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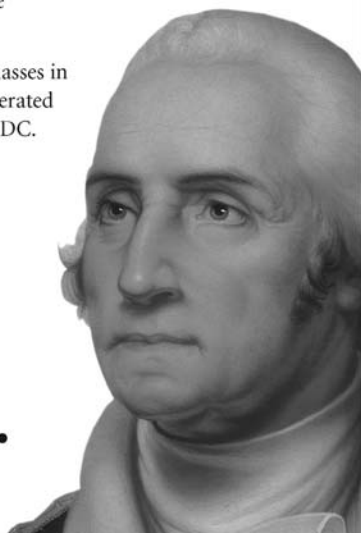
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Chris Rowles, Lavendar Phan, Eric Stricklin and Michelle Rahman enjoy a little food in the street island.

25th Annual Taste of Arlington

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THE CONNECTION

Foot traffic filled the roadway Sunday, May 20 on Wilson Boulevard at Ballston for the 25th annual Taste of Arlington. More than 35 restaurants and bakeries offered samples to the hundred of visitors strolling up and down the boulevard. Stuart Street at Wilson was set aside as the kidszone with games, face painting, moon bounces, wall scaling and jumpworks. At 1 p.m. food judges

began sampling the food for the best of prizes. Best appetizer was awarded to P.F. Chang. Burger Shack received the nod for best entrée and best dessert went to Bayou Bakery. Proceeds for the street festival are donated to the Arlington Community Foundation, Virginia Hospital Center and the Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic.



Jody White and Lakesha Gross offer samples of the award-winning appetizer from P.F. Chang

Head chef Drew Terp and his staff at Jaleo prepare a pan of vegetable paella at the street festival.



A Street Runs Through It

Effort to reduce stormwater runoff moves to the median.

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THE CONNECTION

Drivers along Patrick Henry Drive can see the Arlington County's latest attempt at combating pollution from stormwater runoff. From the road, it may look like a few rocks and plants in the median. But county officials say the bioretention system is a "green streets" project aimed at absorbing and retaining pollutants rather than sending them into Chesapeake Bay.



This bioretention area is the first of many to be installed across Arlington County.

"The right of way seemed like an obvious place to look to make stormwater improvements," said Jason Papacosma, watershed programs manager for Arlington County. "That's where the county has the most control."

The green streets project on Patrick Henry was the first, followed by a similar model on North Albemarle Street. And many more are expected in the coming years. A dozen projects are being designed now. And this summer, county officials will complete a master plan that could have as many as 1,000 potential green streets projects.

"There's really not a lot of ways to handle pollution from stormwater runoff," said

Tyler Wilson, president of the Waverly Hills Civic Association. "Basically, you have to either treat it or retain it."

LIKE EVERY OTHER jurisdiction across Virginia, Arlington County is looking for ways to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff — and not just because it's good for the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency has strict new rules for how much pollution can be dumped into the Potomac River. As a result, Virginia regulators will have more stringent requirements for stormwater permits that will be issued later this year. It's an issue that's caused

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Enemy POWs in Arlington

A story for Memorial Day.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
THE CONNECTION

From its beginning, "enemy combatants" have been buried in Arlington National Cemetery. It started with Confederate soldiers. However, most people have forgotten to look upon them as the enemy.

Fifty-eight "friendly" foreign military per-

sonnel have been laid to rest among America's honored dead. During our wars, especially both world wars, many people in allied uniforms were stationed in the United States. It was inevitable that some would die here. Whether or not possible to return remains to their homelands, some were granted the privilege of burial in Arlington. They range from British Field Marshall Sir John Dill, whose large monument is not far from the Kennedy Graves, to the only Greek, Airman Emmanuel Boulassikis.

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**Coyotes in
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While Arlington County naturalists and community members have assumed that Arlington has had coyotes, only now do they have visual proof. See Arlington's coyote on YouTube. Earlier this month a game camera at Potomac Overlook Regional Park took the first video of the coyote. Last year, Arlington County published its "Wildlife of Arlington: A Natural Resource Heritage Technical Report," which reported that "it is considered likely that coyotes have found their way into Arlington, but they are extremely cautious, range very widely and move primarily at night." The coyote is not part of the historical native fauna of Virginia but is a master at adaptability and has steadily moved from its western haunts.

**AWLA in Shelter
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The best-selling mystery author Martha Grimes has invited the Animal Welfare League of Arlington to participate in the first Best in Shelter (www.bestinshelter.org) competition. Best in Shelter is the first virtual dog show where shelter dogs compete for prize money for their shelters. The League is one of four area organizations chosen to participate.

Each shelter will submit short video clips of four of its available dogs to the Best in Show Web site. The public can vote for favorite videos from June 14 through June 17. The shelter whose video gets the most votes will win \$50,000. Second prize is \$25,000 and third prize is \$15,000. All the shelters win \$5,000 for participating.

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some friction between the commonwealth and Washington.

"The rush to completion is cause for concern in local governments and the private sector and does not reflect the actual time it takes to develop and implement strategies," wrote Secretary of Natural Resources Douglas Domenech in a March 30 letter to the EPA. "It is impossible for the commonwealth to develop a plan to meet pollution goals through 2025 if the plan is developed under one set of efficiencies and evaluated under another."

Domenech and others are concerned about what kind of modeling will be used to evaluate performance, a debate that's still playing out in Richmond and Washington. Meanwhile, on the streets of Arlington, stormwater will be treated in the medians of roads that are wide enough to accommodate bioretention areas, commonly known as rain gardens.

"Some of the pollution is absorbed by the plants," said Papacosma. "And some of it is retained and slowly released."

THE GREEN STREETS have special curb cuts that allow water to flow from the gutters directly into the median. From there, they are filtered through rocks into an area where plants can absorb some of the pollution. The bioretention areas have special soil that is more porous than the clay soil found in most parts of Arlington. Beneath all that is an "underdrain," a perforated pipe that can direct the stormwater instead of simply sending it to the catch-basin.

"We've been planning to reduce our stormwater pollution output for the last three years," said Papacosma. "So this is something that's been in the works for some time now."

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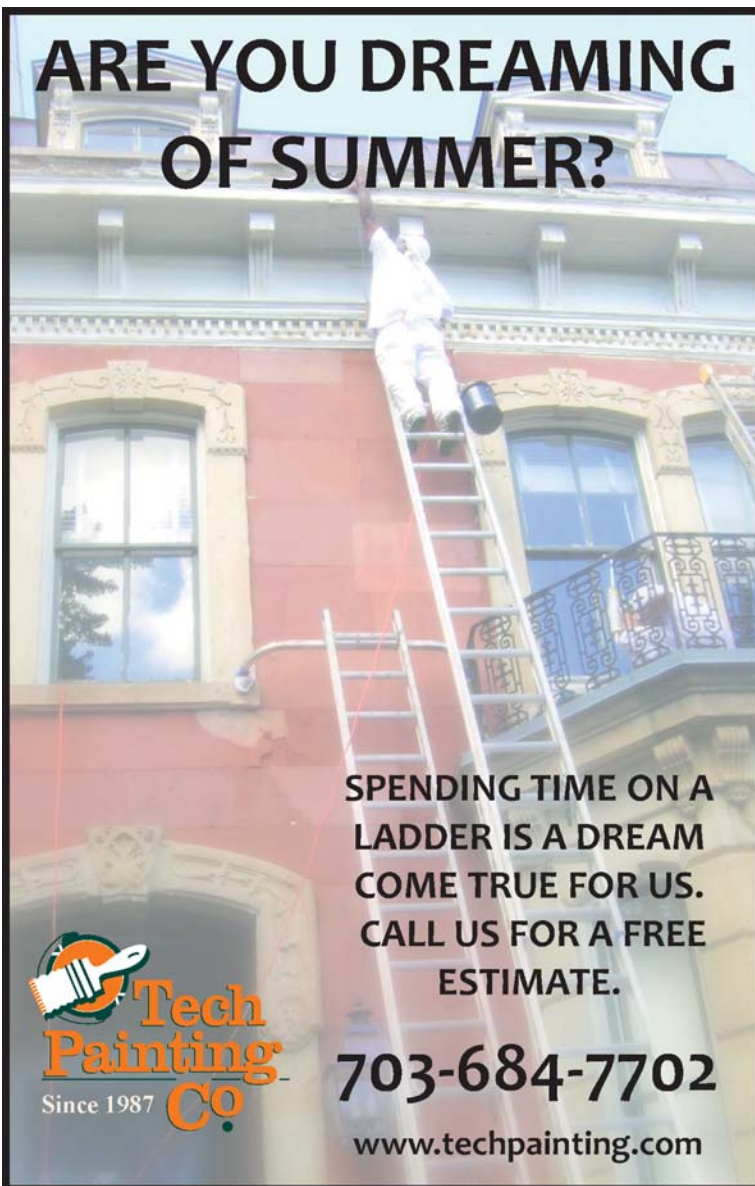
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In February, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, there is just one reported death in Iraq, and more than 115 in Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded in the war on terror, although that number is likely to be revised upward. The New York Times reported earlier this month that the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and

opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Other Virginia losses since Memorial Day 2011:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died earlier this month on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb.

Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti.



Command Sgt. Maj. Guitaud Leandre, 13th ESC, hands Cindy Hildner an artillery shell moments after it was fired from a cannon in her husband's honor at Fort Hood Feb. 9. Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner of Fairfax died in Afghanistan Feb. 3.

Stanley, a Seabee, was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3

Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Parwan province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 25th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, 335th Signal Command Theater, East Point, Ga.

Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the

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Arlington's Streetcar Vision for Crystal City

BY MARY HYNES
ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

Growth always means more traffic and more headaches. Or does it? Fact: traffic on many major Arlington streets is less than it was in 1970, even though our population has doubled in that time. This is a tremendous achievement, bringing more residents, more jobs, more housing, more visitors — and with them, more revenue and more services for our community — while actually reducing traffic on these streets.

How did we do it? What is the secret sauce?

The secret sauce is Arlington's commitment to "smart growth" planning — our commitment to transit-oriented development (TOD) that keeps density along our transit corridors, while preserving neighborhoods. In fact, more than half of Arlington's real property values are on just 11 percent of our land — our Metrorail corridors. It is a philosophy that is the backbone to Arlington's success, the envy of many in the region and the nation.

In 2010, the Arlington County Board and the Arlington community used these lessons to create the Crystal City Sector plan, a key ele-

ment of the bold vision for Arlington's Route 1 corridor. Our plan transforms Crystal City to a more vibrant, walkable neighborhood. It also anticipates growth: 17,400 people live in Crystal City and Pentagon City today, but we estimate that by 2040, the two neighborhoods will have added a total of 8,500 residents and 35,500 jobs.

To support this vision, the Sector Plan calls for a new transit service, a streetcar. For a fraction of the cost of extending Metrorail, Arlington will be able to encourage high-quality, mixed use development, build community and increase transit use, all the while supporting the central business district and helping it mature into a vibrant, attractive, livable 24/7 neighborhood.

But we aren't going it alone. After all, at 26 square miles, Arlington is the smallest, densest county in the nation — we need to be good neighbors! As we have in the past, we're working with Alexandria and Fairfax to develop transit solutions that serve us all. The modern streetcar for Crystal City — a line that will initially connect Crystal City, Pentagon City and Potomac Yard — is an important first step. Eventually, this "Route 1" line will meet up in Pentagon City with the planned streetcar line on Columbia Pike, pro-

viding riders with a one-seat option to travel from Potomac Yard to the Skyline area in our partner jurisdiction, Fairfax County. We hope it may even stretch further south into Alexandria one day.

A modern streetcar system will be a vital part of a larger regional transportation network of Metrorail, VRE and local buses. This transit network offers options for tens of thousands of residents and workers to travel to and through Arlington and the Greater Metropolitan area — and keeps thousands of cars off the road. Beyond the transit benefits, a Northern Virginia regional streetcar system will knit together neighborhoods and jurisdictions, supporting expected development as well as job and population growth in each of our communities.

Without these strategic investments, our streets could become clogged with traffic, our quality of life could decline, and our robust economy could be at risk — the exact opposite of what we've achieved since the 1960s and what we know is possible when a community plans carefully. In short, we believe streetcars have great potential to help Arlington maintain — and build upon — the "smart growth" legacy that has been the hallmark of our success story.

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Zofie Land's Fairy Tale Trauma, "Baby Wants."

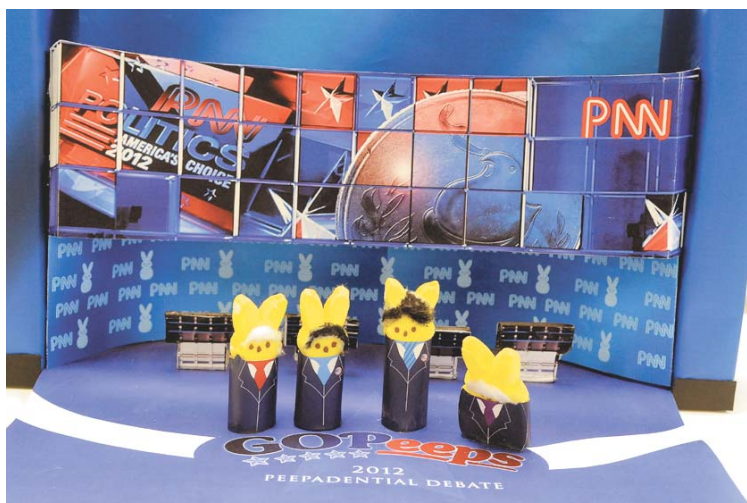


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GO! Peeps Peepadential Debate by Jermaine and Serena Johnson and John Wallace.



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Mobiles by Steve Wanna.



Visual artist Chandrasekar displays some work on the first floor of the exhibit.



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The Batala Washington all female drummer group opened for this year's Artomatic. The 40-woman drummer group wowed the audience with high-energy rhythms grounded in Brazilian and reggae beats.



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Blackened White Art, Oil Sketches

An Energetic Ensemble, An Electric Evening

Batala Washington opens for Artomatic 2012.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE CONNECTION

On Friday, May 18, an immense display of synchronized drumbeats and vibrant rhythms performed by Batala Washington hailed the grand opening of Artomatic 2012.

Forty all-female members drummed the signature Brazilian-reggae-samba tunes of Giba Gonçalves, who created the international Batala groups in 1997. The Washington, D.C., chapter is one of 23 ensembles that perform worldwide.

"We're very excited to play at Artomatic, we're really amped," said conductor Ellen Arnold Losey. "A lot of the women joined after hearing us the last time we played at Artomatic in 2009."

Many in the audience were keen to take up the offer. "It was fantastic, I want to join now," said Alexandria native Arden Colley. "It was

worth coming out just to see that."

This year's Artomatic boasts 1,300 artists in the largest location to date for the D.C. area's chief artistic event — the 11 stories of 1851 S. Bell St. in Crystal City.

"This is by far the biggest and best Artomatic ever, the energy is just vibrant," said Angela Fox, president and CEO of the Crystal City Business Improvement District. "The message is clear: Crystal City is at a new playing field."

Unlike in years past, the Crystal City location does not have walls separating installations. The result is an array of amateur and professional work placed side-by-side.

The extent of this year's Artomatic, however, means visitors will have to return multiple times to catch it all. Fox estimates that as many as 100,000 people will visit before the June 23 closing.

"It's fun and fabulous and wild out there," said Fox. "Expect the

unexpected and make time to explore."

Artomatic

After a three-year hiatus, Artomatic returns to the Washington, D.C., area. The 11-story office building at 1851 South Bell St. in Crystal City has been converted to a gallery. There are 1,300 artists with work on display, which means no single trip can do the event justice. Artomatic is free, and proper identification is required for alcoholic purchases at cash bars. Hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays noon to 1 a.m., and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Artomatic is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information and list of planned events visit: artomatic.org.

THEATER

'Xanadu' Is a Zany Spoof of the 1980s

Signature's production not to be missed.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Don't bother telling "Xanadu" that it's based on one of the worst movies of all time. It's already in on the joke, reinventing itself as an outlandishly zany spoof of the 1980 movie about a muse descended on skates from Mount Olympus to inspire the creation of a roller disco in Venice, Calif.

Directed and choreographed by Matthew Gardiner, the Signature Theatre production of Douglas Carter Beane's 2007 Tony Award nominated version of "Xanadu" focuses on Clio, a muse sent on a quest to inspire struggling chalk artist Sonny to build a roller disco. Disguised as an Australian rollerblader in leg warmers, Clio changes her name to Kira and falls into forbidden love with Sonny.

Helen Hayes Award winner Erin Weaver is the comically endearing Clio/Kira, whose jealous sisters place a curse on her in hopes of



PHOTO BY SCOTT SUCHMAN

Erin Weaver (center, as Kira) with her Greek Muses (from left to right) Nickolas Vaughan, Kellee Knighten Hough, Nova Y. Payton, Sherri L. Edelen, Mark Chandler, and Jamie Eacker. "Xanadu" plays at Virginia's Signature Theatre through July 1.

her eternal banishment to damnation or worse — the 1980s.

Weaver is irresistible in leg warmers on wheels, the signature look made famous by Olivia Newton-John in the movie. Her brilliant Broadway belt shines as does her devastatingly funny parodying of Newton-John's breathy vocals. With charisma to spare, Weaver masterfully couples Newton-John's wholesomeness with a de-

lightful touch of trampy.

The object of Clio/Kira's inspirational light is frustrated artist Sonny Malone, a slab of buff beefcake in tube socks and denim cutoffs played to endearing perfection by Charlie Brady.

With music and lyrics by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, "Xanadu," an Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical and a Drama Desk Award for Best Book, retains hits

from the film but adds new arrangements of "I'm Alive," "Magic," "Suddenly," and "Dancin'." The interpolating rendition of two classic Electric Light Orchestra songs, "Strange Magic" and "Evil Woman," is a side-splitting show stopper.

Working from an unpromising original screenplay, Beane ingeniously pays mock homage to the cult classic with a devilish shtick for two of Clio's sister muses — Calliope and Melpomene, played respectively by the stage-devouring comic actresses and Helen Hayes Award winners Sherri L. Edelen and Nova Y. Payton.

The wickedly funny duo time and again steal the show, highlighted by their theme song "Evil Woman."

Veteran actor Harry A. Winter is polished perfection as Danny Maguire, a magnate who bankrolls Sonny's disco dreams after messing up his own brush with a muse 35 years earlier. His comical talents especially shine when he later channels the plucky tones of the Greek god Zeus.

Among the multitasking first-rate ensemble members, Nicholas Vaughan cranks up the sassy attitude as mister-sister muse Terpsicore while Mark Chandler

rounds out the hilarious drag duo as Thalia.

"This is like children's theater for 40-year-old gay people," deadpans Edelen's Calliope, and indeed Beane cleverly lampoons '80s pop culture with a deft touch and complicitous wink at the audience that lets them in on the joke.

With a masterful production team of Misha Kaufman (scenic design), Kathleen Geldard (costume design), Chris Lee (lighting design) and Matt Rowe (sound design), Signature Theatre has created an engagingly goofy spoof filled with witty humor and magnetic performances.

The epitome of pop-rock cheese, "Xanadu" is a feel-good experience from beginning to end — a 90-minute hilarious romp filled with insider references sophisticated enough for pop culture cognoscenti yet hilariously entertaining to even the most novice of theatergoers. Dig out those leg-warmers and head over to Signature Theatre for the must-see show of the summer.

"Xanadu" is playing now through July 1 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. For tickets or more information, call 703-820-9771 or visit www.signaturetheatre.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THROUGH JUNE 9

A Life in Art: A Retrospective of Works. By John Bryans. Primarily a watercolorist, Bryans also works in acrylics, ink, silk screen, oils and assemblage of found objects. At the Crossroads Gallery, Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads, 3440 S Jefferson St, Falls Church.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 23

New to Medicare Presentation. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free. If you live in the City of Alexandria or Arlington County and are newly eligible for Medicare or are the caregiver of a Medicare Beneficiary, come to a presentation to learn about the ABCD's of Medicare. At 2100 Washington Blvd. (Arlington County Human Services Center - Sequoia Plaza); Lower Level Auditorium. Call 703-228-1700.

The U.S. Army Blues and

Downrange. 7 p.m. Twilight Tattoo. At Summerall Field, Ft. Myer.

MAY 23 AND MAY 24

Yorktown High Concerts. Free. 7 p.m. on May 23. "Jazz on the Lawn," Yorktown High School's Jazz Band will perform on the lawn outside the school's main entrance. And the Spring Concert on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Featuring the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band. At Yorktown High School in Arlington.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

Chuck Prophet Performs. Will play from "Temple Beautiful," his 12th studio album. At the IOTA Club & Café in Arlington.

The Ukulele and Hawaii, Connecting Music and Dance. 2:30 to 4 p.m. Members of the Hawaii



NOW THROUGH JUNE 2

"Las Quiero a las Dos" ("I Want Them Both") by Ricardo Talesnik (Argentina). Tickets are \$30/\$25. Showtimes are Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. At Gunston Arts Center Theater, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. Call 703-548-3092; or www.teatrodelaaluna.org.

State Society Ukulele group will provide historical details of the Ukulele and its impact on Hawaiian music and other genres of music. Presented by the Arlington Learning in Retirement (ALRI). At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St., Arlington. Call 703-228-2144.

THURSDAY/MAY 26

Book Discussion. 5:30 p.m. Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be at Busboys and Poets Shirlington to discuss "Desert Rose: The Life and Legacy of Coretta Scott King," written by Coretta King's only sister Edythe Scott Bagley, who died shortly after the book was completed. For Bagley, the book had become a lifelong quest - to tell the story of her

sister's rise from rural Alabama to the heights of American history as the wife of civil rights legend, Martin Luther King Jr.

SUNDAY/MAY 27

Dedication of Monument Honoring Civil War Dead. 12 noon. Featuring Mary Hynes, chair, Arlington County Board of Supervisors. At Historic Mount Olivet Cemetery, 1500 N. Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact Monte Campbell at 703-819-5311 or eslim@earthlink.net.

Aloha kaakou. Noon. Delight in the grace and spirit of the Hokuhula dancers, the kanaka of Hawaii, appearing at the Ft. Myer Officers' Club. Elegant Brunch, including champagne, orange juice, coffee, and

desserts. Meet other singles living near you, dine, socialize. Photo ID required at the Wright Gate, end of N. Meade Street and Marshall Dr., adjacent to the Iwo Jima Memorial, and the Hatfield Gate, Washington Blvd. Free parking at Club. All proceeds support the Officers' Club. Reservations 301-530-4884.

MONDAY/MAY 28

Memorial Day Concert. 7 p.m. Free. Featuring the U.S. Air Force Concert Band and soloists from the Singing Sergeants. At the U.S. Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

TUESDAY/MAY 29

AGLA Reception. 6 to 8 p.m. The Arlington Gay & Lesbian Alliance (AGLA) will host a reception to celebrate its 12th year of awarding scholarships to college bound high school seniors. The keynote speaker will be the first out lesbian elected to office in Virginia, Sally Baird. She has served on the Arlington County School Board since 2007. Those who wish to attend the reception should visit www.agla.org or send email to info@agla.org to find out about donation suggestions.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

Wine Tasting. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia. At The Curious Grape, 2900 S. Quincy Street, Arlington. RSVP by May 25 at www.cfnova.org/PACevent or contact Vice President Sara Jaffe at 703-377-0127.

The U.S. Army Blues and Downrange. 7 p.m. Twilight Tattoo,

At Summerall Field, Ft. Myer.

FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. Free. Featuring the U.S. Air Force Strings with guests from the Concert Band. At the U.S. Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil

JUNE 1 TO 10

"Charlotte's Web." Tickets are \$12/adults; \$10/children, students, seniors. Performances are Friday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 2 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sunday, June 3 at 3 p.m.; Friday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 9 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sunday, June 10 at 3 p.m. At the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington. For tickets, visit www.encestage.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

National Chamber Ensemble: All That Jazz. 7:30 p.m. Chamber Music Concert (Jazz) by the National Chamber Ensemble. Featuring acclaimed pianist Burnett Thomson. Tickets are \$28/general; \$15/students. At the Spectrum at Artisphere, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. Tickets by phone 888-841-2787; Info Only: 703-685-7590; Visit www.Artisphere.com

Country Western Dance. 8:30 to 11 p.m. The Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association will hold its smoke-free, alcohol-free dance at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church. BJ Brown will be the DJ. Open dancing is from 8:30-11 p.m. and includes Two Step, Waltz, line, Swing, Cha Cha, and specialty dances. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

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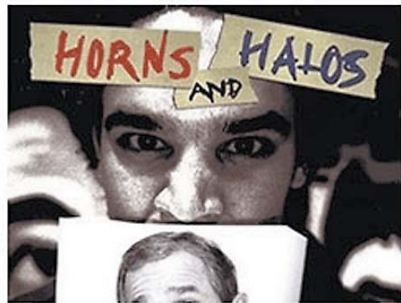


NOW THROUGH JUNE 17

The Congressional Art Competition. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free. Hosted by Congressman James P. Moran as part of the National Congressional Program. The exhibition recognizes the creative talents of Northern Virginia's young artists. At the Works in Progress Gallery at the Artisphere.

SUNDAY/MAY 27

"Horns and Halos." 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Part of the Galinsky and Hawley Retrospective Week. *Horns and Halos* captures the unlikely connection of three men — an ex-con turned celebrity biographer, a janitor and underground publisher, and U.S. President George W. Bush — whose paths to power and popularity become tangled in a controversial book. At the Dome Theater at The Artisphere.



SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 11:01

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

DANCE WEDNESDAYS

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

SALSA TUESDAYS

Salsa Tuesdays. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance class; 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. dancing. At the Ballroom @ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

NOW THROUGH MAY 31

Donna Cameron. Free. Donna Cameron is a new media artist from Arlington who creates highly sensual visual and aural collages through a process of paper emulsion which she developed specifically for her work; a process that helps her create surreal combinations of poetry, color, light and sound. At the Bijou Theater at the Artisphere.

NOW THROUGH MAY 31

David Carlson. Carlson is an artist, teacher and community activist that lives and works in the Northern Virginia area. He has collaborated with composers, visual artists and dancers on video projects that deal with concepts of humanism on an international scope. Shown at the Artisphere's Video Wall.

NOW THROUGH MAY 31

Kevin Palomino: Dead Ghosts. Free. Palomino is a multi-medium artist from Wichita and Washington, D.C. Through his works with film, painting, screen printing, drawing and graphic story Palomino attempts to explore issues of identity, culture, nationality, modernity and technology as they relate to himself and his generation. At the Artisphere.

NOW THROUGH JULY 1

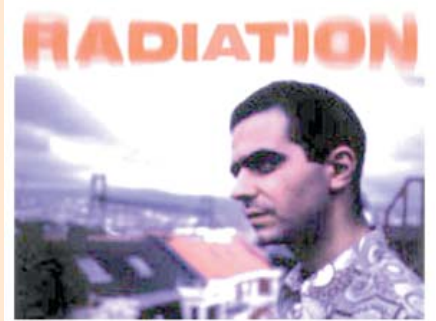
"The Bacchae" by Euripides. Part of the WSC Avant Bard Spring Repertory. Mixing history with myth to recount by the story of the God Dionysus's arrival in Greece, this tragedy centers on King Pentheus of Thebes and his mother Agaue and their punishment by Dionysus for refusing to worship him. Regular Performances: Saturday, May 19 – Sunday, July 1. Tickets: Previews: All Pay-What-You-Can; Regular run: Thursday, \$25 7:30 p.m. / Friday, \$30 7:30 p.m. / Saturday, Matinee, Pay-What-You-Can 2 p.m. / Saturday, \$35 7:30 p.m. / Sunday, Mat. \$30 2 p.m. / Sunday \$25 7:30 p.m. At the Artisphere.

NOW THROUGH JULY 1

"The Tooth of the Crime." By Sam Shepard. Part of the WSC Avant Bard spring Repertory. This play with music tells the tale of the battle between two rock stars, Hoss, and his young rival, Crow. It is a style war in which each battles for psychic territory. A combination of a heavyweight prizefight, a showdown, and the conventional gunfight in Westerns, the confrontation between Hoss and Crow is fought

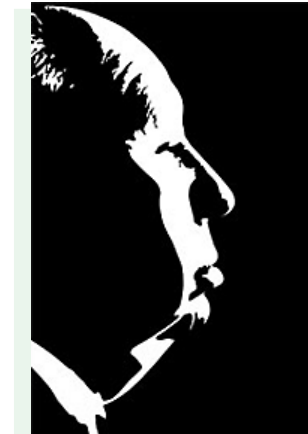
WEDNESDAY/MAY 23

"Radiation." 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Part of the Galinsky and Hawley Retrospective Week. Michael Galinsky and Suki Hawley have a history of making films outside the realm of traditional narrative, about subjects existing outside the realm of traditional society. Their previous films and documentaries explore topics ranging from the underground music community to policing the streets of Miami to imminent domain. At the Dome Theater at the Artisphere.



THURSDAY/MAY 24

"Code 33." 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Improving upon the "Cops" concept, the documentary, "Code 33" gives the viewer full access to the Miami Police Department as they struggle to bring one serial rapist to justice. Part of the Galinsky and Hawley Retrospective Week. At the Dome Theater at The Artisphere.



EVERY FRIDAY IN MAY

Alfred Hitchcock: The Early Years Film Series. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Before there was "Vertigo," "The Birds" and "Rear Window," Hitchcock directed films for over a decade that — beyond simply laying the groundwork for his later works — are considered masterpieces in their own right. Every Friday in May, Artisphere will screen a different classic from the "master of suspense" released before 1940. At the Dome Theater at the Artisphere.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

"The Lady Vanishes." 8 p.m. Part of Alfred Hitchcock: The Early Years Film Series. While traveling in continental Europe a rich, young playgirl realizes that an elderly lady seems to have disappeared from the train. At the Dome Theater at The Artisphere.

with music and competing styles. Shepard wrote both lyrics and music. Tickets: All Pay-What-You-Can; Regular run: Thursday, \$25 7:30 p.m. / Friday \$30 7:30 p.m. / Saturday Mat Pay-What-You-Can 2 p.m. / Saturday \$35 7:30 p.m. / Sunday Mat \$30 2 p.m. / Sunday \$25 7:30 p.m. At the Artisphere.

SATURDAY/MAY 26

"Battle for Brooklyn." 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Battle for Brooklyn is the epic and universal tale of one man under pressure, and how far he will go to save his community and his home from the private developers who want to build a basketball arena on top of it. Part of the Galinsky and Hawley Retrospective Week. At the Dome Theater at The Artisphere.

SATURDAY/MAY 26

"Half-Cocked." 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Made in 1994 in Louisville, Nashville and Chattanooga, "Half-Cocked" follows a group of kids who steal a van full of music equipment and pretend to be a band in order to stay on the road. The film features Ian Svenonius and members of Rodan and The Grifters, with music by Unwound, Slant 6, Freakwater, Versus, Polvo, Smog, Helium and others. Part of the Galinsky and Hawley Retrospective Week. At the Dome Theater at The Artisphere.

THURSDAY/MAY 31

"Cultures of Resistance." 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Cultures of Resistance explores how art and creativity can be the ammunition in the battle for peace and justice. At the Dome Theater at The Artisphere.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

National Chamber Ensemble: All That Jazz. 7:30 p.m. Chamber Music Concert (Jazz) by the National Chamber Ensemble. Featuring acclaimed pianist Burnett Thomson. Tickets are \$28/general; \$15/students. At the Spectrum at Artisphere, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington. Tickets by phone 888-841-2787; Info Only: 703-685-7590; Visit www.Artisphere.com

ROSSLYN FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday, Through Oct. 20. Located across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture. Fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees, gourmet baked goods, and marinades and sauces. Monday Properties returns as a Rosslyn Farmers Market sponsor.

CLARENDON FARMERS' MARKET

Year-round Clarendon Farmer's Market has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Held Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Activist Folk Duo Performs Benefit Concert

Helps local youth group travel to Phoenix for church's meeting on immigration.

BY EDISON RUSS
THE CONNECTION

Activist musical duo Emma's Revolution performed a benefit concert May 18 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington to raise funds for the church's youth group to attend the UUC's General Assembly.

The General Assembly is a national meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church, where members discuss the budget, attend workshops and listen to speakers.

Emma's Revolution is a folk duo with songs that deal with various social and environmental issues, such as marriage laws and global warming. Comprised of Sandy O and Pat Humphries, the two are currently on tour for the release of their album "Revolutions Per Minute" and have been performing benefit concerts for various issues.

Sandy O said that, when she and Humphries travel, they avoid hotels and stay with people in the community and meet with organizers for each issue.

"And so we get to have friends all across the country and also really tap into what's happening at any particular town," Sandy O said. "It's a very connected kind of touring."

Partway through the concert, members of the youth group spoke about why they planned on attending the General Assembly, including one member who spoke of how several of his family members had been deported.

"We're talking about immigration," Sandy O said, "but when we come in the door and we meet the person who's in this community, whose life and family is being affected, it makes a difference as to what we say on



Sandy O and Pat Humphries of Emma's Revolution perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington.

stage, what kind of investment we have in talking about these issues and getting people energized to work against the really repressive immigration and the bullying on all those issues as well."

Sandy O and Humphries are Unitarian Universalists themselves, and have attended several General Assembly gatherings. This is how one of the youth advisers for UUCA's youth groups, Joy Cobb, met them eight years ago.

"I met them at the General Assembly when I was in Texas," Cobb said, "and I

heard them perform and just fell in love with them and then had them come and do fundraisers at some other locations."

Friday's concert centered on the bullying of undocumented people in the community, an issue the youth group has focused its efforts on for the past year and one Cobb said fits the focus the General Assembly will have on immigration.

Cobb also said that the subject of bullying initially arose because of suicides by GLBT youth. As lesbians, Sandy O and Humphries have had to get married in a number of states.

Humphries described what it was like for her to come out.

"It was certainly frightening before I had a sense of who I was," she said, "but as soon as I was a little bit clearer on that, it wasn't hard it all. It was like breathing. It was essential and just such a part of me that it didn't really feel hard at the moment."

Humphries said she's sure that there are people she was growing up with that have kept out of touch with her partly because of her coming out, but she also said most people knew her well enough to see that she was still herself.

According to Cobb, this year's General Assembly will have more of a focus on work within the community. The youth group will help register voters and make meals for people who are standing witness or doing work the youth may not be allowed to participate in because of their age. The General Assembly is in Phoenix, Ariz., June 20-24.

The concert was attended by members of the church's congregation as well as people from the community.

"I think they can connect to people in ways through music they can't with just words," said Sally White, who had not heard of Emma's Revolution.

Seventh Grader Wins State Legion Award

Victoria McCaffrey, seventh grade student at St. Charles School in Arlington, is this year's top awardee in Virginia's American Legion essay contest. The first place certificate is accompanied by a prize of \$250.



When asked about the subject of her paper, Victoria said, "I hope [my mom] sees that I do appreciate what she has done to give me a better life."

John Mallon, long-time member and former Commander of Arlington's Post 139, notified the school of the award. Middle school teacher Kate Knox extended congratulations to the student, but also acknowledged the several teachers who helped develop the writing skills underpinning the winning essay.

— MICHAEL MCMORROW

Living in America

I like living in America because of all the great opportunities. Anything you want can be yours if you want it enough and work enough at it. My own mom is an immigrant. She immigrated to this county from the Dominican Republic. She was from a poor family, knew not a word of English, and had a terribly sick father. She learned English by herself and put herself through college with multiple jobs. No job was too menial. She is now a successful lawyer for the United States Government. So, the number of opportunities in America is very clear to me, and I very much appreciate it. I like living in America because it is a mish-mash of entirely different cultures. Most of the things that are identified as "all American" are from different countries. Like hamburgers, for example, they were created in Germany. Ice cream also, that was created in China. I love that about America because, no matter what your heritage, if you live here you are one of us. My parents were both born in different countries. I am the first generation in my family to be born here. And I am very proud to be an American.

— VICTORIA MCCAFFREY

Enemy POWs Buried in Arlington National Cemetery

FROM PAGE 3

A little-known subset of three "enemy" soldiers who died as prisoners of war also are buried in Arlington: One German and two Italians captured during World War II. They were among hundreds of thousands brought to the United States, and more than a few died in captivity. The Geneva Conventions governed treatment of prisoners, and the United States honored those rules in hopes that its enemies would treat American prisoners decently. Those captured could not be forced to work in war industries. However, they could be permitted to work in agriculture, for modest pay, if captors decided they presented no risk to the neighborhood and likely would not try to escape. So it was with the German and both Italians.

Arlington POW burials

The graves, in Sec. 15-C, are together about 200 feet from the "West Gate" separating Fort Myer from the Cemetery.

- ❖ **Grave 347-4**, Mario Batista, Italian, rank unknown, died 4/20/1946.
- ❖ **Grave 347-5**, Arcangelo Prudenza, Italian, corporal, died 2/18/1944.
- ❖ **Grave 347-1**, Anton Hilberath, German, first sergeant, died 4/21/1946.

The personalities of these individuals are unknown because, at war's end, virtually all records of prisoners were transferred to military authorities in their home countries through the International Red Cross. The National Archives has boxes of records dealing with administration of prisoners and prison camps, but a paucity of information by named individual. Cemetery files provide little more than name, nationality, date of death and grave location.

The German Embassy and the Italian Embassy in Washington provide no information about the three individuals and only suggest contact with specialized files centers at home, a process that takes months (or years) and is tightly bound by "privacy" rules, apart from language hurdles.

The known facts about the trio, therefore, are brief. Mario Batista and Arcangelo Prudenza were captured in North Africa, and Anton Hilberath appears to have been taken there also. Permitted to do farm work, the three were placed on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Each fell ill and died. Geneva Conventions prescribe that prisoners should be "honorably buried," which is understood to mean about the same quality of care as would be provided for the captor's own soldiers. Arlington was the nearest military cemetery. Likely viewed as a routine admin-

istrative matter under the Conventions, all three were interred not far from the low stone wall separating the cemetery from Fort Myer.

In one case, at least, the soldier is not forgotten. On the second Sunday before Advent, its embassy advises, Germany celebrates "Volkstrauertag," which means "the people's day of mourning." If a soldier's grave is in foreign soil, a military attaché places the floral display. Hilberath, therefore, is remembered each year. The Italian Embassy could provide no information on whether a similar gesture is afforded its soldiers who fell while in service.

Since Arlington is the final resting place of so many of U.S. heroes, there can be no question that Batista, Prudenza and Hilberath have been "honorably buried."

HOME SALES

In April 2012, 248 Arlington homes sold between \$3,100,000-\$70,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$3,100,000-\$805,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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1111 19TH ST N #2401	3	3	1		ARLINGTON	\$1,900,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22209	THE WATERVIEW
6061 25TH RD N	5	4	1		ARLINGTON	\$1,549,999	Detached	0.16	22207	BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
6822 30TH RD N	6	5	2		ARLINGTON	\$1,520,000	Detached	0.23	22213	BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
702 FILLMORE ST	6	4	1		ARLINGTON	\$1,499,000	Detached	0.15	22201	CLARENDON
2609 11TH ST N	4	3	2		ARLINGTON	\$1,444,715	Detached	0.11	22201	CLARENDON
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Prins Leads Yorktown Softball Past Former W-L Teammates

Patriots defeat Generals in district tournament semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With the score tied in the sixth inning of a National District semifinal matchup, Yorktown junior Lillian Prins shared a laugh with Washington-Lee catcher Grace Evans during a pressure-packed at-bat.

The two used to be teammates at W-L before Prins transferred to Yorktown for the 2011-12 school year. While the two joked as if Prins was still a member of the Generals, the first baseman's next swing of the bat drove home the fact she's now a Patriot — along with the winning run.

Prins smashed a full-count pitch off the center-field fence for an RBI double, lifting the Yorktown softball team to a 2-1 victory on May 17 and a berth in the National District tournament championship game. Prins just missed hitting her first home run of the season, instead settling for a double and the game-winning RBI.

"It felt really good," she said. "I'm a little disappointed it didn't go over."

While changing schools can be difficult

in any setting, Prins faced the challenge of crossing from one side of an Arlington rivalry to the other. There were questions whether she would fit in with her new teammates as she traded W-Ls Blue and Gray for Yorktown's Columbia Blue and White.

"We were all kind of nervous before the season started: 'What's it going to be like with Lillian?'" Yorktown senior pitcher Kate Bauman said. "No one knew her, so it was definitely a little nerve-wracking."

In addition, Prins had to face the potentially uncomfortable scenario of playing against the Generals. Thursday's matchup was the third contest between the teams this season, with Yorktown winning each one. The Patriots won by two (10-8) in the first meeting on April 10, by one (5-4) on May 2 and again by one in the district tournament.

"The first game we played them, it was pretty tough. I almost accidentally kept cheering for [W-L], instead," Prins said. "I really, really do love this [Yorktown] team. It feels good to beat [W-L] and each game it has gotten a little easier."

Yorktown coaches are happy No. 12 is on their side.

"One of the great parts about having Lillian," assistant coach Deb Litman said, "... is that she's not [at W-L] and we don't have to face her."

Prins has performed at high level this season, earning first-team all-district honors while helping Yorktown to the top

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— Yorktown assistant softball coach
Deb Litman



Yorktown first baseman Lillian Prins, a transfer from Washington-Lee, drove in the game-winning run against her former teammates in the National District softball tournament semifinals on May 17.



Yorktown senior Kate Bauman was named National District Pitcher of the Year.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

seed in the district tournament.

"I'm so happy to have her on the team," Bauman said. "She's made such a huge difference with her batting [and] on the field. Everyone's happy to have her. She's fit in really well with our team."

Along with Prins, Bauman and third baseman Charlotte Batdorf were also recognized among the district's best. Bauman was named Pitcher of the Year and Batdorf earned Player of the Year honors.

Bauman, who will play softball at Middlebury College, earned a complete-game victory against W-L on Thursday, allowing one run while striking out nine over seven innings. Yorktown catcher Maggie Stewart threw out two would-be W-L base stealers.

Yorktown faced No. 2 Hayfield in the tournament final on May 22. Results were not available prior to the Connection's deadline. Next up for the Patriots is the Northern Region tournament.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Arlington Aerials Gymnasts Win Medals

The Arlington Aerials gymnastics team finished off its season strong, earning two more team plaques at various state competitions.

The Aerials had 21 gymnasts compete at the Level 5 State Meet hosted at Radford University the weekend of April 28-29. The group earned eight all-around medals, 23 individual event medals and a team plaque for a 10th-place finish. The following weekend, the Aerials competed at the Level 4 State Meet at the Hampton Convention Center. The group had 29 gymnasts competing earning 12 all-around medals, 35 individual medals and a team plaque for an 11th-place finish. The season ended with the All-Star State Meet at the Hampton Convention Center the weekend of May 19-20. This group had 23 gymnasts competing earning 14 individual medals.



Level 4 and 5 competitors on the Arlington Aerials gymnastics team are seen with their team plaques earned at the state competition.

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O'Connell Softball Wins State Championship

The Bishop O'Connell softball team de-

feated Nansemond Suffolk, 3-0, in the Virginia Independent Schools state championship game on May 18 at the Petersburg Sports Complex. The Knights beat St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, 6-0, in the semifinals on May 17 and defeated Flint Hill, 13-0, in five innings in the quarterfinals on May 16.

Yorktown Girls' Soccer Wins District

The Yorktown girls' soccer team won its second consecutive National District championship with a 5-0 victory against Edison

on May 18 in the district tournament final at Greenbrier Stadium.

Kendall Logan, Isabel Arnold, Meghan Flynn, Audrey Denkler and Maggie Coppa each scored one goal for the Patriots.

Yorktown Boys' Soccer Finishes District Runner-Up

The Yorktown boys' soccer team reached the National District tournament final on May 18, where it lost to top-seeded Mount Vernon, 3-1.

Yorktown Crews Row To Finals at States

The Virginia State Championship Regatta was held on Saturday, May 12, and all four Yorktown boats claimed spots in the grand final in their respective events. The men's second varsity (2V) came home with silver medals, finishing behind a fast St. Albans boat.

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Remembering on Memorial Day

FROM PAGE 10

Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

HERE ARE the names of other local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and in support of the “war on terror.” We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

❖ Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

❖ Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

❖ Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabaco, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with a roadside bomb.

❖ Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

❖ May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

❖ Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

❖ Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. “He loved his country, and we’re so proud of him,” said his mother.

❖ 2nd Lt. Sean P. O’Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O’Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O’Connell High School in Arlington.

❖ Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son’s death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. Just last month, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son’s death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

❖ Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

❖ Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the “warrior poet,” and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

❖ Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother’s death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an amazing organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a “good grief” camp for children who have lost a parent.

❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

❖ Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, try-

ing to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

❖ U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

❖ Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

❖ U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

❖ Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

❖ Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

❖ 1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

❖ Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

❖ Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Living Longer, Sort of Prospering

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Though my column has appeared in the newspaper as usual the last few weeks, I haven’t felt much like writing. Typically, I’m weeks ahead with my column inventory, having regularly found the time and inclination to put pen to paper and provide the prose you regular readers have come to expect. To say I haven’t been in the mood lately would be an oversimplification of epic proportions. To say that I’ve been depressed and dealing with the weight (subconsciously for sure, consciously for maybe) of my diagnosis, prognosis, life expectancy, and life as a cancer patient in general, would be more accurate. It’s an admission I take no pride in making. I never wanted to be a victim of my own circumstances (unless I was quoting Curly Howard from The Three Stooges) and I never wanted to use my having cancer for an excuse/explanation for anything. However, given my mood and manner these last few weeks and minimal literary output, that’s exactly what I’m now doing; and I’m not too happy about it either, which almost makes its use even more disturbing.

Obviously, living with a terminal disease is heavy duty. To think I could shrug it off – all the time, is a bit naive. Not that cancer has a mind of its own, but it does find a way to infiltrate your defenses and occasionally bring you to your knees, literally and figuratively. After all, I am human, not Vulcan. I am ruled by emotion, not logic. Though the good of the many outweigh the good of the one, this one is weighed down pretty good by the one not being so good. When I see and read and hear about real people and even fake people (television, movies, etc.) dying of cancer (and lung cancer is a particularly pernicious player), it’s impossible for me, after repeated exposure, to not take it personally; as in: you’re next!

So yes, I feel it. And the longer I live beyond my original prognosis, the heavier the weight of inevitability becomes. In spite of lifestyle choices and changes I’ve made, and the miscellaneous supplements and homeopathic-type remedies I’ve employed, there does seem to be a reality that one would be hard-pressed to ignore: a terminal diagnosis (which stage IV lung cancer is) is not identified as such because of where one was diagnosed (at the airport), it’s how long one can expect to live based on the best medical and statistical information known at the time. And as much as I want to believe that such prognostications are merely educated guesses and subject to interpretation – and reinterpretation (which of course they are, to a degree), there is some reasonably acceptable medical data to support the notion that cancer kills. Though dismissing that notion and maintaining a positive attitude has thus far been my approach, there are days – and weeks, like now, where that approach seems arrogant and pretentious, and I suffer accordingly, mentally mostly.

Not because of any recent change in my health or results (although this new chemo drug I’m on is exhausting me), it’s more about the evolution of the reality: one can’t live with terminal cancer forever, can they? I mean, it wouldn’t be terminal if you could. There must be an end in sight. Otherwise, the end wouldn’t have been mentioned at the beginning, during the original Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist. Sure, doctors can be wrong and I could be an anomaly: “the exception,” as my brother, Richard has said, “that proves the rule,” statistically speaking, anyway. But betting against long odds seems illogical; and if my years of faithful “Star Trek” viewing have showed me anything, it’s that one’s feelings can sometimes get in the way of how one acts, and not always with great results.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 12

In their morning heat, the men’s 2V struggled at the start. They fell a few seats back of a fired-up crew from Thomas Jefferson, and never caught up. The men finished second in their heat, qualifying them for the final.

The men’s 1V, seeded third overall, won their heat by a touch of open water over Madison and also advanced to the grand final.

In the 2V final, Yorktown got off to a much better start than in its heat and held even with the undefeated St. Albans boat for the first 400 meters. This good start got the Patriots moving on Madison and Thomas Jefferson. Once the Bulldogs of St. Albans started to pull away from the Patriots, the race was for the silver medal. Yorktown built a solid lead over both Thomas Jefferson and Madison to win the silver medal. Washington and Lee made a strong late sprint to overtake Madison and Thomas Jefferson and take home the bronze medal.

In the 1V final, Yorktown ended up with the

fastest-starting and physically strongest crews flanking them on either side. Off the start, St. Albans and Thomas Jefferson moved on the field leaving Yorktown, Washington-Lee, Westfield and Madison to battle to stay in the race. As the crews closed on the finish, St. Albans led the field by more than a length and won its third Virginia state championship in a row. In a very close race for second, third, and fourth, Washington-Lee nipped both Thomas Jefferson and Yorktown for second, with Thomas Jefferson holding on for third. Yorktown ended the day in fourth.

On the women’s side, it was a day of great racing and promising results. The Yorktown 2V women were seeded eighth going into the championship and thus were not favored to advance to the finals. Nevertheless, in their heat the Lady Patriots finished second behind Madison, beating both fifth-ranked Robinson and fourth-ranked Oakton, to advance to the grand final. In the final, the Yorktown 2V had a solid race, finishing 5th overall, with Madison winning easily with a nine second advantage over National Cathedral. In

third, another boat length back was T.C. Williams.

The Yorktown women’s 1V started out the year knowing they had some work to do, having lost four seniors to college squads. Each week during the season the crew did just that, gaining speed with each race. Their hard work earned them a sixth seed coming into states, but they were in a two-to-advance heat, alongside top-ranked Madison and seventh-ranked Oakton. Yorktown had a fantastic start and jumped out front in the first 500 meters. Madison powered through them in the middle 500 meters, but Oakton couldn’t make up the difference, and Yorktown finished open water in front of Oakton to advance to the final. In the final, Yorktown battled Robinson for fourth place, and in the last 30 strokes sprinted past both Robinson and T.C. Williams to finish fourth overall behind a stellar Madison crew in first, National Cathedral in second, and Thomas Jefferson in third.



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