of classes and to register. 703-248-6800.

FRIDAY/JULY 19

Film Festival. "She's All That" (PG-13) 1999 - 95 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.rosslynva.org.

MONDAY/JULY 22

Performance. Shannon Whitworth performs at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., at 8:30 p.m. \$12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

FRIDAY/JULY 26

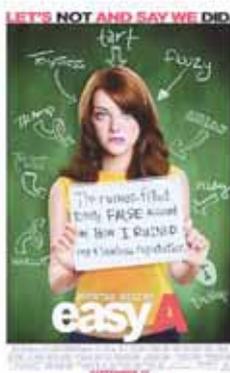
Film Festival. "Fame" (R) 1980 - 134 minutes. Films begin at Dusk in Gateway Park, rain or shine. Gateway Park is located at the foot of Key Bridge at 1300 Lee Highway, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 2

Film Festival. "Can't Hardly Wait" (PG-13) 1998 - 100 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.rosslynva.org.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Different from last week's column on the testing subject, "Full Circle," this week's column addresses another emotional battleground: the unknown. Other than selling computers out of Frank Costanza's house and reaching a "Serenity Now"-type nirvana with each sale, outlets available to yours truly - one of many terminal cancer patients anticipating results from a CT scan of my lungs/upper torso, and in turn awaiting the electronic exchange from my oncologist advising me of said results - are difficult to come by. And even though I'm experienced at this process, four-plus years and counting, literally; and accustomed as well to the "cycle of loom," familiar it has become; easier however, it has not.

In effect, this testing and waiting for the results is its own test: of patience, self-discipline, endurance, forbearance; so I tell myself: "Serenity Now," and hope there's not insanity later, as there was for Lloyd Braun on this most memorable Seinfeld episode.

However much I want to pretend, deny and minimize the significance of these results, the reality is, my life sort of depends on them. Moreover the digital images that will appear on the computer screen in the doctor's office will indeed tell the tale, hopefully not of woe. Yours truly hemming and hawing and being asymptomatic are all irrelevant once the radiologist hits send and the images/results end up in my oncologist's inbox. That's when the rubber will truly hit the road and I will learn if my future is now or later.

So you bet it's a test, and it's no stinkin' multiple guess/multiple choice test either. It's a test of character, of will; you against yourself. And though you'd like the best man to win and for you to be the best man, the reality is: cancer may be the man and you may not be. As much as you try, there's an inevitability to science and medicine and not always does the best man win. Death and taxes are inevitable, as the old joke goes - for a reason!

Unfortunately, in many patients, cancer kills; it's not a feeling, it's a fact. My job as a cancer patient is to resist and not succumb to its devastating devices. Every day is a test, physically and especially emotionally. One's effects I can attempt to semi control, the other, not so much. As I cycle around to my next scan, I am reminded of how challenging this whole cancer trip has been. And though I've been there and been doing it now for nearly four and one half years post-diagnosis, each scan presents new risks. For cancer patients though, these scans are a necessity of life. Unfortunately - and this is our harsh reality, they may also be a precursor of death. Try studying for that.

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Harvesting Time At Reevesland

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Well into the 1990s, Nelson Reeves was well-known for his beets — which are remembered as being the size of a child's head. And then there was his distinctive way of introducing himself to people on the street in the Boulevard Manor neighborhood

"Hi," he would say. "I'm your neighbor, Nelson Reeves."

After Reeves died, the county government acquired the property in 2001. One reason for the purchase was to prevent the expansive greenspace from being developed into a new subdivision. County officials say that the preservation of the house and property has been a success in its own right, preventing a developer from demolishing the historic structure and subdividing the land.

"They could have sold this piece of property to some developers, and we would have McMansions in our backyard," said Judy Massabny, a neighbor. "Mister Reeves wanted the property to stay intact and always be a reminder that there was a dairy farm here."

A DECADE came and went, yet nothing happened at Reevesland. Until now. Last week, the Urban Agriculture Task Force issued a report with a series of recommendations about everything from community gardens to municipal composting. One of the top nine recommendations was to ensure urban agriculture education with an adaptive reuse or repurposing

of the Reevesland historic farmhouse. Recommendation B.1.4 suggests that the county transform the property into a learning center.

"Coordinate with non-profit organizations seeking to provide learning opportunities and demonstration sites for best practices in food production," the report concludes. "An example is the proposal, currently in a "Request for Information" process with the county, to enable the county-owned historic Reevesland farmhouse in Bluemont Park to be rehabilitated and re-opened as a non-profit learning center with community-school collaboration."

Part of that goal has already materialized. Last week, a group of third graders from nearby Ashlawn Elementary School arrived at the school on a warm June afternoon recently to conduct the third and final harvest of lettuce this year. The children were harvesting the lettuce to donate to the Arlington Food Assistance Center, a charity that gives nutrition to people in need.

"It was fun to, like, come out here and not have to go to the store to get it," said third grader Grace Gent. "One it's a waste of time and two it's boring to sit in the car a while."

In the coming months, members of the Arlington County Board will formally consider the recommendation to transform the old farmhouse into a learning center, which could cost as much as \$1.3 million.



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Supporting Arlington Free Clinic

Local residents participate in a community yoga class fundraiser to help benefit the Arlington Free Clinic on June 2. Yoga instructor Ginny Loving helps students during a yoga session inside the clinic.



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Rising to Boys & Girls Clubs' 'Youth of the Year'

With help of Boys & Girls Clubs, local immigrant student receives full college scholarship.

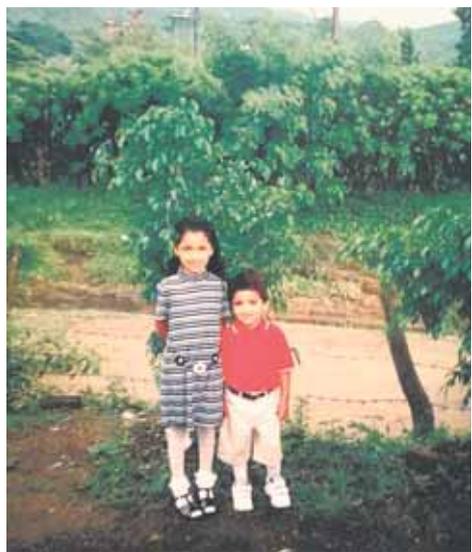
BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Today, Henry Lopez has a bright future, complete with a full scholarship to college. It wasn't always that way, however, and he remembers being a preschool student in a foreign country, unfamiliar with the language and culture, fighting to learn, to fit in, to avoid falling into a gang.

The Boys & Girls Clubs proved an invaluable help to him in this struggle, and Henry was just selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia.

"For my family, the American dream when we came here in 1999 was survival," said Henry, who graduated from JEB Stuart High School in Falls Church last week. "In Guatemala, my parents realized that there was no money [or] opportunity to obtain it, so the only way to care for my [family] was to come to the United States."

THAT DREAM has gone far beyond survival, as Henry was accepted into George Mason University's Honors College and awarded a full academic scholarship to the Fairfax school as a University Scholar. Henry was one of 21 students selected from a pool of 1,500 applicants who were expected to "possess exemplary records of academic achievement ... demonstrate evidence of intellectual vision, a commitment to the obligations of citizenship and the potential to overcome obstacles and solve challenging problems," according to Anthony Dyer



Henry Lopez (pictured here in Guatemala with his sister Yuri) moved with his family to Falls Church in search of the American dream. Earlier this month, he graduated from high school with a 4.3 G.P.A., was awarded a full scholarship to George Mason University and was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF HENRY LOPEZ

Henry Lopez (center) is pictured at home with (from left) with his mother Emerita, his brother William, his sister Yuri and his father Arnoldo. Henry, who was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia, credits his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax with helping him realize his dreams.

Hoefer, Ph.D., the director of Mason's University Scholars Program and an Old Town Alexandria resident.

His college application wasn't the first time he impressed George Mason officials, however. While still in the eighth grade, Henry was accepted into George Mason's Early Identification Program, which supports and enriches students who will be the first in their families to attend college.

"He was an exceptional first generation college student," said Lewis E. Forrest II, the program's executive director. "Recently, I was looking over his eighth grade application and he stated that his number one goal was to go to college. Not only has he met that goal, he has gained a positive reputation before he has even enrolled in classes here at Mason."

Henry graduated with a 4.3 GPA as a member of the National Honor Society, as well as vice president of the JEB Stuart High School's chapter of the Spanish Honor Society. Among a lengthy list of academic and extracurricular accomplishments, he also served on his high school's Student Government Association and ran on the varsity cross-country team. While he's proud of his accomplishments, he gives much of the credit to the support he received from his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCW), Fairfax region located in Falls Church, Mount Vernon and Herndon.

Henry says his appreciation of hard work came from his parents: Emerita Lopez, who works as a housekeeper, and Arnoldo Lopez, a day laborer.

"Witnessing my parents physically push themselves every day had a tremendous impact on me," said Henry. "I saw their situation and they constantly reminded me that they didn't want me to clean houses or mow lawns."

Emerita said she and her husband had loftier goals for Henry, his 21-year-old sis-

ter Yuri and his 13-year-old brother William. "I came here with my husband because it meant a much better life for my kids, but I had to work hard every day," she said.

THE LOPEZ FAMILY moved to the Culmore neighborhood of Falls Church 15 years ago. It's an area with affordable housing, but also gang activity, so the Lopezes found protection for their children in the form of the Culmore Chapter of the Boys & Girls Clubs.

"I start working at 8 in the morning and finished at 8 at night," said Emerita. "I work as a housekeeper so we don't have much money for babysitters. I was looking for a safe place for my kids while I worked long hours. When [they were] at the club, I knew that [they were] safe."

Henry says that at the time, he was unaware of the danger that lurked in Culmore. "I had to grow up at a young age," he said.

The Boys & Girls Clubs not only provided safety, it taught him to dream. "It would have been very easy to be influenced by gang activity because my parents were working all the time," he said. "The Boys & Girls Clubs gave activities, provided me a place to go to learn about college and explore careers. Had it not been for the Boys & Girls Clubs, I would not have had the vision of going to college."

Wonhee Kang, regional director of the Fairfax County Region Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, has served an important role in Henry's life. "When I first met him, he was 4," she said. "It was right after he arrived in this country from Guatemala. When he first came to the club, he didn't speak any English. He was hiding and he was very shy."

Over the past 14 years, Kang has watched Lopez evolve from that shy little boy into an eloquent orator and a proficient scholar. "I've been watching him grow year after year. He learned slowly about culture, cul-

ture of the club and community," she said. "There were times when he didn't have appropriate clothes for speaking engagements and competitions so we made sure that he had a suit. I took him to our Youth of the Year competition in Newport News, Va., and that was his first time staying a hotel. The kids may not have [much] financially, but these are amazing young people."

Kang said that Henry was always interested in academics. "He enjoyed the power hour, which is time for studying and homework. That made him strong academically and helped him earn a scholarship to George Mason University. He got into five universities, but he got a full scholarship from George Mason."

Henry was selected to speak at the 28th Annual Tim Russert Congressional Dinner presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington last month, an annual fundraising event for the Boys & Girls Clubs. Kang also invited Henry's family "because this is a once-in-a-lifetime event for Henry.

It was the first time in Henry's life his father was able to attend one of his activities. "It is not that doesn't want to," Kang said. "A lot of times his work schedule doesn't allow it, but he is also afraid to go to events where the majority of people speak English and he doesn't."

Kang's effort to ensure that Henry's family attended the dinner proved to be a profound gesture. "I was overwhelmed the whole time because I had never gone to such an elegant event," said Henry's father, Arnoldo, through an interpreter. "Tears could not stay away as [Henry] spoke. It was hard for me to believe that he was talking in front of so many people."

DURING HIS SPEECH, Henry told the crowd about the challenges he faced growing up in Virginia as an immigrant with financial limitations. "Looking back, the Clubs taught me to channel my responsibilities and develop a balance, providing me with a normal childhood. If it were not for the Boys & Girls Clubs, I would not be pursuing every resource to make a better future for myself and others."

Representatives from George Mason were in the audience for Henry's speech. "There were members of Congress, multimillionaire donors and representatives from the community who spoke," said Hoefer. Henry, however, "was the one person who blew the crowd away. People were teary and getting choked up. He's the best example of what those programs can do for kids who don't have opportunities."

When Henry begins college this fall, he will be embarking on a lifetime of potential and fulfilling one of the first goals that he set for himself. "The chance of college is a real opportunity and I'm willing to work for it," said Henry. "It is personal story for me, but it is [also] a story for other youth in search of the American dream even if you have even if they have financial limitations."

HOME SALES

In May 2013, 335 Arlington homes sold between \$2,010,000-\$120,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,010,000-\$1,392,500 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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REAL ESTATE NOTES

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John Plank in Arlington, of **Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.**, ranked 204th out of 250 for real estate teams nationwide, based on closed sales volume in 2011, as ranked by The Wall Street Journal and REAL Trends, Inc.

Equity Residential's 2201 Pershing, a new apartment community in the Clarendon neighborhood of Arlington, is now 67 percent leased and 57 percent occupied after opening in September 2012. Located in the Clarendon neighborhood of Arlington, 2201 Pershing is made up of two residential buildings, with homes starting at \$2,025. 2201 Pershing offers its residents access to its Transportation Management Program, featuring an on-site ZipCar station, electric car-charging station, Capital Bikeshare station, and easy access to WMATA Metrobus stops and Courthouse and Clarendon Metro stations.

2201 Pershing is a smoke-free, pet-friendly community with such amenities as a clubroom, fitness center, and media/theater room. The highlight of the property is an elevated courtyard with extensive landscaping, fire pit, outdoor kitchen and grill area, cabanas, and outdoor movie theatre wall.

Visit www.Live2201Pershing.com or call the leasing office at 703-312-2201.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Arlington office recently opened its newly designed office, located at 4500 Old Dominion Drive. Exterior changes include the blue-painted roof, landscaping, a renovated parking lot. Interior renovations include a top-of-the-line heating, ventilation and cooling system, new flooring and lighting, larger conference rooms, and an open work space for the 18 sales associates based in the office.

J Street Companies represented Rosslyn Center Associates, L.P. in a 10,251 square foot renewal lease to **DevTech Systems** for the 17th floor of 1700 N. Moore St. DevTech is an international consulting firm dedicated to development. Founded in 1984, DevTech has provided advisory services and technical assistance to government, private-sector, and civil-society stakeholders in more than 100 countries.

LM&O Advertising has signed a 10-year lease for 21,000 square feet at Skanska's 1776 Wilson Blvd. in Rosslyn. The company plans to move its headquarters to the top floor of the five-story property in December, from 2000 14th St., N.W. The new office will feature new amenities, an eco-friendly design and proximity to two Metro stops.

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Talking to Children About Race Local experts offer advice.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Rene Todd says the subject of race first came up for discussion in her family when her elementary school-aged son Parker began to notice mixed-race families at his school. “We had an honest conversation about racial and ethnic differences,” said Todd, who lives in Bethesda, Md. “Our community is very diverse so we are exposed to people of many backgrounds.”

Local experts say this approach is important because as children enter elementary school, and sometimes even earlier, they begin to notice skin color and other physical characteristics. The way their parents respond is critical to the attitudes that children develop about race.

“In early childhood, children are so egocentric that they think everybody is like them,” said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. “Around elementary school, they make cognitive shift developments.”

As children’s cognitive abilities develop, they begin to ask questions about skin color, eye shape and hair texture. They also categorize people and place value judgments on these traits.

“Even as young as three, children notice race,” said Potomac, Md., based child psychiatrist Bruce P. Pfeffer. “Differences in appearance should be acknowledged because a child sees it. The most important thing that should be emphasized by parents is individual qualities of the person. See people as people and not focus on racial differences. This way children will learn to value people for what they stand for.”

Fred Bemak, Ed.D., a professor in the Counseling and Development Program at George Mason University in Fairfax, and also founder and director of the school’s Diversity Research and Action Center, says one of the biggest mistakes parents can make is to avoid a discussion of race.



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Rene Todd believes in having honest conversations about race with her elementary school-aged son Parker.

“It is critical that we have those discussions with children,” he said. “One myth is that if we raise the issue [of race] we’re going to create bias. All the research says that it is not true. We know that long-term kids carry negative attitudes toward race when it is not discussed openly and appropriately.”

Katy Swalwell, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, agrees, saying honest conversations about race and ethnicity don’t equal racism. “I think some parents mistake racial comments for racist comments and avoid talking about race completely in an effort not to be racist. In fact, color blindness — or color muteness — is not the opposite of racism, antiracism is.” Antiracism, said Swalwell, “includes both celebrating and

welcoming diversity as well as engaging with kids about inequalities and injustices.”

As with other sensitive topics, experts advise having an open dialogue about race with children early and often. “Embarrassment or silence gives your child the impression that the topic is off-limits,” said Bemak. He pointed to a 2006 study published in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* that showed white parents are three times less likely to talk with their children about race than parents of color.

PARENTS SHOULD REMEMBER that they serve as their children’s most influential role models. Pfeffer suggests “inviting people of different backgrounds into your home. [Model] to your child that people who may look different can also be loving and intelligent, and that you as parents enjoy them.”

While Gulyn said that it’s important to let children express what they’re thinking, if you’re silent after a bigoted remark, your child can interpret that comment as acceptable or accurate. “Probe a little bit,” said Gulyn. “If a child says something like ‘that black girl,’ it is OK to jump in and say ‘Wait, what is her name?’ Always say that there are other dimensions to people than skin color. Recognize that skin color is important but that people are multidimensional.”

This goes for parents as well. “Avoid identifying people by race, as if it is the most important characteristic of someone,” said Gulyn. “Parents should catch themselves describing someone by their skin color when it is not relevant.” “Children will learn from your actions as well as your words, even in subtle ways,” Gulyn said. “A good place to start is for parents to examine their own belief systems or attitudes.”

In fact, parents should not only openly acknowledge different backgrounds, but celebrate them, according to Pfeffer. “It is important to construct fun activities and explore things such as Chinese New Year or Cinco de Mayo and have fun with children

so they can experience the culture in a way that they understand,” he said. “Children learn much better when they have fun.”

Gulyn discourages parents from over-emphasizing race, however. “Try to catch yourself saying things like kids from El Salvador are really good at soccer,” she said. “Being overly positive is called reverse racism. People are complex and not only defined by their skin color.”

Swalwell said parents can send children subtle messages about race, such as the way adults of different races interact with one another, or the types of dolls, books and toys they expose their children to. “The most powerful work can be done with really young kids,” she said. “There are actions beyond the talk: The dolls that you have in your house, that they don’t just represent your family’s race. The books that you check out from the library, make sure they have representatives of different kids of people.

... If you only saw books of only white kids, over time that really shapes [the] subconscious ways in which you really think about the world.” Gulyn says parents of biracial children or parents who adopt children who are of a different race might have an extra layer of complexity. “Those kids have a tougher time with identity,” she said. “It is important for parents to acknowledge to a child that there is a racial difference.”

This might be particularly noticeable in middle school when children are naturally developing a sense of identity. “Kids will have extra struggles with identity development, especially in middle school, but parents are really instrumental in it,” Gulyn said. “Biracial parents have the responsibility to acknowledge that this is going to be an issue for the child. A child might be asked, ‘Are you really so-and-so’s kid? You look black but you have a white mom.’”

How should a parent handle such a situation? “Acknowledge the racial differences, but talk about it with a sense of pride: ‘This is who I am,’” Gulyn said. “You are great parts of both parents, not just skin color.”



Mission Possible

St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington seeks to be the first k-8 program in the U.S. to have a student-built satellite launched into orbit by 2014. With the assistance of computer teacher Melissa Pore and parent and NASA mission manager Joe Pellegrino, students built a CubeSat satellite, approximately four inches long and weighing about three pounds. The school received its first donation of \$10,000 from ATK Space Systems to assist in the building and launching of this project. Alley Rozzi, mechanical technician, 7th grade; Annemarie Cake, safety and mission assurance manager, 6th grade; Tony Rozzi, mission system engineer, 5th grade; Mario Rozzi, ground system engineer, 3rd grade; Bella Rozzi, graphics engineer, 2nd grade, and Travis Pore, camera engineer, 2nd grade, answer questions after a cube satellite demonstration at the David M. Brown Planetarium on Friday, June 14.



Students display the actual satellite to be launched in 2014.

PEOPLE



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Dance Out For Jane DC

Irish dancers from Arlington to Baltimore united to raise more than \$10,000 for one of their own in Dorchester, Mass., who was seriously injured in the Boston Marathon bombing. The Dance Out For Jane DC event at P. Brennan's in Arlington, providing three hours of Irish dancing entertainment, was designed to support the family of 7-year-old Irish dancer Jane Richard, who was seriously injured in Boston. Her 8-year-old brother, Martin, was killed in the attack, and her mother also was seriously injured. Contributions to the Richard Family can be made online at www.RichardFamilyFund.org



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Grandma Parade

Vilma Oxenford and Bep Glennon hold a banner of appreciation as they kick off the 1st Grandma Parade in Gateway Park in Rosslyn on June 9. Artist Rae Goodwin's "All Grandmothers Are Superheroes," paid homage to matriarchs with a parade and interactive installation as part of SuperNOVA, a Rosslyn Arts Project, presented by the Rosslyn BID and produced by The Pink Line Project's Philippa Hughes.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Kimheng Ngeh has graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in public relations.

Zachary James Madison graduated magna cum laude from Hampden-Sydney College with a bachelor of arts degree in English. He is a graduate of Yorktown High School and the son of George and Carol Madison of Arlington.

Jillian Luoma-Overstreet was recognized for academic achievement at the college's annual Honors Day convocation on May 3. She is the daughter of Charles and Kristine Luoma-Overstreet.

Natalia Froberg graduated from Randolph College with a bachelor of arts degree in art (studio).

Sylvia Braun, a sophomore art education major was the recipient of The Jenelle Stocker Memorial Art Award during the annual Honors Day Convocation at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo.

Mattson C. Fields graduated cum laude from University of Mary Washington with a bachelor of arts degree in studio art. He received departmental honors in studio art.

Anne R. Grasselli graduated summa cum laude from University of

Mary Washington with a bachelor of arts degree in art history. She received departmental honors in art history.

The Virginia Council on Women, in collaboration with the Science Museum of Virginia announced the winners of the 2nd annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Essay Contest for high school junior and senior girls. **Samantha Spytek** received honorable recognition and won \$2,000. She is a senior at Wakefield High School.

Beginning in late July, Fairfax County Public Schools staff member **Michael Cruse** will study neotropical ecology in Costa Rica.

Jessica Neupane, the daughter of Ram and Goma Neupane, was recognized for her outstanding participation in the 2013 Randolph-Macon Academy Sophomore Speech Contest. Jessica received third place for her speech, "Is Abortion Taking a Life or Saving One?," in the Persuasive Speech category.

Amy R. Law received a bachelor of science cum laude degree in nutrition and food sciences at University of Vermont.

Blene Hailu graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from Eastern Mennonite University.

Nathan Hughes a freshman majoring in robotics engineering, was named to Worcester Polytechnic Institute's dean's list.



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Community Day

Robia Shaheed, Ahsria Tamba, Manna Tamba, Sabira Williams, Inaya Tamba, Hanaan Hakim, Muhammad Shaheed, Dyaand Shaheed and Idris Hakim sell cookies as customers walk through the 35th annual Leeway Overlee Community Day and Yard Sale on June 1.

Open House



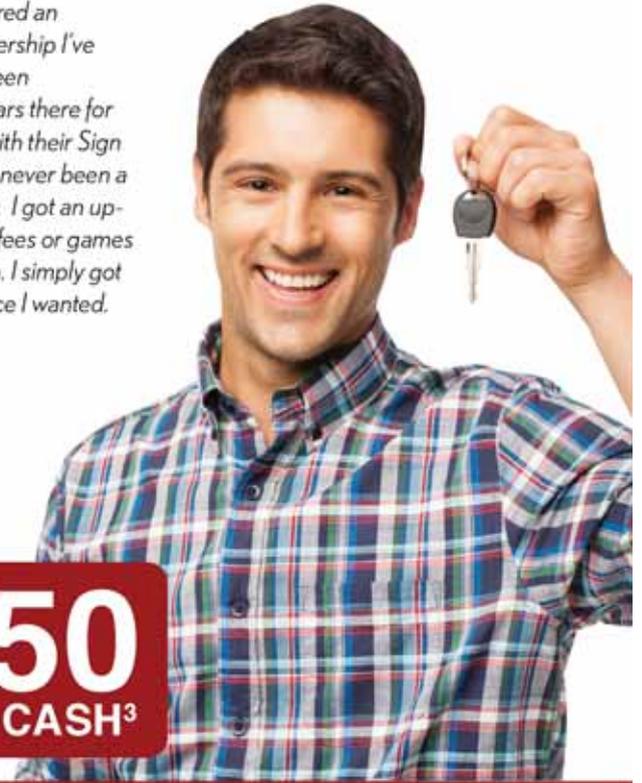
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Instructor Irina Wunder teaches her students Sophia Guralnik and Tatiana Baugh how to make a perfect diamond pose with their hands during a free demonstration class of ballet during the BalletNova Center for Dance open house on June 1.

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