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(right) with their marriage license in front of the Arlington County Court-house on Wonday, Oct. 6, following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review the case of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that overturned Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage, The decision allows officials to sign marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

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# NEWS Historic Moment

# Historic Moment U.S. Supreme Court decision allows Virginia officials to sign same-sex marriage licenses.

By Vernon Miles The Connection

heers erupted from the gathered supporters and media as Erica Turner and Jennifer Melsop spoke their vows and became the first same-sex couple married at the Arlington Courthouse in the wake of Monday's U.S. Supreme Court decision. The two women have been together for four years, and when they showed up at the courthouse they had no idea that they'd be the couple making Virginia history.

"It feels great," said Turner, "It's all of the things you wanted finally coming to fruition."

Hours earlier, the two discovered from a Facebook post that the U.S. Supreme Court would not review the case of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that overturned Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage. The decision allows officials to sign marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

"This is the outcome we have hoped for. It is the outcome we have fought for, and it is the outcome that the constitution requires," said Attorney General Mark Herring. "This decision will change the lives of thousands of couples in a positive and transformative way."

For the advocates and government officials gathered outside the courthouse, the news from the U.S. Supreme Court came without warning. Stuart Raphael, Virginia's Solicitor General, expressed surprise but said that courts across the state would very quickly be able to handle this change.

Many of the same-sex couples in the crowd were already married, but would now have their marriages recognized with full benefits from the state. Rhonda Buckner and Diane Ullius have been together for 33 years, and were married on Sept 3, 2006 in Toronto, Canada.

"It is no longer possible for the state to say 'oh well, it's OK for the laws to apply differently'," said Buckner. "What part of separate but equal did they fail to get?"

Allen Keiswetter, former president of Parents, Friends, and Family of Lesbians and



Jennifer Melsop (left) and Erica Turner exchange vows in front of the Arlington Courthouse.



Charlotte (left) and Punna Hayes in front of the Arlington County Courthouse on Monday, Oct. 6.

Gays, attended the ceremony with his wife Gerda Keiswetter. The two have a transgender child and said they've been waiting for this moment for years.

"This is a tribute to our attorney general and a lot of effort for decades." said Allen. "We have our champagne chilled. We're ready."

Same-sex couples were joined by advocates of the cause and representatives of various denominations expressing their support.

"For two decades I have been performing ceremonies of union for couples, but I have not able to sign the license," said the Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. "And today I'm hoping I can sign a license issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia."

Peebles got that chance an hour later when she officiated Turner and Melsop's ceremony. The \$30 license fee was paid by Buckner and Ullius.

"People like them paved the way for this to happen," said Turner, thanking Buckner and Ullius. "Not everyone gets to have this opportunity ... Keep fighting!"

In attendance was Jay Fisette, chair of the Arlington County Board, and his husband Bob Rosen.

"We have been married for 30 years already without a license," said Rosen, "but today is a validation."

Fisette was elected to the Arlington County Board in 1998, where he became the first openly gay elected official in Virginia.

"I think today is a day to honor the courage to be open and honest," said Fisette. "Openness and honesty is what helps keep discriminatory views away."

Behind the gathered media, Punna and Charlotte Hayes locked arms and discussed their travel plans, made a little easier by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision.

"It wasn't clear what was happening when we heard the news," said Punna Hayes, "I

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The Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington watches as Jennifer Melsop and Erica Turner embrace after exchanging their vows. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



Rhonda Buckner (left) and Diane Ullius have been together for 33 years.



Bob Rosen (left) and County Board Chair Jay Fisette have been married for 30 years already without a license.

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### News

# The Cloud Arises at Welburn Square

he Cloud is a constellation containing 50 cloudlets that emitlight and sound. Ballston BID partnered with the Virginia Tech Research Center to create the public display. Fifty teams from the Ballston community participated in an hour-long Cloud workshop on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 2. Each team programed the behavior of a cloudlet. Later the cloudlets were installed on the green at Welburn Square. The networked sculpture of cloudlets then began interacting through light and sound with each other and the surrounding human activity in the square. The Cloud was on display through Friday evening at Welburn Square. On Saturday it was moved to the lobby of the Virginia Tech Research Center building at 900 N. Glebe Road. It will be on display until Oct. 31.

The Cloud was designed collaboratively by Virginia Tech professors Aki Ishida, assistant professor of architecture, and Ivica Ico Bukvic, associate professor of music technology. The design team included thirdyear architecture students: Suzanne Berry, Ciara Bucci, Hyun-Jun Cho, Corey Crist, Luke Dale, Zihan Hafiz, Zichun Huang, Christina LoConte, Runyu Ma, Siyu Zhang and Ge Zhou. Computer Science undergraduate student Omavi Walker and Engineering Science and Mechanics undergraduate student Zach Miller also contributed to the design of the installation.

The Cloud is part of an ongoing art project "Public Displays of Innovation" by the Ballston BID. For more information visit www.ballstonbid.com/art-projects/cloud



Holly Huang looks through a sample sheet of aluminum that was considered for use in the project.



The cloudlets are in four different heights, each with a corresponding sound and colors. The tallest are wind sounds, the middle heights are birds and crickets and the shortest cloudlets make sounds of water.





Fifty cloudlets made out of acrylic and aluminum and containing a Raspberry Pi computer were installed to form the Cloud.



The Cloud is activated as visitors walk through it on Friday evening at Welburn Square.



Virginia Tech architecture student Corey Crist installs a cloudlet on the green at Welburn Square.



Blue and green lights were programmed by each team to respond to sound and light.



Virginia Tech architecture students Holly Huang and Jun Cho check the connections in one of the final cloudlets.

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### News

Vermillion Chef William Morris holds the Golden Eggplant prize for the best entrée. Morris received the award with an entrée created with Chef Peter Smith. With Morris and ACFD Captain Claude Cone, Chef Peter Smith and firefighter Joaquin Ibarra.



# Chiefs vs. Chefs

he Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) held its 3rd annual Chiefs vs. Chefs fundraiser at the Clarendon Ballroom on Wednesday, Oct.1. Close to 300 attendees experienced a live cooking competition between local area chefs and Arlington County firehouse cooks. Winners of the event took home bragging rights and the coveted Golden Eggplant. All proceeds from the event will be used to help feed the 2,000 families that come to AFAC for free, supplemental groceries each week. To learn more about AFAC, visit www.afac.org.

#### **Competitors:**

#### Appetizer:

Chef Tim Ma from Water & Wall vs. The Rat Pack: Lieutenant Richard Slusher and Firefighter David Harrison (winners)

#### Soup/Salad:

Chef Tracy O'Grady and Chef Kate Jansen from Willow Restaurant (winners) vs. Team Blaze & Glaze: Captain Bosephus Bennett and Firefighter David Harrison



ACFD Captain Bosephus Bennett with competition judges Chef David Guas from Bayou Bakery and Greg Hamilton, founder and publisher of Arlington Magazine.

#### Crime Report

The following incidents were reported by the Arlington County Police Department.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING,** 4200 block of N. Fairfax Drive. At 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 29, an intoxicated subject attempted to stab several patrons with a knife at First Down Bar. Police confronted the subject on scene and after failing to comply with officers commands to drop his weapon, the subject fled on foot to a heavily populated area near the Ballston Metro Station. Officers attempted a taser deployment but ultimately took the subject

into custody following a takedown. The weapon was recovered and a 19-year-old Washington, D.C. man was arrested and charged www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



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The Golden Eggplant awards.

#### Entree:

Chef William Morris & Chef Peter Smith from Vermilion (winners) vs. Captain Claude Conde and Firefighter Joaquin Ibarra

Judges: Chef David Guas from Bayou Bakery; Greg Hamilton, founder and publisher of Arlington Magazine, and Chef Shannon Overmiller from The Majestic Café.



Bob Cooper, John Ziegenhein and Steve Schroeder.

with three counts of attempted malicious wounding, resisting arrest, obstruction of justice, underage possession of alcohol and drunk in public. He was also wanted out of Washington, D.C. for armed robbery. He was held without bond.

**ROBBERY**, 4200 block of N. Wilson Boulevard. At 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 29, a subject stole items from a mall kiosk and when confronted assaulted the cashier.

Police detained the subject, who had been previously banned from the property. A 24-year-old man, of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with robbery, petit larceny and trespassing. He was held without bond.

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# OPINION Ebola? Whooping Cough? Enterovirus?

### Wash your hands, get your flu shot.

here is plenty to be fearful about. Local outbreaks of whooping cough, due to some parents opting out of vaccines; whooping cough can be deadly for infants. Enterovirus, an upper respiratory illness mostly affecting children, which can become very serious very quickly for some children. The spectre of ebola killing thousands of people in West Africa, and also possibly arriving EDITORIAL via any international airport.

But there are a few things you can do to protect yourself and those around you from likely the biggest infectious health threat in your neighborhood, influenza.

The flu will kill thousands of people in the United States this flu season, ranging from October to May. Over 30 years, the average number of deaths was more than 20,000 annually according to the CDC, although the number ranged from 3,000 to 48,000.

Flu vaccination is cheap, easy and effective. Getting vaccinated was associated with a 71

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#### VOTER IDENTIFICATION OUTREACH

The League of Women Voters of Arlington is conducting public outreach efforts during September and October to inform voters about the new photo identification law in Virginia. The League will be distributing bookmarks and information materials about the requirements of the new law at various Metro stations in Arlington. Crystal City: Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:30-7 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 14, 5:30-7 p.m.

**REGISTRATION OPEN** Nature and History Programs. percent reduction in flu-related hospitalizations among adults of all ages and a 77 percent reduction among adults 50 years of age and older during the 2011-2012 flu season.

Get a flu shot. Make sure everyone in your family gets a flu shot. Most people with health insurance can get the vaccination without paying anything for it. Getting vaccinated doesn't just protect you, it also protects the people around you who might be more vulnerable, including young children, people over 65, pregnant women, people with other health conditions like being in cancer treatment or with chronic upper respiratory problems.

#### Quoting the CDC:

"Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Over a period of 31 seasons between 1976 and 2007, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the United States range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people. During a regular flu season, about 90 percent of deaths occur in people 65 years and older. "Flu season" in the United

More on Flu and Flu Vaccines

Centers for Disease Control http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm Fairfax County

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Arlington http://health.arlingtonva.us/flu/

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http://alexandriava.gov/Flu Montgomery County

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/resident/ flu.html

States can begin as early as October and last as late as May.

"During this time, flu viruses are circulating at higher levels in the U.S. population. An annual seasonal flu vaccine (either the flu shot or the nasal spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.'

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/ keyfacts.htm

> — Mary Kimm MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

> > Meeting. 7-9 p.m. Central Library 1015 North Quincy St. Review feedback and brainstorm on possible additional ideas on the redesign of the playground and sand volleyball court at Quincy Park. Visit http:// parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/ quincy-park/ for more.

Application Deadline. Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan is seeking applicants for a new advisory task force to look into whether Arlington's volunteer office is the right business model to meet community needs. Visit http:// commissions.arlingtonva.us for more.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 9

- Business Women Conference. 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Center of the NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd. The conference will feature a panel of leading women from business, defense, finance and law enforcement. Visit www.arlingtonva.us for more.
- Political Meet and Greet. 7-9 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Each Eighth District congressional candidate will give a three-minute introductory statement followed by a general question and answer period, with questions coming from the audience. Contact 703-532-4417 or peggy.knight1@verizon.net for more.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Biannual Recycling Event. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Residents can safely dispose of hazardous household materials. recycle bikes, small metal items, shoes and clothing. Bring ID to verify residency. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/ recycle or call 703-228-6832 for more.

#### Fire Open House. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at any station in Arlington. Each station

will have a different activity for children such as climbing into trucks,

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System. Arlington has switched to a new alert system that brings instant emergency warnings, but residents have to sign up for the new system. To continue getting the emergency alerts, sign up at

Registration to Arlington's full guide

on nature and history programs is

emergency.arlingtonva.us/. Grant Application. Non-profit organizations providing temporary, emergency assistance such as rent,

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food and services to individuals and families in Arlington County may submit one request for up to \$10,000 in order to enhance, revitalize and/or change a part of their organization to meet future needs of the population they serve. Applications are due by 5

4785 for more. now open. Register online for campfire evening magic, nature hikes or sign up for a seashell workshop. **OCTOBER** There are classes for children of all ages. Visit arlingtonparks.us/snag/

#### National NeighborWoods Month. Alliance for Community Trees and New Arlington Emergency Alert CSX are partnering with local

greening organizations to strengthen and reestablish urban tree canopies. As part of ACTrees' National NeighborWoods Month in October, 30 communities across the country will receive CSX Tree Giveaway Grants and CSX Restoration Grants. Find specific dates, times and locations on the website: http:// actrees.org/news/media-center/ actrees-news/actrees-and-csxannounce-national-neighborwoods tree-plantings-and-giveaways.

p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9. Visit

grants@arlcf.org or call 703-243-

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8 **Quincy Park Design Development** 

### Favola's Work Against Domestic Violence Honored

tate Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) was honored Monday, Oct. 6, by the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Community with its Legislator Award of Excellence for her work regarding domestic violence and support for women, children and families.

In 2014, Favola sponsored legislation which would have prevented any person convicted of stalking, sexual battery, or assault and battery of a family member involving the use of force from possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm or any other weapon for a period of five years following conviction. In 2012 and 2013, she partroned a bill that made it a crime to possess a firearm while in the residence of the alleged victim or the transport of a firearm by a person subject to an emergency protective order issued as a

#### result of domestic violence.

Favola was a founding co-chair of the group that developed Project Peace to address domestic violence in Arlington.

She is a founding board member for Doorways for Women and Families which creates pathways meet those needs and engaging members of the community as part of the solution.

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out of domestic violence and homelessness toward safe and stable lives. While on the Arlington County Board, Favola started the Task Force on Youth which led to the creation of the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families whose mission is to improve the health, well being and safety of children, youth and families in Arlington through researching young people's needs, advocating for policies and programs to

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### **Celebrating Same Sex Marriage**

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Register, 703-228-0955.

Seated exercise, M-W-F, 9 a.m.,

Madison Chess Club, Mondays,

9:30 a.m., Madison Comm. Center.

hours, Langston-Brown, \$60/15 ses-

Nutritional needs for seniors,

Arlington Mill Trail Trekkers,

Table tennis, Tuesdays-Thursdays,

Healthy holiday cooking,

Wildlife in Arlington, Wednesday,

Duplicate bridge, Wednesdays, 10

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m., Arlington

Oct. 22, 11 a.m., Lee. Free. Register,

a.m. -10 p.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$5.

Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

10 a.m., -12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown, Free, Register, 703-228-6300.

Madison. \$60/15 sessions; \$4 drop-in.

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just said 'we've got to get down there today.""

Punna Hayes had recently changed her last name to match Charlotte's. Before marriage was passed,

she had to change her name through the courts. "I wanted to show that we were married, but there

was no way to do that until today," said Punna. "It

#### "Flourishing After 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Oct. 20-25.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Monday, Oct. 20, Natl. Museum of History, D.C., \$8; Wednesday, Oct. 22, National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, Md., \$12; Saturday, Oct. 25, Lancaster County Dutch Market, Germantown, Md., \$8. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required

Home safety tips, Monday, Oct. 20, 1 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555

Planting flower bulbs, Monday, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. register, 703-228-5722

Tennis, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., Bluemont Courts. Defeels great. I honestly thought it was going to take years and years."

The two are planning to take a trip to Jordan in November to celebrate their anniversary.

"I didn't think Virginia would be last, but I thought we'd be near the bottom," said Charlotte Hayes. "I didn't think we'd be next.'

> Register, 703-228-5722. Line dancing class, Wednesdays,

- 9:30 a.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955
- Arlington Walking Club, Wednesdays, 9 a.m., \$4. Register, 703-228-4403.
- Seniors only weight room Home care options, Thursday, Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m., Lee. Register, 703-228-0555
  - Keeping trees healthy, Thursday, Oct. 23, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Reg-ister, 703-228-0955.

Slowing the aging process, Friday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403. Belly Dance workshops, Fridays,

10a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-5722 Lee Walkers, Fridays, 10 a.m., \$3.

Register, 703-228-0555 Fast-paced walking group, Fri-

days, 8 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Tai Chi practice, Saturdays, 9:15 a.m. - 10 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.







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# ENTERTAINMENT TACT Is Closing After 20 Seasons

### Key players look back through the years.

By Steve Hibbard The Connection

fter 20 seasons, The American Century Theater (TACT), which performs at The Gunston Arts Center, Theater Two, on South Lang Street in Arlington, announced that the 2014-15 season will be its last. After "The Seven Year Itch"

closes on Oct. 11, TACT will present "Crime and Punishment in America" on Jan. 9-31; followed by "American Century's Broadway Hit Parade" from March 19-22, and finally, "Twelve Angry Men" on July 17-Aug. 8, which is the same show that started it all in 1994.

TACT's very first production was "Twelve Angry Men," which coincided with the O.J. Simpson murder trial, said co-founder Shelly Wallerstein, who was chairman of the board from 1997-2007. He also played the jury foreman. "It was a phenomenal success; everybody took notice of us and we hit the ground running," he said.

Through the years, Wallerstein said TACT produced barely-seen, early plays from the 20th century that provided an opportunity for people who were older to see shows dated from when they were in their 20s or so. "It gave an opportunity for a lot of wonderful shows to be exhibited to a whole new audience," he said. "And outside of the revivals of some of the great musical comedies on Broadway, nobody was summer of 2013. doing anything like this.

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Brian Childers stars in "An Evening With Danny Kaye" from the summer of 2014.



**Steve Lebens and Chad Fornwalt** star in "I Do! I Do!" from the

He added: "We did a lot of wonderful shows and we won a lot of awards because we were doing what nobody else was doing."

One of those was called "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Mari-

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golds," about a dysfunctional family. He said actress Marlo Thomas came to see it at the Gunston Arts Center because she had been considering doing her own version of it for Broadway.

Another play with Wallerstein as an actor, "Moby Dick Rehearsed" by Orson Welles, was brought back to Broadway after TACT did it. "Everything was done in mime," he said. "We pretended to be in boats looking for the whale; it was all imaginary, and an amazing experience for an actor."

Co-Founder of TACT Jack Marshall, whose

Carolyn Myers, Ann De Michele,

Lilburne star in "Marathon '33"

Jennifer J. Hopkins and Daniel

Corey in "Biography."

from the 2012 season

Jamie Ogden, and Chanukah Jane

flections Series," which featured new shows about important American figures and events in the 20th century.

Marshall said some of the highlights included the circus scene in "Lady and the Dark" because they had to hire a small circus to supply acts for a complex scene. He said that show had not had a full run in the U.S. since the original in 1941. "We gambled every cent on it, hid a 16-person orchestra behind the stage, had over 150 costumes. and it was a hit," he said.

Another highlight: The whale boat scene in "Moby Dick Rehearsed," which he calls

Marshall said another milestone was when Paul Morella played "Clarence Darrow," in the one-man show that Marshall had to write over the holidays, when they lost the rights to the Darrow show that Henry Fonda originated. Marshall said, "Paul made the part his own, and has continued to perform versions of it at law schools, bar associations and law firms."

Another hit was "Marathon, '33," about June Havoc's free-form recreation of the horrible dance marathons of the Depression era. Marshall said Producer Rebecca Christy and her artistic team and cast, "turned our

theater into a dance hall, and it was magic, every night."

Looking back, Artistic Associate and Director Ellen Dempsey, who has been with the company for about 10 years, said her proudest achievements with TACT have been in directing a variety of diverse shows from different periods.

Her first show was "It Had to Be You," a lighthearted comedy with two people. Her last show was "Bang the Drum Slowly," with a cast of 17 or so. "So it sort of ran the gamut," she said, of her directing repertoire.

The time periods from the plays' settings helped her learn more about past decades, almost like a history lesson, she said. For example, directing "Happy Birthday Wanda June" by Kurt Vonnegut delved into the American Zeitgeist of the 1960s. And directing "Little Murders" by Jules Feiffer offered a comedic

Emery Erin as Rosalie, Anna Lynch as Rosalinda the Fish and Tony Strowd as Jonathan in "Oh Dad, Poor Dad" from the spring of 2014.

job since 1994 was to chart the artistic mission of the company, chose the shows, directors, assisted with casting and oversaw the quality of the productions. He also directed musicals and productions, and wrote, co-wrote or collaborated on adaptations, revivals and original shows in TACT's "Re-

"the most exciting and dynamic moment we've ever had in Theater Two." He said, "We mounted the show, which had been a flop everywhere, including in its original production in Great Britain and on Broadway. We proved what a terrific theater piece it can be."



The cast of "Cops" from the winter

of 2008.

3 The cast from "Moby Dick Rehearsed" from the Spring of 2005.

and absurdist take on a dangerous side of New York City in the early 1970s.

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With "Little Murders," staging the murder of a bride on her wedding day at the end of the first act, she said, "You don't have

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#### ONGOING

- "The Seven Year Itch." Runs through Saturday. Oct. 11, with a pay what you can performance Wednesday, Oct. 24. A talkback will follow the Thursday, Sept. 25 performance. Regular show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m, with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm (no matinee Saturday, Sept. 20). Visit
- AmericanCentury.org or call 703-998-4555.
  Yappy Hour. Fridays through Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Le Meridien, 1121 N 19th St. Le Meridien hotel, along with the Rosslyn BID, is hosting a Yappy Hour every Friday. This event will be held on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse will be serving specialty cocktails and appetizers for pet owners as well as a few treats for dogs. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/yappyhour#sthash.tuQQKjco.dpuf.
- Historic Home Tours at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington County opens for the season with free tours and refreshments. The house is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Visit
- www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org. Children's Music. 10:30 a.m on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com for more
- Gallery Underground October Shows. Runs through Nov. 1. In the Focus Gallery, a new exhibit "World Aesthetic" will be featured. This is an all-media national juried landscape show spotlighting the creative inspiration provided by travel near or far. The opening reception will be held Friday, Oct. 3, 5-8 p.m. The gallery will be open Monday-Friday 10 a.m-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2p.m. Visit

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www.galleryunderground.org for more. Elmer Gantry. Runs through Nov. 9. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. The second show of Signature Theatre's 25th Anniversary season. Tickets now on sale. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org/shows/elmer-gantry for more.

Theater Performance. Runs through Nov. 2 at 1800 S. Bell St. Synthetic Theater presents a new adaptation of HG Well's novel "The Island of Dr. Moreau." The Oct. 9 show will feature American Sign Language interpretation. All performances begin at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.synetictheater.org for more. Sparket: A Creative Market. Wednesdays,

through Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. An electric and colorful shopping experience. Free admission; \$30 to be a vendor.

- Visit http://crystalcity.org/do/sparket for more. Art Exhibit. Runs through Jan. 5. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. "We Are Arlington," an exhibit of vintage photographs and memorabilia. Monday-Thursday,10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday -Wednesday, 1-9 p.m. Friday -Saturday, 10 a.m.-5p.m. Call 703-228-6330 for more
- LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey's "Bar A" Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. IOTA Club & Cafe has designated every Tuesday LGBT & Straight Friends Social Night for those 21 years and older. Free. Visitwww.iotaclubandcafe.com/ for more information.
- Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more. Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held
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The Beasts from "The Island of Dr. Moreau," presented by Synetic Theater.

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

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- **Open Mic Nite.** 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.
- Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-
- Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson
- Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693. Storytime. Mondays and Fridays,
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#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 19-NOV. 30

Art Exhibit. Opening reception is Friday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. at Terrace Gallery. Artist talk is Saturday, Sept. 20, 2 p.m. at Terrace Gallery. Artsphere, Terrace Gallery, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 932. Think With Your Hands: Illustrated Journals Come to Life Through Augmented Reality. Free Admission. Visit www.artsphere.com for more

#### SATURDAYS/SEPT. 20-OCT. 11

Migration Mornings. 8 a.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Explore the park and see what bird species are arriving and leaving during the migration season. Meet at the Nature Center. Free. Call 703-528-5406 to make a reservation.

#### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 2-NOV. 1

The Island of Dr. Moreau. Monday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Synetic Theater, 2611 Jefferson Davis Highway. The Synetic Theater presents "The Island of Dr. Moreau" with Paata Tsikurishvili as a director and star in the production. Purchasing individual tickets for the show are \$55 and a subscription to the Synetic Theater is \$140. Call 703-824-8060 or visitwww.synetictheater.org/ for more.

#### **OCT. 7-NOV. 9**

"Elmer Gantry." At Signature's MAX Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Shirlington. The charismatic, but completely broke, salesman Elmer Gantry stumbles upon a struggling religious tour, led by pious evangelist Sister Sharon Falconer. Falling for Falconer, Gantry joins the troupe as a preacher and, with a little showmanship and theatrics transforms the revival into the hottest ticket in town. However, inspired by Falconer's earnestness and his reawakened spirit, Gantry inserts one spectacle too many and

risks blowing up the entire operation. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.signature-theatre.org for more.

#### **TUESDAY/OCT. 7**

Movie Screening. 7 p.m. at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. "Oasis in Space" transports the audience on a startling and beautiful voyage through our universe, galaxy and solar system. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org for more.

#### **THURSDAY/OCT. 9**

- **October Program.** 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St. The Arlington Historical Society presents Civil Rights Hero Joan Mulholland. Call 703-228-5990.
- DC Twin Fest. 8:30 p.m. at IOTA Club and Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Two of DC's premier indie rock bands with twins in them will take the stage. Call 703-522-8340 or visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 10-11

Live Concert. Friday,10 p.m. and Saturday,7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Brent Morin will perform. Tickets \$20. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/ drafthouse/event for more.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 10

Lunchtime Celebration.11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Plaza on the 19th. Save the date for this informal lunchtime celebration, featuring live music and food trucks.Visit www.rosslynva.org/ for more.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 11

- Launch Party. Noon at One More Page Books 2200 North Westmoreland St. Sisters in Crime hosts a launch party to celebrate the release of the chapter's newest Chesapeake Crimes Anthology "Homicidal Holidays." Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more
- Fall Festival. Noon-2 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. This Northridge tradition features a wide variety of family games, a moon bounce and bubble fun for kids. Call 703-549-5500 or visit www.trinityalexandria.org for more
- Arlington House Event. 2-9:30 p.m. at The Arlington House, 321 Sherman Drive. Join the National Park Service for a special day/ evening program commemorating African American history on the

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- Book Signing. 7p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Author Lisa Maxwell shares from her debut thriller, "Sweet Unrest." Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**Annual Afghan Arts and Culture** Festival. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The festival will feature dance performances, folk and modern Afghan music performances, Afghan food, vendors selling ethnic jewelry and clothing. Visit www.afghan-festival.org for more.

#### **OCT. 14-DEC. 7**

**"Sex with Strangers."** 7 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Shirlington. The play by Laura Eason runs Oct. 14-Dec. 7. Tickets go on sale July 1 and performances are Tuesday-Sunday evenings with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. \$40 and up. Visit www.signaturetheatre.org for more.

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

Teacher Appreciation Night. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Enjoy an Educator Appreciation Night for area teachers and librarians. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 16

- Book Signing. 11 a.m. at Little Falls Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall, 6025 Little Falls Road. Barbara Glickman, author of "Capitol Splendor: Gardens and Parks of Washington, D.C.," will present a photographic slide show and sign copies of the book. Free, open to the public. Call 703-532-1959 or email rockspringgardenclub@gmail.com for more
- Casino Night. 6-10 p.m. at Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road. Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia will host the Everyone's Home Matters Gala and Casino Night. Visit www.hcsnv.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19 Friends of the Planetarium

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Programming. This organization organizes and hosts public programs for one weekend each month. The theme for this month is planets and the moon. Donations from the community benefit the purchase of digital programming to complement the library being developed by Arlington Public Schools. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org for

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  - FreedomWalk Festival is a weekend long, non-competitive, social walking challenge bringing participants of all ages and abilities together for fun, fitness, and international friendship.Different trails will be offered each day, and a variety of distances ranging from 3-27 miles (5 43 kilometers) starting at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 N Fort Myer Drive. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do for more.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 17

- Studio Grand Opening. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at 2100 Crystal Drive. The 296 Project is a fully functional and hyper-modern art studio for the singular purpose of providing the resources for our Nation's active duty and retired service members. Vist
- www.the296project.org for more. **Community Concert Series**. 7:30 p.m at The Falls Church, 115 East Fairfax St. The Choral Arts Chamber Singers will perform. Call 202-244-3669 or visit choralarts.org for more.
- Saturday/Oct. 18-Dec. 20 Fall SOLOS. Opening reception, Oct. 18 from 6-9 p.m. Artists from across the Mid-Atlantic region are selected for solo exhibitions to take place in one of AAC's seven separate gallery spaces, or outside on the grounds ... Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/ solos/apply for more.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 18

- St. John's Annual Tea. 1-3 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 South Lexington St. Enjoy a wide choice of teas, scones, finger sandwiches, pastries, cakes and cookies. Call 703-671-6834 for more.
- A-Z of Beer and Wine. 3:30-6:30 p.m. and 7:30-10:30 p.m. at 1500 Wilson Blvd. Sample Beer or Wine for each letter of the alphabet. Visit www.rosslynva.org/ for more.
- Anniversary Fundraiser. 5-8 p.m. at 3185 Clarendon Blvd. Attend the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's 25th Anniversary Fundraiser and support keeping Arlington affordable and diverse. Visit www.rosslynva.org/ for more. Movie Night at the Planetarium. 6:00 p.m. at David M. Brown

Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. "Apollo 13," a 1995 motion picture will be shown. Visit

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- Wilson Blvd. 1950s attire is suggested for an evening of intrigue and glamour at the Arlington Public Library. Tickets \$30. All proceeds support the literacy program. Visit arlingtonlibraryfriends.org/lit-upball/ for more.
- **Fall Festival.** 6-9 p.m. at Langston High School Continuation Program, 2121 North Culpeper St. Enjoy a cake walk, moon bounce, face painting, crafts and a haunted hall. Cost is \$4 per child. Call 703-228-5295 for more.

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 19

- Sunday Science Presentation. 1 p.m. at David M. Brown
  - Planetarium,1426 N. Quincy St. Dr. Harold A. Geller, associate professor at George Mason University, will provide background on Maven, a NASA probe that is currently on Mars. Visit www.friendsoftheplanetarium.org for more.

#### MONDAY/OCT. 20

Laughter Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St. Use breathing, clapping and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. Free. Contact alingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com for more.

#### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 23-26

Marine Corps Marathon. Several times and locations through the weekend. A weekend of events leading up to the race. Visit www.marinemarathon.com/ to register and for more.

#### **THURSDAY/OCT. 23**

Author Speech. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Ann Patchett will share her personal story on how she became a writer. Call 703-228-5990 for more.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 24-25

Evening of Kirtan. 7 p.m. at Artisphere Spectrum Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Embark on a vocal journey through the sacred sounds of ancient India. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-1100.

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# Sports

# O'Connell Football Falls in Overtime to St. John's

### Knights started 5-0 for first time since 1998.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

n Del Smith's first two seasons as head coach of the Bishop O'Connell football program, the Knights got off to a strong start, only to fall short down the stretch against the tremendous competition of the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.

This year, O'Connell got off to its best start since 1998, winning its first five games. On Saturday, the Knights had a chance to break through with a victory against one of the stronger teams in the conference as the Knights went to overtime against St. John's. O'Connell failed to score on its first possession of overtime, however, and St. John's running back Omar Garcia ended the game on his next carry, scoring a 25-yard touchdown to give the Cadets a 20-14 victory on Oct. 4 at Bishop O'Connell High School.

The Knights led 14-7 at halftime, but couldn't put the Cadets away. Despite the loss, O'Connell is focused on the bigger picture.

"We've just got to keep our heads high because we know our goal this year wasn't to beat St John's, it was to make playoffs," O'Connell quarterback Michael Galvan said. "... [The fact] that we're hurting [after this loss], it means that it does mean something to us. We'll be ready. Coaches are going to make a great game plan for next week [against DeMatha] and we're going to come back and we're going to work three times as hard."

The top four teams in the seven-team WCAC make the playoffs.

Galvan carried 16 times for 27 yards, and completed 13 of 21 passes for 147 yards, with one touchdown and one interception against St. John's. His 2-yard touchdown pass to Landan Ward tied the score at 7 late in the first quarter.

O'Connell running back Nick Shaw car-

#### FOOTBALL BRIEFS

### Wakefield Football Suffers First Loss

The Wakefield football team suffered its first loss of the season, falling to Hayfield 37-10 on Oct. 2.

Leon Young carried 27 times for 161 yards for the Warriors. Bemnet Seyoum scored Wakefield's lone touchdown on a 2-yard run. Linebacker Kevin Greenwell had a fumble recovery and an interception.

Wakefield (4-1) will host three consecutive games, starting with a contest against 4-1 Falls Church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10. The Warriors will host Arlington foe Yorktown on Oct. 17.

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ried 16 times for 68 yards. His 8-yard touchdown run gave the Knights a 14-7 lead with less than a minute remaining in the first half.

"I think we can line up and play with anybody in the league," Smith said, "I think we proved it today."

What will it take for the Knights to get a win against an upper-echelon WCAC opponent?

"Eventually we're going to get one," Smith said. "I don't feel like it's a monkey on our back or anything like that. I think we've got a great team, I think that there's a lot of parity in our conference and I think we're going to get one sooner rather than later."

O'Connell senior receiver/defensive back George Hawkins made plays on both sides of the ball. On offense, he caught five passes for 39 yards, including a one-handed reception near the O'Connell sideline. On defense, he made a leaping interception at the goal line to preserve a 14-7 lead late in the first half.

"[Hawkins] and [lineman] Tylar Thompson are the only two seniors out of our seven that made it from the freshman class that I inherited, that were here four years," Smith said. "We've got seven seniors, five of them are transfers, and George and Tylar are the two lone holdovers. I've got a ton of respect for them because they've taken lumps, they've now experienced some success and they're going to go out on top with having one of the best years we've had here."

Prior to Saturday's loss, O'Connell started the season 5-0 for the first time since 1998. The Knights defeated Paul VI (56-14), Bishop Ireton (54-28), St. Christopher's (27-10), Fork Union Military Academy (34-27) and WCAC opponent Archbishop Carroll (21-0).

"I've seen every team in the [WCAC] play and nobody, I don't think, has more depth than we do or more players than we do or anything like that, so I don't know that anybody has a competitive advantage over us," Smith said. "... We're not hanging our hat on [the] 5-0 [start]. Our goal is to make the playoffs."

O'Connell will host perennial power DeMatha at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

### W-L Beats Unbeaten Falls Church

The Washington-Lee football team beat previously undefeated Falls Church 33-28 on Oct. 2. The Generals improved to 3-2, while Falls Church dropped to 4-1. Washington-Lee will host winless Mount Vernon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.

### Yorktown Wins

The Yorktown football team defeated Stuart 35-0 on Oct. 2, improving its record to 3-2. The Patriots will travel to face Hayfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.



Bishop O'Connell defensive back George Hawkins (19) makes a leaping interception at the goal line in front of St. John's receiver Scotty Washington on Oct. 4 at Bishop O'Connell High School.



Bishop O'Connell quarterback Michael Galvan carries the ball against St. John's on Oct. 4.

### Entertainment



TACT-less

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a lot of plays that kill off the lead character right before intermission."

Board Chair Lou George, who's been with TACT since 2006, said his proudest achievement was to be able to present shows that have not been seen a lot in ways that make them more relevant today. "I think if you look at some of the shows we've done, we've been able to present seldom-seen shows in a new light."

He mentions "An Evening With Danny Kaye" where actor/singer Brian Childers presented a retrospective on a former star named Danny Kaye. "This is someone from the past who you don't hear a lot about. He did a great job of bringing the energy of Danny Kaye to life," said George, a lawyer married to Dempsey.

Another show was "I do, I do," which was a traditional show from the 1960s starring Mary Martin and Robert Preston, and popular with the dinner theater crowd. Defying conventions, TACT cast it with samesex couples, and, "It was terrific because it was staged in a modern way that shows that relationships and marriage are all the same," said George.

He added, "With all of the shows, we've taken a risk. They are not seen a lot; they are difficult shows to stage for a variety of reasons. So I think a proud moment is we've taken chances with shows."

TACT Resident Musical Director Tom Fuller was impressed with TACT's willingness to tackle large and complicated shows in a small space and on shoestring budgets. He mentions "Lady in the Dark," "Hollywood Pinafore," and "Dear World," which all had huge casts. And "Marathon '33" had a cast of 33 by itself.

Fuller said he loves traditional Broadway musicals but he'd done them already and didn't want to do them again. He said, "TACT gave me the chance to work with new and exciting scores, and to feel like we were expanding the repertoire for the benefit of other companies," he said.

Fuller said TACT's "Reflections Series" revived the lives of American theatrical legends, including Danny Kaye, Fanny Brice, Sophie Treadwell — and portrayed people from American history like Abe Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Clarence Darrow and Nelly Bly.

He said "If Only In My Dreams" was the most satisfying TACT project for him personally. "We looked at the songs and diaries of Christmases during World www.ConnectionNewspapers.com War II, and much of the music came from the sheet music collection of my father, a veteran of that war," he said.

While maintaining solid production values for every show, for "The Andersonville Trial," they rented a complete set of Civil War uniforms from a Hollywood movie costuming company.

Looking back, TACT Artistic Associate Steven Scott Mazzola, who directed 10 plays, mentions the fireworks in Vanessa Bradchulis' eyes at the end of "The Eccentricities of a Nightingale," and the monsters of "Seascape" as highlights. "But the real highlights have been the artists I was able to collaborate with when putting on a show," he said.

Mazzola said co-founder Jack Marshall believed there should be a place in the United States where American plays were given the chance to breathe again as a way to address our contemporary lives. "There are a lot of theaters in the D.C. area but none which have stayed true to this mission — except to help cover expenses for the rest of the year," he said. "For better and for worse, this adherence distinguished the company and was a source of continual inspiration."

Mazzola did a production of S.N. Behrman's "Biography" that encapsulated his whole time with TACT: "Working with a great group of D.C. actors, we took a show that people had forgotten and were subsequently surprised and pleased to see how much it still had to say about relationships and publicity and art."

Looking back, board member, producer and designer Rebecca Christy, who produced "The Andersonville Trial," said they built a courtroom inside the Gunston Theater, which was being demolished as part of its own remodeling. "It was the height of summer and the AC was not working, but the audience was so into being inside the set, that they accepted the discomfort as part of the 19th century experience," she said of her very first production, and one of her proudest achievements. "We were standing-room only for the entire run."

In designing props for "Moby Dick Rehearsed," she said, "Figuring out what was in the room that could be used to create a whaling ship was such fun. A piece of cardboard made a convincing whale shadow, a fire extinguisher created a whale spout. The audience was completely drawn in."

She said what made TACT so fun to be a part of was shopping for period props, costumes and sets on very tight budgets. "I know the location of every thrift shop and Goodwill outlet in the D.C. metro area," said Christy, who loves a scavenger hunt.

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#### Week Of, Weak On, Week Off By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This column completes the three-week arc which describes what I have endured mostly successfully for approximately five years now: chemotherapy every three weeks - with one year off for good behavior (not really good behavior; the year off was to switch to a twice-daily pill, Tarceva, to be taken at home, since the previous treatment was no longer stemming the tide). It's been my experience that these anti-cancer drugs don't exactly work forever. Realistically speaking, if they work at all - on/in you, you take them until they don't work anymore; then you hope there's another drug somewhere: in the pharmacy, in the offing, in the pipeline, that the cancer won't recognize and ignore, to give you hope that as a patient, you haven't run out of treatment options. And so far, as you regular readers know, my body's tolerance (let's call it 'good behavior") has been above and beyond; his "third miracle," my oncologist says

Two weeks ago, I wrote about the weakweek immediately following chemotherapy. Last week, I wrote about the week-of/week preceding the actual infusion, waiting for the lab results and dealing with the associated anxiety pertaining to all of it. This week, I'd like to jump ahead to two weeks post-chemotherapy, the week after I feel worst and the week before I feel anxious again worrying about new results and then anticipating the Friday infusion and the subsequent post-chemotherapy discomfort to follow. This of course is my favorite week, my week feeling most normal, my week when cancer is not top of mind, more so middle of mind. But I'll take it in the middle, that's a significant enough displacement so I don't mind it there. (This may be a bit of mind over matter/any port in a storm, but when you're in the cross-hairs, any break in the usual action, any respite from the incessant emotional, mental and physical demands of living with cancer is well worth the time it takes to get there. I never bemoan its arrival if delayed; I cherish the relief it brings whenever and however it makes its presence felt.)

Obviously, even during this third week/week off, my disease is hardly forgotten or a thing of the past. Most definitely it's still a thing of the present. Moreover, if it were not for my ability to compartmentalize, rationalize, delude and pretend, this off week wouldn't be so helpful. It is part of my process in order to try and secure a future. Although, it is a little challenging sometimes to maintain the illusion when my daily routine is so cancer-centric. But after five-plus years of it, the routine has become almost second nature and not, believe it or not, a constant reminder that I have cancer; more like a means not to a premature end. It's not even anything I think about any more.

Just like the week-of, weak-on and weekoff have become. It's what I do. It's who I am. It's how I roll. Nothing to complain about. Something more to write about. If I had my druthers, I'd rather not be writing about life in the cancer lane. But since this seems to be my permanent address, and I'm a homebody at heart, I'll continue to write about what I know best. It used to be sports and chocolate; now it's about living with cancer. Living being the operative word. And you know what, it makes me happy writing about it.

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### Home LifeStyle Sales Office The Oronoco Waterfront Residences office is located at 119 Oronoco Street. Visit www.eya.com/oronoco for more. **Oronoco Condos Almost Sold Out**

### Size matters in 60-unit residences with panoramic views.

By Veronica Bruno Gazette Packet

he Oronoco Waterfront Residences, condominiums at 601 N. Fairfax St., are almost completely sold out. Only six units are left and sales began in May. Panoramic views of Oronoco Park, Old Town and the Potomac River as well as expansive city skyline views, are at least part of the reason. Then there is sheer size.

"Nowhere else in Old Town are one level condos available up to 3,500 square feet," said Preston Innerst, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for EYA, a leading developer of urban and transit-oriented properties. "Ample outdoor space up to 1,000 square feet provide a relaxing retreat. Ample amenities and concierge service provide a hotel-like atmosphere."

The stunning views aside, there are plenty of luxury features that set apart the new addition along the Old Town waterfront, which completed construction just this past



The spacious residences include up to 1,000 square feet of patios and terraces as well as river and cityline views.

summer. It is the first major addition of waterfront housing in Old Town in a dozen years, according to EYA. The 60 two- and three-bedroom units include interior 10foot ceilings with wall-to-wall soundproof windows overlooking the Potomac, hardwood flooring throughout the units, multiple fireplaces, wet bars, wine coolers, advanced home automation systems, recessed lighting, quartz kitchen countertops, Bosch dishwashers, spacious walk-in closets, and walk-in showers and soaking tubs. Floor plans include libraries for some units and go up to 3,500 square feet for the penthouse residences. Also incorporated into penthouse suites are outdoor terraces up to 1,000 square feet.

The Oronoco was developed from the former Sheet Metal Workers International Association Building. The building has been adapted according to LEED for New Construction standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council and has retained much of the original parking space. Each unit includes two garage spaces and a private storage room.

"THE CHALLENGE WAS that the floor plans and designs were driven by an existing footprint and shape of the building," said Innerst. "Residences were designed to maximize views in living area, so utility spaces are thoughtfully tucked along corridor walls."

The building includes 41 different floor plans to allow for different needs. "We understand that purchasers will have a variety of space needs, such as needing guest space or living quarters for live-in help, or desiring the owner's suite to be in a separate wing of the home," Innerst said. "In some cases, units offer formal and informal living spaces."

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# 2014 Landscape Recognition Awards in Arlington

n undulating wave of patinated bronze surrounds the dine-in garden at the Circa Restaurant on Clarendon Blvd. Pocket gardens planted with native flowering perennials, shrubs and flowering tree surround the perimeter of the newly completed Avalon Arlington North complex on N. Glebe Road. The landscaping at the Whitmore on Columbia Pike combines the stately willow oaks amidst meadow grasses, wine-colored bayberry and heuchera and a grove of graceful river birches. The garden plaza at Clarendon Square provides a garden oasis in the hub of Clarendon.

Four privately owned properties were recognized Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014 as Outstanding Landscapes by the Arlington County Board. The properties were chosen for the 2014 Landscape Recognition Awards by the Arlington Beautification Committee. Winners were selected by the committee on the basis of various criteria including: illustrative use of landscape design principles, effective year-round maintenance, effective use of trees, shrubs, and/or perennial plantings and use of native plants and avoidance of invasive species. Since 2008, 38 Arlington landscapes have been recognized by the committee.



Summer annuals add color to the planters at Clarendon Square.



Terraced walkways at Clarendon Square garden plaza are bordered with seasonal annuals, big leaf hostas, daylilies, astilbe, heuchera and oakleaf hydrangeas. Crape myrtles provide color and shade in the summer and fall and a sculptural look in the winter and early spring.



Photos by Louise Krafft/ The Connection

Circa Restaurant's dine-in garden incorporates curved brick and stone raised planters, a patinated bronze sculpture "Naga 2010" by Lisa Scheer surrounded by flowering trees and low evergreen shrubs.

### Planting for Fall Planning your autumn garden and yard.

By Marilyn Campbell The Connection

s the first few weeks of fall unfold, carrying with them the promise of rich and vibrant colors, many local residents are starting to plan their fall gardens, both ornamental and edible. Pruning and and overall garden cleanup will make way for fall plants. In fact, this is the perfect time to clear away summer foliage and plant, horticulture gurus said.

"Because the ground is still warm and air is cool, there is less transplant shock for plants when you take them out of the conwww.ConnectionNewspapers.com tainer to plant them," said Kelly Grimes of Good Earth Garden Market in Potomac, Md. "Now is a great time to put in a landscape."

The first step is preparing the ground. "You have to amend the soil; that is mixing in compost and soil so the plants' roots can grab a hold of the soil with compost," said Grimes. "That really helps any planting."

Katia Goffin of Katia Goffin Gardens in McLean, Va., likens planning a garden to putting together a puzzle. "Everything has to [look] like it belongs," she said. "It's about designing your bed line so it enhances your property, versus 'I stuck this in my garden and doesn't it look good?"

Take a few minutes and actually plan out your garden because no matter what you decide to plant for fall, an aesthetically appealing garden starts with an effective strategy. "It is getting a good plan together," Goffin said. "It is a question of scale and putting it together right. You have to look at your plot of land and decide where you want plants to go and how you want it to look."

### **FOR DECORATIVE GARDENS** and yards, mums and pansies are among fall's

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The Studios. The numerals in the red squares docrrespond to the number given to each studio. The numbers run roughly from west to east and north to south on the map. At right, you will find an alphabetical listing of the artists by medium, and the number of each artist's studio. These numbers will also be found on the road sign nearest the studio. Wheel chair access is marked 🔄 , hands-on activities marked 🕚

Sun Design venue. The yellow-and-brown sun icon 🧶 corresponds to a location where Sun Design is showcasing home renovations. Join Sun Design and Children's Author and Homeowner, Lesley Hackman for a remodeled home tour, 735 Forest Park Road.

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Katia Goffin suggests mixing grasses with evergreens.

# Planting for Fall

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best flowering plants. "Mums need full sunlight to open and come in obvious, bold fall colors," said Grimes. "Pansies will take part sun, are a great color and will continue to bloom through spring."

Yarrow, asters, sedums, Lenten roses, and coral bells are among the fall plants that Jonathan Storvick, natural resource manager at the Office of Sustainability at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., recommends.

"Fall is a great time to plant larger-sized perennials and container shrubs," said Storvick. "It also happens to be the time of year when nurseries are trying to get rid of a lot of their stock, so you can find some great deals.'

For example, said Joel Cook of Merrifield Garden Center, in Fairfax, Merrifield and Gainesville, Va., "Burning bushes have beautiful fall colors like orange and fire red. As far as trees, maples like Japanese maples, sugar maple or black gum maple have beautiful colors."

Another eye-catching option is the yellow twig dogwood. Its "bright yellow branches and twig color ... are also fantastic for winter," said Mark White of GardenWise in Arlington, Va. "This shrub develops in great clumps and is a wonderful contrast against any red twig. Oval-shaped green leaves turn to orange-red in fall, followed by white fruit tinged with green."

Grasses, added Katia Goffin, are ideal for fall and can be mixed with other foliage. "You can put evergreens in your yard and add some grasses. There are tons [of grasses] that are flowering and look [good] with evergreens."

One plant that is often associated with cooler weather is a holly tree, but Eric Shorb of American Plant in Bethesda, Md., offers a caveat. "As we get closer to the end of November and the beginning of December you want to careful about planting such broadleaf evergreens," he said. "If they haven't had time to develop a sufficient enough root system they can become susceptible to wind burn because the roots will not be able to absorb moisture."

Instead, he recommends deciduous trees and fine leaf evergreens. "A Leland Cyprus or an Arborvitaes that don't need as much moisture will survive better as the weather www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

#### gets colder."

Ornamental vegetables also work well in fall and beyond. "There is decorative cabbage and kale, which will grow anywhere and are deer resistant, which is a big factor these days," said Grimes. "As the temperatures get cooler, they get more color and last in winter."

Then there are the edible vegetables. Good options are spinach, Swiss chard, arugula, mustard greens and red lettuces, said Storvick, who also suggested "root crops [like] carrots, radishes, parsnips and beets. You can also plant garlic and leeks now for spring harvesting."

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### Oronoco Condos Almost Sold Out

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The on-site workout area includes a yoga room and additional meticulous perks include a children's playroom, a dog-washing station as well as 24-hour security. The outdoor heated pool area also integrates a private clubhouse with a kitchen. A concierge desk is located in the two-story lobby.

Several of the Oronoco condos have been the top sales in the Old Town Alexandria area since they went to market. In the month of August alone, several units sold with the top price being \$3.2 million. The amenities of the City of Alexandria itself help explain why 90 percent of the condos are sold, Innerst said. "Old Town Alexandria is a vibrant community offering shopping, dining, the Torpedo Arts Center, spas and athletic clubs, a waterfront promenade, immediate access to the Mount Vernon trail for bikers, runners and walkers, Metro access to downtown DC and Reagan National on the Yellow line, and a water taxi to points on the DC waterfront. All are in walking distance and reflect EYA's mantra 'life within a walking distance."

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