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## PEOPLE

### Getting to Know ...

First she was Miss Arlington. Then she was Miss Virginia. Now, Tara Wheeler is trying to become Miss Virginia. Late last month, Wheeler won the Miss Virginia pageant, earning the right to compete in the storied Miss America competition.

In an interview with the Arlington Connection, Wheeler talked about her diverse interests, her route to pageant success and how pageant contestants are perceived in the media.

#### What did it feel like to be named Miss Virginia?

I really felt like I did the absolute best I could and if it didn't happen for me then it just wasn't my time. I was really calm leading up to it but then when they called my name you have this moment of disbelief. Then I saw the first runner-up walk away and I thought "Ok, it's really me. I'm Miss Virginia." Then I started crying like a fool.

#### Did you feel like you had put in a really strong performance? Did you think you were going to win?

I never came into it thinking, "Ok, I've got this. I'm gonna win." I came in believing that I could win and believing that I could do the job well. I honestly believe that I was the best for the job and that if you don't go into everything you do believing that you can be successful, than it's a waste of time.

#### How were you chosen as Miss Arlington?

With every Miss America local and state competition, you're judged on the same thing. I came in there and you have the on-stage stuff which is evening gown, swimsuit, talent and on-stage questions. With the swimsuit [competition], they're not looking for the skinniest girl with curves in all the right places. They're looking for someone who takes care of themselves and is physically fit and is confident with who they are. If you show that sort of devotion at the gym, you'll probably carry that over to other aspects of your life. That's why swimsuit will always be an important part of the Miss America pageant. For the evening gown, I wore a gown that was given to me. They're not necessarily looking for the super-expensive gowns. For talent, it can be anything. I've seen a girl break a board with her head in a karate demonstration. Every girl's talent is unique. I happen to sing, which is kind of boring. I sang "At Last" by Etta James.

#### How did you get involved in pageantry? How long have you been doing this for?

I've been doing this for about three years. I grew up kind of as a tomboy. I did a lot of tomboy things. I grew up playing hockey since the third grade. I got to try out for the women's Olympic team. I was a cadet in the Air Force so I went through boot camp. I did this all before I decided to try to do pageants. A lot of girls have been doing this all their lives.

#### What did you do to prepare for the Miss Virginia competition?

I did a lot of mock interviews and I had a



Tara Wheeler is crowned.

sponsorship from Curves gym and I had a personal trainer in Alexandria. Aside from that, the best way to get ready is to work on your community service pageant. As a title-holder you're a spokesperson for the organization. By getting out there in the community that was the best way that I prepared. I prepared as if I were Miss Virginia and that's how hard I worked.

#### Are you excited about competing in the Miss America pageant?

I'm really excited. They say that you're more likely to have a son in the Super Bowl than have a daughter grace the Miss America stage. So that in itself is quite an honor. I'm excited but at the same time I'm a little nervous. You only get one shot at it. But this year they're doing a reality show and sometimes that makes me a little nervous. I know how easy it is to edit things and just the lack of control over how you're portrayed. I did the boot camp thing and the hockey thing and I just don't want to be made into a gimmick. That's the thing that I'm a little nervous about. But, overall, I'm really excited and I'm looking forward to representing Virginia the best I can.

#### Have you seen any of the reality shows that are based on people who compete in pageants? What do you think of those?

They're disappointing. The media likes to grab onto things that reinforce negative stereotypes. Honestly, there are a few girls in pageants, as there are in any activity, that typify the negative stereotypes. But those girls are few and far between. We're doing so many great things. I was invited to the United Nations but that would never be put in a reality show because it's not catty or negative. So it's disappointing that that's the kind of attention that pageants get. But I'm hoping that, because I'm a different kind of contestant, that hopefully I can get some positive attention because I'm so different.

#### What will be the first thing you will do if you are crowned Miss America?

I have no idea. I'll probably cry like a bigger fool than I did when I won Miss Virginia. If I won, I would just be incredibly honored. If I was Miss America, I would be put in a position where I would have a lot of influence and I don't want to take that for granted.

— DAVID SCHULTZ

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## Family Still Questions Simran's Death

PHOTO BY DAVID SCHULTZ/THE CONNECTION

**Arlington County's refusal to prosecute angers the Singh family and some members of the local Sikh community.**

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

**I**t's been a year since Simran Singh died in a car on the side of an Arlington County highway after a night out with his friends.

In that year, Singh's family has searched for answers as to why a 21-year-old would suddenly and unexpectedly experience heart failure. But in their year of searching, Singh's friends and family have found no satisfactory answers.

Arlington County's Commonwealth's Attorney has refused to prosecute those who were in the car with Singh when he died and Singh's death was declared accidental by the Medical Examiner. But Singh's family believes that Arlington County Police have mishandled the case and are frustrated with what they perceive to be a lack of transparency.

"I will not stop until the last breath of my life to get justice," Singh's mother Neena Singh said.

**AT THE TIME** of his death, Singh was a 21-year-old George Mason University student from Burke who, according to his parents, was generally happy and in good health.

But Singh had a problem with alcohol and had recently served jail time for driving while intoxicated. In 2005, Fairfax County Police officers were called to the Singh household and were told by Singh's mother that he was "drunk and out of control." Charges were not filed in this incident.

According to an account of Singh's death by Arlington County Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Trodden, Singh was violently drunk on the night of Aug. 3 and had to be restrained by his friends as they were

driving him back home from a bar in Washington D.C..

The Virginia State Medical Examiner's report on Singh's death stated that he suffered from a pre-existing, undiagnosed heart condition and that his friends' restraint aggravated this condition and led to heart failure.

Singh was pronounced dead on the shoulder of I-395 Southbound near Shirlington in the early morning hours of Aug. 4, 2007.

Trodden declined to prosecute Singh's four friends who were in the car with him when he died. In a letter given to the Singh family explaining his decision, Trodden wrote that he "firmly believe[s] there is justification" for the acts of Singh's friends who were trying to restrain him in the moving car.

**BUT THE SINGH** family has vehemently disagreed with this claim.

They have filed a wrongful death civil lawsuit against the four occupants of the car in Fairfax County court. Their suit seeks compensatory damages of \$5 million and punitive damages of \$10 million.

The attorney representing the Singh family, Steve Cundra, said that the lawsuit was filed in an attempt to spur prosecutors to reexamine the case.

"The purpose of the suit is not money," Cundra said. "The purpose of the suit is to



**"We're getting doubletalk."  
— Steve Cundra,  
Singh family attorney**

**Simran Singh's sister, mother and father, along with local activist Rajbir Datta, observe a moment of silence.**

gather evidence ... and to present that to independent and objective experts and to present it to other law enforcement agencies to see if they will take up the case."

Cundra has subpoenaed dozens of materials relating to the Arlington County Police Department's investigation of Singh's death, including original police reports, photographs from Singh's autopsy, and the military records of the driver of the vehicle. But he said that Arlington Police have not been cooperative.

"We're getting doubletalk," Cundra said. "According to Arlington County there's no investigation. They say it's closed so they can't withhold the evidence. They can't have it both ways."

Arlington Police Public Information Officer Crystal Nosal issued a statement saying "The Arlington County Police Department complies with any and all subpoenas issued in legal matters. We are also satis-

fied that our detectives fully investigated all aspects of Mr. Singh's death at the time that it occurred."

**THIS WEEKEND**, the Singhs held a candlelight vigil at their home in Burke to mark the one-year anniversary of their son's death and to demand that Arlington Police reopen the case.

Several hundred of Singh's friends, family and members of the Northern Virginia Sikh community came to pay their respects and show their support. So many people attended the vigil that two Fairfax County Police officers were parked at the entrance to the Singh's normally quiet subdivision to control traffic.

Many of Singh's friends and family were outraged that Trodden's letter, which was released to the media, went into great detail about Singh's problems with alcohol.

SEE REFUSAL, PAGE 4

## Arlington Treasurer Pushes Federal Legislation

Arlington County Treasurer Frank O'Leary (D) is lobbying Congress to pass legislation that would make it easier for local governments to pursue tax delinquents. The legislation would withhold the federal tax refund of someone who owes back taxes to a local government. Currently, those who are delinquent on their local taxes can still receive federal refunds. O'Leary said he first proposed the legislation seven years ago. Last month, O'Leary's bill was passed out of the House Government Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. "I know this is a good idea and I know it will work," O'Leary said. "If this goes through, it will change the nature of tax collection in the United States."

O'Leary, who has been the Treasurer of Arlington County since 1983, said that his bill would allow localities to essentially transfer their unpaid taxes to the U.S. Treasury, thus saving potentially millions of dollars. O'Leary estimated

that, if his legislation passes, Arlington County would save approximately \$2 million a year and localities across the country would save upwards of \$3 billion a year. "This program makes the difference ... from being in the black and being in the red," he said.

O'Leary also said that his program would not require any new financial infrastructure because many states already have a policy of transferring tax debts to the U.S. Treasury if a debtor owes child-support payments.

U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), who sits on the House Committee and Oversight and Government Reform, said in a statement that O'Leary's bill is important because "People who don't pay their local tax debts put a burden on honest taxpayers ... It is only right that everyone who owes pays."

Davis sponsored the legislation along with U.S. Reps Jim Moran (D-Va.), Edolphus Towns (D-N.Y.), Mike Turner (R-

Ohio) and Brian Bilbray (R-Calif).

Under the bill that passed the House committee last month, a two-year pilot version of the program would be set up in certain states. But O'Leary said that his program can go into effect in all states right away if it is embraced by U.S. Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.), the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"If Charlie Rangel wants to make it happen, he can," O'Leary said.

At the moment, O'Leary expects his bill to move to the floor of the House sometime later this year. If not, he will have to start all over again with a new Congress.

"I'm praying; I'm hoping," he said. "It's been a long seven years. But I don't give up easily."

-DAVID SCHULTZ

## BULLETIN BOARD

Know of something missing from our community calendar? E-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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. For more volunteer opportunities, classes, announcements visit [www.arlingtonconnection.com](http://www.arlingtonconnection.com) and click on Community.

Volunteer advocates are needed to promote the quality of life and care for people living in Arlington nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Volunteers are assigned to a specific facility and spend 4 hours per week (2 during the weekday) meeting with residents. Good diplomacy and communication skills are essential. Training is scheduled for Sept. 15, 16 and 26. Following assignment, ongoing training and support are provided. For more information and an application, contact the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at 703-324-5422, or TTY: 703-449-1186 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman).

**Tonya M. Jones**, Keynote Speaker presents "Balancing Career and Healthy Living" on Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 6-8 p.m. This lecture is for anyone who has ever said, "I don't have time to exercise or lose weight." The event will take place at Bear Rock Cafe, The Villages of Shirlington, 4251 Campbell Ave. 703-575-8055. Reserve your spot today at <http://www.tonyamjones.com/events>. Cost is \$40 per person. Refreshments will be served.

The **Junior League of Northern Virginia** (JLNV) membership is now open to all women aged 21 years and over residing in Northern Virginia and its surrounding areas for the JLNV's fall new member class. Events will be held at the following locations:

- ♦ Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008, 6-8 p.m. CapitolCity Brewery, 2700 S. Quincy St.
- ♦ Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008, 10 a.m.-Noon at Panera Bread, 4238 Wilson Blvd.

During construction of the new community center, **Arlington Mill WIC clients** will receive services at alternate locations in Arlington. There are three location choices for WIC Clinic starting September, 2008:

- ♦ Carlin Springs Elementary School—Wednesday only  
5995 S. 5th Road (Arlington, VA 22204)
- ♦ Fenwick  
800 S. Walter Reed Drive  
Arlington, VA 22204
- ♦ 3033 Wilson Boulevard  
Suite 200A  
Arlington, VA 22201

If you have questions or need an appointment, call **703-228-1260**

Effective Aug. 4, the **Arlington County Public Health Division** will offer STD and Family Planning services as well as HIV testing at two locations: 3033 Wilson Blvd. and 800 South Walter Reed Drive. The STD and Family Planning services listed below (on Monday and Thursday) will be by same-day appointment. Call to schedule an appointment.

♦ **STD and Family Planning Services:** Monday: Noon-3 p.m. at 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 200B; Thursday: 3-6 p.m. at 800 South Walter Reed Drive. To schedule an appointment, call 703-228-1200. For more information call 703-228-5200, option #3

♦ **HIV Testing Services: Tuesday:** 3-6 p.m. at 800 South Walter Reed Drive; Thursday: 10 a.m. -1 p.m. at 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 200B. HIV Testing is on a walk-in basis on the two days above —no appointment is necessary.

**Arlington** residents over the age of 60



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## A Citizen at Last

**A Certificate of Citizenship is presented to Mary Pero, sister of Sgt. Michael Strank, Iwo Jima flag raiser last week at the memorial which depicts the flag raising. Sgt. Strank was one of the five marines and one sailor that are depicted in the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington. He enlisted in the Marine Corp on October 6, 1939. On 19 February 1945, Sgt Strank landed on Iwo Jima. The flag raising took place four days later on February 23, 1945. The Czech-born Strank was killed in action on the island on March 1, 1945. On the left, Mary Pero, accompanied by her family and USCIS acting director Jonathan Scharfen arrives at the Iwo Jima Memorial. On the right, Mary Pero holds her brother's Certificate of Citizenship.**

can request free fans if they meet criteria. Call 703-228-1700 to request an application or visit Arlington Agency on Aging, 3033 Wilson Blvd.

**CrisisLink** in Arlington is searching for volunteers. There is a summer training class on Saturday, Aug. 9. Residents age 21 and over are encouraged to become a Volunteer Hotline Listener. 703-527-6016 to schedule an interview.

The **20-year reunion for the Yorktown High School Class** of 1988 will be held the weekend of Oct. 3-5. The main event will be held at Washington Golf and Country Club on Saturday, Oct. 4. Please contact Cabell Fooshe' at 703-930-1755 for more information.

Seniors 50 years of age and over are eligible to enter the 2008 **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** to be held Sept. 20-Oct. 2. Registration information is available now at local senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-3600, ext. 9996. They can also be downloaded online at [www.novaseniorylympics.com](http://www.novaseniorylympics.com). Registration deadline is Sept. 5.

**Kid's Club** will be held on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 115 S. Washington St. The church playground/courtyard and Children's Library will be open all morning for kids and parents to come and go as they please. Enjoy Story Time in the Children's Library at 10:30, a Craft Project at 11 and yummy popsicles at 11:45. Children of all ages are welcome

to attend. 703-836-4324 [www.wsumc.com](http://www.wsumc.com).

The **Arlington Disability Advisory Commission** is seeking applicants to interview for several vacant positions. The Arlington Disability Advisory Commission is a 13 member, County Board appointed advisory group comprised of individuals who live and/or work in Arlington, and who are interested in and knowledgeable about issues involving people with physical and sensory disabilities. People with disabilities, community leaders, and business people are urged to apply. Individuals interested in serving on the Commission or any of its committees should contact the Disability Advisory Commission staff at 703-228-7096 or via e-mail at [amaynard@arlingtonva.us](mailto:amaynard@arlingtonva.us) for more information or to request a copy of the Commission's Application Form. The form may also be found on the Arlington County Web site under "Advisory Groups."

Now Arlington community members have a new, convenient way to get trained in lifesaving skills such as **CPR and first aid - online**. The Arlington County Chapter has partnered with the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis to offer Red Cross online training. Some online training courses, like CPR, require students to attend a skill session before a certificate can be issued. Skill sessions normally take about two hours and are regularly scheduled, during the week and the weekends for convenience. Visit

[www.arlingtonredcross.org](http://www.arlingtonredcross.org) or, call 703-527-3010 ext. 736

Volunteer with the **Arlington Red Cross**, and help families in Arlington, the Greater Washington Area, or even nationally. Choose your level of participation. Red Cross training also helps you to pre-

pare for emergencies in your own life. Since the Red Cross needs many special skills, almost everyone can find a place to make a meaningful contribution to their community. Contact Heather Pritchett, Volunteer Services Coordinator, 703-527-3010 x735, or visit <http://www.arlingtonredcross.org>.

## Refusal To Prosecute Angers Sikh Community

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"It had more to do with Simran than it had to do with what happened," Cundra said. "It was highly unusual for a prosecutor to be attacking the victim and not the perpetrators."

Singh's parents immigrated to Fairfax County from India and are adherents of the Sikh faith. Many of those who attended the vigil said that they suspected that authorities were refusing to prosecute the case because the driver of the vehicle in which Singh died was a Marine who had served two

tours of duty in Iraq. "Something is fishy here," Mohmohon Chawla said.

Trodden said that the military status of the driver of the vehicle played no part in his decision not to file charges in the case.

Rajbir Datta, the head of a local Sikh advocacy group, organized the vigil. He said that the case is now in the hands of elected officials who can influence law enforcement authorities.

"We need to put pressure on these public officials," Datta said. "We need to hold them accountable."

# NEWS

## County Gets High Marks

Traffic flow and environmental concerns are two big priorities for Arlingtonians, according to a recent survey.

By DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

According to a recent survey, Arlington residents are among the most satisfied in the country with their local County government.

Eighty seven percent of Arlingtonians contacted for the survey, which was commissioned by the County, said that they were pleased with the quality of services provided by the local government, 29 percent more than the national average.

“Performance for Arlington County is exceptional,” said Chris Tathem, the head of the ETC Institute, a national polling group that conducted the survey. Tathem said that he was surprised by the high results, especially because the County scored very high on its 2004 survey.

The Institute gathers data for its comparative survey from two sources. The first is a national survey administered every two years, the last time in the fall of 2007, and includes more than 150 communities. The second study surveyed people from 20 large communities of over 100,000 people between January 2005 and June 2008.

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ETC Institute

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— County spokesperson  
Diana Sun

“The odds of the County staying at that same level were not real likely,” he said. “During the last couple years most overall satisfaction ratings have declines because of the economy and other factors ... [But] it was one of the best communities.”

Several areas of the County government saw significant improvement since the 2004 survey.

The percentage of residents who said the Arlington has high quality parks and recreation services increased by five percent since 2004. And 17 percent more of the respondents to this year’s survey gave high marks to

### Survey

The following are areas where community satisfaction in Arlington has increased or decreased by five percent or more since 2004:

#### INCREASE IN SATISFACTION

- ❖ Quality of County parks and cultural/recreation programs – 5%
- ❖ Maintenance of County streets – 6%
- ❖ Effectiveness of County’s Smart Growth practices – 17%
- ❖ Effectiveness of County communication with public – 6%
- ❖ Quality of public schools – 8%
- ❖ Snow removal on neighborhood streets – 12%
- ❖ Outdoor athletic fields - 10%
- ❖ Availability of sidewalks – 9%
- ❖ Quality of information on the County’s Web site – 8%
- ❖ Cleanliness/safety of food in restaurants – 27%

#### DECREASE IN SATISFACTION

- ❖ Quality of County’s stormwater runoff system – 8%
- ❖ Availability of services to low/fixed income – 22%

the County’s Smart Growth land use policies.

“Overall results from 2004 to 2008 have improved significantly in a number of areas and have set new highs,” Tathem said.

**HOWEVER**, there were several areas where survey respondents said the County has room for improvement.

Street maintenance and traffic flow were two areas where the County ranked the lowest on the survey. The survey also found that these were two areas that were of high importance to County residents.

“When a community is doing well, street maintenance and traffic flow are almost always the top two priorities,” Tathem said. “It’s when you have crime or really lousy parks you’ll see those issues get to the top.”

While these two transportation issues were low areas for the County, they were up significantly since 2004. “After the 2004 survey, we spent a lot more energy after that survey talking about what we do on the streets,” County spokesperson Diana Sun said, “And there was some improvement.”

Another area where the County fared poorly in the survey was in its ranks for its Health and Human Services Department. Only half of the respondents were satisfied with the quality of services for those with disabilities and only 40 percent were satisfied with the quality of services for those with low incomes, a 22 percent drop since 2004.

“This has been a puzzle to us,” Sun said. “I think they’re going to have to dig into the data on this,” County spokesperson Mary Curtius added.

There was also a significant drop in the satisfaction rankings for the County’s stormwater management system since 2004. But Arlington officials said that this drop was anticipated.

“The stormwater management system is pretty old and we’ve been pretty vocal about saying that it needs to be replaced,” Sun said. “There’s been a lot of very vocal discussion about these problems. We’ve raised awareness.”

### Survey Details

Arlington County’s quadrennial Community Satisfaction Survey was administered by phone, email and Internet in May and June of this year. More than 1,200 residents responded to the survey, which was conducted in both English and Spanish. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percent and a 95 percent confidence rate.

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## PEOPLE

# Families Open Up Hearts, Homes

## Summer Miracles program brings Colombian orphans to the area.

BY MATTHEW SWIFT  
THE CONNECTION

Each year area residents listen to their hearts and go above and beyond their call of duty by taking in foreign orphans for five weeks. The orphans, this year from Columbia, live with their hosts while attempts are made to find possible adoptive parents. Nine children are currently being hosted in the area with dreams of finding a home in America all while enjoying the events Kidsave, the organization responsible for the Summer Miracles program that brings the children here, puts on for them.

"One time we went bowling last week and this week are our pool parties," said Sally Carlson of Kidsave about the weekend events where the children partake in activities while those looking to adopt get chance to meet the orphans. "It gives the adults a chance to interact with the kids."

"IT'S AN ABSOLUTELY incredible experience," said Mike DeSenne who, along with his wife Carmen, adopted 11-year-old Lorena after hosting her in the Summer Miracles program last year. "In terms of adoption it was the right thing for us." DeSenne, who lives in Arlington, did not know at the time if hosting Lorena would lead to his family adopting her. "After meet-

ing her and having her stay with us we fell in love with her," said DeSenne about their decision to adopt Lorena. "We decided it was the right thing to do." Since the adoption, Lorena has adapted well to her new culture and lifestyle and enjoys dancing and swimming.

**McLEAN RESIDENT** Marian Hopkins heard about the program from a friend and decided she would host a child. Hopkins, a director of public policy at Business Roundtable, has been hosting 10-year-old Maroli since June 30 and says the experience has been wonderful. "It's really an amazing experience," said Hopkins. "It's much more than I think you envision in your mind. Not only do you experience this little person, but you experience a whole new culture too."

Since the children are from other countries, most of them speak little or no English, but that has not hampered Hopkins from interacting and having fun with Maroli. Since her arrival, Maroli has been enrolled in a summer camp where she



Mike and Carmen DeSenne at the airport in Bogota, Columbia with their adopted daughter Lorena.

plays with other children in the program and has formed friendships at the camp despite the language barrier. Hopkins has taken Maroli on trips to the National Mall and the National Zoo and she loves to go swimming and doing arts and crafts. "She's interested in everything," said Hopkins who noted that Maroli was amazed at some things most Americans take for granted. "Where she comes from is a very poor, rural town in Columbia ... she didn't know what a dishwasher was and in my house I have air conditioning on all day and she's cold constantly because they don't have air conditioning."

DeSenne and Hopkins encourage people considering adopting a child to attend the weekly events to get a chance to meet the children and get information on adoption. "Come to an event, see the kids, and have courage because you can do it," said Hopkins. "You get every bit out of it that you put into it."

"The opportunity to meet these kids is life changing," said DeSenne. "It's the most incredible thing I've done in my life."

For more information visit [www.kidsave.org/summermiracles](http://www.kidsave.org/summermiracles).

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Alex Beranek and Jordan Hinkson**, of Kenmore Middle School, received an Honorable Mention in Mastercam Software's 2007/2008 Innovator of the Future Competition with their design for a steering wheel.

**Laura Katharine Brookhiser** graduated Summa Cum Laude from Duke University with a degree in psychology and a minor in economics. Laura is a 2004 graduate of Yorktown High School. At Duke, she volunteered with the STEPS mentoring program for local high school students and served as director of the Pi Phi First Generation Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to local students who are the first in their families to attend college.

Arlington resident **Caroline Benitah**, daughter of Maria Benitah, is among about 100 young dancers that will travel to Columbus this summer to participate in the BalletMet Dance Academy Summer Intensives.

The following students graduated from Roanoke College: \* **Bailey S Yeager**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary A. Yeager, Bachelor of Arts with a major in English \* **Andrew M DeCoster**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy P.

DeCoster, Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics

**Carlin Springs Elementary School** fifth grade student, **Jasmine Washington-Price**, was selected by the AAA Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education to be the Outstanding AAA School Safety Patrol of the Year for Arlington. Washington-Price was recognized at a luncheon in early June. She joined fellow students from Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia who received the award. Washington-Price received a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque.

**Jordan Leach**, son of Southern Company employee Kyle Leach, received a Southern Company scholarship for his outstanding academic achievement, leadership, character, and school and community involvement. Leach, of Arlington, is a sophomore majoring in computer science and mathematics at Georgia Institute of Technology.

**Sher Afgan Tareen**, the son of Fauzia Deeba of Arlington and has been named to the dean's list of Macalester College for academic achievement during the spring semester. A graduate of Washington-Lee, Tareen was a first-year student at Macalester last spring.

Williamsburg Middle School student **Emily Mitchell** placed second at the Technology Student Association (TSA) 30<sup>th</sup> annual competition in Orlando, Fla.

The Wakefield High School Education

Foundation announced that it had awarded \$112,500 in scholarships to fifteen members of the Wakefield Class of 2008. The 2008 Wakefield Scholars are **Lameya Ahmed**, who will be attending the University of Virginia, and **Madelaine Torres**, who will be attending Virginia Tech, both of whom were designated as Claude Moore Charitable Foundation Scholars; **James Lyon** who will be attending The College of William & Mary and **FlorDeMaria Vargas Stevez**, who will be attending Moravian College, were designated as Duques Family Foundation Scholars; **Mateos Chekol**, who will be attending William & Mary and **Muhammad-Wagas Noor**, who will be attending David Elkins College, were selected as Richard and Jane Coe Stoker Scholars; **Ashley Donahoo**, who will be attending George Mason University was designated as a Washington Forrest Foundation Scholar; **Malake Jabbara** who will be attending Mary Washington University was selected as a James E. Jones scholar; **Vien Ngoc Truong**, who will be attending Virginia Tech was designated as a John D. Murray scholar; **Aqsa Zafar**, who will be attending George Mason University was designated as a Robert C. Elliott scholar and **Maria Siapno**, who will be attending James Madison University was selected as an Albert C. Tate, Jr. scholar. Wakefield scholarships were also awarded to Alejandro Aguayo who will be attending George Mason University, **Georgi Emilov Enchev** who will be

attending The University of Wales (Aberystwyth, UK), and **Weishuo Huang**, who will be attending The Catholic University of America. **Isela Melendez**, who will be attending The University of Richmond and who will be receiving a substantial scholarship from another source, was recognized with a special recognition scholarship. Four television production students

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Four to six volunteers are needed to **tutor Latino day laborers** on basic English. Many of the day laborers who

from the **Arlington Career Center** placed fourth in the SkillsUSA National competition in Kansas City at the end of June earning a score of 95.95 percent. Zach Bowman, Brittany Cooksey and Robel Kabithymer, all from Washington-Lee, and Mahala Mitchell from H-B Woodlawn competed in the live broadcast competition against other gold medal winners from 19 states.

come to the Shirlington Employment & Education Center (SEEC) are looking for work, but do not speak or understand English. Contact the Arlington County Volunteer Office at 703-228-1760 or visit [www.volunteersolutions.org/acvo](http://www.volunteersolutions.org/acvo).

**The Auxiliary of the Virginia Hospital Center-Arlington**, 1701 N. George Mason Drive, has openings for volunteers in a variety of patient services, daytime and weekends. Call June Breen at 703-620-2944.

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# GPS Evidence Allowed

Judge says that warrantless GPS tracking of a Falls Church man accused of abduction was not unconstitutional.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

**G**PS tracking data that led to the arrest of a man suspected in a series of sexual assaults in Fairfax County and Alexandria is admissible in court, according to a ruling made by Arlington County Circuit Court Judge Joanne Alpert.

Despite the fact that the GPS device was used without a warrant, Alpert said that the evidence it collected in the case against David Foltz, a convicted sex offender who is being accused of abduction, is admissible.

"It was neither unlimited nor unreasonable," she said. "The defendant has failed to show that there has been any actual invasion of his privacy."

Alpert's ruling came after a two-day hearing in which Foltz's lawyers, argued that the GPS tracking data, along with police eyewitness testimony that resulted from the data, should be dismissed because of fourth amendment rights

violations.

"She gave us a fair hearing," said Chris Leibig, Foltz's lead attorney. "But we respectfully disagree with it."

Leibig also said that he would appeal Alpert's ruling on the GPS evidence issue if Foltz is convicted.



David Foltz

VA STATE POLICE

**IN THE WINTER** of 2008, a team of three Fairfax County Police detectives was trying to solve a series of nearly a dozen sexual assaults that occurred in the Springfield, Annandale and Falls Church areas.

Police believed that these attacks, as well as several that took place near the Van Dorn Metro Station in Alexandria, were committed by the same perpetrator.

"The attacks were unique," said Fairfax County Detective Erik Stallings, "because they were physical and sexual assaults but they never rose to the level of rape."

In nearly all of the attacks, a man wearing a mask approached from behind a

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# OPINION

# Seek Help

## Local governments, schools, authorities, should get expert, citizen input on budgets.

Local governments and school districts are facing the prospect of actually having less money in the next budget cycle, and higher expenses.

While the just-concluded budget setting included gnashing of teeth over "shortfalls," overall this meant that schools and government programs didn't get quite as much of an increase as they needed to continue spending at the same rate as before.

### EDITORIAL

The looming year will be different. There will actually be less money, not less of an increase.

Many families and businesses in Northern Virginia have already been coping with higher costs and less income and without the option

of raising the tax rate.

Fairfax County government and schools, like most local governments, are now tackling an overall analysis of where the money goes.

This is a critical exercise in a budget cutting cycle, but in addition to analyzing themselves, each locality and school system should seek the free, expert help that is available right next door in the process.

Northern Virginia is blessed with residents that include some of the top economic and policy minds in the nation. Some would be willing to donate their time despite busy lives to analyze and bring perspective to different parts of the budget.

Each branch of local government should establish its own "Blue Ribbon Commission" (us-

ing any name each one chooses) to study these huge, complex budgets, most in the billions of dollars and containing thousands of programs.

Seek out citizens with budget and program expertise in particular areas, and set them to work assigned to specific parts of the budget. Then take their recommendations seriously.

But in tight times, it's important to resist ending programs that are needed and important, even if we could live without them for a few years. Some programs should be eliminated; many can operate on reduced funding for a few years. But it's important to recognize that if you cut something out entirely, it will probably not be back.

Many families and businesses have faced cost cutting in the past year at a level that local governments will probably not have to achieve. But this year will require that they actually spend less than they did the year before.

— MARY KIMM

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Solve Air Pollution Problems

To the Editor:

The athletic playing fields at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School & Community Center (the TJ Center) at 3501 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South in Arlington have been a serious source of air pollution both on the Center grounds and in the surrounding neighborhood for a number of years. While one field has recently been sodded and an adequate watering system installed, the other lower field remains dirt-and dust-covered, with a reduced number of sprinkler heads, which only wet down the periphery of the field. With the center of this field untouched, the wind and normal, recreational use of the field cause large clouds of dust, at times some 20 feet high, to clog

the lungs and breathing passages of TJ Center recreational users, including young children who play in adjacent, designated areas. Even on the days that the sprinkling system is utilized, the watering session only occurs in the morning; by the middle of the afternoon, the hottest and driest part of the day, the field is again bone dry. These dust clouds also drift on the wind into the nearby residential neighborhood, negatively affecting the health of unsuspecting community residents. As the clouds travel, they begin to disperse so that they are not as noticeable as at their point of origin, but these particulates are still present in the air. Youngsters, older adults, and anyone with respiratory ailments are particularly susceptible to this polluted air. Over time and with repeated and continuous exposure, inhalation of

this fine particulate matter can cause severe respiratory conditions, such as asthma, bronchitis and emphysema.

The Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources was contacted regarding this problem. Parks officials were already aware of this health hazard, and in fact, referred to this as "the Dust Bowl." Their response was to install a sprinkling system on both fields, 32 heads on the upper, sodded field, and 12 on the lower. As noted in the above paragraph, the 12 sprinklers on the lower field are totally inadequate. The County resisted attempting any other solution, stating that the grounds needed to stay as they were for the benefit of the Arlington County Fair, a five-day annual event, this year taking place August 6-10. No doubt the offending field will be frequently

and adequately watered down during that period, but what about the other 360 days of the year? Money has been spent in the last year on cosmetic and other improvements on the TJ Center grounds. But let's be realistic, what could be more important than the health of the children and other Arlington County residents who use the facilities or simply live in the area, and who expect and deserve a healthy environment and clean air to breathe?

What can we do to assert our right to breathe unpolluted and healthy air in our neighborhood? The Arlington County Board has the principal responsibility for maintaining the TJ Center facilities and for assuring that the community has a safe and healthy physical environment in which to live and play. The Board has put forth a comprehensive Agenda for Progress, the first component of which is an Agenda for Health – let's urge them to meet this goal by solving the air pollution problem at the TJ Center once and for all. The County Board website is <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CountyBoard/CountyBoardMain.aspx>, and they can be reached at (703) 228-3130. Mr. J. Walter Tejada, the Board Chairman and the primary architect of the Agenda for Health, may be reached by e-mail at [wtejada@arlingtonva.us](mailto:wtejada@arlingtonva.us).

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Responses at ... Douglas Park — DAVID SCHULTZ



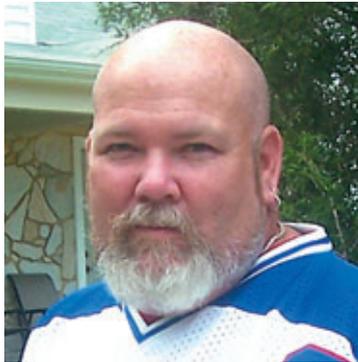
**Robyn Carter**

"The Pentagon. [You're] seeing the center of such an important part of our government."



**Vicki Jones**

"Hayes Park ... It has a water sprinkler."



**Scott Long**

"This neighborhood is my favorite part. The diversity is great."



**Kate Simkins**

"The parks. We have such great [ones]: Lacey Woods, Alcova Heights, Fairlington. Hayes Park is great."



**Grace Cuthbert**

"[We have] fantastic parks. They're great for a small area. Very user friendly."



**Jimmy Schultz**

"The Iwo Jima Memorial. It's here in Arlington. Also the Air Force Memorial."

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**Army National Guard Readiness Center Proposed Expansion.** The Army National Guard is proposing a building expansion for the Readiness Center located at 111 South George Mason Drive, Arlington VA 22204. The proposed expansion will accommodate approximately 1200 personnel who will be vacating government leased buildings in accordance with the Base Realignment and Closure Recommendations. The expansion includes a 174,000 square foot parking garage and a 250,000 square foot, Readiness Center building addition.

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**Army National Guard Document Availability and Comment Period**  
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# Shadow Watching

**A**t exactly 9:32 a.m. last Friday, a group of a few dozen people gathered at Dark Star Park in Rosslyn to stare at shadows.

Aug. 1 is the day when the shadows of the sculptures at Dark Star Park align perfectly with outlines drawn around them.

Arlington County Public Art officials had thought that 9:32 was the exact time when the shadows would fall into place. But when the time came, the shadows were still a little off.

**“This piece is the home, the birthplace of public art in Arlington.”**

**— Angela Adams, Public Art Administrator, Arlington County**

As it turned out, the Earth’s axis had tilted ever so slightly since the last time the shadows had been observed. The alignment this year occurred at 9:33 and 50 seconds.

“It worked!” said a jubilant

Angela Adams, the County’s Public Art administrator. “We will correct our time.” The sculptures at Dark Star Park, located in Rosslyn where Fort Myer Drive and Lynn Street merge, were made by artist Nancy Holt after being commissioned in 1979. They were meant to commemorate the day – Aug. 1, 1860 – when William Henry Ross purchased that land that became Rosslyn.

The sculptures consist of large, spherical blocks of concrete and tall, black poles. “Nancy was thinking of large, celestial gestures,” Adams said. “She likens them to fallen stars. That’s where you get the name Dark Star.”

According to Adams, Dark Star Park



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**A measure is drawn as the light from the sun shifts.**

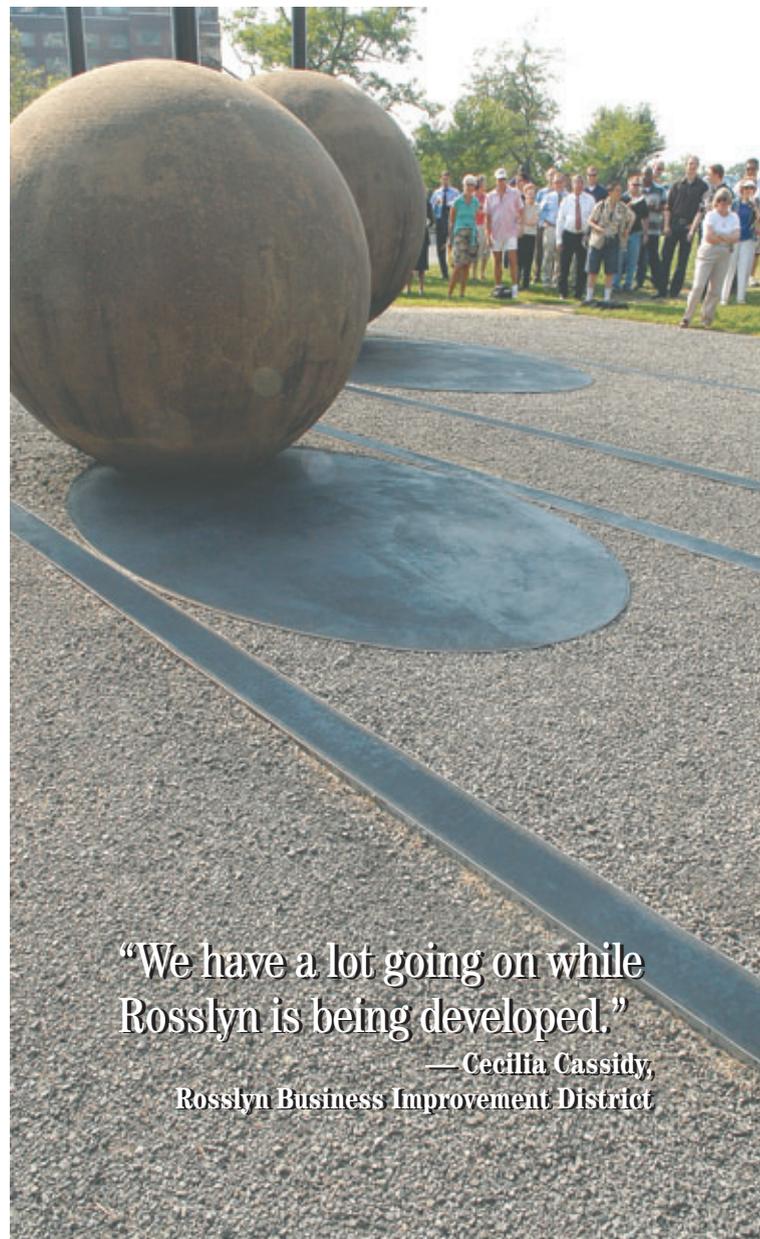
was the first public art project commissioned in Arlington. “This piece is the home, the birthplace of public art in Arlington,” she said. “Part of what we encourage our artists to do is find out what is unique to Arlington and what is our identity.”

Cecilia Cassidy is the head of the Rosslyn Business Improvement District, a group that seeks to promote commerce in the Rosslyn area. She said that Rosslyn, which was once thought of as a drab office canyon, is being revitalized, as is evidenced by the high turnout for the Dark Star event.

“We have a lot going on while Rosslyn is being developed,” Cassidy said.

For more information on Arlington Arts visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org)

—DAVID SCHULTZ



**“We have a lot going on while Rosslyn is being developed.”**

**— Cecilia Cassidy, Rosslyn Business Improvement District**

**9:34 a.m. Dark Star Park August 1, 2008.**



**Rosslyn Renaissance staff handed out free donuts and cereal sticks as well as coffee to all who arrived for the birthday celebration at the park.**

# Book Stores for Real Book Lovers

Local book stores find an audience.

BY BEN GEIER  
CONNECTION

There are few things considered more indicative of the American experience than the mom and pop store. For decades, these small family businesses have found it harder and harder to exist and thrive. In Arlington and Alexandria, however, a number of independent bookstores are continuing to serve the community—even if it means sometimes joining the “bad guys” on the Internet. How do they do it?

“I don’t make money,” said Alina Gawlik, owner and operator of Aladdin’s Lamp Children’s Books and Other Treasures in Arlington. Gawlik, is a former librarian who has owned

her own store for 17 years. Gawlik noted that warehouse stores like Borders and Barnes & Noble, often demonized by independent sellers, aren’t the biggest problem for stores like hers.

“The biggest threat is the Internet—the big chains are having problems too,” said Gawlik.

Walking into Aladdin’s Lamp feels like literally entering a genie’s lamp—one must descend several sets of gray stairs to find the brightly colored room that children would clearly delight in exploring. While this may work on the metaphor level, being underground is a clear disadvantage, and its highlights a problem facing many stores.

“If I was upstairs it would be much better,” said Gawlik. “The rents are too

high.”

These problems are old news for Gawlik, but in Alexandria two new book sellers are just getting their feet wet. Trish Brown and Ellen Klein were both employees of the long time Old Town fixture “A Likely Story.” After that store closed, Brown and Klein decided to lease the same space and less than a month ago opened a new shop, “Hooray for Books!”

“I knew the community felt a void,” said Klein. “With all the families with small children, there was a need for a store.”

Brown noted that physical interaction is one of the most important things that Hooray for Books! and other stores have going for them.

“People who love books love to hold books,” she said.

Another side of the independent book business is the used books sale. Book Bank Used Books, in Alexandria, and the Bookhouse in Arlington, both buy and sell used books with their patrons. These stores have even more unique challenges than other independent book stores.

“Getting a supply of used books, it’s unique to a used books store,” said Don Alexander, the owner and manager of Book Bank. Alexander has owned his store for seven years, having opened it after he took early retirement from his job as a lawyer.

Getting that steady stream of books is not as easy as it used to be. According to Natalie Hughes, who has owned and operated various used bookstores for 37 years, one of the biggest sources used to be mass sales. These “attic sales,” however, are dwindling.

“There aren’t any attics left. We haven’t bought an attic full of books in 5-6 years,” Hughes said.

One thing that independent owners agree on is that customers are the most important part of operating a successful community store.

Gawlik, who had to move her store a number of years ago, could think of some times when her customers when above and



**This simple sign welcomes customers to peruse the used books at the Book Bank. On right, this sign welcomes families to the recently opened Hooray for Books! in Alexandria.**

beyond to help her.

“Moving was very expensive,” she said. “Guess who came forward [to help]? My customers.”

The opening of Hooray For Books! in the place of the shuttered A Likely Story, has brought out emotional outbursts in some of the former stores longtime customers.

“We’ve had people that are just so thrilled,” said Brown. “We’ve had one lady who came in crying!”

Bringing people back again and again is also the important for the Book Bank, according to Alexander.

“We have a large amount of repeat customers,” he said. “Once they find us, they seem to like us.”

**EVEN WITH LOYAL** customers and a

grateful community, Gawlik’s concerns about the Internet taking away sales is very much relevant. And, it turns out, an issue affecting much more than only booksellers and other independent retailers.

“It’s time for the Internet to pay taxes, to equalize things,” said Gawlik, who noted that the Booksellers Association was organizing in every state to work toward this goal.

Klein noted, however, that is was a very big issue for the government as well.

“States are trying to get Internet sales tax because of the state revenue situation. It’s part of the bigger picture,” she said.

Even though they are committed and independent,

some independent stores are embracing the Internet rather than fighting it.

“We may sell on the Internet too,” said Klein. “We

would like to offer that for the very busy person.

Both the Book Bank and the Bookhouse offer some sales over the Internet, Hughes noted that Internet sales and in person sales have their place.

“I like both things. I actually really like the quietness of selling by mail, but I also like when people come in,” she said.

Despite technologies changing the way they do business, these local booksellers seem to committed for the long haul—whatever it takes.



“People who love books love to hold books.”

—Trish Brown



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## The Running Of The Pigs

Swine racers coming to the Arlington County Fair.

Secretariats they’re not.

But the noble swine who participate in the annual pig races at the Arlington County Fair – tiny, pink piglets with names like Frankenswine, Pigfoot and Kevin Bacon – regularly draw huge crowds and generate tons of excitement.

However, this may be the final year that the County Fair will feature pig racing. Ac-

ording to Denise Marshall Roller, the chief coordinator of the Fair, the County will probably be looking to bring in some new programming for next year.

“We’re trying to do more and more programming that is reflective of Arlington County,” she said. “Arlington County is not an agricultural county. The racing of the pigs reflected programming that reflected agriculture.”

With the future of pig racing in doubt, The Arlington Connection spoke with Dave Feimster, the owner of F & F Productions. Feimster goes from town to town and county to county racing pigs at local events.

In the interview, Feimster spoke about why pigs are natural born racers and also handicapped this year’s pig races for those who may be gambling-inclined.

**How long have you been racing pigs at the Arlington County Fair?**

I think it’s been going close to ten years down there. We’ve been doing pig races at fairs and festivals here in the northeast for a while.

**How did you get involved in pig racing?**

Pig racing was 12 years ago. We did skunk

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Evan Bliss and the Welchers will perform at IOTA.

Know of something missing from our community entertainment Calendar? Send it to [The Arlington Connection](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com), e-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Visit [www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.prg](mailto:potomac@nvrpa.prg).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 7

**Rock at the Row.** 7 p.m. at the Pentagon Row Plaza. Hear music by Jokers Wild, enjoy food samples, giveaways and more. Free. Visit [www.pentagonrow.com](http://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 Orchestra will perform a free concert. Visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com) or 703-696-3399.

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

**Arlington County Fair.** Enjoy rides, games, races, food and more at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Free. Visit



# Blissful Music Heard At IOTA

**L**ocal boys Evan Bliss and the Welchers tour along the Atlantic coast and all ways come back to their cats. They will be performing at Iota on Friday, Aug. 22.

### Introduce yourself or the band:

Hi!!! I'm Evan Bliss, singer, guitarist, writer and reader among other things. I am complemented wonderfully with bass man Jason Mattis, drummer Shareef Taher, percussionist (like drums but Bonham style "hands only") Mike Newbold, and full of wind and keys is Eric Abalihin, our everything man. We all reside in the Greater DC Metropolitan Area with our cats.

### How did you get your start in music and how long have you been performing?

I was a busboy in a small cafe, no longer around, in Upper Marlboro, Md., called the One Spot Cafe. They hosted an open night every Wednesday, and one night the host didn't show up. Other employees knew I played, and I always have a guitar with me, so I went to my car pulled it out and played three songs, staring at the floor the whole time. I looked up and people started cheering.

I was asked to keep playing and eventually left the stage an hour and a half later, playing only my own compositions, but then I realized I was supposed to let other people play because it was open mic night. People were angry, one

guy threw coffee on me. But we laughed about it later.

### If applicable, How were your musicians chosen?

We only like working with people we know. So Kevin Bacon 6 degrees of Separation and friend of a friend of a friend. If I had my choice I'd fire them all, but I don't pay them and they're much more talented than I am so I'm stuck.

### What is it that you love about performing?

Well, it's not the money hahahahaha!!!!!! All joking aside I'd have to say the free beer.

### What is your best memory when it comes to music?

The best is yet to come, memories are worthless, I try to delete them because they take up too much space and then I forget lyrics.

### Where is your favorite place to play, either publicly or personally?

Now and forever in the shower, because the acoustics are awesome, even though it ruins guitars. But in front of an any-sized eager and energetic crowd is a close sec-

ond.

### Best compliment about a performance?

"Hey Loser, nice friggin' pants" - Anonymous Girl.

### What is your favorite piece of music and why?

I've always been partial to "Imagine" by John Lennon, the ripping sincerity of his voice and the simple-minded but honest lyrics on top of a moving yet serene and delicate piano melody make me weep uncontrollably, wondering why we have to imagine such things. Seriously, I've wept, not everytime I hear it, and maybe not weeping, but it's made me shed some tears.

### Who would you love to play with? Why?

Amanda Bynes, she's not the hottest, but I bet we'd have a lot of fun together.

### Describe your sound:

Our job is to make the sound, everyone else's is to describe it. So come to the show, and you tell us.

### Biggest musical influences:

Chopin, Cash, Incubus, DMB, Santana, Jaco Pastorius, Joni Mitchell, Dylan, the Dead, Mozart,

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www.arlingtoncountyfair.org or 703-920-4556.

**Magic Show.** 1:30 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Favorite Trip.** 11:30 a.m. at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Hear travels of South America and Europe. Free. 703-228-0555.

**Wild Ones: Skulls and Teeth.**

1 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 6-9 can learn about animals down to their bones. \$2/child. 703-228-3403 to register.



**Tiny Tot.** 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can learn about nature through games, songs and crafts. \$3/child. 703-228-6535 to register.

games, races, food and more at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Free. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.org or 703-920-4556.

**Movie Watch.** 1 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Teens and tweens can watch "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest." Free. 703-228-0032.

**Collectors Club.** 10 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 11-13 can participate and learn about science, nature and more. \$5/child. 703-228-3403 to register.

**Tiny Tot.** 10 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can learn about nature through games, songs and crafts. \$3/child. 703-228-6535 to register.

**Dragonfly Campfire.** 7 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families can enjoy campfire activities with treats, guests and more. \$3/person. 703-228-3403 to register.



Springs Road. Families with children ages 5 and up can learn about these animals and meet some close up. \$2/person. 703-228-6535 to register.



of the frog with all things amphibian. \$1/child. 703-228-6535 to register.

**Snakes Alive.** 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children age 5 and up can learn about snakes and meet some up close. \$4/child. 703-228-6535 to register.

**Dragonfly Campfire.** 7 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families can enjoy campfire activities with treats, guests and more. \$3/person. 703-228-3403 to register.

**Spider Campfire.** 7:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can enjoy campfire activities with guests, treats and more. \$3/person. 703-228-6535 to register.

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Teens can learn about making a song, from an idea to the finished project. Free. To register, call 703-228-7783.

**Book to Movie Discussion.** 6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Discuss the book and movie "The Outsiders." Free. 703-228-5946.

**Movie Watch.** 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "An American in Paris" (1951). Free. 703-228-0032.

**TUESDAY/AUG. 12**

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Maggie Jackson will speak about "Distracted: The Erosion of Attention and the Coming Dark Age." Free. 703-228-0032.

**Playing Possum.** 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Preschoolers age 3-5 can learn about these animals through stories, crafts and more. \$3/child. 703-228-6535 to register.



**Soil Safari.** 10 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families with children age 5 and up can discover what types of animals live in soil. \$2/child. 703-228-3403 to register.

**Author Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Maggie Johnson will read and discuss her book "Distracted: The Erosion of Attention and the Coming Dark Age." Free. 703-228-0032.

**Written World.** 7:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Learn about famous nature writers who lived in the area and sample those along coffee and tea. \$2/adult. 703-228-6535 to register.

**WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13**

**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.

**Beekeeping for Teens.** 9 a.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St. Children ages 12-17 can learn about bees and collect honey. \$5/person. 703-243-4342 to register.

**Playing Possum.** 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Preschoolers age 3-5 can learn about these animals through stories, crafts and more. \$3/child. 703-228-6535 to register.

**Graduate Gemologists.** 4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 8-12 can learn about diopside gems. \$5/child. 703-228-3403 to register.

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**FRIDAY/AUG. 8**

**The Odd World of Scopitones.** 8:30 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, N. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Arlington County Fair.** Enjoy rides,

**SATURDAY/AUG. 9**

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

**Vita Pulse.** 9:30 p.m. at Café Asia, 1550 Wilson Blvd. #1. Enjoy a date auction, raffle, and more with proceeds benefiting Special Love. "www.vitacharity.org or 703-469-1953.

**Butterfly Safari.** 10 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin

**SUNDAY/AUG. 10**

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

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

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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY/AUG. 14

**Flattened Fauna.** 7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults 15 and up can learn about animals most likely to get run over and meet some live animals up close. \$2/person. 703-228-6535 to register.

**Music Production.** 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Teens can learn the process of making music. Free. 703-228-7783.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 15

**Creative Cauldron:** Magical Myth Plants at Lubber Run Amphitheatre,

N. 2nd and Columbus Streets, noon Free.

**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](http://www.usafband.af.mil) or 202-767-5658.

**Night Hike.** 8:15 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith, 2411 N. 24th St. Families with children ages 4 and up can take a hike and listen for nocturnal animals. \$3/person. 703-228-4342 to register.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 16

**Hike to Scotts Run.** 8 a.m. at Scotts Run. Adults 16 and up can pass a waterfall and more. Free. 703-228-

6535 to register and information. **Civil War Discovery.** 9 a.m. at Fort Ethan Allen, 3829 N. Stafford St. Children ages 7-11 can enlist in the Civil War army and use replica wood rifles, march and more. \$5/child. 703-243-4342 to register.

**Walking Tour.** 10:30 a.m. at Fort Ethan Allen, 3829 N. Stafford St. Ages 7 and up can explore the fort and learn why it was built. Free. 703-243-4342.

**Bat Fest Arlington 2008.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Adults and families can learn about bats through calls, seeing some up close, shows and more. \$6/person. 703-228-3403 to register.

# Run Pig Run

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races before pig races. We were racing actual skunks. But they've been retired for three years ... I've been in some form of this all my life. In the wintertime I teach and in the summer time I've worked on fairs and festivals all my life.

## What's the craziest thing you've ever seen during a pig race?

Some of the people are a little nutty at times. But I think everything's just kind of normal.

## What is it about pigs that makes them such good racers?

One, they're extremely intelligent. They're easy to train. Also, they are fast. They're fast little animals. If you train them to get some food they're going to get that food. We can train the pigs in about a week.

## Who was last year's champion pig? Do you think there's a chance that he could repeat?

You've gotta understand, this is not like horse racing. We use little piggies. It's not like there's a championship pig. We just use a group of little pigs. When they get bigger we send them back to the farm and get other little pigs. These pigs are about 12 weeks old.

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## Theoretically, if one were thinking of wagering on one of the pigs, which one would you recommend betting on?

The one with the curly tail. (Laughs) Let's go with 4-1 odds on that one.

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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](http://www.Co.Arlington.Va.Us/police) and click on daily crime report.

**ROBBERY**, 1100 block of S. Jefferson St. At approximately 11:20 p.m. on July 23, a 24-year-old man was walking home from work when he was grabbed from behind and put in a choke hold by a male subject. A second suspect then took the victim's wallet and kned him in the groin. Both suspects then fled to a waiting vehicle driven by a third subject.

**SEXUAL BATTERY-ARREST**, 4600 block of S. Columbia Pike. At 10:30 p.m. on July 27, an officer observed a man and a woman walking in the middle of the street. It appeared that they were arguing. His investigation revealed that the intoxicated man had approached the woman and fondled her. The subject was arrested and charged with sexual battery. Joel Cabrera-Juarez, 24, of Arlington, was held without bond.

**ROBBERY-ARREST**, 4500 block of S. 31st St. On July 26 at 9:30 p.m., a group of four African American juveniles assaulted a group of three men. During the assault, a cell phone was taken from one victim. The juveniles were apprehended by police and will be charged.

**ROBBERY-ARREST**, Wilson Blvd at N. Uhle Street. At 1:40 a.m. on July 26, police responded for a dispute. They determined a man forcibly took money from the hand of a cab driver. The suspect was disorderly and physically fought with officers. Robert Sims, 33, of Arlington, was charged with robbery and assault on police. He was held without bond.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING**, 1300 block of Jefferson Davis Highway. On

July 26 at 11:30 p.m., a male went to a party at a hotel. A group of men unknown to the victim entered the party, and a fight ensued. One suspect took a broken piece of glass and cut the victim's hand with it. The suspect is described as an African American male in his early 20's, 5 feet 8 inches, with a muscular build. The suspect also has shoulder length dreadlocks.

**ATTEMPTED ROBBERY**, 1600 block of S. 10th St. On July 28 at 9 p.m., a man was walking past a bus stop. Four unknown men were sitting at the bus stop. Two of the men confronted the victim and attempted to forcibly take his belongings. The victim ran away. The suspects were all African American men in their early 20's, with short hair. The first suspect was 6 feet 1 inch, with a skinny build, wearing a black tank top and jeans. The suspect was 5 feet 6 inches, average build, wearing a red t-shirt and jeans.

**BURGLARY**, 2700 block of N. Marcey Road. Between 8:30 p.m. on July 23, and 5:30 a.m. on July 24, an unknown subject broke into a recreation center and stole cash. There is no suspect description.

**BURGLARY**, 2400 block of Army Navy Drive. Sometime between 4 p.m. on July 18, and 2 p.m. on July 25, an unknown subject broke into a residence and stole jewelry. There is no suspect description.

**BURGLARY**, 1900 block of Columbia Pike. Sometime between July 19 and July 28, an unknown subject broke into an apartment and stole various items. There is no suspect description.

**BURGLARY**, 1900 block of S. Eads St. Between July 25 and July 27, a subject entered a residence and stole electronics and jewelry. There are no known suspects.

**BURGLARY**, 5100 block of N. Carlin Springs Road. Sometime between 11 a.m. on July 26, and 11 a.m. on July 29, an unknown person broke into a vacant residence and intentionally left water running which caused severe water damage. There is no suspect description.

**BURGLARY**, 3000 block of Columbia Pike. Between 6 p.m. on July 25, and 3:30 a.m. on July 26, a subject entered a hotel room and took jewelry. There are no known suspects.

**BURGLARY-ARREST**, 3200 block of S. 9th St. On July 29 at 2:45 p.m., a man was witnessed attempting to enter a house through a window. Police located and identified the suspect. Ricardo Sagastume, 41, of no fixed address, was charged with burglary and held on a \$2,000 secured bond.

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**, 2300 block of Clarendon Blvd. Sometime between 5 p.m. on July 25, and 7 a.m. on July 28, an unknown subject entered a business and stole electronic equipment. There are no known suspects.

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**, 5400 block of S. 7th Road. Between 1 p.m. on July 25, and 11:30 a.m. on July 28, an unknown subject broke into a community building and stole keys. There is no suspect description.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO (SERIES)**, 2000 block of N. Kensington St. Between noon on July 19 and 10:30 a.m. on July 23, someone entered four unlocked vehicles and took coins and one satellite radio.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO**, 900 block of N. Wayne St. Between 2:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. on July 23, someone took all four wheels and tires off a 2007 Chevrolet Corvette and left the vehicle on cinder blocks. 2 car covers were also stolen.

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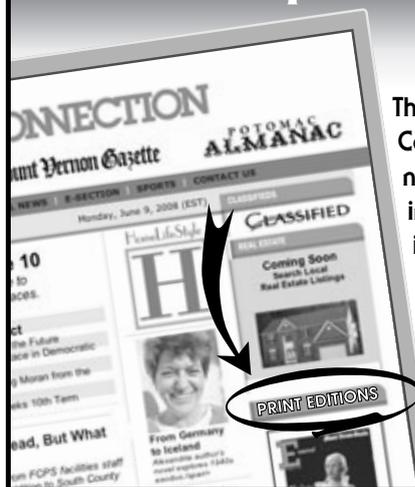
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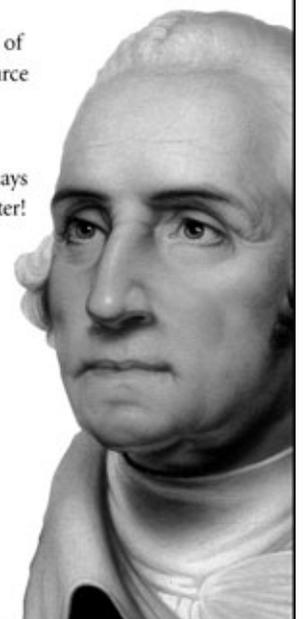
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# Judge Rules GPS Evidence Admissible

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woman walking alone on the street. The man would then proceed to attack the women and attempt to grope them.

However, the victims of these attacks offered widely varying descriptions of the heights, weights and ethnicity of their respective assailants.

**“When you have a unit that believes that they can track anyone for any amount of time with no rules, that’s police discretion.”**

— Defense Attorney Chris Leibig

IN JANUARY 2008, retired Fairfax County Police officer Jim Kraut heard about the series of sexual assaults in the media.

“It sounded amazingly

like Foltz’s M.O.,” said Kraut. “It’s effectively a knock down and grab.”

Kraut, currently a security specialist with a local bank, had conducted surveillance on Foltz in 1990 in connection with another series of sexual assaults. Foltz eventually confessed in 1990 to committing six sexual assaults throughout eastern Fairfax County and also admitted to a 1986 rape.

Foltz served several years in jail but was released in early 2007.

Kraut’s wife encouraged him to contact Fairfax County Police, something he had never done since retiring in 1990, and notify them of his perceived connection.

“I don’t recall any cases in my two careers where there was this activity and also this frequency,” Kraut said.

AT THAT POINT, Fairfax County Police had already identified Foltz as a person of interest in the case.

But after receiving the tip from Kraut, Foltz became the prime suspect.

“I wanted to surveil David Foltz,” Stallings said. “I wanted to know what he was doing. The only way to stop him was to catch him in the act.”

On Feb. 1, the detectives decided to place a GPS tracking device on a van that Foltz used for work.

Detective Jack Kirk of the Fairfax County Police Department’s surveillance unit monitored the GPS device. When Kirk checked the device on the afternoon of Feb. 5, he noticed that the van was driving very slowly in and out of residential neighborhoods. Kirk described this driving as a “hunting” pattern.

Later that day, Kirk’s GPS device showed that Foltz’s van had been parked that evening for a long period of time in Falls Church only a few blocks away from the site of a sexual assault that fit the pattern of the others.

Based on this information, the detectives decided to have several officers physically follow Foltz around on the assumption that he

would attempt to commit another sexual assault sometime very soon.

Their assumptions were affirmed the next day.

On Feb. 6, Foltz was arrested and charged with abduction after police officers said they witnessed him attack a woman near his Falls Church home.

**ARGUING IN** Arlington County Circuit Court, where Falls Church crimes are tried, Leibig said that all the information police officers obtained from the GPS device should be deemed inadmissible.

He said that the police violated Foltz’s fourth amendment rights against illegal search and seizure when they placed the GPS device on his van without a warrant and without any predetermined limitations on what type of information they were looking for.

“They have zero standards (for GPS tracking,)” Leibig said. “When you have a unit that believes that

they can track anyone for any amount of time with no rules, that’s police discretion.”

Leibig also said that the eyewitness testimony of the police officers who allegedly saw Foltz commit the Feb. 6 assault should be inadmissible as well. “But for the GPS information, they would not have been doing the personal sur-

**“The only way to stop him was to catch him in the act.”**  
— Fairfax County Detective Erik Stallings

veillance on Mr. Foltz,” he said.

**ALPERT** disagreed with this interpretation. While acknowledging that there is very little precedent concerning the use of GPS devices in police investigations, she ruled that Fairfax County Police Officers acted within the law when conducting warrantless surveillance of Foltz.

“This court believes that the only thing necessary to put a device on a car is reasonable suspicion,” Alpert said. “The police clearly did have reasonable suspicion.”

Unlike with a wiretap of a telephone, Alpert said that a GPS device only enhances the sensory ability of a detective and does not allow a detective to perform an act that would otherwise be impossible. In this sense, she said, a GPS device is more akin to binoculars or night-vision goggles.

The GPS data was information “the police could’ve obtained through their own sensory perception by surveilling him.”

Ultimately, Alpert ruled that the attaching of the GPS device to Foltz’s van did not violate his fourth amendment rights because “He had no reasonable expectation of privacy on the exterior of his vehicle.”

Foltz’s jury trial is scheduled to begin later this fall.

## FAITH NOTES

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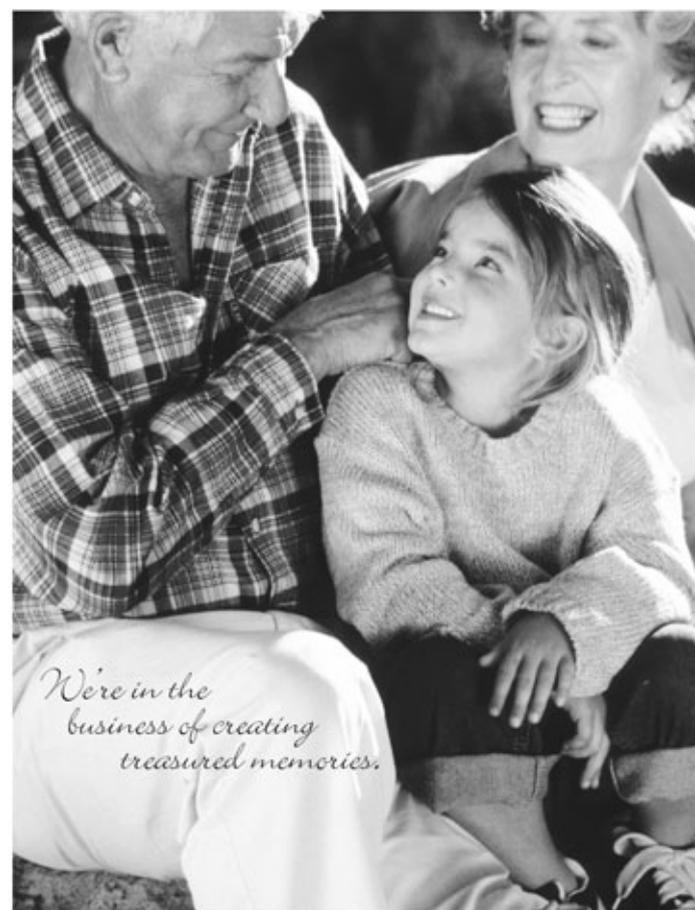


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## THURSDAY/AUG. 7

**Music Lesson.** One-on-one piano lessons for seniors with Ruthann Pipenger for "Piano on the Go," begin 10:30 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. \$25 per half hour class. Call to register, 703-228-4403.

**Games.** Summer volleyball for seniors, 2 p.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. All levels of players welcome. Call for details, 703-228-6300.

**Dancing.** Intermediate line dancing class for seniors, 10 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Arlington. Cost is \$3.50 per class. Call for information, 703-228-4745.

**Video Trip.** Video visit to historic hotels in America, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-0955.

**Health Talk.** A discussion about long-term care insurance with elder law attorney Leda Gottlieb, 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

**Travel.** World travelers will share their experiences in South America and Europe with seniors, 11:30 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 8

**Garden Techniques.** Feng shui concepts for gardens featuring techniques to create sanctuaries, inspiration and balance, 10 a.m. – noon, Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

**Computer Course.** Five computer courses for seniors, \$20 each (textbook) with Cyberseniors/Cyberteens are offered at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Call for information, 10 a.m. – noon, 703-228-6425.

**Games.** Scrabble for seniors, 10:15 a.m. – noon, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-0955.

**Fast Walkers.** Fast Forwards walking group for seniors will meet 8 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5722.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 9

**Brain Fitness.** Famous neuroscientist Dr. Michael M. Merzenich will address seniors, 10 a.m., Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., about the latest in brain research and brain fitness programs. No fee. Call to register 703-228-0948 or 703-228-4878.

## MONDAY/AUG. 11

**Exercise.** Arlington County fitness instructor Linda Bell conducts seated

exercise classes for adults (55+), 9 a.m., Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St. Cost is \$3.50 per class; newcomers welcome; drop-in. Call for information, 703-228-4745.

**Exercise.** Open Tai Chi practice for adults (55+), 2 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. and 12:30 p.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. No fee. Call for more information, 703-228-4745.

**Games.** Chess club for adults (55+) will meet 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome; instruction available. For more information, call 703-228-0555.

**Walkers.** The Walter Reed Walkers, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., will walk in Green Springs Garden Park, 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$2.50; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 7034-228-0955.

**Ice Skating.** Exclusive ice skating time for adults (55+), 7 – 8:30 a.m., Kettler Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Mall, Arlington Cost is \$1 which includes skates; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-4745.

**Yarn Crafters.** Join the Yarn Crafters group at Aurora Hills Senior Center to knit and crochet items for local charities, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Yarn and patterns provided. Call for more information, 703-228-5722.

**Games.** Social bridge for adults (55+), 10 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. Free. For more information, call 703-228-5722.

**Games.** Bingo for adults (55+), 1– 3 p.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. Cost is \$2. For more information, call 703-228-4403.

**Health Talk.** Individual appointments available for seniors to discuss Medicare and Medicaid updates with Martha Trunk, Arlington Agency on Aging, 10 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Free. Call for appointment, 703-228-0555.

**Book Fair.** Week-long Book Fair at Culpepper Garden Senior Center starts 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and continues through Friday, Aug. 15, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. All types of books, magazines and collections. \$1 and up. Call for more information, 703-228-4403.

**Language.** Linguist Dr. Merton Bland teaches ESL classes for seniors, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center. No fee; newcomer welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5721.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 12

**Games.** Pickleball for adults (55+), beginners, 1– 3 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-0955.

**Event Tips.** Learn how to plan and implement a special event with tips from a professional event planner, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for more information, 703-228-4403.

**Games.** Introductory Sudoku puzzle exercise class using systematic approach to solving puzzles, 1– 3 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Pre-requisite for extended mental workout sessions. Call for more information, 703-228-0555.

**Exercise.** Balanced exercise class for adults (55+) with low impact aerobics, dance and strength training, 9:30 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Cost is \$56 for 16 classes. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

**Book Discussion.** "Housekeeping" by Marilyn Johnson will be discussed by Culpepper Garden Senior Center's book club, 1:30 p.m., 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. No fee;

newcomers welcome. For more information, call 703-228-4403.

**Games.** Friendly wild card poker games for adults (55+), 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Come and learn, socialize and vie for prizes. No fee. Call for information, 703-228-0555.

**Games.** Table tennis for adults (55+), all levels of play, 10 a.m. – noon, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Come and practice for the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. No fee. For more information, call 703-228-0955.

**Music Performance.** Singer and musician Fred Brooks will entertain seniors, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Come and sing, dance or just tap your toes. No fee; newcomers welcome. For details, call 703-228-0955.

**Legal Talk.** Private appointments with lawyers from Legal Services of Northern Virginia available to Arlington seniors, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. or 12:30 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Free. Call to make appointment, 703-228-5321 (L-B), 703-228-0555 (Lee).

**Tour.** Seniors will tour the 60 room Walsh-McLean House (Embassy of Indonesia), in the District. Cost is \$8. Registration required. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

**Health Check.** Free blood pressure check for seniors, 12:30 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

**Bird Watchers.** Culpepper Garden Senior Center's bird watching club will meet 11 a.m., to watch and learn about local birds, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-4403.

**Walking Club.** The Walking Club of Arlington for adults (55+) will travel to lake Accotink Park, Springfield, 9:30 a.m., for its weekly walking program. Cost is \$3; newcomers welcome. Group leaves from Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, 703-228-4403.

**Games.** Wii bowling for adults (55+), 1 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Practice for upcoming leagues and tournaments; great exercise. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

**Health Talk.** Dr. James Geer will discuss the field of chiropractic, 10:30 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Hear about problems that can be treated and treatment procedures followed by Q&A session. Free. Call for details, 703-228-0955.

**Trip and Tour.** Arlington Seniors will travel to Richmond for a docent led tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Spotlight loan exhibit of American artists, Jackson Pollock, Jasper Johns and Sol LeWitt. Cost is \$60 which includes lunch at The Tobacco Company Restaurant. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 14

**Volunteer.** Learn about volunteer opportunities in Arl.'s Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Meet volunteer coordinator, Janice Covert. No fee; newcomers welcome. For more information, 703-228-0955.

**Workshop.** Travel journaling workshop with senior adult specialist Nancy Connors, 11:15 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Tips to create permanent record of upcoming travel. No fee;

newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

**State by Video.** Dr. Dexter Hinckley, entomologist and photographer will present a virtual tour of several Hawaiian islands, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-0955.

**Dance Class.** Intermediate level line dancing classes for adults (55+), 10 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Arlington. Cost is \$3.50 per class. Call for details, 703-228-4745.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 15

<cal2>**Trip.** The National Theatre in D.C. will host seniors for a behind-the-scenes tour. Cost is \$8; lunch on your own at nearby eateries. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749. Registration required.

**Overnight Trip Registration.** Arlington Senior Adult Travel's last 2008 overnight trip is a three night holiday stay at Oglebay, W.V. resort, Dec. 9-12. Mountaineer breakfast, nightly buffets, Stifel Museum & Tea, Winter Festival of Lights and more. Call by **Fri., Aug. 15** for reservations, costs and full itinerary, 703-228-4749.

**Fast Walking.** Fast Forward, a fast paced walking group for adults (55+) at Aurora Hills Senior Center, will meet 8 a.m., 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-5722.

**Walkers.** The Lee Walkers, Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, will walk in Scotts Run Nature Preserve, McLean, 10 a.m. – noon. Cost is \$2; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

**Art Display.** Dog Days of Summer Art Salon, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Display of art works by Arlington County's artistic seniors from paintings to jewelry. No fee. Call for more information, 703-228-5722. Some items for sale.

**Book Discussion.** The book discussion group at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., will meet 1 p.m. to review, "Life of Samuel Johnson" by James Boswell. No fee; newcomers welcome. For more information, call 703-228-5722.

**Comedy.** Comedy Club at Aurora Hills Senior Center featuring old-time classic radio and TV shows, 10:30 a.m., 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Hosted by Mike Bloom, comedy book author. No fee; newcomers welcome. For more information, call 703-228-5722.

**Card Game.** The card game of Canasta is making a comeback at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Players will meet 10 a.m. – noon. Learn or brush up on skills. Free. For more information, call 703-228-0555.

## MONDAY/AUG. 18

**Weight Room Hours.** Weight room hours at Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., for adults 55+, have been extended. Now open Mondays, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Certified fitness professionals onsite to assist with machines. Cost is \$56 for 16 sessions. Call Jennifer Collins, fitness coordinator, for more information, 703-228-4745.

**Chess.** Chess club for adults (55+) will meet 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Madison Community Center, 3328 N. Stafford St., Arlington. No fee. Practice for Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Call for details, 703-228-0555.

**Exercise.** Open Tai Chi practices for adults (55+), 2 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.; Mon. and Wed., Aug. 20, 12:30 p.m.,

Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive; Tues., Aug. 19, Thurs., Aug. 21, 10 a.m., Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., Arlington. No onsite instruction. Free. For more information, call 703-228-4745.

**Exercise.** Drop-in seated exercise class for adults (55+), Wed., Aug. 20, Fri., Aug. 22, 9 a.m., Madison Community Center 3829 N. Stafford St., Arlington. Cost is \$3.50 per class. For more information, call 703-228-4745.

**Walkers.** The Walter Reed Walkers, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., will walk in Long Branch Park, 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$2.50; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

**Games.** Tennis for adults (55+), through Friday, Aug. 22, 8 a.m. – noon at Quincy courts (N. Quincy & Washington Blvd.) and Bluemont courts (N. Manchester & Wilson Blvd.). No fee. For more information, call 703-228-4745.

**Senior Olympics.** Northern Virginia Senior Olympics registration forms available by calling 703-228-4721, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Full details online at HYPERLINK "http://www.novaseniorolympics.com/" "www.novaseniorolympics.com"

**Ice Skating.** Exclusive hours for adults (55+) at Kettler Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Mall, 7– 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$1 which includes skates. For more information, call 703-228-4745.

**Games.** Armchair bowling for adults (55+), 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. Free. Call to sign up, 703-228-5321.

**Registration.** Register by **Mon., Aug. 18** for Lee Senior Center's Chicago Pizzeria and Brewery Day, **Wed., Aug. 20**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Pizza, root beer and dessert followed by bingo. Cost is \$5. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

**Trip.** A trip to Natural Bridge of Virginia is on the agenda for seniors. Cost is \$92, which includes buffet lunch and museum tours. Intergenerational event. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4849. Registration required.

**Language.** ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for seniors, and Thurs., Aug. 21, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. Free. Call for details, 703-228-5321.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 19

**World Travels.** Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, is hosting its final summer series on world travels, 11:30 a.m. with a program on traveling through Asia. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to sign up, 703-228-0555.

**Games.** Pickleball for adults (55+), beginners, Thurs., Aug. 21, 1– 3 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Intermediate and advanced players, Mon., - Fri., 9 a.m. – noon, Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Call for details, 703-228-0955 (WR), 703-228-5920 (TJ).

**Exercise.** Modern approach to low impact aerobics, and Thurs., Aug. 21, 9:30 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington. Call to register, 703-228-5722. Cost is \$56 for 16 classes.

**Club.** Rubber Stamping Club for adults (55+), 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. Cost is \$1; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-0555.

**Counseling.** Individual counseling for seniors regarding Medicare and Medicaid issues, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. Free. Call for appt., 703-228-5321.

# All-Star Swimming Season Winds Down

The Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL) held their individual all-star meet on Aug. 2 at Little Rocky Run pool in Centreville.

Top swimmers from each of the 17 divisions competed for the honor of league's best swimmer in their respective event or events. Individual medley races started first and the team relay events were eliminated. Regardless of the abbreviated contest, those in attendance witnessed close finishes and dominating performances alike.

Though all the swimmers who competed represented the elite in the NVSL, a few stars shone brightest. Winners of multiple events included: Cassidy Bayer of Mount Vernon (girls eight and under backstroke and butterfly); Miller Surette of Lee-Graham (boys 9-10 breaststroke and IM); Suzanne Dolan of Overlee (girls 9-10 freestyle and backstroke); Janet Hu of Mosby Woods (girls 11-12 freestyle and IM); Alessandra Troncoso of Old Keene Mill (girls 13-14 breaststroke and IM); Sean Fletcher of Hunter Mill (boys 15-18 butterfly and IM); and Ashley Danner of Cottontail (girls 15-18 breaststroke and IM).

Hu and Danner turned in some of the day's most impressive performances. Hu won her freestyle event by almost two seconds (27.85) and her IM event by more than five seconds (1:08.45).

And there was no shortage of

thrilling finishes, either. Fletcher captured his first win, in the individual medley, by only .03 seconds over Bradley Phillips of Pinecrest. Even closer, Matt Weinberg of Orange Hunt defeated Michael Hallock of Fox Mill Woods in the boys' 15-18 backstroke by only .02 ticks in the day's most heart-pounding finish. In all, 12 races were decided by .18 seconds or less.

Still, perhaps nothing captured the thrill of All-Star Saturday quite like the final race. In the last heat of the last event - girls' 15-18 butterfly - Elizabeth Hall of Poplar Tree sped to a record finish of 28.93 seconds. The time broke the record she had tied at the Divisional Meet the previous Saturday and which had been set 24 years ago, by a mere one-hundredth of a second.

**THE NVSL-DIVING DIVISION** (NVSL-Dive) crowned individual champions in eight different categories at its annual All-Stars Dive Meet on Aug. 3 at the Dunn Loring Swim Club in Vienna.

More than 170 divers from

across Northern Virginia earned the privilege to compete at All-Stars through the performances at the eight individual division championship meets that were held on July 27.

Divers in the following categories competed: freshmen (10-and-

under); juniors (11-12); intermediates (13-14); seniors (15-18). Of the eight champions, Arlington Forest's Carl Buegler (intermediate boys) was the lone Arlington-based individual champion.

Full results are posted at: [www.nvsl Dive.nvblu.com](http://www.nvsl Dive.nvblu.com).

**THE ARLINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Holy Mackerels posted a strong showing at the

Colonial Swimming League (CSL) Gold Division championships, winning 12 races in the eight-team league.

There were 35 different swimmers who took first-place place medals. At the annual CSL All-Star meet on Aug. 2 at Burke Centre, the Holy Mackerels had four top-five finishes by three swimmers.

The top individual performers included Hayden Village's Christopher Crapco, who won all three of his events for the third consecutive year. The Broadlands Piranhas had three triple-winners — 8-year-old Isaiah Fitzgerald, 12-year-old Kristin Haufler, and 14-year-old Alli Haufler. Matt Jones, a 12-year-old representing the Burke Centre Penguins won three all-star gold medals for the second time.

For the Arlington Knights of Columbus, Nicolas Reeves (ages 9-10) was the top boys finisher, placing fourth in the 50-meter backstroke. He also posted a sixth-place finisher in the 50-meter butterfly with an 18.46-second showing.

Daniel Mullen (ages 8-and-under) posted a fifth place with an 18.95-second time in the freestyle. Mullen also finished sixth in the 100-yard individual medley.

Hilary Stetekluh (ages 15-18), a standout swimmer at Yorktown narrowly missed a top-five finish in the 50-meter freestyle, but rebounded with strong showings in the 50-meter butterfly (second) and 50-meter backstroke (third).

— MICHAEL GARCIA AND ERIC J. GILMORE



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**The CSL and NVSL held their swimming and diving all-star meets on Aug. 2-3.**

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Local Babe Ruth All-Stars Win States

The 15-year-old Arlington Senior Babe Ruth All-Stars was eliminated in the Southeast Regional tournament over the weekend. After opening the double-elimination tournament, which was hosted in Leesburg, Fla., with a shut-out victory, Arlington lost its next two games by a combined 12-5 margin.

Arlington lost the opening game to Leesburg, Fla., 8-1, last Thursday, before shutting down West Ashley, S.C., 3-0, on Friday. Coached by Yorktown director of student activities, Arlington failed to advance in the loser's bracket, getting ousted by Chiefland, Fla., by virtue of a 6-4 loss.

The 15-year-old all-stars finished 13-4-1 in tournament play, recording wins in the district and state championships.

The 16-year-old Arlington Senior Babe Ruth All-Stars also recently won the state tournament.

In the state championship, Jordan LaBella pitched a shutout for his second win in two days and Nathan Young hit two home runs, leading the Arlington All-Stars to a 17-0 thrashing of host Brunswick.

Arlington had 11 hits and received 10 walks

from a tired Brunswick staff, which had played late the night before in a losers' bracket final.

Young provided a single, grand slam and three-run homer, while catcher Tim Edwards smashed a single and double. Second baseman Sebastian Loria and pitcher LaBella had two hits each. Andy Brown and Tom Edwards had the other Arlington base knocks.

LaBella was honored with the state tournament MVP award based on his consecutive day wins and outstanding work at shortstop.

The state champs were led by manager Tim Edwards and coaches Jason Moccia and Charlie Amazeen. Besides bringing home the championship, the team was also honored with the team sportsmanship award.

Andrew D'Addario, Robbie Burgess, Keith Tomlinson, Will Brower, Mike Mackenzie and Jeremy Seipp were the other major contributors on the 12-man squad.

### Post 139 Finishes Shy of Title

In the American Legion I District 17 tournament last weekend, Arlington Post 139 failed to get to the championship despite having the league's best regular season record.

Despite having recording 15 straight wins, Post 139 lost their opening game, 6-4, to fourth-seeded Springfield Post 176. Arlington bounced back with a victory on Wednesday, before again hosting Post 176 on Thursday at Oakton.

After spotting Springfield a five-run lead in the elimination game, Arlington Post 139 rallied to take a one-run lead. But Arlington gave up the game-tying run in the bottom of the ninth and the winning walk-off run in the bottom of the 10th to finish one game shy of the tournament championship. Defending champion Vienna Post 180, also failed to make the championship game.

### Marshall Has Standout AAU Season

Leading a team with eight or nine potential Division I players, rising junior point guard Kendall Marshall is more than holding his own. Playing with mega-recruits like Steven Pledger (Oklahoma), Andre Dawkins (Duke), DeShawn Painter (Florida), Marshall, who also played last season on the 17-year-old squad, is the team's point guard.

Graduated senior Ricardo Ratliffe will have to attend junior college, but has garnered major recruiting attention. Marshawn Powell, decommitted from Arkansas and is now reportedly considering

Virginia, while Montrose Christian rising senior Tristan Spurlock is considering Georgetown, Maryland, Virginia and N.C. State.

The BWSL squad won two of the spring-summer circuit's most prestigious events, the Boo Williams Invitational in Hampton and the Peach Jam in South Carolina. In the latter's title game, BWSL defeated the Boston Amateur Basketball Club 62-55.

The Hampton-based AAU team touts Alonzo Mourning, Allen Iverson and Joe Smith — all top-two NBA Draft picks — amongst its alumni.

### High Schools Starting Football Practice

It's that time of year again. Washington-Lee opened fall practice at 8 a.m. on Aug. 5, while Wakefield started at 1:30 p.m. on the same day.

The first game VHSL-sanctioned game will be held on Aug. 28, with Broad Run playing at Wakefield. Yorktown will play the same night, when it hosts Woodrow Wilson, a Washington D.C. public school at 7:30 p.m. Washington-Lee will open its season when it travels to Dominion the following night.

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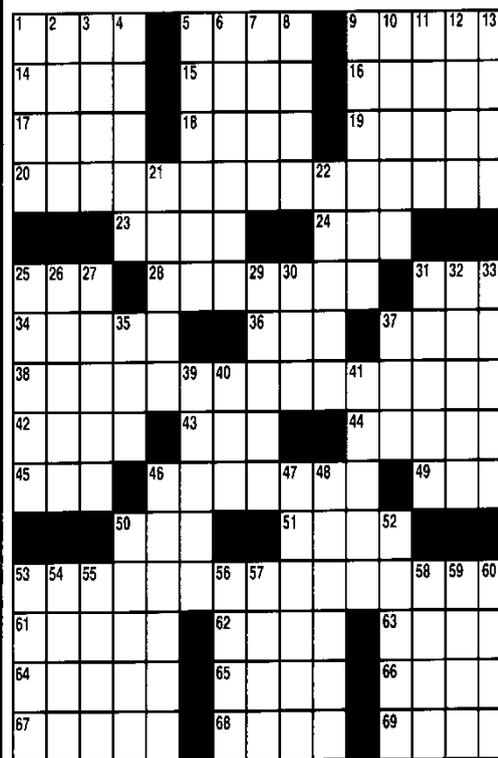
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Not so much
- 5 The "A" in N.E.A.
- 9 Spelunker
- 14 Very much
- 15 Partner of potatoes
- 16 Martini garnish
- 17 Neighbor of Senegal
- 18 100%
- 19 Actress Braga of "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
- 20 Jean Harlow, e.g.
- 23 Goodyear product
- 24 Grassland
- 25 Gift decoration
- 28 Sawbuck
- 31 12th graders: Abbr.
- 34 Sailor's "stop!"
- 36 Cpl. or sgt.
- 37 Came to a perch
- 38 Beatles transport
- 42 Nothing but
- 43 Sun, e.g.
- 44 Wound up
- 45 Springsteen's "Born in the \_\_\_\_\_"

**DOWN**

- 12 Like Darth Vader
- 13 Down-to-earth
- 21 "Same here!"
- 22 Blossom
- 25 Louisiana marsh
- 26 Pizzeria fixtures
- 27 When repeated, a Washington city
- 29 Gives the brushoff, maybe
- 30 Toxic compound, for short
- 31 Broken arm holder
- 32 Post-wash cycle
- 46 Aspen attire
- 49 Hair stiffener
- 50 Gorilla
- 51 Stiffly neat
- 53 Popular apple
- 61 Put up with history
- 62 Chunks of history
- 63 Filly's father
- 64 Had a crush on
- 65 Trig function
- 66 Additionally
- 67 Skeptical
- 68 Popular sneakers
- 69 O'Neal of "Love Story"

- 33 Man of — (Superman)
- 35 Underhanded
- 37 "What — you getting at?"
- 39 No longer asleep
- 40 — Lanka
- 41 Storage area
- 46 Rapid
- 47 Higher ground
- 48 Van Gogh painting that set an auction record in 1987
- 50 Puff snake
- 52 Scrooge, e.g.
- 53 Chutzpah
- 54 Instrument that's blown into
- 55 In person
- 56 Drawer site
- 57 Cleveland's lake
- 58 In need of a shampoo
- 59 — Major
- 60 Witnessed

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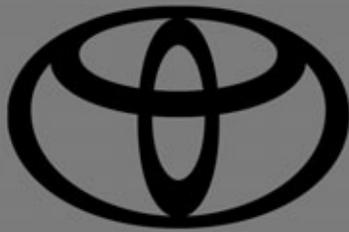
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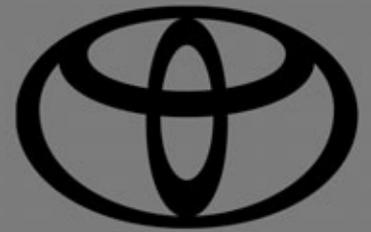
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