Exhibit Spotlights One Person Shows

Defne Tunceii performing as Sezen Aksu, Turkish pop singer, during the one-person shows at Yorktown High School last month. Photos from the performances are on exhibit at Cassatt’s Kiwi Cafe on Lee Highway through May 7.

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Helping Immigrants

By Shirley Ruhe
The Connection

T he Just Neighbors office on Columbia Pike is bustling. The phone rings with an immigrant inquiry on how to get a green card or apply for a work permit. Phone volunteers ask an initial set of questions. An initial triage of clients for the interview process determines if this is the kind of case Just Neighbors handles, do they have the capacity or does it need to be referred out. Erin McKenney, executive director of Just Neighbors, says they handled 650-700 clients last year and turned away 1,000 due to lack of capacity.

A Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) client (sometimes referred to as dreamers) has come into the office to apply for citizenship for their child.

“We have just started taking applications again,” McKenney said. “We were only processing two-year renewals but stopped taking new applications right after the election because we thought there was a good possibility the Administration would vacate Obama’s order on dreamers.”

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Just Neighbors is a non-profit organization providing legal services to low-income immigrants in Northern Virginia focusing on humanitarian cases. The breakdown of services is 18 percent of the cases for DACA, 25 percent for victims of domestic violence, 6 percent employment authorization, 22 percent advice and counsel and 29 percent for refugees and asylees. Fifty-eight percent of their clients live in Fairfax with 16 percent in Arlington and others in Alexandria, Prince William and Loudoun. Just Neighbors is funded by contributions from government grants and foundations, faith communities, businesses, and individuals.

Volunteer hours at Just Neighbors in 2016 were valued at $400,000, almost equaling the entire Just Neighbors budget. Just Neighbors provides services to immigrants with a legal pathway to citizenship. They have served over 10,000 clients from 130 countries over the last 20 years.

Erin McKenney, executive director of Just Neighbors, says in recent months the phones have been ringing off the hook with people volunteering time and money and wanting to sponsor families.

Sarah Milad, one of the three staff immigration attorneys, has just interviewed a DACA renewal client. “It’s a great story. He is on his third renewal and about to become married to a U.S. citizen. His mother was here with him today; she was so happy. It will be a normalized status soon.”

Maria Maldonado, a volunteer attorney, is photocopying the thick stack of paper submitted by a DACA client. McKenney says in the initial screening meetings volunteers collect a wide variety of demographic information on ethnicity, source of income, family composition, plus copies of passports and other official documents and any information such as interactions with police.

Right now “we are taking only squeaky clean clients because anything, even a minor offense, adds an element of risk,” McKenney said.

In the initial meeting Just Neighbors collects $100 as a legal fee to cover all future costs. “For a domestic abuse victim it was estimated that 10 percent of undocumented probably had a pathway to citizenship but didn’t have the knowledge or money to apply. After any required medical check-ups, police reports or other documents have been submitted, the case is sent in to USCIS. “In a good it case it may take six to eight weeks,” McKenney said, “it takes about two years to get provisional approval which allows you to get a work permit. Then it takes another two years or longer to get the U visa. Legal status takes four to six more years.”

A DACA applicant on his second renewal says Just Neighbors made this a streamlined, smooth application process for him: “They told me what I needed to bring, helped fill out all of the forms and sent in all documents.” He continued that the entire process would be very complicated and “I’d probably not do something correct. There are a lot of people out there who don’t know.” He says he has been in America since he was 7 years old. “I grew up here. I consider this my country. If the DACA order is repealed and I had to return to Peru, I don’t know what I would do over there. I’m not familiar with the culture. I would be lost for a while.”

McKenney said, “We have had a rush of volunteers recently, and the phones are ringing off the hook. I probably get five new volunteers a week.” The organization’s volunteer coordinator sits at a long table working on scheduling and organizing volunteer activities. Behind her a volunteer sits translating a client’s story from Spanish into English to add to his stack of papers.

“We always try to have one Spanish-speaking person available to answer the phones,” McKenney said. “We had 154 volunteers last year, a number of them are attorneys who are retired and were not originally immigration lawyers. Immigration law competes only with tax law in its complexity.” McKenney adds that some of the volunteers work once a month and others may work 8-15 hours a week.

Lisa Tranjury said that she started out interviewing clients but now “I’m not a typical volunteer anymore.” Tranjury serves as treasurer on the Just Neighbors Board of Directors. She says she first got interested because she had taught in a school with a large immigrant population “and I had an investment.”

On the other side it’s a bad time because of fear. “We have happy, sad and angry — all kinds of stories,” Tranjury said. McKenney adds that immigrants don’t show up in their usual places because they are afraid, even if they are citizens, because they think ICE will arrest them. She explains there is also a fear of separation. Children are afraid they will come home and their parents will be gone.

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After marching and chanting in the streets by airport workers for years about the need to reform airport labor conditions, someone finally listened. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board voted on April 19 to require businesses that do business at all local airports to pay contract workers a base hourly salary of $11.55 starting January 2018. That hourly salary requirement increases annually up to $12.75 in 2020.

For local labor groups, it’s not the $14.27 many were asking for, but it’s a start. A week before the decision was announced, on April 12, dozens of food service workers and supporters from other labor groups came out to advocate a living wage for all airport workers. They were joined by Del. Alfonso Lopez and state Sen. Barbara Favola, who expressed support for the group. Dozens of workers dressed in red marched from Gravelly Point near the airport to the Martin Luther King Memorial in D.C.

“There’s a big difference in how we treat airport workers,” said Bent Bayou, an organizer of the march. “Airport workers make $8.25 or $8.50 for airlines making billions in profits. We’re asking for equality among airline workers for at least a $14.27 living wage.”

“I see, in my job, problems that I can’t fix alone,” said Remy Jones, a food assembler at Reagan National Airport who lives in Alexandria. “We’re understaffed, working multiple people’s jobs, and some of that stems from the low pay. [Once we fix that] it will start to help the other problems.” After rent is paid each month, Jones says he has just $100 left from what he makes each month to pay for food and transportation costs.

“高turnover rate among hourly employees,” said Andrew Tull, media relations coordinator for MWAA. “One way to do that is a more competitive wage policy … This applies to anyone who works on airport grounds or airport properties. Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, anyone who is considered an affected employee will be governed by this new policy.”

Many of the workers said that the current pay leaves them unable to afford basic services or provide for their families.

“We need to stand up for ourselves,” said James Yon, a warehouse worker at Reagan National Airport. Yon said when he first started, the hours were fine, but that they have since been cut back. Yon, who lives in D.C., said the less hours and pay that hasn’t adjusted for cost of living has been taking a toll. “Now, I’m late on making rent payments. They keep adding responsibilities to our job, but the pay doesn’t change.”

Eric Williams, another food worker at Reagan National Airport, said a living wage was the first big step for the food assemblers and other airport laborers. After this, Williams said he hopes to push for adequate paid leave and a more efficient clocking in and out system.

“I come to work with a good attitude … but [the low pay] is a morale killer,” said Williams. “A lot of the system’s inadequacies are pushed down to the workers.”

State Sen. Barbara Favola attends the march to express support for increased wages for airport workers.

Emad Hinin (second from left) works at Reagan National Airport, marching with Ebrah Hinin (left) Marina Neana (center) and Berolos Neana.
Choir Brings Home the Gold

The Yorktown Chamber Choir competed in the WorldStrides OnStage Heritage Music Festival with conductors and adjudicators from around the world. The Chamber Choir received Gold-1st place in the division of High School Chamber Choir. The choir sang the madrigal “In These Delightful, Pleasant Groves,” the Charlie Chaplin favorite “Smile,” and the high-energy spiritual “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit.” The choir also saw a musical on Broadway, visited the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art and explored Coney Island.

Board Adopts $1.25 Billion Budget

The Arlington County Board adopted a $1.25 billion General Fund Budget on April 22 for Fiscal Year 2018 that includes a one-and-a-half-cent increase in the real estate tax rate for Calendar Year 2017.

County Manager Mark Schwartz had proposed a two-cent increase in the real estate tax rate to provide additional funding for Metro and Arlington Public Schools. The board chose to make cuts and reallocations to the manager’s proposed budget to keep the increase to one-and-a-half cents per $100 of assessed property value. This will increase the tax rate from the current $0.991 per $100 of assessed value to $1.006 per $100 of assessed value (including stormwater tax).

The board also approved increases in several fees, including:

❖ An increase of $6.88 per year in the household solid waste rate, bringing the rate to $314.16 per year.
❖ An increase to $13.62 per thousand gallons in the water/sewer rate, which would mean an estimated annual increase of $24.50 per household, to meet inflationary costs and investments in core water and sewer infrastructure.
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**Determination at the GW Parkway Classic**

Jamie Watts will be pleased when she sees her time for the 33rd annual George Washington Parkway Classic. She cut her time down to six hours and 20 minutes, covering the 10 miles with the kind of dedication she shows in the rest of her life. Alexandria residents cheered her on as she closed in on the end of the race in Old Town. Donald Trilling, the oldest participant in the race, will be pleased he once again came in just short of last. His time was four hours and 51 minutes, which is not bad for 89.

The GW Parkway race again proved to be an inspiring race on Saturday, April 23. Four thousand four hundred and eighty-one runners ran 10 miles. Another 1,318 runners ran the 5K race. As they did last year, Pacers Running Shops handled logistics, busing runners into the start and back to their parking lots, with Two Men and a Truck shuttling belongings. Starbucks offering coffee, the National Park Service taking pictures of participants, bands entertaining, Port City Brewing handing out beers, and local residents, volunteers, and security officials providing a friendly buffer along the parkway.

Once again, running groups raising money for veterans, neighbors in need, and breast cancer were there, getting shout-outs on the public address system.

Meredith Klinger, who was running her first GW Parkway race, and who began to run for the first time in her life this year, finished in just over two hours with a 12:05 mile.

— Eden Brown

**Arlington Thrive Runners Raise $13,000**

Andrew Schneider, executive director of Arlington Thrive, did not come in last on Sunday, April 23. After months of training for the race along with other “Resolve to Run” participants, Schneider turned in a time of 2 hours 16 minutes and 35 seconds. Best of all, he and his fellow runners raised over $13,000 for Thrive by running. That is still $7,000 short of the goal of $20,000, but runners are confident their supporters will continue to send in money up to the deadline for contributions, on May 1. Supporters can send checks to show runners their miles mattered.

The 10 mile finishers with Denny Pinch, who helped train the group over the past four months, are, from left, Blair Moorhead, Nancy White, Jill Barker, Coach Denny Pinch, Chuck Bean, Kelly Yuzawa, Kathy Bates, and Lisa Crosswell.

Photos by Eden Brown/The Connection

Andrew Schneider crosses the finish line on Sunday.

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AIRE energy-saving program by $348,168. The money will be used to fund an environmental management position previously funded with General Fund dollars, a consultant to update the Community Energy Plan and more county building energy retrofits.

❖ A new $60 accessory homestay permit fee.

The average homeowner’s tax and fee burden will rise from $8,305 to $8,582 — a $277 or 3 percent increase.

The board voted 5 to 0 to adopt the budget, and 5 to 0 to increase the tax rate by 1.5 cents. Fiscal Year 2018 begins July 1.

The county’s funding for the school system will increase by $23.3 million over the current year, to $490.3 million, which includes the portion of the tax rate increase approved by the board.

The board approved an increase to Metro, including one cent of the tax rate increase. The increase in county funding is more than $14 million, including local sources and the county’s share of state transit aid, bringing the county’s total operating support for Metro to $71 million.

The board increased funding to affordable housing over the FY 2017 budget by $1.3 million. Total AHIF funding in FY 2018 is just over $15 million.

The board increased funding for public safety, adding seven new sheriffs, three more emergency communications center call takes and three police patrol officers, as recommended by the manager. However, the board opted to phase in the hiring of the new sheriffs through the course of FY 2018.

The board approved $200,000 in new funding for the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) non-profit, which partners with the county to spearhead revitalization along the Pike. The new funding brings the county’s total support for CPRO to $400,000 for FY 2018. The board also approved $150,000 for a county retail and marketing study to identify strategies for stimulating economic development along the Pike.

The board voted to hold a public hearing at its May 20 meeting on proposed fare increases for Arlington Transit (ART) and Specialized Transportation for Arlington Residents (STAR), the county’s transit service for persons with disabilities. The proposal includes raising the ART adult fare from $1.75 to $2 and the ART discount fare for seniors, students and persons with disabilities from $0.85 to $1. The proposal also would extend the ART discount fare for students (called iRide) to include those in elementary schools. If adopted, the fare increases would be effective July 1.
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**By Marilyn Campbell**

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FOR EXAMPLE, campers at Summertimes Camp at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria will have an opportunity to choose from a variety of specialized camps ranging from physics and French to zoology and rocket and space science.

“Specialty camps are great ways to try new things, to expand horizons and to challenge yourself,” said Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of summer programs at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School. “One of the best things about specialty offerings is that there are so many. Children are naturally curious — specialty camps provide a way for children to learn more about their curiosities and interests.”

Campers at 3E (Explore, Enrich, Enjoy) Summer Camp at Marymount University in Arlington will explore science through nature and electronic gadgets, mathematics through making boats and geodesic domes, language arts through writing stories, and fine arts through creating dramas and cartoons. The camp will be offered during two sessions: July 10-14 and July 17-21 with half and full day options for students ages 6 to 12.

Ana Lado, Ph.D., camp director and a professor at Marymount, says that the goal is to give students a chance to brush up on, gain or maintain academic skills in a relaxed environment. “Campers will be in small groups with a low camper to counselor ratio and guided by Marymount University Department of Education faculty, students, and alumni,” she said. “Throughout each week of camp, campers will be able to choose among a variety of projects that pique their interest. Campers will create new social connections, grow academically, and develop socially.

High school students who want an in-depth study of globalization can attend Marymount’s D.C. Institute from July 9-12. During the camp, named The Global Village, students will live on campus and earn college credit.

“The Heights School in Potomac, Md. will host academic summer camps in science, math, Latin and creative writing. “Parents should approach the choice of camps much in the same way that they approach the choice of schools. It is a mistake to focus on facilities and activities; ethos and values are key.”

— Rich Moss, The Heights School
Keeping Minds Engaged

Academic camps such as this one at Marymount University allow students to maintain academic skills while having fun.

Photo courtesy of Marymount University

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time, Dewitt says that, “Parents can prevent academic burnout by limiting the number of scheduled activities over the course of the summer, and selecting only those that foster their child’s natural curiosity. Summer courses that allow students the freedom to select different types of learning activities can be both energizing and fun.”

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CALENDAR

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ONGOING

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Divine Light Art Show. Through April 28, various times at the Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. The opening reception to meet the artist is on April 7 from 5-8 p.m. Visit www.galleryunderground.org/ for more.

Cycling Volunteers Needed. The 20th annual Armed Forces Cycling Classic needs volunteers for the June 10-11 race. Sign up by April 15 and get a free class at CycleBar Columbia Pike. Email info@arlingtonspenos.org for more.

Crystal Run: SK Fridays. 6-30 p.m. Fridays in April at 2121 Crystal Drive. An evening race after work. Visit www.crystalryx.org for more.

“Midwestern Gothic.” Various times through April 30 at the Signature Theater, The Village at Shirlington, 4200 Campbell Ave. Story of a small town and a young girl whose imagination drives her to create more and more diversions. Visit www.sightseer.org for more.

Annual Student Exhibition. Through May 5, various times in the Barry Gallery in the Reinsch Library, Marymount University, 2807 North Glebe Road. Featuring art, design, and fashion illustration work. Visit www.marymount.edu/barrygallery for more.

Automatic Kicks Off 2017. Various times through May 6 at Exhibition space, 1800 S. Bell St. A variety of creative work, including visual art, music, film, live fire performances, poetry, dance, fashion, workshops and special events showcases. Visit www.artomatic.org/ for more.

OCEAN Yoga. Through May 6 at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Campbell Room. Tricia Londres, owner of OCEAN Yoga, will instruct students of all levels and ability. Mats not provided.

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APRIL 19-25

Outdoor Zumba. 6-7 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 19 to May 24 (no class May 10) at Freedom Park, Entrace on Lynn St. at Wilson Blvd. $20 for all five classes. Visit www.roslynva.org for more.

APRIL 19

IBIS Chamber Music Concert. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Clarendon UMC, 606 N. Irving St. Pianist John Sutherland and the IBIS string quartet perform Schumann’s work. Free. Visit www.clarendonumc.org for more.

APRIL 20

Arlington Climate Rally. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Park, 3100 Wilson Blvd. Rally will be held in Arlington to celebrate 10 years of local climate action and to support a move to 100 percent renewable energy for the entire community. Speakers include Del. Rip Sullivan and County Board members Jay Fisette and Katie Cristol. Email taylor.bennett@sierraclub.org or call 304-942-4269 for more.

APRIL 22


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Kids Bike Rodeo. 10 a.m.-noon in the parking lot at 700 S. Buchanan St. Bike maintenance and safety clinics offered and bikes for demo. Call 703-553-5800 or email www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

APRIL 27

Story & Art Classes. 10:30-11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Classes are taught by retired Taylor School art teacher, Elizabeth Asley. Four-week session is $120 or $30 a session. Call the desk to reserve a spot. 703-527-5929.

Fashion Show Reception. 6 p.m. at Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Fashion show and designer of the year award. $50. Visit www.portfolioinmotion.com/ for more.

APRIL 28


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Pancake Breakfast. 8 a.m.-noon at the Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 N. Irving St. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, apple sauce, and coffee. $8 for adults, $4 for children (3-10 years), and free for children under 5 with paying adult. Visit www.theeliminateproject.org for more.

APRIL 29-30

Immigration Museums Lecture. 2 p.m. at Reinsch Library, Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Rd. Dr. Ju-Hua Chen of Taiwan discusses “What is the Immigration Museum?: Representations of Immigration in France and the United States.” Call 877-345-4281 or email tsbaw@engagedfwb.com for more.

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APRIL 29-30
Art Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Arts and crafts from local artisans. Visit www.uuara.org for more.

Artists’ Open Studios. Saturday 6-9 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. at Columbia Pike Artist Studios, 932 South Walter Reed Drive. Fourteen local artists invite the public to their upcoming Open Studios Exhibition. Visit www.columbiakentstudios.org for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 30
County Wandering. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Calpepper St. Walking tour with artist Graham Corell-Allen to explore, question and re-imagine the urban and suburban spaces of Lee Highway. Free. Visit www.walkarlington.com/engage for more.

Free Art Swap. 1-2 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community and Senior Center, 909 S. Edgewood St. Each finished work will be traded for a raffle ticket. Raffle numbers are drawn and then you select your artwork to take home. Participation in the swap is optional. Call 703-228-7790.

Arlington Chorale Concert. 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Blvd. Under the direction of Artistic Director & Conductor, Dr. Nancia D’Alimonte, “Sumer is Icumen In” will offer traditional and contemporary sacred vocal music, Clarendon UMC, 606 N. Irving St. Cardinal Wilson Blvd. A concert of operatic, classical and Broadway music along with a celebration of vocal arts in our community. $10. Visit www.operanova.org or call 703-536-7557 for more.


International Migratory Bird Day Festival. 9-11 a.m. at Lacy Woods Park Picnic Shelter, 1200 N. George Mason Drive. Tiny hummingbirds and osprey are all migrating back to the wild. $30, kids 12 and under $15. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us for more.

Turtle Trot Race. Check in at 9 a.m., race begins at 10 a.m. at Bluemont Park, 601 N. Manchester St. Proceeds from the Turtle Trot race help give them medical attention and a place to live until they are strong enough to be released back into the wild. $30, kids 12 and under $15. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us for more.

Turfgrass Management Course. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Calpepper St. Walking tour with artist Graham Corell-Allen to explore, question and re-imagine the urban and suburban spaces of Lee Highway. Free. Visit www.walkarlington.com/engage for more.

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Memorial Baptist Church hosts Easter Egg Hunt.

“Come on, let’s head over to the cherry tree where we’ll hear the Easter story of Resurrection. But don’t get any eggs yet if you see them.” This is the fifth year for the Memorial Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt for parishioners and the community.

Children line up at the edge of the field, then: Ready, set, go!

A registration table is set up to check in participants. Signing up are Lisa Flower, music minister at Memorial Baptist Church, and her daughter Carrie Parks along with grandchildren William and Margaret Mae Parks.

Seventeen-month-old Mary Dutra toddles back and forth across the parking lot, sometimes balancing her large wicker basket and sometimes juggling her eggs.

Everyone has an idea about what to do with an Easter basket or where to find that hidden egg that was missed by everyone else — whether it is under a log or high on a tree branch.

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In Remembrance
Washington-Lee High School Senior Jayant Tripathi died suddenly of natural causes on Thursday, April 20. Students, teachers, loved ones, and neighbors left messages of appreciation for his short life, covering both sides of the bridge over I-66 near the school on the weekend.

Plot Against Hunger
Volunteers get the garden outside Arlington’s Central Library ready to plant. Produce will be harvested for the Arlington Food Assistance Center’s (AFAC) Plot Against Hunger project which collects fresh produce from many sources for families who come to them for supplemental groceries each week. AFAC gets fresh produce from local gardeners and farmers who plant an extra row of vegetables and donate the harvest, “Plot Against Hunger” gardens, vendors at farmers markets, and other sources. More than 450,000 pounds of fresh produce have been donated to AFAC’s Plot Against Hunger project since its first season in 2007. AFAC also has a teen summer program. To volunteer in an AFAC garden, see www.AFAC.org

Supporting Education
The Arlington Rotary awarded several students for community efforts at its annual educational banquet on April 20. An $8,000 scholarship was awarded to Geovanny Morales, a graduating senior at Washington-Lee High School based on merit, need, and community service. Veronica Rojas, a graduating senior at Arlington Community High School, received an $8,000 stipend based on merit, educational goals and perseverance/work ethic. A $2,000 grant was given to the Arlington Academy of Hope to support college student Sabiti Davis who is studying to be an electrical engineer at Nakawa Vocational Training Institute, Kampala Uganda.

The Kensington Falls Church Presents Energized Fitness for Parkinson’s with Sheetal Yadav, MPT
Kick-Off Friday
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The Kensington Falls Church is pleased to collaborate with the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area (PFNCA) and Genesis Rehab Services to offer Energized Fitness for Parkinson’s. The program provides a high-energy fitness experience geared toward improving mobility and strength while participants share time with others facing Parkinson’s.

Energized Fitness is led by Sheetal Yadav, MPT, who brings many years of experience in providing physical therapy to geriatric clients. Sheetal is our ally in striving to maximize health and optimize independence for people with Parkinson’s. Please RSVP to join us.

Sheetal Yadav, MPT, has 11 years of experience as a physical therapist, 7 of which have been working exclusively with geriatric clients in a variety of settings. She has extensive experience working specifically with clients who have neurological conditions, including Parkinson’s. Sheetal, born and raised in India, came to the United States to James Lind University in California to pursue a Master’s Degree in Physical Therapy.
And So It Begins ... 

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The onslaught of radio and television advertising for grass seed and riding mowers. I suppose if I was a responsible homeowner, given the time of the year, not April, I might have an interest in such timely offerings. However, since I'm not and since I'm still unable to manage the two acres that I own, affectionately referred to as "Belly Acres," going on 25 years dating back to May '92 when we initially took ownership, the land I can do is deposit my neighbor's riding mower and spend a couple of hours every two weeks or so trying to keep the grass below my knees. Cancer issues not totally withstanding.

Actually, aside from having little interest, minimal experience and multiple home/tool maintenance issues/existing conditions, I am the perfect target: a homeowner who can't do anything on his own and needs help all the time for everything. Specifically as it involves my yard; I have grass, trees, bushes, shrubs, daffodils, flower beds and numerous other more or less weeds. If I were so inclined and wanted to con- fine to someone in a Lawn & Garden store, I would have to admit that a novice looks experi- enced compared to me. I need to be taken by the hand — literally — and instructed as if the words being spoken to me were a foreign lan- guage. Which of course, they are.

This previous paragraph presumes however that I have a budget and even a passing notion to attempt to improve upon the randomness that characterizes "Belly Acres." I can still remember a conversation I had with a local lawn and garden consultant when we first moved in. A gen- tleman came by and together we walked around the property. After ending up back at the house, he asked me what I wanted to do. I said some- thing like, "I don't know, you tell me." He responded with words I could semi understand but mostly it was unintelligible — to me, so I asked for a clarification.

After grasping the obvious, finally, I asked: "Is that you're telling me that I could hire someone to work full time for the rest of his life and still the work wouldn't get done?"

"Yes," he said.

That's when I fully understood the problem. I then thanked him for his time and he wasn't invad- ed the issue since. Talk about pointless. And so, by sending such comments to: Project 6117001653- MKG c/o EBI Consulting, 6878 Suepanehua Trail S, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at 309-324-3535.

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