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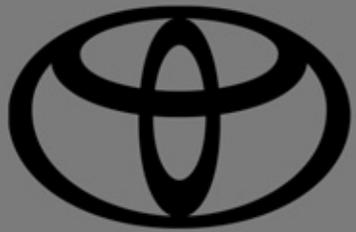
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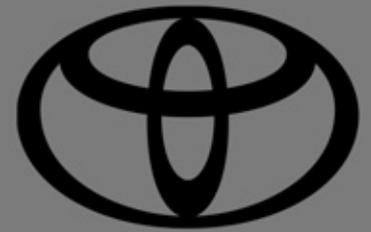
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Summer Learnin'

Arlington elementary students continue to learn during their vacations.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

There will be barely any trees and a dark sky because of pollution. Trees will be replaced by giant metropolitan areas. There will be much more diseases and dead animals will be a common sight in the streets."

This bleak prognosis of Earth's future came not from a scientist or a politician, but from ten-year-old Dennis Kang, a rising fifth grader in Arlington Public Schools.

In addition to his dystopian outlook for the environment, Dennis also has some thoughts on the concept of time travel. "I

think it's possible," he said. "But I don't think it's very safe."

When Dennis isn't occupied with the full-time job of being a ten-year-old, he likes to dabble in chemistry. But he said, so far, he hasn't experimented with real chemicals. "It's too risky," Dennis said.

Stating the obvious, he added, "I read many books."

DENNIS is just one of the students in Arlington's Summer Laureate program, a three-week summer day camp for elementary-age students enrolled in the gifted program..

For more than two decades, the Summer Laureate program has been providing young students with an opportunity to engage in enlightening activi-

"Time travel would be a lot of fun as long as I'd be able to get back."

— **Annie Leach, 10, on time travel**



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Architect Mary Kay Lanzillotta works with fourth graders as a part of Arlington County's Summer Laureate program.

ties during their break from school.

"It's designed for highly able children, children who can work at a fast pace and are interested in an academic summer," said Margaret Gilhooly, head of Arlington Public Schools' Gifted Services division who is the coordinator of the program.

Each grade level in the Summer Laureate program, which is based out of Arlington Traditional School, is assigned a different topic to research. This year, first graders are studying sights and sounds, second

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Foreclosure Crisis Affecting Arlington

Bank-owned homes in Arlington are clustered in a few neighborhoods.

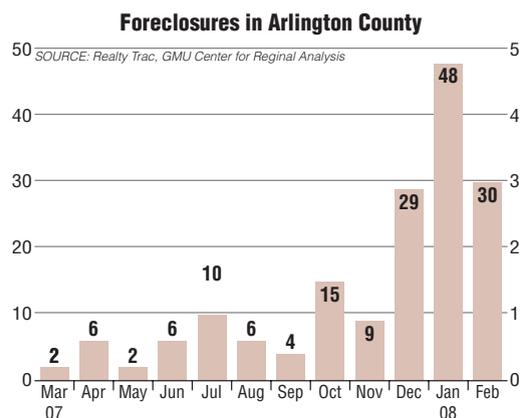
BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Ask any realtor who works in Arlington, and they'll tell you that foreclosure crisis that has brought a wave of bank-owned homes to the Northern Virginia region has mostly washed over the county.

"There's a lot of things going for the Arlington area," Michelle Sagatov, a realtor with Arlington-based Fall Properties, said. She cited the county's short commutes and proximity to dining and shopping as reasons why Arlington homes have retained their value.

But while the Arlington real estate market has managed to stay afloat compared to neighboring jurisdictions, the county has not been completely immune to the foreclosure crisis.

According to a recent report on foreclosures conducted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 167 Arlington homes were foreclosed upon from March of 2007 to February of 2008. This level of foreclosed homes is "relatively high for the county," the report states.



The Council of Governments report also states that, of those 167 Arlington homes that were foreclosed upon during this time period, almost a quarter were located in three small neighborhoods: Columbia Forest, Claremont and Nauck.

"It appears that they have been clustering," Sagatov said.

ALL THREE of these neighborhoods are located on the western end of Columbia Pike, near Wakefield High School, Four Mile Run and Drew Model School.

John Garren, president of the Claremont Civic Association, said that he only knew of one foreclosed home in his neighborhood but said that there are "upwards of ten or twelve [Claremont houses] that are on the

"The barn door has closed and many lenders have tightened up."

— **Doug Myrick, Arlington County Housing Department**

market and they're not moving, they're just sitting there. When you start seeing the For Sale signs sitting out there for months you know there's an issue."

Columbia Forest Civic Association president Stephanie Britt also said that she's seeing more homes stalled on the market than being foreclosed.

"There have been very few home sales," she said, "Because people haven't really come to reality and dropped their prices enough ... [But] you hear about some of these whole developments out in Fairfax or Loudoun where you've got 20 to 30

percent of the houses foreclosed. It's not like that."

But Alfred Taylor, who has lived in the Nauck community for decades and is active in the Nauck Civic Association, sees a different picture in his historic, racially diverse neighborhood.

"There have been quite a few [foreclosures] in the Nauck area, to my knowledge between five and ten," Taylor said. "It's my opinion that it's people with creative loans. A great number were Latinos."

DOUG MYRICK, a coordinator with the County's home ownership program, echoed these sentiments.

"It was probably skewed towards Latinos and other people of color," he said. "The west end of [Columbia] Pike was probably

some of the most affordable housing ... There may have been houses that got a no-document loan."

"There are a lot of folks who had some risky mortgage instruments," Ken Aughenbaugh, the head of Arlington County's Housing Department, said. Aughenbaugh himself had a personal experience with the changing home loan environment. "I was called a couple years ago by Wells Fargo who I had a mortgage with and they were talking rates at 15 percent," he said. "And I said 'What?' I tried to follow up with them and got stymied. It's out there. It's a fact of life."

Myrick said that his office offers classes in English, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese to warn potential homebuyers about the

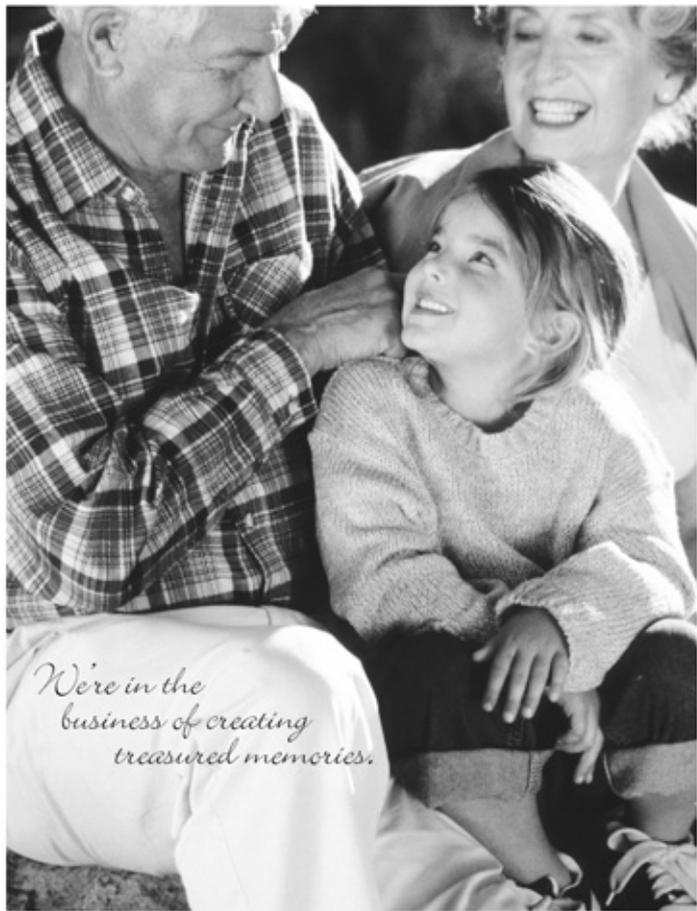
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Area Foreclosures

March 2007 to Feb. 2008

Arlington County	167
City of Alexandria	205
Fairfax County	2,058
City of Fairfax	80
City of Falls Church	13
Loudoun County	954
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Gifted Students Learn In The Summer

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graders are studying flight, third graders are studying motion and movement, fourth graders are studying structure and fifth graders are studying the future.

"The theme of natural vs. man-made continues through all the grade levels," Gilhooley said. "It's important for helping kids to understand how we emulate nature."

The Summer Laureate program also brings in professionals in the community to work with the students, who can enroll with a recommendation from their teachers.

Mary Kay Lanzillotta, a local architect, is working with the fourth graders to plan homes and buildings so they can withstand an earthquake. Local artist Kevin Reese came to the program to assist first and second graders with the construction of mobiles.

"We do a lot of outreach into the community for volunteers to come in and provide a more serious understanding of the subject," Gilhooley said.

UNDER THE tutelage of teacher Helen Malone, the fifth

grade Summer Laureates discussed what would become of the human race in the distant future.

The students are studying plans to establish a society on the moon by reading about space travel. They have also placed different food items in plastic bags to see how long they will keep in an environment with no atmosphere.

Malone, who teaches at Taylor Elementary School during the academic year, said that it is easier to deal with these weighty topics in a program like Summer Laureate.

"I think the difference is the gifted kids are more independent," she said. "They can explore on their own, they don't need to be guided step-by-step [and] they can take more risks."

The fifth graders are also study-



PHOTO BY DAVID SCHULTZ/THE CONNECTION

Ten-year-old Dennis Kang works on a comic book about space travel.

ing the possibility of time travel. Travelling back in time "would be a lot of fun," Annie Leach, 10, said, "As long as I'd be able to get back."

Many of the students in the class said that, if time travel were possible, they'd go back to try to save the environment and stop global warming. But Natasha Elbech, a fifth grader at Jamestown Elementary School, had other ideas.

"I would go back to the times when my younger sister wasn't born," she said.

Summer Laureate

Arlington Public Schools' Summer Laureate program is open to gifted elementary-age students from across the county. It is a three-week program that is based out of Arlington Traditional School. Students are required to receive recommendations from their respective teachers to enroll in the program. For more information, visit Arlington Public Schools' Web site at www.apsva.us.

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Moran Discusses Nation's Debt

Residents say they are concerned about a "debtors culture."

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Alexandria resident Marilyn Schimpf has concerns about the United States economy.

Americans and the federal government need to stop sending money overseas. Elected officials also need to find a way to reduce health care costs, she said.

"If you don't curtail medical costs, the [country's] debt is going to continue to grow," said Schimpf.

Her sentiments echoed those of

"In 11 years, Medicare will not be able to pay for its benefits."

— **David Walker, former U.S. Comptroller General**

many people in the crowd attending U.S. Rep. Jim Moran's town hall entitled "An Economy on the Brink: A Legacy of Debt, Its Impact on Our Children, and How We Can Break the Cycle," at T.C. Williams High School July 28.

Several people said Americans have to change their mindset when it comes to consumption and saving.

"People have got to get interested in doing something. The crunch is coming soon," said Don Mela, another City of Alexandria resident.

MORAN (D-8) agrees with Mela, Schimpf and other residents critical of the federal government and Americans personal spending habits.

"The United States has 4.5 percent of the world's population and consumes 26 percent of the world's resources. China has 20 percent of the world's population and consumes two percent of the world's resources," he said.

The congressman invited David Walker, former U.S. Comptroller General and head of the Government Accountability Office, to speak about the impact of the federal government's growing debt on the future. Walker is president of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, a nonpartisan organization



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) and former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker spoke about the federal government's ballooning debt July 28.

dedicated to addressing financial problems that could threaten the United States well being, he said.

Since March, Walker has traveled to 40 cities and over half of the states educating people on what he believes is the possibil-

ity of American financial meltdown. He promoted a new documentary about the country's fiscal situation called "I.O.U.S.A.," that will be released locally in August.

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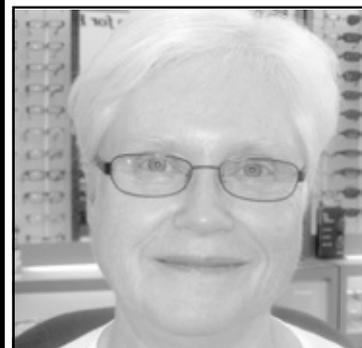
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A Matter of Principle

To the Editor:

Your interview with Mr. Fendley, Chairman of the Arlington School Board, demonstrated that he is a skillful politician, able to dodge questions, present his side of the story, and that he apparently believes that repetition of inaccurate statements will make them factually correct. There is no definition for a "Safe Walk Zone" anywhere in current School Board policies, or on their web page. Yet Mr. Fendley tosses around this apple pie sounding term with authority. There is no system wide policy that gives an admissions preference for those who can walk "safely" to school. If we had this type of policy, it would discriminate against those who don't have a "safe" walk to school, however that is defined, or those who only have busing as an option. Mr. Fendley says in his interview, that it is a "matter of principle" that those who live near a school have "access", implying that kids from the Bluemont neighborhood which surrounds Arlington Traditional School (ATS) don't get to attend this countywide school. That is utterly false, and deliberately misleading. In fact, 43 children from the Bluemont Civic Association boundaries attended ATS last year, through the current blind lottery admissions system. The Bluemont Civic Association has the largest representation of ANY of the 53 civic associations at this countywide school. But this is all part of Mr. Fendley's longstanding

agenda, going back to his days as a Bluemont activist, to get an admissions preference only at ATS, the elementary school in his neighborhood. He doesn't want "access" for a safe walk zone area at ATS, he wants guaranteed first-in-line priority for an area that includes his own home. This priority would displace everyone else in the county— hundreds of applicants every year, who can apply regardless of their ability to purchase or rent a home in the Bluemont neighborhood. If a walk zone were truly a "matter of principle" then why does Mr. Fendley go out of his way to say that a walk zone admissions preference should be at elementary schools, not middle or high schools, where parents are more likely to allow and encourage their children to walk or bike to school?

If it were truly a "matter of principle", why wouldn't Mr. Fendley argue for it at any of the other choice schools now that he's on the School Board? If it were truly a "matter of principle" for Mr. Fendley, then where were his "principles" when he voted against an identical proposal for the Nauck Community while on Drew's PTA in 2003, while he was simultaneously pushing for a walk zone preference for Bluemont kids to attend ATS? He calls this principle. Others may well call it something else.

Kathy Rehill
Arlington, VA

What is Admissions Policy?

To the Editor:

While I congratulate the Arlington Connection for trying to get School Board Chairman Ed Fendley on the record with an extended interview, it's clear Mr. Fendley has an "if not-asked, don't-tell" media strategy.

The interview never explained to readers exactly what is "the admissions policy at [Arlington Traditional School]," so Mr. Fendley felt no reason to volunteer that ATS is the only all-county elementary school equally open to everyone in Arlington. That means the ability to buy or rent a home in a particular neighborhood doesn't give you any advantage in admissions, as is the case with Science Focus, Key, Claremont, Drew or any of the neighborhood-only elementary schools in Arlington.

Using his own words, Mr. Fendley could have noted that admission to ATS, just like HB Woodlawn Middle and High School, is open uniquely to "any family in Arlington, regardless of where they live, regardless of who they are", or what property they can afford. Or he could have stated, that through this open process, over 40 students from Bluemont currently attend ATS. But he didn't.

And why not?

Probably because Mr. Fendley's political career began as a neighborhood activist in the Bluemont area around the ATS building. For many years he's been pressing for preferential ATS admissions for some Bluemont kids—such as his own and those of his neighbors. This is a hard thing to justify to anyone outside the tiny Bluemont zone Mr. Fendley wants to favor,

since ATS is full with a long waiting list and an over-subscribed admissions lottery.

Now that he's on the School Board, Mr. Fendley is dressing up his old agenda with self-created code words like "safe walk zones", referring to the Bluemont families on his side of N. George Mason Drive and Wilson Boulevard.

Your readers deserve to know some of the backstory because with Mr. Fendley, if he's not asked, he won't tell.

Chuck Bouldin
Arlington

Which Parking Meter?

To the Editor

Is the city of Arlington deliberately causing overtime parking?

There are a string of parking places on 16th Street as you approach George Mason Drive. I parked in the second spot from the front. There was a parking meter right at my front bumper and I put money in it. I came out with time to spare and had a ticket. The meter at my front bumper was for the car in front of me. Yes, the first car in the string had its meter behind it. My meter was also behind my car. As you can guess they would not give me any relief even though their meter placement is culpable.

Don Adams
Fairfax Station

VIEWPOINTS

What is your favorite place in Arlington?

Responses at ... The Jefferson-Jackson Dinner



Joyce Martin

"I like my house on Ivanhoe Street. We've had it for many years and it still seems the same."



Naj Karim

"Rosslyn. I like the view [of] Georgetown and the Capitol and the monuments."



Alan Swanson

"The parks are really wonderful in Arlington. Just walking in the parks is fantastic."



Leslie Waltin

"The Westover neighborhood. I like the community feeling."

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Board Approves \$1.3 Spending Plan

Authorization of the funds to rebuild Wakefield High School is pushed back two years.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

The Arlington County Board approved a long-term spending plan last week that allocated \$1.3 billion for major capital projects over the next six years.

The plan included funds for the reconstruction of Wakefield and Yorktown High Schools, as well as more than \$35 million for local neighborhood projects such as sidewalks and streets.

BY APPROVING their spending plan last week, the County has locked in what will be on this year's bond referendum.

This November, Arlington voters will be asked to approve more than \$170 million of municipal bonds that will go towards funding the biggest upcoming public projects.

Of that \$170 million that will be on the ballot, more than half – approximately \$83 million – will go towards the rebuilding of Yorktown. Another \$11.1 million will go towards the design of the new Wakefield facility.

"I'm pleased that we're finally going to move forward with Yorktown and that we're moving forward with the Wakefield design," School Board Member Libby Garvey said.

"Interest groups are very anxious to ensure that their project gets funding. People are jockeying to get funding for one project over another

— County Board Member Barbara Favola (D)

In approving the spending plan, County officials pointed out several times that it included exactly what the School Board had asked for in regards to Wakefield and Yorktown.

"This proposal fully funds the bond request of the School Board and funds it exactly on the schedule the School Board has requested," County Manager Ron Carlee said. "We have not changed the proposal at all."

HOWEVER, there was one significant change.

The School Board had requested that funds for the reconstruction of Wakefield High School – more than \$150 million – be placed on the 2010 bond referendum.

"By having the design funds now in 2008 and having the authorization in 2010 we would be able to ensure a continued momentum," School Board Chairman Ed Fendley said. "We don't want to interrupt that schedule. We don't think that would be efficient and cost effective."

The County Board, acting on Carlee's recommendation, denied this request and pushed the authorization of those funds back until 2012.

This means that, according to the County's spending plan, voters will be asked to approve almost a quarter of a billion dollars for County

Bond Referendum

The following are the details for the 2008 bond referendum that will go before Arlington voters this November:

- ❖ Schools - \$99.4 million
- ❖ Metro - \$10 million
- ❖ Neighborhood Conservation - \$9 million
- ❖ Joint County/Schools Projects - \$1.8 million
- ❖ Utilities - \$50 million (will be repaid through funds collected from fees)
- ❖ Total - \$170.2 million

Future Bonds

The following are the details for future bond referenda, according to the County's recently-approved Capital Improvement Plan:

- ❖ **2010** –
County – 60.8 million
Schools – None
Total – \$60.8 million
- ❖ **2012** –
County – \$84.1 million
Schools – \$156.7 million
Total – \$240.8 million

and Schools projects in 2012.

"I'm disappointed that they decided to put Wakefield in 2012," Garvey said. Wakefield parents who attended last week's County Board meeting said that making the 2012 bond referendum so large jeopardizes its chances of being approved by voters.

"We need Wakefield to be rebuilt," Rich Kelly, a father of five who lives in the Wakefield neighborhood, wrote in an email to the County Board. "The taxpayers in the south of the County need support and need a new Wakefield."

COUNTY OFFICIALS said that, despite this delay in funding, construction on the new Wakefield High School will still begin in 2013 as scheduled.

They also said spacing out the funding of the Wakefield project ensures that Arlington's debt will not grow at an unreasonable rate and that the County will be able to maintain its triple, triple A bond rating, the highest possible rating for a municipality.

"We have a very large appetite in Arlington," Carlee said. "We want to maintain our AAA/AAA/AAA bond ratings, not just to brag about them but because they allow us to borrow money at a lower rate."

"We're coming off a very thriving economy with a super-hot real estate market that everyone knows has changed," he added. "We need to be really careful."

County Board Member Barbara Favola (D), who is up for reelection this year, acknowledged that moving the Wakefield funds back is not politically popular.

"Interest groups are very anxious to ensure that their project gets funding," she said. "People are jockeying to get funding for one project over another ... [But], given the prediction of our revenue growth, there's not going to be enough capacity in 2010 to fund Wakefield."

However, Arlington Superintendent Robert Smith said this wasn't a sure thing. When asked if the spending plan could change when it gets revised in two years, he replied "They almost always are. Conditions do, in fact change ... We'll talk about the 2010 bond referendum at the time when we get to that."



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COMMUNITY



Hayeh Wiseman adds more flowers to the Mason Jars at the farm stand.



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Weekends at the Farmer's Markets

The Sunday market at Walter Reed and Columbia Pike offers fresh picked local produce, freshly made salsas, Virginia honey, cheeses and free range meats and more to shoppers. It is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Peaches and nectarines from Toigo



The bounty of summer vegetables at the Arlington Courthouse Farmer's Market on Saturday morning.

Courthouse Square Market

The Arlington Market at Courthouse Square operates year round on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon, carrying, fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods, cheeses, soaps and a lot more.

Saturday 9a.m. to Noon

Over a dozen variety of tomatoes were available at the same price per pound at Wheatland Farms stand this past weekend. Chip Plank said that the gardens at the farm are producing an abundance of fruits and vegetables this season.



MUSIC

The Young And The Rocking

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Bringing your dad to a concert isn't the coolest thing to do. But for Jake Tempchin, there was no other option.

Jake is the bassist for the local punk rock trio The Boom Orangutangs. Earlier this month, he and his fellow bandmates, all of whom attend Wilson High School in Washington D.C., played a gig at Murky Coffee in Arlington.

Jake has his provisional driver's license, which means he has to have an adult with him whenever he gets behind the wheel. His other bandmates, drummer Ben Keyes and guitarist and lead singer Peter Hartmann, aren't old enough to obtain a license of any kind.

So, because their gear can't fit on the Metro, The Boom Orangutangs had to bite the uncool bullet and get a ride to their gig with Jake's dad.

"It was an ordeal," Jake said. "We're probably going to have to walk home," Peter added.

LUCKILY for the band, Jake's dad wasn't the only parent at the show. Nearly all of the four bands

on the bill, as well as the roughly two-dozen audience members, came to Murky with their mothers or fathers.

For the last year and a half, the upstairs stage at the Clarendon-area coffee shop has been the host of several shows that are open to rock fans of all ages.

Murky Upstairs

Murky Coffee in Arlington hosts occasional shows at its second-floor concert space. All shows are open to all ages.

The next show at Murky Coffee will be held at 9 p.m. on Sept. 26. It will feature The Medications, Carol Bui and a band to be named.

For more information, including listings of future shows at Murky Coffee, visit www.myspace.com/murkyupstairs.

"Our younger fans tend to be more enthusiastic and supportive," said Carol Bui, who promotes shows at Murky. "They're always excited about music and they don't have the baggage that us older people have."

"People actually come to watch music," Adam Bray, a local promoter of all-ages rock shows, said. "It's their primary focus. In a lot of bars, music is secondary."

Bui said she tends to focus on booking younger, less established bands rather than big-name national acts because "There aren't enough all-ages venues in the D.C. area. The ones that are around like The Black Cat and The Rock & Roll Hotel, they're busy. They get a lot of touring acts that come in so there isn't much room for a whole lot of younger kids to play."

EARLIER THIS MONTH, Bui hosted a show at Murky that featured four teenage bands, two from Washington D.C. and two from Fredericksburg, Va.

The audience, which comprised mostly friends of the band members, paid a five dollar cover charge to get in. "I like it," Anna Lathrop, a senior at Fairfax County's George Mason High School, said. "It's cute that all their parents are here."

Bui said that having shows at a small venue like Murky is ideal for bands that are just starting up. "The place itself is more laid back and it's got a cozier feel to it," she said. "It's not so intimidating."

Seventeen-year-old Luca Terziotti is a member of the Fredericksburg-based band Rocky's Revival. He said he appreciates the



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/CONNECTION

Claire Yenson of Arlington sings a selection from the musical, "Les Miserables," during a tryout at the Tysons Corner Center on July 19. More than 130 youth from around the Washington D.C. metro area auditioned for a chance to be in the ensemble for an upcoming production of "Les Miserables" at Wolf Trap from Aug. 27- Sept. 7.

all-ages policy of Murky's shows. "It's nice because our friends can come," Luca said.

Rocky's Revival has been playing for two years now, Luca said. But their future is in doubt because the band's bass player will be going to college next month. "That puts a kink in things," he said.

INITIALLY, at the Murky show, the crowd was slow to get into the music. Boys and girls segregated themselves on opposite sides of the room and there was very little interaction between band and audience.

But at some point during The Boom

Orangutangs' punishingly loud set, subtle signs of dancing could be observed. After the band finished its songs, Peter, Ben and Jake jumped off the stage and conversed with their friends in the audience, both old and new.

"We met a new band [tonight]," Jake said, "Got milkshakes with them."

"I don't think we're really getting paid any money," he added. "It's just a fun experience."

The Boom Orangutangs have played at a number of places in the Washington area and have developed a small following on their MySpace page. But, for now, these high school students are just focused on having a good time.

With continued all-ages shows at Murky Coffee, The Boom Orangutangs and other pre-college bands in the area will have an opportunity to do just that.

CALENDAR

Know of something missing from our community entertainment calendar? Send it to *The Arlington Connection*, e-mail it to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with any questions. Photos are welcome.

ONGOING:

The **Arlington Farmers' Market** takes place on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon year round. Located at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for more on the market and vendors.

Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road, presents "Unlocking the Secrets of Our Living Planet: A Guided Hike at Potomac Overlook" at 2 p.m. on **alternating Saturdays and Sundays**. \$3/person and reservations can be made at Potomac@nvrpa.org or 703-528-5406.

Weekly Farmers Markets are set to return May 30 to Ballston's Welburn Square, between N. Stuart & N. Taylor Streets across from the Ballston Metro station. The markets will operate every Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Oct. 17, except for July 4. For directions and further information, visit

www.ballstonfarmersmarket.blogspot.com or call 703-528-3527.

Hear music on "**Wednesdays at Waterview**" from July 9 through Aug. 20 from Waterview Terrace, 1919 N. Lynn St. in Rosslyn. Enjoy happy hour concerts from 5:30-8 p.m.

Enjoy **Rosslyn Restaurants & Rhythms** on Fridays from 5-6:30 p.m. at Tivoli Restaurant, Sundays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Piola and Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m. at Café Asia. Free.

There are concerts in **Welburn Square** on Fridays along with Friday nights at Lubber Run Amphitheatre.

There are **James Bond Film Festivals** on Mondays in Crystal City and Fridays in Rosslyn through September.

For more information on all of these events and more visit www.arlingtonarts.org or 703-228-6966.

Connect with people and the great outdoors with "**Meet Me on Sunday...at Potomac Overlook!**" series. The event takes place on Sunday afternoons between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park located at 2845 N. Marcey Road, Arlington. For more information, contact Potomac Overlook Regional Park at 703-528-5406 or potomac@nvrpa.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 31

Rock at the Row. 7 p.m. at the Pentagon Row

Plaza. Hear music by Fools and Horses, enjoy food samples, giveaways and more. Free. www.pentagonrow.com or 703-413-6691.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School Auditorium, 200 Carlin Springs Road. The U.S. Army Band Downrange will perform a free concert. Visit www.usarmyband.com or 703-696-3399.

Cabaret Performance. Michael Sazonov will perform at 8:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. \$15/person. Visit www.signature-theatre.org or 703-573-SEAT (7328).

Create Music. 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Teens can learn about making a song, from an idea to the finished project. Free. To register, call 703-228-7783.

Hoops for Health. 7-10 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5201 N. 28th St. \$75/team with prizes awarded. Proceeds benefit the Arlington Free Clinic. E-mail Martin at couricjm@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 1

Music Performance. Bobbe Shore and Temika Moore will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. \$15/person. Visit www.signature-theatre.org or 703-573-SEAT (7328).

Cabaret Performance. Stephen Gregory Smith will perform at 9:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre,

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CALENDAR

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4200 Campbell Ave. \$15/person. Visit www.signature-theatre.org or 703-573-SEAT (7328).

Movie: Spiral Staircase, at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, N. 2nd and Columbus Streets, 8:30 p.m. Free.

Book Release Party. Enjoy events before the release of Stephenie Meyer's "The Breaking Dawn" at midnight at Barnes and Noble, The Market Common, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Free. 703-248-8251.

Music Performance. Rick Whitehead Jazz Trio will perform at Extra Virgin Restaurant, 4053 Campbell Ave., at 8 p.m. Visit www.extravirginiava.com or 703-998-8474.

Movie Watch. 1 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Teens and tweens can watch "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl." Free. 703-228-0322.

SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Music Performance. The Arlington Philharmonic will perform at 2 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Visit www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org.

Performance: Brian Curry: Magic and Mischief at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, N. 2nd and Columbus Streets, 8 p.m. Free.

Open House. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., will host an open house from noon-9:30 p.m. Enjoy performances, contests and more. Free. Visit www.signature-theatre.org for more.

Community Shredding Event. 8-11 a.m. at Rocklands Barbeque and Grilling Company, 3471 Washington Blvd. Bring boxes of paper to be shredded. Free.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Music Performance. The Arlington Philharmonic will perform at 2 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Visit www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org.

Walkers. 10 a.m. at Virginia Square Metro Station. Routes vary, but end at the metro station. Free. 703-228-0072.

Music Performance. The Arlington Philharmonic will perform at 2 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Visit www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org.

Movie Watch. 2 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "Fantasia." Free. 703-228-3346.

MONDAY/AUG. 4

Preschool Story Time. 10 a.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Listen to a variety of stories. Free. 703-228-0322.

Drop In Story Time. 4 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. All ages. Free. 703-228-0322.

Create Music. 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Teens can learn about making a song, from an idea to the finished project. Free. To register, call 703-228-7783.

Magic Show. 1:30 p.m. at Glencarlynn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. Magician Joe Romano will use books to demonstrate magic. Free, but tickets required. 703-228-7692.

Magic Show. 4 p.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. Magician Joe Romano will use books to demonstrate magic. Free, but tickets required. 703-228-7692.

Movie Screening. 6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Watch the film "The Outsiders." Free. Children ages 11-18. 703-228-5946.

TUESDAY/AUG. 5

Magic Show. 1:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Magician Joe Romano will use books

to demonstrate magic. Free, but tickets required. 703-228-7692.

Traveling Aquarium. 3-8 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Enjoy a skit at 3 p.m. and meet sea animals. Free. 703-228-7692.

Movie Watch. 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "Once." Free. 703-228-0322.

Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Discuss "White Castle" by Orhan Pamuk. Free. 703-228-0032.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

Performance. Isabella Chester will perform at Lebanese Taverna Restaurant, 5900 Washington Blvd., from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Fre. Visit www.lebanesetaverna.com or 703-841-1502.

County Fair: Arlington County, at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Free, through Aug. 10.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. The Concert Band and Singing Sergeants perform free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

Magic Show. 4 p.m. at Westover Library, 1800 N. Lexington St. Magician Joe Romano will use books to demonstrate magic. Free, but tickets required. 703-228-7692.

Magic Show. 7 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Magician Joe Romano will use books to demonstrate magic. Free, but tickets required. 703-228-7692.

THURSDAY/AUG. 7

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Arlington County Fair. Enjoy rides, games, races, food and more at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Free. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.org or 703-920-4556.

Magic Show. 1:30 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. Magician Joe Romano will use books to demonstrate magic. Free, but tickets required. 703-228-7692.

Book Discussion. 11 a.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Discuss "White Castle" by Orhan Pamuk. Free. 703-228-0032.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

The Odd World of Scopitones. 8:30 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, N. 2nd and N. Columbus St. Free. See music videos from the early '60s. www.arlingtonarts.org or 703-228-1850.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. The Concert Band and Singing Sergeants perform free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

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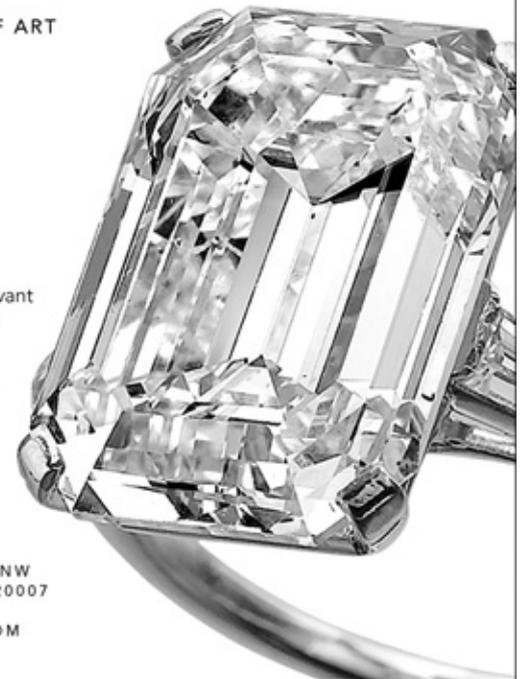
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THEATER

Who Blinked in '62?

Theater recreates missile crisis on stage.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
GAZETTE

Anyone who was old enough in 1962 to be aware of the possibility of nuclear war still remembers the way the whole world held its breath as John Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev struggled with the issue of Soviet missiles in Cuba. It may seem like ancient history to people under the age of around fifty-five, but it remains burned in the memories of their elders, just as the memories of September 11, 2001 are indelible for today's generations.

That is why the current offering of the American Century Theater is so compelling. It is a docudrama of the first order, a quality piece of theater that, at the same time, is a way to recapture the emotions of a moment now long past and to examine events that determined the futures of so many millions.

Jon Townson plays a youthful John Kennedy opposite Kim-Scott Miller, whose more senior Khrushchev is a revelation. So many people know so much about JFK (or at least think they do) that he's a familiar quantity even now, half a century after his rise to political prominence. Khrushchev, on the other hand, is a distant memory. For most, the image of him banging his shoe on the table at the United Nations may be all that is known of the man besides the fact that he was the Soviet leader during the tense days of October, 1962.

Miller provides a fully fleshed-out portrait of Khrushchev as a committed communist whose faith in his cause and the strength of his homeland is admirable. It is a remarkable piece of acting, turning a cartoonish memory into an understandable person.

The play presents some of the people surrounding the principals as well. John Tweel captures Robert Kennedy's ability to make a serious point with a flippant comment, and, together with Townson, gives a fine rendition of the rapport between the broth-

ers. Brian Razzino is less successful turning Khrushchev's advisor and sounding board, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, into something more than a functionary but the script doesn't give him a lot to work with.

It falls to the fifth member of the cast, William Aitken, to portray all the others on both sides of the struggle. On the U.S. side, he is Adlai Stevenson, who delivered the famous "I am prepared to wait until hell freezes over for an answer" speech at the United Nations, and Air Force General Curtis LeMay, whose faith in the use of air power to prosecute policy was clearly belligerent. On the other side of the stage where Khrushchev's office is located, he's Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin and Marshal Malinovsky. In all roles, he takes full advantage of the opportunity to deliver sharp lines in striking situations.

Playwright Robert M. McElwaine built this tense drama on the public record, the many memoirs and histories that have been published and personal interviews with many who were party to the events. He has crafted a chronological play that takes the events one step at a time from the first time Khrushchev and Kennedy met, which was before Kennedy was elected President, right on through the moment when the two — in the famous quote attributed to Secretary of State Dean Rusk — went "eye-

ball to eyeball" and "the other guy blinked." (A superfluous final scene captures the reaction of Khrushchev to the news of the assassination of President Kennedy a mere 13 months after their confrontation.)

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Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland as well as Broadway, and edits Potomac Stages, a Web site covering theater in the region (www.PotomacStages.com). He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

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CRIME

The following reports come from the Arlington police department. For the most up-to-date crime reports, visit www.Co.Arlington.Va.Us/police and click on daily crime report.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 4700 block of S. Chesterfield Road. At 8 p.m. on July 17, a man called police. He stated that he was walking when two unknown males approached him from the bike trail. While the suspects attempted to rob the victim, one suspect stabbed the victim in the leg superficially. The suspects then fled on foot. The suspects are described as two African American males in their late teens. They had on jeans and t-shirts. One shirt was red, the other was blue.

ROBBERY, 500 block of N. Glebe Road. On July 20 at 2 a.m., three subjects were hanging out when one refused to give another his cell phone back. The suspect then pushed the victim. The remaining male tried to intervene, and the suspect hit him over the head with a beer bottle. The suspect is a white Hispanic male in his 20's, 5 feet 6 inches. He was last seen wearing dark pants, a long sleeved brown shirt, and a baseball cap.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY-ARREST, 100 block of S. Frederick St. On July 15 at 10:15 p.m., a subject flagged down a police officer and stated that two people just tried to rob him while he was walking. The suspects were apprehended. Omar De Jesus Castillo, 19, and Christian Melendez-Ortiz, 18, both of Arlington, were charged with attempted robbery. They were both held without bond.

SEXUAL BATTERY, 500 block of N. Longfellow St. On July 19 at 4:45 p.m., a woman was walking her dog on a bike trail near Upton Hill Park. Two men who had been drinking in the park approached her. One subject put his hand over her mouth, and groped her, while the second male held a glass bottle as if he would hit her with it. The victim bit the suspect and ran. The suspects are described as white Hispanic males wearing dark clothing.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY, 200 block of N. Wayne Street. At 3:30 a.m. on July 20, a woman was walking when an unknown male forcibly grabbed her around the waist from behind. He stopped when she elbowed him. When she yelled at him, he left the area. The suspect was a white male in his early 20's, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds. He was last seen wearing a blue shirt and khaki shorts.

FRAUD, 300 block of N. Glebe Road. On July 16 at 1 p.m., two women approached an elderly female as she was leaving a store. They attempted to get her to give them money for a

"winning lottery ticket". When that attempt confused her, they drove her home. When she took her groceries inside, they followed her. The women took cash from her apartment and left. The suspects are described as white Hispanic females. One was in her 60's, 5 feet 4 inches, and the second was 40 years old and heavy set.

BURGLARY-ARREST, 1600 block of Clarendon Blvd. On July 16 at 2:40 a.m., a man was seen entering an apartment building, and leaving with a bicycle. Officers located the suspect with the bicycle still in his possession. Robert Eley, 45, of Arlington, was charged with burglary, grand larceny, and possession of burglarious tools. He was held on a \$1500 bond.

BURGLARY, 1700 block of N. Queens Lane. On July 15, between 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m., an unknown subject entered an apartment through a window and stole a laptop computer. There is no suspect description.

BURGLARY, 4200 block of Lee Highway. Between 10:30 p.m. on July 17, and 6:40 a.m. on July 18, and unknown subject entered a residence and stole a television. There is no suspect description.

BURGLARY, 2400 block of Army Navy Drive. On July 21, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., an unknown suspect broken into an apartment and stole electronics. There is no suspect description.

BURGLARY, 2400 block of Army Navy Drive. Between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on July 21, a subject broke into an apartment and stole electronic equipment. There are no known suspects.

BURGLARY, 1000 block of Arlington Blvd. On July 22, between 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., an unknown subject broke into an apartment and stole electronics. There is no suspect description.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY, 1700 block of N. Moore St. Sometime between 6 p.m. on July 16, and 9 a.m. on July 18, an unknown subject stole a laptop. The suspect is described as an African American male in his 20's. He was 6', 220 lbs, and was wearing a dark polo shirt.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, 5100 block of S. 10th St. Between 3 p.m. on July 15 and 9:30 a.m. on July 16, an unknown subject damaged two storage units inside an apartment complex. Items were moved in the units, it is unknown if anything was stolen. There are no known suspects.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, 2100 block of S. Nelson St. At 3:30 p.m. on July 17, a realtor called police. She noticed that someone attempted to break into a vacant residence sometime between June 15 and July 17. There are no known suspects.

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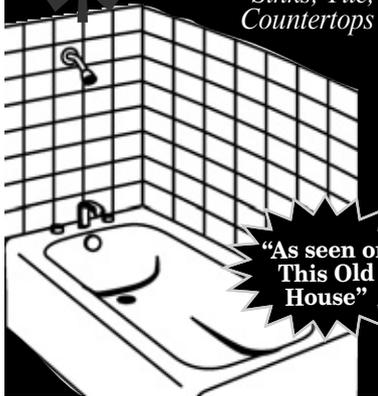
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Post 139 Loses In First Round

After winning 15 straight games to acquire the top seed in the American Legion District 17 tournament, Arlington Post 139 dropped its first round game on Monday night. Fourth-seeded Springfield Post 176 (16-13) slipped into the second round with a 6-4 victory after rain postponed the game originally scheduled for Sunday.

The loss forces Post 139 into the losers bracket of the double elimination tournament. Pat Tarr's team is pitted against the winner of Tuesday's match-up of Post 129 and second-seeded Vienna Post 180, which was unavailable at press time. The game will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Robinson.

Vienna Post 180, the defending champions, was defeated on Sunday, 9-3, by third-seeded Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976, which improved its record to 22-8. Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976 will face off with Springfield Post 176 in the win-

ners bracket at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Lake Braddock.

The tournament championship game is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. at Lake Braddock and a possible winner-take-all game would be Saturday at 7 p.m.. The winner advances to the state tournament in Stuarts Draft, Va.

Earlier this month, Post 139 had five representatives in the league all-star game. They included catcher/pitcher D.J. Diethorn (Washington-Lee), infielder Mike Edwards (Wakefield), pitcher/infielder Alex Brown (Yorktown), infielder Matt Demsky (Yorktown) and pitcher/outfielder Adam Webster (Wakefield). Aaron Tarr, an assistant coach for Post 139, helped Post 180 manager Frank Werman coach the All-Star team.

Arlington Post 139 last won the district tournament in 1982.

—ERIC J. GILMORE

SPORTS BRIEFS

Feeley Wins Local Tennis Tournament

Matthew Feeley won the Boys 18 Singles tournament held July 14-19 at the Franco Fiorio Clay Courts L3 at the Army-Navy Country Club. Feeley, a University of Richmond recruit, defeated Felix Hong, 6-0, 6-3, in the semifinals before displacing Stephen Katzel in straight sets.

Last summer, Feeley advanced to the finals of the Peach State Classic Junior Championship, losing in straight sets to Ryan Noble. Feeley also lost in the first round of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) national championships in Kalamazoo, Mich. that same year.

At the Potomac School, however, Feeley was one of the state's best, finishing 19-4 as a junior. As a senior at the McLean-based school, Feeley again was the No. 1 singles player, leading the Panthers to a runner-up finish in the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association (VISAA) state championship.

Majestics and Royals Conclude Season

It was appropriate that the Northern Virginia Royals (men's soccer) and Majestics (women's) finished their season on the road — the Royals played three games in the same location twice, while the Majestics played at the same venue only twice.

The Royals are part of the Premier Development League, which provides current college players and recent graduates with an opportunity to play between college seasons, as well as gain exposure from possible professional scouts.

The Royals finished fifth in the six-team Mid-Atlantic Division of the PDL with 14 points and a 3-8-5 record. Matthew Brady, a Catholic University senior, and recent Westfield graduate A.J. Sheta led the Royals in points with 10 apiece. Brady and Sheta both scored four goals and notched two assists while playing in 12 games.

Meanwhile, the Majestics W-League team provides an opportunity for current college players and some alumni to show their wares at the highest level of soccer in the U. S., at least until the fall of 2009, when Women's Professional Soccer, the

latest attempt to begin a women's professional league in the United States, will begin play.

The Majestics dropped their season finale, falling 2-0 to Jersey Sky, and missed the playoffs for the first time in three years. Northern Virginia finished sixth in the nine-team Northeast Division of the W-League with 14 points and a 3-8-5 record.

The team's leading scorers included Kelly Hammond, a University of Virginia alum, who notched eight points on team-leading 32 shots. Katherine Watson, a senior forward at Old Dominion, also had eight points with three goals and two assists.

Arlington-based Company Makes Greens Greener

Golf Creations, an Arlington-run company established in 1987, is busying renovating greens, this time for three months at the Jefferson City Country Club in Missouri. The renovation plans for all of the 18 existing greens to adhere to United States Golf Association (USGA) specification, mostly by replacing the Penncross bentgrass and poa annua turf with modern A-series bentgrass.

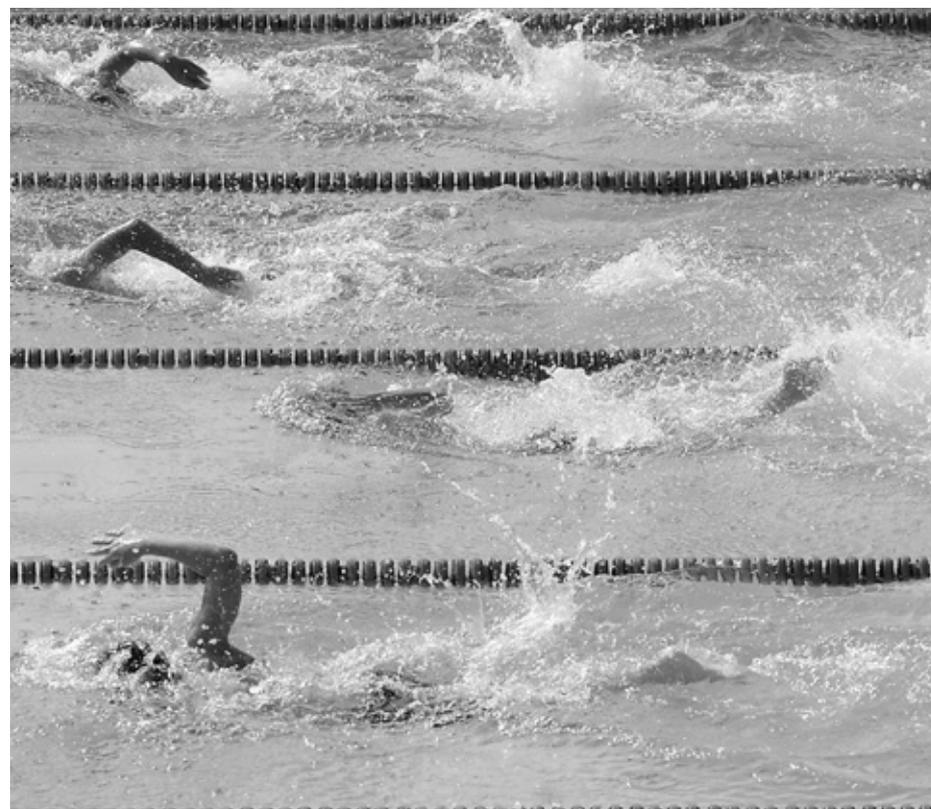
The Jefferson City project is the latest for architects Bob Lohmann and son Matt Lohmann, who oversees Golf Creations. The father-and-son pair has been responsible for more than 35 original golf course projects, including The Merit Club in Libertyville, IL, site of the 2000 U.S. Women's Open.

At Jefferson City, plans include improving the green surrounds and greenside bunkers, the rerouting of various fairways and the addition of approximately 15 new tees. These improvements will help stretch the private course to roughly 7,100 yards from the tips.

Bob Lohmann runs Marengo, Ill.-based Lohmann Golf Designs, and renovated 60-plus courses across the country.

In 2001, the company built Mattaponi Springs, Beaverdam, Va., about 80 miles southwest of Arlington.

—ERIC J. GILMORE



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Swimmers race in the 50 Meter Freestyle during the NVSL District meet at Lee-Graham pool on July 26.

Only The Strong Survive

Arlington Forest, Dominion Hills, Overlee and Arlington Knights of Columbus compete at districts.

(11-12 breaststroke) and Michelle Moriarty (15-18 breaststroke) were single-event female winners.

The NVSL also held its diving division meets over the weekend, with Arlington Forest's Alec Schadelbauer (junior boys) and Mary Lynn Clark (intermediate girls) earning first-place finishes. Overlee's Meghan Flynn (junior girls) and Dominion Hills' Isabelle Grant (freshmen girls) and Nick Everett (senior boys).

In Division 11 action, the Arlington Forest Tigers finished its season with strong showing at the Northern Virginia Swimming League divisional meet, recording 11 first-place finishes and numerous personal bests.

Divisional champions for the Tigers included double-event winners David Palmer (boys 13-14 freestyle, 13-14 backstroke) and Matthew Allen (boys 15-18 individual medley). Other single-event male winners were Neil Murray (8-and-under butterfly) and Christopher Palacios (9-10 butterfly).

Bryn Edwards won the girls 9-10 breaststroke and butterfly, while Rebecca Palacios

Arlington-based NVSL All-Star qualifiers included Arlington Forest's Kylie Auble (intermediate girls), Carl Buegler (intermediate boys) and Lara Tito (senior girls). Nolan Kataoka (freshmen boys) was the lone non-event winner to qualify for Overlee, while Dominion Hills will be represented by Gina Fendley (junior girls), Colman Smith (intermediate boys) and Anna Christopher (senior girls).

Divers will now compete in the league's all-star meet, which will be held on Sun., Aug. 3, at the Dunn Loring Pool in Alexandria.

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A swimmer competes in the 50 Meter Freestyle during the Northern Virginia Swimming League District meet at Lee-Graham pool on July 26.

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Read But Not Spoken



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Emails, text messages, instant messages; the written word is rarely written any more. It is typed and then read and frequently responded to in similar fashion — non-verbally. It's been my experience that communicating in this manner has led to the existence, you might say, of a parallel universe. It's as if these electronic/digital-type communications have a life of their own and once typed, sent and replied to, need not have any mention of their having been typed, sent or replied to. There's no doubt the exchange occurred, the information was definitely transmitted, but more often than not, I'm not seeing — or rather hearing — any acknowledgment of their transmission.

Moreover, geographic distance seems not to have any bearing on this lack of acknowledgment. Whether the contactee is miles away, out of state or in adjacent cubicle a mere desk divider away, seems likewise not to matter. Neither does it seem to matter if this individual is family, friend or foe. Communications made electronically (via computer, Blackberry, cell phone, etc.) need not, apparently, be synced up to any real-time, one-to-one, face-to-face actual-type conversation where words are spoken — and heard, and then responded to using your mouth rather than your fingers.

This is not to say that the substance of these electronic exchanges won't be worked into subsequent conversations, it's more that they won't be footnoted; they'll be understood but not worth referencing. Ironic given the fact that the current conversation is often built on the very information provided by that previous email. It's sort of the opposite of a house of cards. Rather than the foundation of this discussion (electronic exchange, actually) being built on shaky, unreliable grounds, grounds that under most circumstances wouldn't even exist, that is if people actually spoke to one another — with respect to the underlying emails previously received and likely responded to — this electronic house of cards does exist and on very solid, verifiable grounds, but its existence seems irrelevant, or in the very least, forgettable, and not worth mentioning, in current conversations anyway.

In fact, as I sit and write this column, I can't recall any in-person conversation I've had where someone has said, "I want to continue the discussion we were having electronically." No, what I've heard, what I'll hear, if anything is, a verbal signature, a Post Office-type return receipt, you might call it: no facts, no feelings — no nothing, just a hollow acknowledgment. That seems to be as good as it gets. No real personal touch, just a bland, robotic almost, Joe Friday (Dragnet)-type reply. Whether true or not, it sure looks — and feels — that way, pending further investigation of course.

And as I investigate further, what I anticipate finding, is more of the same electronic world that seems to exist unto itself, like the avatars in the make-believe, computer-generated faux universe that exists on-line. It certainly seems real but to whom, and why should I pay attention to its reality anyway? Or is it a more sophisticated form of horse play and its time has come and mine has passed? And with respect to email exchanges, which seem real enough (and are real, so far as I can tell), why aren't they integrated into the real world? Why do they seem to just float around, unclaimed by either the sender or the receiver? If they're not worth mentioning — or worth claiming, then why did you email me in the first place? And in the second place, if a phone call is too much trouble, then don't bother emailing.

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Moran Discusses Debt

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WITHOUT A DOUBT, Walker said the largest threat to the United States economic stability is rising health care costs.

"This is the thing that could bankrupt America. Health care costs," said Walker. The growth of Social Security is only a minor problem by comparison and, even if the United States pulled out of Iraq entirely tomorrow, it would only reduce the United States financial problem by about five percent, said Walker.

Walker said the Medicare program would start to run deficits this year and projects its trust fund will go entirely dry by 2019.

"In 11 years, Medicare will not be able to pay for its benefits. ... I want you to think about what you were doing 11 years ago. I remember what I was doing and it wasn't that long ago," said Walker.

Fewer businesses are offering health care and those that do have cut back on other kinds of benefits because of the rising cost of insuring employees, said the expert. He

advocates that the government develops over time a universal health care plan that covers "basic and essential health care costs."

He added: "We are the only country on earth that has no budget for health care."

Walker also advocates a ban or severe restrictions on prescription drug advertisements. The federal government is already buying prescription drugs at higher price for some of its health care programs because of companies' advertising programs.

"We are paying for prescription drugs and we know some of the cost is attributable to advertising," said Moran.

The congressman admitted it is difficult to fight the pharmaceutical industry's influence with the federal government since they contribute so much money to political campaigns. Moran had a little success trying to get some prescription drug advertisements removed from television during "family hours," he said.

Woman Killed In Apartment Fire

Lois Day, an 84-year-old Arlington woman, was killed earlier this week in a fire in her South Arlington apartment.

The fire took place in the early morning hours of Monday, July 28 at the Windsor Towers Apartments, located at 5535 Columbia Pike. According to Chief Fire Marshall Benjamin Barksdale, Day, who lived by herself, was found dead in her seventh floor apartment when firefighters arrived at the Windsor Towers shortly before 5 a.m.

Barksdale said that the official cause of the fire is undetermined but that "It appears that it was improper discarding of smoking material. We found several cartons of cigarettes in the room and empty cigarette packs ... The bed was the origin [of the fire]. We found an ashtray there."

There were no other injuries associated

with the fire and no other apartments at the Windsor Towers were damaged.

Barksdale said that the smoke detector in Day's apartment did go off immediately but that the building's fire alarm didn't go off until the smoke had gotten out into the hallway. Fire officials were not notified of the fire until the building's alarm went off, Barksdale said.

Barksdale also said that, pending the results of an autopsy, he believes that Day died of smoke inhalation and not of severe burns.

"It appears that she may have been awake because she [had] no apparent physical injury," he said. "She was able to get away from the bed. But she was 84. She did have a walker and several canes in the apartment."

-DAVID SCHULTZ

Arlington Foreclosures

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perils of these no-document mortgages. But he also said that the damage of the foreclosure crisis may have already been done.

"Now the barn door has closed and many lenders have tightened up," Myrick said. "The whole idea of a no-document loan is over. The whole idea of 100 percent financing is over. The worst may have already come."

LOCAL REAL ESTATE professionals were quick to point out that Arlington's market is still out-performing all of those in the area.

"The old adage is that the criteria is location, location, location," Northern Virginia Association of Realtors spokesperson Jill

Landsman said, "And that's what Arlington has."

Arlington had the lowest foreclosure rate in the D.C. area in April of this year, according to Paul DesJardin of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

"With the price of gas right now," Landsman said, "The houses further out are not looking so sweet because they're going to be putting more money in their gas tank now. Over these past few months there's been a shift in priorities."

Local realtor Sagatov said that in the last three months, the average home price in Arlington has actually risen. But, as the recent foreclosure report indicates, not all areas of the county and not all residents of the county have shared in this increase.

"It's people with creative loans."

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