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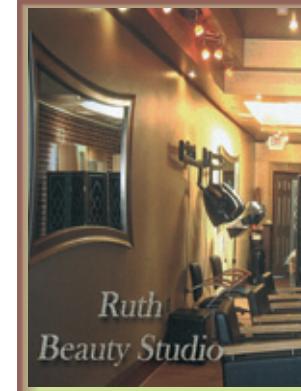
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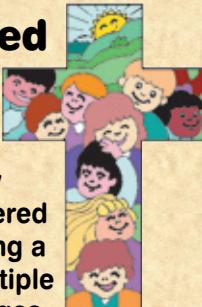
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After demonstrators gained access to the McCain Campaign's Arlington office, police made arrests.



Police arrested several demonstrators outside of Republican presidential candidate John McCain's campaign office in Arlington.

Arlington Police Arrest Ten Protestors

ADAPT, a disability rights group, protests at the McCain Campaign headquarters in Arlington.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Ten people were arrested earlier this week at the Arlington campaign office of Republican presidential candidate John McCain when a group of protesters gained entry to the office and refused to leave.

At approximately 1:45 p.m. on Monday afternoon, more than 40 police officers responded to a call that protesters had gained entrance to the McCain Campaign's

office in Arlington, located near the Crystal City Metro Station on South Clark Street.

Randy Alexander of Memphis, Tenn., Daniese McMullin-Powell of Newark, Del., Scott Heinzmann of Livonia, Mich., Nancy Navarro of El Paso, Texas, Eileen Sable of Philadelphia, Penn., Michael McCarty of Boulder, Colo., Joyce Combs of West Allis, Wisc. and Kelly Casillas of Baxter Spring, Kan. were arrested inside the McCain office and charged with trespassing. Nancy Salandra and Stephen Gold of Philadelphia,

Penn. were arrested outside of the office and charged with disorderly conduct. All ten were released on a summons to appear in court.

The protesters were with ADAPT, a 25-year-old group based out of Denver that advocates for people with disabilities. After a standoff that lasted several hours, the police officers forcibly removed the protesters from the building.

"They can protest," said Sergeant Randy Bilder with the Arlington County Police Department. "But they can't protest on private

property."

Clark Street in front of the McCain office was blocked off by dozens of police cars for most of the afternoon as police officers tried to negotiate with the ADAPT members, who had gathered in Washington D.C. for their annual conference. At approximately 3:30 p.m., police officers began forcibly removing the ADAPT members.

According to Michelle Robbins, a spokesperson for ADAPT, the protest was convened to call attention to the Community Choice Act, a piece of federal legislation that would change Medicaid rules to give those with disabilities more housing options.

Robbins said that ADAPT regularly stages protests in the Washington area that culminate in arrests. Robbins, who has a physical disability and was in a wheelchair at Monday's protest, estimates that she has been arrested on eight separate occasions in the past. Another ADAPT member said that he had been arrested 58 times at ADAPT protests.

"If we get arrested," Robbins said, "It's a success because it shows that we will go all the way to get what we need."

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property."**

— Sergeant Randy Bilder,
Arlington County Police

Bank Robbery Prompts Tightened Security At Schools

A bank robbery in South Arlington Monday lead to security being tightened at two local schools.

The bank robbery occurred at the Chevy Chase bank inside of the Giant Supermarket at 2901 South Glebe Road in the Shirley Park shopping center. According to Police spokesperson Crystal Nosal, a thin man with a moustache wearing dark clothing and a dark baseball hat robbed the bank at 10:10

a.m. on Monday morning.

Nosal said that the bank tellers did give the man some money but would not disclose how much money the man received. "It's really one of those very basic crimes," Nosal said.

After robbing the bank, the man escaped into the surrounding area. This prompted school officials to put the nearby Gunston Middle School and Oakridge Elementary

School on heightened security. While police K9 teams did a search of the area, no one was allowed in or out of the two schools, according to Arlington Public Schools spokesperson Linda Erdos.

The heightened security procedures lasted for approximately 45 minutes, Erdos said. She also said that after the search was completed and police determined that the suspect was no longer in the area, the two

schools were brought back down to normal security levels.

Police are still searching for the man who robbed the bank. Anyone with any information about this incident, is asked to call the Arlington County Police Department at 703-558-2222.

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VIEWPOINTS

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001?

Responses at ... The Pentagon Memorial

DAVID SCHULTZ



Patrick Peterson – Washington D.C.

I was in Minnesota. I was actually running for office that year. I was running for Minneapolis School Board

and it was primary day in Minneapolis. I voted for myself early in the morning and then I came home and turned on the TV. It [happened] right after I voted. I didn't really know what to do. I was supposed to do campaign stuff but, obviously, I didn't. I just watched TV. Maybe it was my age or something but I felt like this was the moment when I became an adult. I was 21 at the time. I [did] win the primary but I didn't win the general.



Becky Cler – Arlington

I was in Denver, Colo. I worked out of my home and I got a phone call from a friend saying that a plane had hit one of the towers. I just thought it was a

small plane. I went and turned on the TV and I was watching as the second plane came in and that's when it really struck me. That was on live TV. It was really frightening.



Claire Comwell – Washington D.C.

It was my freshman year in high school so I was in school. A teacher came into study hall and said

something about it. I don't think I completely understood it. I went to a school that was pre-K through 12th grade and they didn't tell any of the younger kids. I think they sort of told them after lunch but it was very kind of odd. Certain people knew what was going on and certain people didn't.



Jer Cler – Arlington

I was at work in Tysons Corner. When I was driving in I had heard that a plane had hit the tower and I thought it was just a light aircraft in fog or something. Then

when I heard that a second plane had hit the towers I knew it was something intentional. In our offices there was just a couple of us. We were glued to the TV set, just watching and trying to figure out what was going on.



Tom and Liz Burck – Vienna

LB: We were both in Alaska. We were teaching school. With the time difference, we had just gotten up.

TB: It was about five in the morning.

LB: As it was first happening, there was the whole idea of why was this happening? Was it an accident? Then we saw the second one and we knew it couldn't be.

TB: We went to school. Then we gathered all the kids together and set up TVs and the kids watched what happened. We didn't close school or anything. We spent the day talking to kids and counseling kids and watching what transpired.

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NEWS

Arlington Receives Steel From 9/11 Plane

The steel will be displayed on a new Navy ship.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Arlington County Board Chairman Walter Tejada (D) was presented last week with a piece of charred, mangled steel that was extracted from the wreckage of the airplane that crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter gave the steel to Tejada on the seventh anniversary of the attack in a ceremony held at the Pentagon, just yards away from the site of American Airlines Flight 77's impact. The steel taken from the plane wreckage will be displayed aboard the USS Arlington.

"This display will serve as a tribute and reminder of the 184 lives lost that day," Tejada said.

The USS Arlington is a 684-foot long amphibious transport dock ship that is being built in Pascagoula, Miss. It is one of three

ships, along with the USS New York and the USS Somerset, that were named in honor of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. The USS Arlington is scheduled to be commissioned in 2011 with a crew of 363 Naval personnel and 699 Marines.

Displaying the steel taken from Flight 77 aboard the USS Arlington "will provide an enduring coupling between that ship, her crew, this building and this community," Winter said.

Dozens of local dignitaries attended the handover ceremony, held in the hallway outside the office of the Secretary of the Navy. The event was especially meaningful for U.S. Senators Jim Webb (D) and John Warner (R), both of whom held the office of Secretary of the Navy before being elected to the Senate. "I can't tell you the thoughts that go through my mind as I walk though this hallway," Warner said.



DAVID SCHULTZ/THE CONNECTION

Secretary of the Navy Donald Winter presents Arlington County Board Chairman Walter Tejada (D) with the steel from American Airlines Flight 77 while U.S. Senators Jim Webb (D) and John Warner (R) and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) look on.

BECAUSE THE ceremony was being held on the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Warner, who is retiring from the Senate at the end of this year, recounted his experiences on that day.

While initially refusing to leave the Capitol in the hours following the attacks, Warner eventually left and drove himself to the Pentagon to survey the damage later that afternoon. As he was driving across the 14th Street Bridge, he

saw the smoke billowing from the building. "It's indelibly in my memory," he said.

Warner said that he was amazed that, despite the attacks taking place, operations continued as normal in the Pentagon. "The President and the Secretary of Defense decided that this building will remain," he recalled. "It showed the resolve of this nation."

Webb also recalled his experiences on Sept. 11. He was meeting with a former colleague over

breakfast that morning to do research for a novel he was writing. After hearing reports that planes had struck the World Trade Center towers in New York, Webb left the Pentagon and drove back to his office in a high-rise in Rosslyn.

From there, he watched Flight 77 slam into the building he had just been in minutes ago. "I watched what was going on from there for the next week," Webb recalled. "The building smoldered and burned for days afterwards."

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PEOPLE

9/11 In Arlington

Three of Arlington's leaders remember the Sept. 11 attacks and their aftermath.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Jay Fisette, then Chairman of the Arlington County Board, was in Ballston preparing for a press conference.

Fire Chief Jim Schwartz was covering for one of his battalion chiefs who had to go to the dentist. And Ron Carlee, who had just been appointed to the position of County Manager a few months prior, was holding a leadership conference in Fairlington with his new employees.

All three of these public officials were going about their normal routines that day. But at 9:37 a.m., when American Airlines Flight 77 was flown into the Pentagon, killing 184 people and causing part of the building to collapse, their jobs, and their lives, took on an entirely different purpose.

For the first few days that followed the attack on the Pentagon, Schwartz, Carlee and Fisette focused all of their efforts towards coordinating a response to the attack that saved lives and honored the victims. After the initial disaster area had been stabilized, Carlee and Fisette turned their attention towards another impending disaster: the possible permanent closure of National Airport.

"We could not have recovered to anywhere close to normalcy if National Airport had closed," Carlee said. "This was one of the hardest things we have ever worked on."

OF SCHWARTZ, CARLEE and Fisette, Schwartz was the first to be notified that a plane had crashed into the Pentagon.

He was on his way out to respond to a fire alarm at an office building in Rosslyn when an Arlington firefighter radioed in a report that a plane had crashed in the vicinity of the 14th Street Bridge. Within ten minutes of hearing the report, Schwartz was at the Pentagon to begin his role as incident commander. Almost instantly, Schwartz was put in control of thousands of emergency responders, not just from all the local jurisdictions in the area but also from the FBI, the Department of Defense and FEMA.

There was no Standard Operating Procedure for an airplane

crashing into the Pentagon, Schwartz said. But because of extensive training and strong partnerships with other agencies, the response to the attack was orderly.

"Everybody who arrived at the incident knew where they would fit," Schwartz said. "They weren't making things up as they went along. They were not operating independently."

Schwartz's first priorities in the moments after the plane crash were to save lives, put out the fire that was ravaging the Pentagon's southwestern wall, stabilize the structurally failing building and recover the bodies of the victims. But less than an hour into his rescue operation, Schwartz was forced to temporarily suspend it after he received reports that another airplane was headed towards the Pentagon.

That airplane turned out to be United Flight 93, the plane that was headed for the Capitol until a revolt by its passengers brought it down near Shanksville, Pa. But at around 10 a.m. that morning, the FBI was predicting that it would be headed for the Pentagon in a matter of minutes.

Schwartz didn't want to suspend the rescue operation but he also didn't want to endanger the responders under his command. "A lot of people question that decision," he said. "But I saw the plane go into the south tower [of the World Trade Center] and there was a real possibility that another plane could be headed our way."

Schwartz decided to evacuate the scene. About 20 minutes after the evacuation, when the FBI confirmed that Flight 93 had gone down in Pennsylvania, the responders were back on the site.

A FEW MILES AWAY, at the County Government Offices, Carlee was commanding Arlington's Emergency Operations Center, or EOC. Despite the unprecedented nature of what had happened, Carlee said that the atmosphere of the EOC was "very professional and very business oriented. It wasn't a sense of panic."

Carlee immediately summoned all of the County's resources towards responding to the disaster, which presented a host of unforeseen problems. "The Pentagon was a pretty open campus back then," he said. "Someone from anywhere could just walk onto the scene."



FILE PHOTOS

County Board Member Jay Fisette (D)



County Manager Ron Carlee



Arlington County Fire Department Chief Jim Schwartz

Carlee sent workers from the County's Parks and Recreation Department to put up fencing around the perimeter of the Pentagon. Carlee also used Public Health officials to make sure no communicable diseases were being spread at the site and, later, dispatched the County's restaurant inspectors to examine food donated to the first responders.

"One of the things I'm most proud of in the Arlington response is the amount of team work that took place across all County agencies," he said, "Literally every single one of them."

Fisette was also at the EOC in the hours following the attack. As the Chairman of the County Board and the public face of Arlington County, his focus turned to communicating with other local leaders and with the press. He also was very conscientious not to overstep his bounds as an elected official and interfere with Carlee's leadership.

"My goal was to step back and continue to communicate with the County Manager," Fisette said. "I wasn't going to add anything to whether one person got pulled from the wreckage or whether the perimeter was set properly."

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS at the Pentagon and coordinators at the EOC worked feverishly throughout the day to stabilize the situation.

"I did not know until fairly late in the evening, probably around 7:30 or so on Sept. 11, that the World Trade Center had collapsed," Schwartz recalled. "There were so many things that were going on that we were oblivious to because our attention was so focused on our responsibilities to those people."

Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire in the interior of the Pentagon in the early evening hours of Sept. 11. But by that point, the fire had spread to the Pentagon's roof, which was insulated with horsehair and was waterproofed with highly flammable tar. The jet fuel from the plane had

ignited the tar and the fire was going in a number of different directions on the roof.

Meanwhile, people were still working on vital military operations in the other wings of the Pentagon. Had this roof fire spread any further, the entire facility would have had to be evacuated.

AFTER ARLINGTON COUNTY handed over the Pentagon site to the FBI, they found they had another crisis on their hands. National Airport was still closed, the only airport in the country that had yet to reopen after the Sept. 11 attacks. According to Carlee and Fisette, the Secret Service was adamant that the airport be permanently shut down because of the security risk it posed to the White House, the Capitol and various other government agencies.

"It was clear that the Secret Service did not want National to ever reopen again," Carlee said. For Arlington County and for the region, it was absolutely vital that the airport be reopened, Carlee said. "From the standpoint of the regional economy, we could not have survived," he said.

Fisette began holding almost daily press conferences at the airport demanding that it be reopened. "It was kind of eerie," he recalled. "There was this huge, beautiful airport and it was empty. There was nobody there."

Initially, there was a fear that representatives from other area jurisdictions would use this opportunity to keep National closed and increase their share of the local economy. But this never happened, Fisette said. "There was always a question with BWI and Dulles in the region. Were they going to become a little parochial?" he said. "That didn't turn out to be the case at all. Everyone was on the same page."

The business community also came out in force to lobby for the airport's reopening, Fisette said. "They recognized the value of the airport to the region," he said.

Ultimately, it took intense Congressional lobbying, led by U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), to convince the White House that reopening

National Airport was a good idea. "The White House saw the writing on the wall," Carlee said. "If they didn't act themselves they were going to get a mandate from Congress."

After nearly a month of the airport being completely vacant, President Bush personally reopened it on Oct. 2. "It's some of the most effective political leadership I've ever seen," Carlee said of Moran's effort to reopen National Airport. "It's pretty much an untold story and all of it was way behind the scenes."

"There really was a 50-50 chance it wouldn't open," Fisette said.

AFTER THE airport reopened, Fisette turned his attention to helping the County grieve for those who lost their lives at the Pentagon. He organized a Day of Remembrance and Appreciation at Washington-Lee High School that was attended by thousands.

Fisette said that the event sprung from a need to channel the goodwill of Arlington residents. "What ended up happening is that [we] started getting thousands of pies and home-baked goods at the perimeter of the Pentagon."

Schwartz continued to lead Arlington County Firefighters at the Pentagon site after it was handed over to the FBI. Then, a few weeks later, the anthrax attacks occurred. Schwartz said that, in the initial days after the attacks, his department was responding to nearly half a dozen reports of white powder every hour, 24 hours a day.

For Carlee, the Sept. 11 attacks were the first in a chain of crises that he had to deal with in his first few years as County Manager. After the attack, there was the near-closure of the airport, then the anthrax attacks, the D.C. snipers and finally Hurricane Isabel.

"In my first three years as manager, we had more disasters than we had in the previous 50 years in the county," Carlee said. "I was beginning to fear a causal relationship."

BUSINESS

Planning a Wedding and a Business

A soon-to-be-married couple starts a wedding planning Web site.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

As any first-time entrepreneur will tell you, starting a business can be one of the most time, effort and sanity-consuming experiences of your life. But getting a fledgling dot-com business off the ground is just one of Kristen Carter's many concerns.

By day, Carter is a pharmaceutical rep based out of Washington, D.C. In her free time, she's working on Wedzilla.com, a wedding planning Web site that was recently launched.

And as if that weren't enough, Carter is also planning her own wedding to fiancé Aaron Hall. The two are scheduled to tie the knot in a few weeks.

"We like to keep ourselves busy," Carter said. "Time flies when you're busy and having fun."

Hall and Carter, both residents

of Arlington, are partners in the Wedzilla.com venture. Their site allows future brides and grooms to request services from wedding vendors, such as florists, DJs, caterers and others. Those vendors can then bid for their services to guarantee the lowest price. The site features wedding vendors from across the country.

After being frustrated with calling dozens of different wedding vendors to find the lowest price, Hall and Carter came up with the idea for the business. "Kristen came to me and was really fed up and said 'This is my special day. Why can't vendors come to me?'" Hall, a human resource consultant in D.C., said. "When I got stressed out with wedding planning was when I got the idea," Carter added.

The couple spent the next several months working on getting the Web site running as well as planning for their Oct. 4 wedding at the Ronald Reagan Building in



PHOTO BY DAVID SCHULTZ/THE CONNECTION

Kristen Carter and Aaron Hall, a soon-to-be married couple from Arlington, started Wedzilla.com.

Washington. "People think we're crazy for starting a new business in the middle of our wedding planning," Hall said. "[But] it's something that we both really enjoy. We like doing it together."

LAST WEEK, Hall and Carter held a launch party for

Wedzilla.com at the Clarendon Ballroom.

Several wedding vendors set up booths to display their wares and the event seemed almost like a wedding in itself. A string quartet played lilting wedding songs in one corner of the room. In another corner, a fountain of melted choco-

late flowed. Hors d'oeuvres of seared tuna and Thai chicken were served on toothpicks. An emcee exhorted people to join the "wedvolution."

Several couples attended the launch party to get a sense of how much they would have to spend on their special day. The average wedding in the U.S. costs between \$14,000 and \$43,000, according to The Wedding Report, a Web site that tracks the wedding industry and provides statistics to wedding-related businesses.

Alex Kenna and Jessie Smith of Fairfax City are just out of college and got engaged three months ago. They weren't sure how they were going to pay for their wedding and wished that the wedding vendors would be a little more straightforward. "It would be easier if they would show their prices," Kenna said.

But Courtney McGregor, a publicist from Vienna who is getting married next summer, said she was glad that a site like Wedzilla.com exists. "I want to make sure I explore all my options," she said. "Weddings are expensive."

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OPINION

Our Neighbors Are Struggling

Whether or not you call it a recession, more families in Northern Virginia are seeking help with food, medicine, housing and more.

Two years ago, a busy day at Share's food pantry in McLean meant serving about seven families. Last Wednesday, 21 families showed up for food, writes Connection reporter Mike DiCicco.

In fact, demand for food from Share continues to rise, with a 20 percent increase between July and August of this year.

Meanwhile, funds for Share's family assistance program are going almost entirely toward warding off evictions and utility shut-offs, with some money paying for medications. In the last fiscal year, Share spent more than \$102,000 on family assistance, up 50 percent from the previous fiscal year.

Non-profits that help the needy in Northern Virginia are seeing a dramatic increase in demand, needy families and individual finding their way to food pantries to stave off hunger, seeking help to acquire school supplies for their children, needing money to forestall an eviction or having the phone or electricity in their home turned off.

"People used to come here for food. Now they're coming for everything," said Therese Dyer-Caplan of Share.

Northern Virginia's economy is buffered by the presence of the federal government and the many private contractors that earn billions of dollars a year in government business. But the downturn has arrived, as local governments

well know, with the drop in home values squeezing local budgets.

But housing costs, rising food costs and soaring gas prices are pushing many families in Northern Virginia to the brink of homelessness. Some families are

forced to choose between enough food, gas in the car to get to work and medication. These are the working poor families of our region, who turn to charities, hoping that with a little bit of help they can make it through to the next paycheck.

The rising costs of food and gas are also hampering efforts of local non-profits to provide services. Organizations are facing significant increases in demand, while their money and supplies buy less than they did last year.

Pick an organization near you, and send them money, call and offer to volunteer, donate food, or contribute in any other way.

Help

Here is a partial listing of local organizations that help the needy, every one is facing intense and increasing demand for services.

- ❖ SHARE of McLean, www.shareofmclean.org, 703-284-2179
- ❖ United Community Ministries, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106
- ❖ Reston Interfaith, 703-787-3100
- ❖ Herndon-Reston FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-391-0105
- ❖ Food for Others, Food for Others, www.foodforothers.org, Fairfax, 703-207-9173
- ❖ FACETS, 703-352-5090
- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, 703-569-9160
- ❖ Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, 703-768-9404
- ❖ Our Daily Bread, Central Fairfax, 703-273-8829
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- ❖ Our Daily Bread, 10777 Main Street #320, Fairfax, 703-273-8829
- ❖ Shelter House, www.shelterhouse.org, operates two homeless shelters in Fairfax County, in Centreville and Seven Corners. 571-522-6800
- ❖ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, 703-281-7614
- ❖ Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-222-0880
- ❖ Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, Fairfax 703-691-3178
- ❖ Carpenter's Shelter, Alexandria 703-548-7500 www.carpentersshelter.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Neighbors Need Your Support

To the Editor:

Thank you for so eloquently stating the case for helping our local nonprofits meet urgent calls for help. As you noted, costs of basic expenses such as food and gas have risen dramatically. Families are struggling to feed and care for themselves with the same salary but with prohibitively high expenses. At the same time, the housing downturn has given otherwise-stable homeowners the threat of foreclosure when they cannot refinance or sell their home.

So where do families go for help? Local charities. And what could make this picture worse? Cuts in funding to the very nonprofits who ensure some stability by assisting with food, health, education and housing needs. And that is exactly what is happening!

Virginia has already announced drastic cuts in social service budgets and local governments are looking at similar tough choices as

property and business revenue shrinks. The latest threatened blow to nonprofit funding comes from changes at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. These two organizations provided substantial annual grant funding to local agencies for shelter, food and education. There is no other resource immediately available to replace that funding, leaving a large hole in the community safety net if those funds are cut off.

We hope that your readers will consider how they can help both directly - by giving of their own time and/or money - and indirectly - by letting their political representatives know that they care about support for their neighbors in trouble.

Let your State and local politicians hear it from you, their constituent, that you want to keep support flowing to those who need it most. We must work together to not only maintain but possibly increase funding to local charities in the coming year. The foreclosure crisis and economic downturn will not last forever, but families

need help now. Tomorrow may be too late for some living on the edge. Charities are in place to help, but need vital support from the community.

Shirley M. Marshall
Director, Nonprofit NoVA

Nonprofit NoVA is a coalition of 30+ member agencies serving Northern Virginia and is affiliated with the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington. Nonprofit NoVA was the beneficiary of a grant from Freddie Mac Foundation in 2008.

Mark Warner's Claims are Exaggerated

Mark Warner is exaggerating his influence on the Virginia economy during his time as Governor by claiming his policies were responsible for the state's economic growth.^o It's true the state economy did well while he was governor; however, massive fed-

eral spending on defense and homeland security following the attacks of 9-11 had as much or more to do with economic growth in Virginia than anything Warner did.^o Much of this federal spending found its way into the state creating jobs and providing economic stimulus.^o When Warner took office in 2001, Virginia received about \$32 billion in federal contracts.^o By the time his term was over at the end of 2005, the amount of federal contract spending going to Virginia had ballooned to \$59 billion, over an 80 percent increase in four years.^o Federal contract spending accounted for 11.5 percent of the state's gross domestic product in 2001.^o By the end of 2005, federal contract spending accounted for 16.7 percent.^o Without the huge influx of federal spending, Virginia's economic performance would have been average.^o It was federal spending not higher taxes that made the Virginia economy boom.

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ELECTION 2008

Talking to Women

Democrats gather in Arlington to appeal to female voters after John McCain chooses Sarah Palin as his running mate.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

When it comes to deciding which presidential candidate to vote for, Marsha Pascual is conflicted.

Right now, she's leaning towards U.S. Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.). But ever since his opponent, U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), chose Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin (R) as his running mate, her choice has become more complicated.

"It's really difficult," said Pascual, a nurse who works in Georgetown and lives in Arlington. "As a woman, you want to be able to support someone of the female gender in coming to such a high stature in American politics. But I just disagree with her on so many things."

"I really got offended when he introduced her as 'Isn't she marvelous?' I don't think he would do that if he had a male vice presidential candidate."

— Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue Ingrid Morroy (D)

Pascual is exactly the kind of voter Democrats are working hard to retain after McCain's choice of Palin recalibrated the race. Last week, a group of Democratic senators gathered at Obama's campaign office in Arlington to reaffirm their party's commitment to issues that are important to female voters.

"You have a candidate for vice president who is worried about banning books in a library and then you've got a candidate for president who is focused on early childhood education," U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) said. "Most women I've talked to think that they'd rather have a candidate who is focused on early childhood education."

"John McCain did not support the Equal Pay Act and Barack Obama has been a leader on the Equal Pay Act," U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) said. "In the end, this isn't about gen-

der. It's about an agenda."

VIRGINIA is a swing state in this year's election. A poll conducted by polling firm SurveyUSA on Sept. 7 showed that McCain and Obama are in a virtual dead heat in the state.

Nationally, the Republican ticket has seen a surge in the polls since the Republican National Convention earlier this month. If a large number of female voters choose McCain over Obama, it could determine the outcome in a battleground state like Virginia.

Megan Beyer, the head of Virginia Women For Obama, thinks that the McCain campaign's success in recent weeks is due to the public's fascination with the relatively unknown Palin. "People understand that Palin is a woman and that is really all they understand," Beyer said. "They haven't had an opportunity to find out what she stands for."

Once Palin becomes more widely known, McCain's polling numbers will return to pre-convention levels, McCaskill said. "[Republicans] have a candidate who is a heartbeat away from the presidency that no one's been able to ask questions of," she said. "I think she will have to answer some questions that the majority of American women are not going to like the answers. When they hear those answers, it will make a big difference in the polling."

To try to appeal to female voters, the Obama campaign has been hosting weekly women's nights at its field offices throughout Virginia, Beyer said. Women are encouraged to come to the field offices on Wednesday nights and talk about their concerns and what they are looking for in a presidential candidate.

Beyer, the wife of former Virginia Lt. Gov. Don Beyer, also said that the Obama campaign has been hosting a series of coffees for women ever since Obama was competing against U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) in the primary race.

THE ECONOMY is the most important issue to women, Beyer said, and female voters will choose a candidate that can address their concerns about the economy.

"The economy has gotten so much worse that you can hardly afford to do errands and you can hardly afford to pay for the gas to do errands," she said. "[Women]



U.S. Sens. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Virginia Women for Obama head Megan Beyer are trying to win over female voters.

want to see whether this candidate represents the policies that they consider to be family friendly and whether they'll help their economic situation ... Women are smarter than voting for someone just because they're a woman."

Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue Ingrid Morroy (D) said that she resents McCain's use of Palin to try to appeal to women. "It's rather offensive to see," Morroy, an early Obama supporter, said. "I really got offended when he introduced her as 'Isn't she marvelous?' [at the convention]. I don't think he would do that if he had a male vice presidential candidate."

Morroy also said that the public will turn against Palin after more information about her comes out. "Once we find out the truth behind the Republican vice presidential candidate, I think that Barack Obama will not have any problems attracting women," she said. "I don't think that women are going to vote for the Republican ticket just because [Palin is] a woman."

on McCain's policies and said that she was still undecided as to whom she would vote for.

Cynthia Walsh, a human resources recruiter with two elementary-age children, is definitely not undecided. She's been behind McCain since he clinched the nomination earlier this year and the addition of Palin to the ticket didn't cause her to waver.

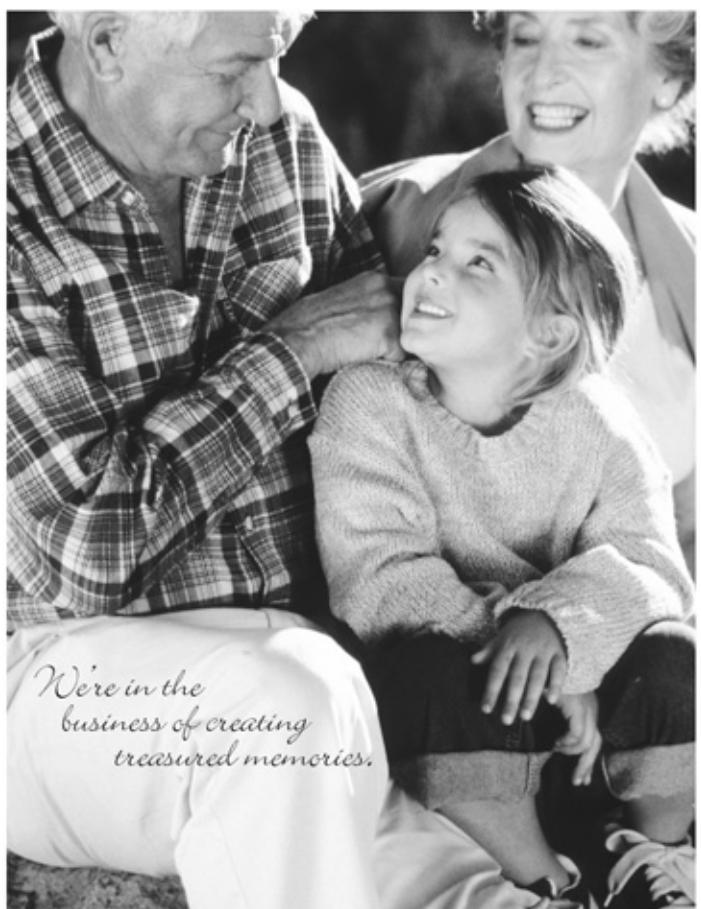
Walsh has been disturbed by Palin's treatment in the media and said that there's a "definite double standard" in how male politicians are portrayed compared to their female counterparts. "What the media is doing is nit picking on her," Walsh said. "I saw that with Hillary too. They're really hard on the women in a different way than men. I think women are noticing that."

But ultimately, Walsh said, what this election boils down to is the question of which candidate is best for the country as it moves forward. "Who's going to take us from here?" she asked. "We're not in the best spot right now, sadly."

Voting

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SCHOOLS

Boards Meet To Discuss Wakefield

County and Schools representatives iron out their differences on the plan to build a new high school in South Arlington.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

In a highly-anticipated joint meeting last week, members of the School Board and the County Board came to a consensus on the design for the building of a new Wakefield High School.

Schools and County representatives have been quarreling for months about the design of the new school building, which is scheduled to be constructed in late 2013 and is expected to cost more than \$160 million. By getting together last week in Wakefield's library, the two Boards ironed out their differences and set the stage for the project to move forward next month when the School Board is set to formally approve the design of the new school building.

"I think it was really constructive," said Catherine O'Malley, the chair of a group that has been working on the design of the new school. O'Malley had been frustrated in recent months because of what she saw as delays on the Wakefield project from County officials. But she said that last week's meeting "helped to clarify a lot of thinking."

The quarrels between Schools and County officials centered on how much of a civic presence the new Wakefield building should have. County officials want the new building, located on Arlington's southwestern border with Fairfax County, to act as a community center as well as a school.

"It's a gateway for our community," County Board Chairman Walter Tejada (D) said. "Wakefield needs to be a highly functioning school and a fully functional community center."

Meet Author T.A. Barron Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m.

T.A. Barron, author of the *Lost Years of Merlin* series, *Great Tree of Avalon* trilogy and many more fantasy novels, will talk about his latest book, *Merlin's Dragon*, which is the first installment in a new trilogy. The book tells the story of Basil, a young lizard-like creature with magical powers, and his search for Merlin to warn the great wizard of evil Rhita Gawr's secret plot. Grades 4-8.

Meet Author Gary Schmidt Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m.

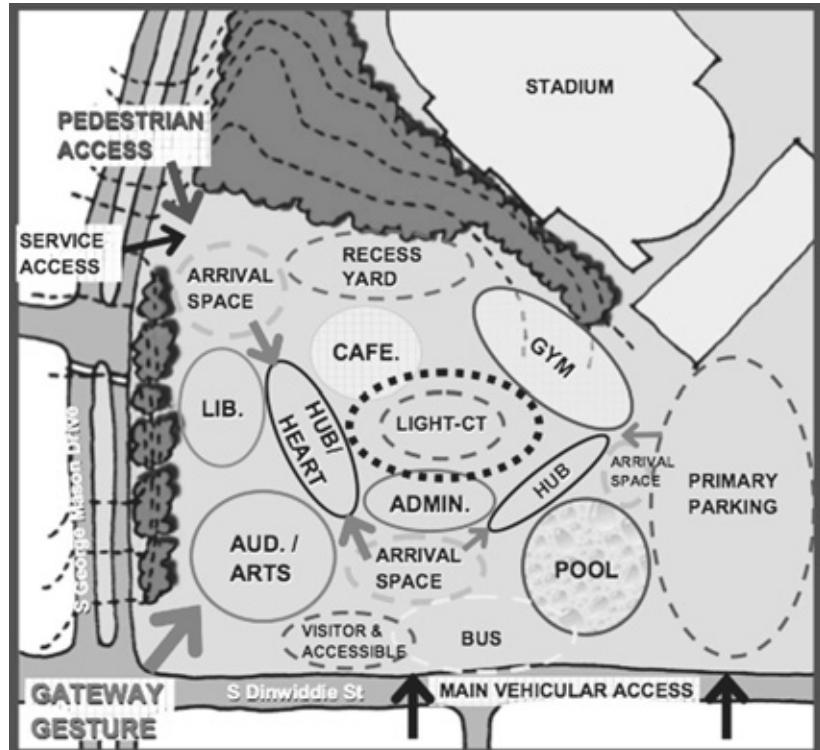
Newbery Award-winning author Gary Schmidt will discuss his three books *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* (a Newbery Honor and Printz Honor winner and Virginia Readers' Choice for 2007), *The Wednesday Wars* (a Newbery Honor winner) and his newest, *Trouble*. He is also author of *Straw Into Gold*. Grades 5-8.

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The School Board is set to approve this conceptual design for the new Wakefield High School at its Oct. 2 meeting.

Roger Lewis, a professor of architecture at the University of Maryland, has been advising the County on design issues for the new school. "In my opinion, all public high schools are civic buildings," he said. "You have an opportunity to create a unique, high-profile architectural gesture, a 'Welcome to Arlington' moment."

AT THE JOINT meeting, Bowie Gridley Architects, the firm that is working on the project, displayed its plans for what the new structure will look like.

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2030 ADAMS ST N #907	2 .1 .. 1 ARLINGTON ... \$245,000 ... Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	CIRCLE	
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Pentagon Memorial Dedicated

Memorial at the site of the plane crash honors the lives of those who died at the Pentagon in the Sept. 11 attacks.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

The Pentagon Memorial, created in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon, was dedicated earlier this week on the seventh anniversary of the attack.

The dedication ceremony drew over 10,000 people to the Pentagon for an invitation-only event honoring the victims of the 2001 attacks. President George W. Bush, along with Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, spoke at the event about the need to remember the events of that day seven years ago.

The Pentagon Memorial not only honors those whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, Bush said, but also serves as a reminder of the first responders to the incident as well as the many Pentagon employees who saved their colleagues' lives. "As we walk along these benches," the President said, "We remember that many more lives could've been lost ... On one of the worst days in American history, we saw some of the greatest acts in American history."

THE MEMORIAL is located on a nearly two-acre plot near the Pentagon at the site of the attack. On the plot are 184 benches, one for

each person who died when American Airlines Flight 77 was flown into the southwestern wall of the Pentagon.

Underneath each of the 184 cantilevered benches at the Memorial is a reflecting pool of water that is illuminated at night. The benches are arranged by the age of the victims at the time of their deaths, from 71-year-old Navy Veteran John Yamnicky to three-year-old Dana Falkenberg, who was traveling on Flight 77 with her parents and eight-year-old sister Zoe, all of whom died in the plane crash.

Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman, two New York City architects, designed the memorial. Their design was selected in a contest of more than 1,100 submissions by a panel of architects, family members and public figures in the Washington D.C. area.

FRIENDS AND family members of those who died at the Pentagon on Sept. 11 were invited to come to the dedication ceremony on Thursday morning to see the site before it was opened to the public later that day.

Steve Speisman, a high school teacher from Scottsdale, Ariz., flew out to Arlington for the ceremony. His brother, Bobby Speisman, was a passenger on Flight 77.

"The further down the road you get, the more you realize that he's not coming back," Speisman said.

"It doesn't get any easier. [But] you move on."

Speisman was glad that an official Sept. 11 memorial was built because, he said, it makes it easier for the victims' loved ones to express their grief. "No one knows how to celebrate this day or what to do," he said. "You don't want to be too much out of the norm and let the terrorists win but you want to have a reflection. To build a place like this, I think it's great."

FOR SPRINGFIELD resident Marie Mickley, coming to the Pentagon Memorial was a chance to reconnect with her mother, Patricia.

Patricia Mickley worked in the Pentagon as a civilian and was killed on Sept. 11 when Marie was five years old. "I know when she went off to work it was just a normal day," Marie, now 12 years old, said. "I thought everything was going OK. It just seemed normal until the crash."

When the attack occurred, Marie was just old enough to gather a few vivid memories of her mother. She loved Disney movies like *The Lion King*, Marie recalled, and her favorite foods were strawberries and ketchup.

But now Marie's life is very different. Her father, Joseph, remarried several years ago and this year she began attending Lake Braddock Secondary School along with her two stepsiblings. "Our



Jack and Linda O'Toole of Arlington, visit the Pentagon Memorial at night on Sept. 11 to remember one of their friends, Norma Steuerle, who died during the attack on the Pentagon. Jack worked with Norma in the Pentagon.

lives have become enriched," Marie's father said. "I feel blessed with a wonderful family and a new wife and two wonderful stepchildren. I'm happy."

For Joseph Mickley, visiting the Pentagon Memorial was a way to reflect on the way his life once was. For Marie Mickley, visiting the memorial was a chance to recon-

nnect with a past that she can barely remember.

"Sitting on the bench made me feel like I was sitting on her lap again," she said. "It was like she was really there."

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/CONNECTION



Reflecting on the tragedy of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, Richard Murphy of Arlington, participates in the dedication ceremony for the Sept. 11 Pentagon Memorial last week. Murphy is a Veterans Affairs employee at the Pentagon.



Sara Guest, Rebecca Rector and Margaret Mitchell browse through a book that was left at the bench in memory of Leslie Whittington, who was killed during the attack on the Pentagon along with her husband and two children. Guest is the sister of Whittington and Mitchell worked with Charles Falkenberg, Whittington's husband.

FOOD & DRINK

Let The Wine Flow

Celebrate wine and jazz in Crystal City.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Vintage Crystal, Crystal City's outdoor wine and jazz festival, is back for a second year. Last year's inaugural festival drew 5,000 people to sample wine and food from around the world and to listen to jazz music from the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival. This year's Vintage Crystal event features 24 restaurants and food tents. The Arlington Connection spoke with Angie Fox, the director of the Crystal City BID, a group that promotes Crystal City businesses and is organizing the event, to talk about wine, Crystal City and all that jazz.

What's going to be happening at the event?

It's similar to last year's event but bigger. [Last year] we did not close the roads and this year we're closing Crystal Drive. We have 30 different wines from around the world. They're broken into four major areas. We have Italian Alley, which will feature the Italian wines and the Italian restaurants. We have American Avenue, which will feature the Stone Mountain Vineyard, a Virginia vineyard. We also have California. We have Mediterranean Way, which is sort of the Lebanese and Spanish. Then we have Latin Lane, which goes through Argentina and Chile. One of the pieces that will be the highlight of the Latin Lane is Jaleo will be doing their giant paella. That will give people a taste of their upcoming paella festival. Then we have the Duke Ellington Jazz Festival providing music. It's nice, light music while people sip. We have Virginia Tobacco Company, which will be selling cigars. Some people like red wine and cigars.

It sounds like a really relaxing event.



PHOTO COURTESY CRYSTAL CITY BID

Last year's Vintage Crystal event drew dozens of people to the Crystal City area to sample wine and jazz music.

We're psyched. Last year we had a lot more people than we were initially expecting. This year we made sure there's only two wines per tent and plenty of pourers.

That should really make the lines move quickly. Also, this year you'll come in and pay your \$20 and get your ID checked and you'll get a Crystal City wine glass and then also a program guide. In that guide it lists all the white wines on one side and all the red wines on the other side with a description. And then you can check off that you tasted it and you can rate it with your own little description.

Why wine? How does wine appeal to the residents of Crystal City?

It's not just residents of Crystal City. Wine is an interesting phenomenon. It's clearly

been around for a very, very long time but people are really getting into wine. There's a new wine bar, Cork, in town. Jaleo has a

new wine shop. There's a lot of focus on wine these days. People love wine festivals where you can be outside and sip. The opportunity to come to a wine festival and taste international wines and get great food and

you can Metro, it's very appealing. We saw that last year. We were expecting about 1,000 people and we had 5,000 people. People are really looking for a way to be outside and sip and taste. It has a little bit of an elegance to it, in a way, but also a nice kind of jazzy appeal.

Does wine go well with jazz?

I certainly think so. It's a very nice ambience.

What's your favorite kind of wine?

I am a big red wine drinker. My favorite red wine is red zin. I like the really bold, fruity kind but the kind that can stand well on their own or go well with food. I can also handle a nice cigar with a good red wine on rare occasions.

What's the most expensive wine you've ever tasted?

Well, a wine that I really like to drink, I would say is mid-range. If I find it on a menu I'll order it. It's usually \$45 and up. It's a Helen Turley zin. That's my favorite.

What should people going to this event look forward to?

I think they can look forward to a beautiful space and an easy event. You don't have to get in a bus or figure out how to drive. It's easy, it's low cost at \$20 for food and sips and it's a nice afternoon. Beautiful space, great art, fun music. It's just a very relaxed way to experience Crystal City.

'Ace' Soars At Times

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

Signature Theatre has opened a bright, big and bold production of a new musical that uses flight as a metaphor for human aspirations. It doesn't rise like the rocket it seems to want to be, but it has enough high spots to make it a real lift on a hot summer night.

"Ace" is the product of the partnership of Richard Oberacker, who wrote an earlier Signature success, "The Gospel According to Fishman" with another collaborator, and Robert Taylor. Under the direction of

Signature's own ace director of musicals in development, Eric Schaeffer, "Ace" is brought to sometimes sparkling life by the likes of Broadway veterans Florence Lacey, Christiane Noll and Emily Skinner.

The real stars of the piece, however, are two children who have yet to reach their teens. Eleven-year-old Dalton Harrod has the starring role of a boy in search of the story of his father and his father's father – both fighter pilots who achieved the level of "Ace" in the two world wars of the twentieth century.

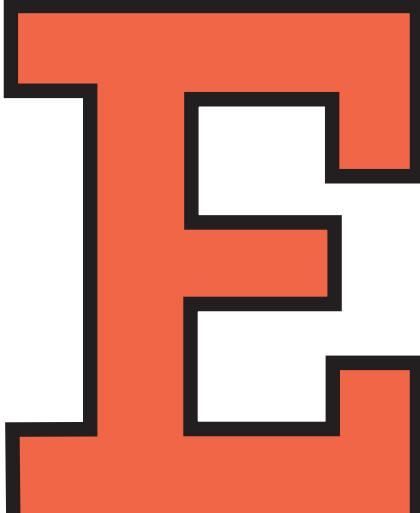
Harrod is on stage almost the entire evening long, either participating in songs

Signature opens flight-based musical.

or scenes or witnessing the story as it unfolds. His comfort level on stage is notable in one so young, and he is able to lift his voice as well as his spirits at the right moments.

Joining Harrod at key points in the story is equally young Angelina Kelly, who wins the hearts of the audience as she puts together some of the clues that Harrod's character needs to decipher to understand his own aeronautical heritage. Her big number of the first act, "Now I'm On Your Case" is a real crowd pleaser.

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ARTS ♦ ENTERTAINMENT ♦ LEISURE

CALENDAR

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

ART LISTING:
See "Art at the Library" at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., through Sept. 30. Art by Noah Williams, George Van Dyke and Sherrill Anne Gross. Free. 703-228-5996.

See sculptures by Elissa Savos through Sept. 29 at Lee Arts Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Free. www.arlingtonarts.org/leearts.htm for more.

The Arlington Artists Alliance "Fall Colors Art Show" will be at the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane from Oct. 1 through Dec. 1. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.com for more.

Paintings and drawings of Teresa Oaxaca will be on display at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater, 1611 N. Kent St. through Sept. 30. Oaxaca, a 2005 graduate of H-B Woodlawn in Arlington, is a classically-trained realist painter who studied in Italy and Norway under living masters utilizing the atelier method of the Renaissance.

See "Picturing Politics" through



Sept. 27 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Features work by Rick Reinhard and more. Free. Visit arlingtonartscenter.org or 703-248-6800.

See an exhibition of fine art books from Oct. 2 through Oct. 29 at Lee Arts Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts/leearts.htm or 703-228-0560.

OTHER ITEMS

The Columbia Pike Community Chorus is welcoming new and returning singers for their Dec. 14 presentation of "Messiah." All are welcome; no auditions are required. Rehearsals are Mondays from 7-9 p.m. starting Oct. 6 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2217 Columbia Pike. For more information, contact Barbara Stefan at 703-920-7077 or musicmin@tecarl.org.

ONGOING:

Customers at Dogma Dog Bakery in Arlington can "vote" by choosing dog treats named for their favorite presidential contender. A weekly tally of sales will be kept above the counter.

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

The Columbia Pike Farmers' Market is located in Pike Park, corner of S. Walter Reed Drive and Columbia

Pike. Open Sundays through November from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free.

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

Weekly Farmers Markets at Ballston's Welburn Square, between N. Stuart & N. Taylor Streets across from the Ballston Metro station. The markets will operate every Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Oct. 17, except for July 4. For directions and further information, visit www.ballstonfarmersmarket.blogspot.com or call 703-528-3527.

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. Marcy Road, Arlington. For more information, contact Potomac Overlook Regional Park at 703-528-5406 or potomac@nvrpa.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

Poiesis, 7-9 p.m. at Pentagon City Borders, 1201 S. Hayes St. Features Kenneth Carroll and Holly Bass. Free. 703-418-0166.

Monarch Magic, 10:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Preschoolers can learn about the butterflies through games and more. \$3/child. To register, 703-228-5946.

Book Club, 8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Adults can discuss "The Outermost House: A Year of Life on the Great Beach at Cape Cod" by

Henry Beston. Free. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

Wild Ones: Extreme Stream Clean-Up, 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 6-10 can pick up litter and learn what problems it can cause. Free. 703-228-6535.

Graduate Gemologists, 4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 6-12 can learn about fossils and take one home. \$5/child. To register, 703-228-5946.

Author Talk, 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Tom Young will discuss his new book "The Speed of Heat." Free.

228-6535.

Spinning Spiders, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Preschoolers can learn how arachnids differ from insects. \$3/child. To register, 703-228-6535.

Blacksmith Campfire, 6 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families with children age 5 and up can visit blacksmith's forge and see how they shape metal. \$3/person. To register, 703-228-3403.

Bilingual Campfire, 5:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. All ages can enjoy campfire activities and more. \$3/person. To register, 703-228-5946.

Lecture, 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Clint Johnson will talk about "Did President Lincoln believe secession was legal? Maybe..." Free.

Tiny Tot, 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 18-35 months can learn about nature through hikes, crafts and more. \$3/child. To register, 703-228-6535.

Saturday/Sept. 18

Spinning Spiders, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Arlington Hill Community Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Preschoolers can learn how arachnids differ from insects. \$3/child. To register, 703-228-3403.

Film Screening, 6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Watch "Companeras." Free. 703-228-6321.

Boundary Stone Bike Tour,

Meet at 9:15 a.m. at East Falls Church Metro Station. Bike 35 miles while visiting boundary stones and parks in Arlington. Many stops. \$2/non-member. Bring lunch and water. 703-243-0179.

Get Your Game On,

p.m. at Central Libr. 1015 N. Quincy St. Middle school and high school

students can play video games and board games. Free. 703-486-0058.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Stop in for Stories, 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Central Youth Services, 1015 N. Quincy St. All ages can stop in for crafts, songs, stories and more. Free. 703-228-5946.

Collect A Rock Day, 1 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 6 and up can learn rock basics and start a collection. \$2/child. To register, 703-228-6535.

Music Audition, 2-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Preschoolers can learn how arachnids differ from insects. \$3/child. To register, 703-228-6535.

Naturalists' Collectors Club, 2 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 11-13 can try new activities and add an artifact to the collection. \$5/child. Register by calling 703-228-3403.

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Lecture, 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Clint Johnson will talk about "Did President Lincoln believe secession was legal? Maybe..." Free.

Tuesday/Sept. 23

Theater Performance, 12:30 p.m. at Classika Theater, 4041 Campbell Ave. Children can watch "A Classical Fool." Visit www.classika.org or 703-824-4827 for tickets.

Author Talk, 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Clint Johnson will discuss "Pursuit: The Chase, Capture, Persecution and Surprising Release of Confederate President Jefferson Davis." Free. 703-228-6321.

Author Event, 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. John Petersen will discuss "A Vision for 2012: Planning for Extraordinary Change." Free. 703-228-0322.

Get Your Game On, 4 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Middle school and high school students can play video games and board games. Free. 703-228-5946.

Hispanic Heritage Story Time, 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. All ages can enjoy stories with Hispanic themes. Free. 703-228-5946.

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Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at National Science Foundation Atrium, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Browse through children's clothing, toys, maternity clothing and more. Free. Support NSF CDC Daycare center.

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

Wednesday/Sept. 24

Car-Free Day Walkabout, 6:30 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Park. Take a walk and learn about Clarendon's history. Free. 703-228-0072.

Book Discussion, 7:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Discuss "The Life and Times of Mexico" by Earl Shorris. Free. 703-228-7689.

Drop-in Story Time, 4 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. All ages can listen to stories. Free. 703-228-0322.

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

Thursday/Sept. 25

Book Discussion, 10:30 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Discuss "Golden Notebook" by Doris

Admission. Free.

Friday/Sept. 26

Stop in for Stories, 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Central Youth Services, 1015 N. Quincy St. All ages can stop in for crafts, songs, stories and more. Free. 703-228-6400.

Teen Fishing Trip, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. teens ages 11-15 can fish or hunt for fossils at Purse State Park. Meet at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. \$15/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Birds, Blooms and Bugs at Soldier's Delight, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Everyone ages 16 and up can search for plants, animals and more. Registration required, 703-228-6535. \$20/person.

Virginia Grows on You, 8 a.m. at Courthouse Market. Features hands-on activities and more. Free. 703-228-6400.

Apple Campfire, 7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can enjoy campfire activities, treats, animal guests and more. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-5946.

Hispanic Heritage Story Time, 10 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. All ages can enjoy stories with Hispanic themes. Free. 703-228-5946.

Nature Close-Up, 10:30 a.m.-noon at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 10-14 can learn how to take photographs of animals, plants and more. \$1/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

Author Event, 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Kate Braestrup will discuss her memoir "Here If You Need Me." Free. 703-228-6321.

Butterfly Safari, 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children ages 5 and up can catch and release butterflies for observation. \$2/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

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Tuesday/Sept. 23

Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at National Science Foundation Atrium, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Tim Wendel will discuss "Red Rain." Free. 703-228-6321.

Author Talk, 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Lonnae O'Neal will discuss her book "I Am Every Woman." Free. 703-228-0322.

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

Wednesday/Sept. 24

Story Time, 3:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Alonso Abugattas

THEATER

Signature Theater

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The adults are not to be dismissed, however. There's Jill Paice, who just completed the run of "Curtains" on Broadway where she performed a most charming song and dance routine with David Hyde Pearce. She's young Harrod's mother here, and she gets to do a bit of soaring herself in the second act.

Emily Skinner, so absolutely bewitching

in last year's "The Witches of Eastwick" here at Signature, gives a solidly warm and humorous performance as the boy's foster mother. Christiane Noll, who was also of note in "Eastwick" as well as being superbly crystalline in the original Broadway production of "Jekyll and Hyde," gives depth to the role of the boys' grandmother as viewed from the time when she was a young woman.

The show doesn't fare quite as well with

Where and When:

"Ace" plays through Sept. 28 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. in Shirlington. Performances are Tuesday – Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday – Saturday at 8: p.m., Sunday at 7:30 p.m. with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$49 - \$77. Call (703) 573-7328 or log on to www.signature-theatre.org.

the casting of the leading men, the aces who were the boys' father and grandfather. Matthew Scott is the stronger of the two, the WWII ace. He soars quite impressively at times, and Jim Stanek does have a number of charming moments as the WWI ace. Neither carries the show to the heights it needs, however, like George Dvorsky does with his brief Act II stint as WWII General Claire Chennault who assembled the famous flying unit, the Flying Tigers.

With aerodynamics the concept of the night, it is Walt Spangler's aluminum and rivets set that draws much of the attention as its

twin towers turn and its shiny surfaces reflect the projections of clouds, bomb bursts and locations. Then, too, there is the super stereo sounds of aircraft zooming about the space in Simon Matthews' audio. Add Robert Perdziola's attractive and effective costumes (shades of gray for one period, oranges and yellows for another) and there is plenty here to please the eye and the ear.

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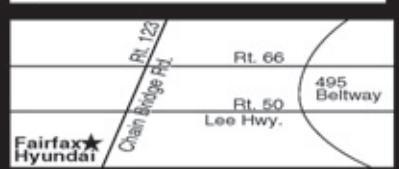
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Register **Sept. 29-Oct. 2** for upcoming brain exercise programs using "Brain Fitness" and "Insight" software programs from PositScience, for adults 55+, to be held at Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. and Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. No computer experience needed. Flexible scheduling for the 40 hour classes. Cost is \$50 per program with \$10 rebate upon completion. For more information, call Anne Peret, Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, 703-228-4878.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

Story Tellers. Come and learn how to become a Spellbinder, a group of senior volunteer story tellers, 1 p.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. New members receive free training. Lots of fun interacting with schoolchildren. For more information, call 703-228-0955.

Dancing. Intermediate line dancing for adults (55+), 10 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Cost is \$3.50 per

class; drop-in. Details, 703-228-4745. **Continent Getaway.** Armchair getaway to the Antarctica, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-4403.

Crafts. South American crafts workshop, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5321.

Woodcarving. Join the Woodcarvers group at Lee Senior Center for chips relief and round carving, 1 p.m., 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Details, 703-228-0555.

Social Club. The Fair Golds social club for adults (55+) will meet noon, Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. For information, call Julie Albers at 703-228-5722.

Health Talk. The subject of hair loss, causes and remedies, will be discussed, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. For more information, call 703-228-0955.

Antiques. Jean Jackson of Antiques Associates will meet with seniors 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. Bring small objects for one-on-one consultation. No fee; newcomers welcome. Register by Sept. 15 by calling 703-228-4403.

Performance. Arlington seniors will attend a performance of "La Traviata" by the Washington National Opera at The Kennedy Center. Cost is \$14. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749. Registration required.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Walkers. The Lee Walkers, Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway, will walk along the Wildwood Trail, Vienna, 10 a.m. Cost is \$2; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-2328-0555.

Fast Walkers. Aurora Hills Senior Center's fast paced walking group will meet 9 a.m., 735 S. 18th St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

Games. Duplicate bridge games for adults (55+), 10:00 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center. Cost is \$4.50; newcomers welcome. For details, call Anne Gress, 703-243-7714.

Trip. It's off to Charles Town, WV and the Charles Town Slots, for Arlington adults (55+). Cost is \$22. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749. Registration required.

Music Group. The music appreciation group at Culpepper Garden Senior Center will discuss Chamber Music, 1 p.m., 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome; drop-in. Details, 703-228-4403.

Performance. Welcome Back Brunch at Aurora Hills Senior Center will feature Ms. Virginia Senior America, Ruth Barnett and a performance by the singing and dancing group, Cameo Jewels, 10 a.m. - noon, 735 S. 18th St., Arlington. Cost is \$6. Register by Sept. 17 by calling 703-228-5722.

Book Group. The book discussion group at Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St., will meet 1 p.m. to discuss "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5722.

Games. Canasta games for adults (55+), Lee Senior Center, 10 a.m.-noon, 5722 Lee Highway, Arlington.

No fee; newcomers welcome; drop-in. Details, 703-228-0555.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Opening Day. Opening day of the 10 day 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, 10:30 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Opening ceremonies followed by track and field events. Also a Health Fair sponsored by the Virginia Hospital Center. The public is invited; no fee. For more information, 703-228-4721 or www.novaseniorolympics.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

Training. Adults (55+) strength training classes, 9 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Preserve and gain new muscular strength and flexibility. Cost is \$56 for 16 sessions or \$3.50 per class. Call for details, 703-228-4745.

Health Class. Full fitness exercise class for adults (55+), intermediate/advanced, 10 a.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Improve flexibility, muscle tone, balance, stamina. Cost is \$3.50 per class; drop-in. Call for details, 703-228-4745.

Exercise. Seated exercise class for adults (55+), 9 a.m., Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., Arlington. Drop-in; newcomers welcome. Cost is \$3.50 per class. Call for details, 703-228-5285.

Ice Skating. Ice skating for adults (55+), 8-9:30 a.m., Kettler Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Mall, Arlington. Cost is \$1 (includes skates). Call for details, 703-228-4745.

Walkers. The Walter Reed Walkers, Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S.

16th St., Arlington. will walk along the Southwest Waterfront, D.C., 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$2.50; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

Language. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adults (55+), and Thurs., Sept. 25, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. Taught by linguist Dr. Merton Bland. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5321.

Games. Scrabble for adults (55+), 10 a.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St. and Friday, Sept. 26, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-0955 (WR).

Art Group. Art appreciation discussion, "Renoir in Northern Africa: On the Road to Algeria," 1 p.m., Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 S. 18th St., Arlington. Cost is \$5; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-5722.

Country Via Video. Explore the country of Argentina via video, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call for details, 703-228-5321.

Health Discussion. Register early for a discussion about hearing aids, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington. Meet with Bonnie O'Leary, Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. No fee; newcomers welcome. Call to register, 703-228-4403.

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SCHOOLS

Board To Approve Wakefield Concept

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Dinwiddie and George Mason Drive, a major artery. Moving the building here would enhance its presence in the community, the architects said, and would also allow the current building to remain open during construction. The new school would also feature a new pool and a courtyard in the center.

"There is nothing here that gives me any concern at all," County Board Member Mary Hynes (D) said, giving her approval to the conceptual design of the school. County Board Members said the reason for their increased involvement is that there were disputes late in the planning processes of the rebuilding projects for both of Arlington's two other high schools, Washington-Lee and Yorktown.

By communicating their concerns at the beginning of the planning process, board members are hoping that these late-in-the-game disputes won't arise again with the Wakefield project. "What's different about this than in the past is that we're having this conversation early," County Board Member Chris Zimmerman (D) said. "When we get to the back end of this process, it will all be taken care of."

"This is the Arlington Way at its finest," Tejada added. "We all care so much about this big investment."

THE MEETING took place on a stifling, humid afternoon at Wakefield's library. The room was packed with concerned parents and community members who were frustrated that Wakefield is the last of

Next Step

Now that the School Board has met with the County Board to discuss their conceptual design for a new Wakefield High School, the next step in this process is for the School Board to officially approve this conceptual design. The Board is scheduled to take up this matter for a vote at its Oct. 2 meeting. The meeting will be held at the Education Center, near Washington-Lee High School, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.apsva.us.

Arlington's three public high schools to be renovated. "We feel like things have been blocked," O'Malley said.

With the weather conditions and the body heat from the dozens of those who attended the meeting, the library room became almost unbearably stuffy. For Wakefield's teachers and students, this served as a perfect example of why a new building is necessary.

"We need a new building," Wakefield special education teacher Sharon Malley said. "I would definitely say that all the teachers at Wakefield would agree with that." Malley said that she doesn't have air conditioning in her classroom and that this makes it very difficult to teach.

"Even on days when it's 70 degrees outside," she said. "We're just not getting enough air in here. And then when it gets hot, the books curl up."

Crystal Johnson, a Wakefield sophomore, said that the school's students want a new building as well. "Wakefield is a great school," she said. "But students would perform better if we had something new."

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All Naval Officers' Spouses (active, reserve and retired) are invited to a **Welcome Coffee** on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. RSVP to jckamp@aol.com or 703-538-5874.

Preschool and Kindergarten Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to noon. Gather curriculum, registration and tuition information from a variety of private, parochial, and public schools all at St. Thomas More Cathedral School, 105 North Thomas St. Free. Call 703-528-6781 x24 or e-mail stmsoffice@stmschool.org for details.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the League of Women Voters will present a Candidates' Forum on Monday, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m. at the Arlington County Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy St. Candidates for the US Senate, the US House (District 8), the Arlington County Board, and the Arlington County School Board will speak and take questions. For more information contact Janet Witt, AAUW Public Policy Chair, at 202-216-8341 or 703-534-3122.

Prepare for the future on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 12:30-2 p.m. at Brighton Gardens, 3821 Wilson Blvd. Bill Fralin will talk about living wills and

more. Free, box lunch provided. RSVP to 703-294-6875.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Mildred Muhammad, former wife of convicted DC Sniper John Allen Muhammad, will talk about her experience as a survivor of domestic violence at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road from 7-8:30 p.m. Free. For more information call 703-228-1678 or visit www.arlingtonva.us/projectpeace.

Help prepare yourself, your family and your community for an emergency by participating in the **Be Ready Alexandria/Arlington Medication Dispensing Exercise** on Saturday, Nov. 8. Just walk into one of the exercise sites between 9 a.m. and noon to pick up simulated medications for yourself, your family and any neighbors you would assist in the event of a real emergency. Arlington County exercise sites are Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 18th St. South and Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford St. For more information call 703-228-5580 www.arlingtonva.us/dhs.

Volunteer Overview. Monday, Sept. 29, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington. Learn about service opportunities with Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, including service project leadership, board committees, newsletter writing, promoting reusable bags, and green living outreach. For more information: 703-228-6406 or volunteer@arlingtonenvironment.org.

The Arlington League of Women Voters September program will be "What We Eat - And Why It Matters To Us And To The Planet." It will be

held at the Arlington Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. For more information and to register call 703-920-7870 or kagoss@aol.com.

Arlington County will host a three-series of community conversations this fall that will bring together community members of diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, and perspectives in a civil and supportive environment. Free, but registration is required, 703-228-0590.

* Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St.

* Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m., Barrett Elementary School, 4401 N. Henderson Road

* Sunday, Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m., Drew Model School, 3500 S. 23rd St.

The Virginia Hospital Center is sponsoring a free Health Fair for seniors on the opening day of the 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, Sat., Sept. 20. The Fair will be held from 9 a.m. – noon at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. 703-228-4721.

Arlington parents can attend **"Things We Wish We'd Known about the College Search Process (but didn't know enough to ask!)"** on Sept. 25 from 7-9 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5201 N. 28th St. Free. 703-201-3399.

Learn how to get **movies distributed** on Sept. 20 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the NRECA building, 4301 Wilson Blvd. For more information www.distribution.la.

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surgically or non-surgically on Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Virginia Hospital Center, Conference Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive. Free, registration required. 703-558-0877.

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.

Coming Out at Any Age: Support Group for Gay Men, at WWC NOVA, 5232 Lee Highway, Arlington, 6:30 p.m. Begins Sept. 17 and runs for 10 weeks. Call 703-531-4932 for more.

The **Arlington Rotary Club** recently received four awards from the District Governor for its outstanding leadership in Rotary and specifically within our district! These awards were given to past president, Elizabeth Harr Bricksin for her leadership and key role towards each of these awards. The following awards were received: The Rotary International Presidential Citation; The Rotary District 7610 Governor's Citation; Rotary District 7610 "Exceptional" Award for International Service and Rotary District 7610

"Exceptional" Award for Club Service.

Greenbrier Learning Center needs volunteers for its after-school program with 3rd-5th graders in South Arlington. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old, have a strong interest in working with children, be motivated, and have the ability to provide tutoring to 3rd-5th grade students. 703-379-6488 x104, volunteer@gblc.org.

Arlington Free Clinic will be holding an online auction in addition to their Benefit Gala Silent Auction on Oct. 18. The online auction will be available beginning on Sept. 1 and will run through Oct. 20. It will feature items such as restaurant gift certificates, theater tickets and vacation getaways. View the items at www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org. For more information on the online auction or the gala, contact Jody Steiner Kelly at 703-979-1425, ext. 43 or jody@arlingtonfreeclinic.org.

Interested in Foster Care? Have questions? Join the Arlington County Foster Care/Adoption Program at our next Foster Parent Orientation Session on Saturday Sept. 6, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 3033 Wilson Blvd. Find out what it takes to be a foster parent, the process of becoming certified, how you can help a child in need and how our team will support you. For more information or to RSVP, contact Gerson Paniagua, Resource Recruiter, at 703-228-1550 or openheartsopenhomes@arlingtonva.us

On Sept. 18, there will be a **volunteer management workshop** "Managing Organizational Conflict" at 9:30 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. RSVP to Emily Gibbs at 703-246-3809. Free.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$29,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 4.870 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Knowing as little as I do about the future price of a barrel of oil, and by association, the future price of a gallon of gasoline and home heating oil, commodities with which I am financially very familiar — and impacted, I can only guess as to there future level. As such, the present is what matters to me. And to that end, I am now reading financial news updates on the web, specifically as it relates to oil, trying to anticipate its price fluctuations. It's almost as if, not being able to beat them, perhaps I can join them, in some small way, at least as far as this Joe Schmoe is informed.

And so, I now pay attention to international — or national events — that might affect oil production and/or its transportation, gasoline stocks/supplies/inventory, monetary exchange rates, the weather and of course, the actual price at the pump. When the per gallon price is higher than it was previously, I try to buy less; when the price at the pump is lower, I try to buy more. I guess you could say it's my way of dollar cost averaging. And though I certainly realize, that in spite of my best intentions, buying less gas per trip because the price is high is only going to result in my returning sooner to those very same pumps rather than later, still it's mind over matter. If I think I'm spending less, maybe I actually am. (Any port in a storm, I suppose.)

Granted, it's all very delusional because gasoline, and to a lesser degree, home heating oil, is not exactly a voluntary purchase. In fact, it's practically mandatory. For without it, you're going nowhere — literally, and if you're at home, and it's winter, you're freezing too. Talk about adding insult to injury. So you have to buy it, or else; with cash, credit or debit, and let the other chips (bills) fall where they may. And though oil and other fossil fuel-type commodities may not be as crucial as food, water and clean air, try living without it. Not only will the effects not be pretty, they'll be downright painful, and not just at the pump, either.

And so this morning, I had my wife, Dina, call me as she drove by our local gas station to give me a price-per-gallon update. Yesterday (Aug. 30) the per gallon price for the mid-grade my car requires was \$3.43, a recent low. I knew I should have filled up then, what with Hurricane Gustav churning and strengthening in the Gulf, but since I had groceries — frozen food and ice cream, in particular, I couldn't risk the time it would have taken, sitting in line at the gas station with my perishables maybe perishing, so I drove on home, regretting my decision by not really second guessing it. And unfortunately for me and my flowing cash, I paid for it, eventually.

Dina called and told me the price was now \$3.57 per gallon, 14 cents higher. Certainly not Earth-shattering (or even mind-numbing), but 4.1 percent higher than it was the day before. And though I can absorb the increase, I'd rather not. I don't know if it's my advancing age but, the older I get, the more difficult it is to do with less. And with respect to the dollars on the barrel head, the less I have, the more careful I am spending it.

I realize it's only money, but the oil companies have plenty of it already. I'm just trying to find a way to keep more of it for myself, however pointless it sometimes seems.

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SPORTS

Patriots Punted From Land Of Unbeatens

Yorktown can't keep up in first defeat of the season as West Potomac gains more than 500 yards of offense.

BY MARK GIANOTTO
THE CONNECTION

There's always a certain amount of risk involved when a high school football coach decides to play his best players both ways — on offense and defense — over the course of a game.

In Yorktown's first defeat of the season, a 51-27 loss to West Potomac last Friday night, the Patriots and coach Bruce Hanson learned that lesson the hard way thanks to a high-flying offense that refused to take its foot off the pedal.

With many of the skill position players for Yorktown (2-1) only resting when the team was on special teams, there was little time to catch one's breath as West Potomac employs a pass-heavy spread offense that rarely huddles before snaps.

"On a night like tonight, with all that passing, to turn around and play running back and quarterback is kind of hard," Hanson said of his team's predicament. "They were

on the field too long. (West Potomac) had nice drives with their short passing attack."

The Wolverines came into the game with one of the area's most prolific offensive attacks through two games and they didn't disappoint on this night. West Potomac (3-0) racked up 545 yards of total offense, led by senior quarterback Cole Walter, who completed a remarkable 31 of his 42 pass attempts for 329 yards and three touchdowns.

The Patriots defense had no answer for an attack that spread the ball evenly amongst all its receivers. Four Wolverine receivers finished with at least four catches, including six for 124 yards and two touchdowns from senior Kristian Rodriguez. Se-



RICHARD MAPLE

Yorktown tight end Derek Stotler makes a diving catch on the Patriots' opening possession.

nior Will Rosenkrantz added 10 catches for 84 yards and a touchdown.

And aside from senior Kyle Toulouse — who once again showed his multi-dimensional skills, finishing with 154 yards and two touchdowns on the ground, a touchdown reception to end the first half, and an

interception on defense that set up another score — the undermanned Patriots just could not keep up.

"We feel like we're one of the best-conditioned teams in the northern region because

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'Starting From Scratch'

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't the head coaching position she originally sought, but new Wakefield field hockey coach Jill Clatcherty has certainly embraced the uphill battle she now faces.

Before accepting a position with the Warriors, Clatcherty had spent four years as an assistant field hockey coach at nearby T.C. Williams High School. And with Titans head coach Bob Eavenson set to resign last spring, Clatcherty hoped to inherit the program that had been a standard bearer for the rest of the northern region, churning out consistent winners and rosters with 60 girls.

But once William Heresniak, T.C. Williams' then-JV coach, was tabbed over her, Clatcherty switched course, accepting the same head coach position at Wakefield. She soon realized the program she took over wasn't just rebuilding, it had almost never been built.

"They've always been kind of starting from scratch every year," Clatcherty said before her team's 1-0 loss to West Potomac Monday. "They haven't had enough kids to field a JV team in a long time, so we're really starting from the ground up now and trying to have some consistency and higher expectations."

To be exact, the Warriors have had three coaches in four years, a roster just barely

After years of coaching changes and low turnout Wakefield field hockey begins new era.



ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Wakefield senior goalie Lauren Martir and the rest of the Warriors have made steady improvement as they build a foundation for the school's field hockey program.

large enough to field a varsity squad, and feature many players in their first or second years ever playing the sport of field hockey.

The current team lacked extensive skill work, but with little to no experience dur-

ing freshman or sophomore year, who could blame them?

"It's tough to get wins on the varsity level when you're going against other girls who are juniors who've been playing for two or three years," Clatcherty said.

But even though the team currently sports a 0-6 record, there have been pleasant signs of improvement. Monday's 1-0 loss was the second consecutive close call for Wakefield after losing to Hayfield in overtime last weekend.

Clatcherty has her team focused on perfecting the basics before thinking about any long-term goals. The gains haven't had an effect on the win column just yet, but Wakefield players know their new coach is leading them in the right direction.

"Last year we didn't really have leadership in the coaching position and this year there's a big difference," senior goalie Laura Martir said. "We're really getting pushed hard to the maximum."

Considering the improvement she has seen in just one month, Clatcherty isn't too worried about when that pesky first win will come. She is more focused on getting even more girls out for the team.

In that regard, Clatcherty and her current squad have already made an impact that could prove more worthwhile down the road than any wins in the near future would.

"Field hockey wasn't known at our school, and now it's getting around and we're getting more girls," senior midfielder Evelyn Reyes said. "I just think if it continues this way, we'll definitely get to our goal eventually."

SPORTS

Football Roundup

Mistakes cost Wakefield in non-district affair.

Both the Wakefield and Madison High football teams entered last Friday night's non-district^o contest in Vienna searching for their first wins. For the home team Warhawks of Madison, being in such a winless predicament at 0-2, even if it was still early in the season, was highly unusual for a team that has known numerous winning seasons under current coach Gordon Leib. But Madison's setbacks had come to two play-off-bound teams in Oakton and Yorktown.^o

Wakefield, on the other hand, has struggled for years to become a winning team. The Warriors enter almost all of their games as underdogs. Even so, the team's capable coach, Keith Powell, is well respected for his football wherewithal. The Arlington team's supporters realize they have a solid commodity in the former Hampton High football lineman and that he and his coaching staff will get the most out of the program.

But the Warriors, who entered Friday's game with losses to non-Northern Region opponent Broad Run and non-district foe Hayfield, made far too many mistakes against Madison. Despite showing glimpses of its potential behind skill position standouts Andre Allen and Johnathan Ford, who both split time between the quarterback and slot position running back/receiver positions, the smaller in roster size Wakefield team was unable to stay with

Madison, which ran off to a 33-8 win.

"This is a game where you just can't make mistakes against a good program," said Powell, the Wakefield coach whose squad hurt itself with nine penalties, four turnovers and several failed punt attempts as a result of Madison's special team linemen busting through the middle, impending Warrior punter Rodrick Likonko's attempts to boot the ball away. "I understand Madison might be down right now, but Madison is still a good team. We're definitely making progress. The issue now is we're only playing well in spurts."

One of Wakefield's biggest plays, a 60-yard post pattern hook-up from Allen to Ford in the first quarter, was nullified by a penalty. So instead of having the ball deep in Madison territory, Wakefield, trailing 7-0 at the time, lost the chance to gain some much-needed momentum. The Warriors ended up failing to get off a successful punt and Madison went on to move the ball 24 yards in five plays to score its second touchdown for a 14-0 lead.

The Warhawks controlled things from



LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

The Washington-Lee Generals football team dropped its second-straight game last Friday night, losing to Fairfax, 35-8.

Washington-Lee Falls to 1-2

The Generals were without the services of seven players, including senior running back Charlie Fuller, who rushed for close to 200 yards and three touchdowns in Washington-Lee's lone win this season, a week one victory over Dominion.

Picking up his slack this week was senior Keith

Johnson, who managed 99 yards on 15 carries. Junior Karl Lendenmann scored the team's only touchdown of the game on a three-yard run in the fourth quarter.

The Generals next chance to return to .500 comes Friday when they face McLean on the road at 7:30 p.m.

there as they led 19-0 at halftime and eventually 33-0 in the fourth quarter. Wakefield scored its only touchdown with eight seconds left in the game on a five-yard pass play from Allen to Ford. The

Warriors' ensuing two-point extra point play, in which Ford, under pressure, tossed an underhand aerial towards his left to teammate Romeo Goffney, resulted in the game's final points.

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"we wanna go as fast as possible," West Potomac coach Erin Henderson said. "We feel like we get big plays because some people aren't necessarily ready for that tempo."

That being said, the Wolverines were the team on their heels as the game began. Yorktown marched down the field on its opening possession of the game, which was capped off by a 10-yard Toulouse touchdown run to give the Patriots a 7-0 lead. On the ensuing drive, West Potomac quickly drove down the field with intermediate passes — a sign of things to come — before Yorktown defensive back Colin McConville intercepted a Walter pass in the end zone.

"I was, 'Wooah, we're in trouble' at the beginning," Henderson said. "We couldn't seem to slow down that offense ... But then we responded."

The Wolverines partially blocked a Yorktown punt, giving them prime field position and precious momentum. West Potomac went on to score 23 consecutive points before Toulouse caught a 44-yard Hail

Mary from junior quarterback Sam Nottingham to end the first half.

On the Patriots' first play from scrimmage after halftime, junior fullback Charles Banks fumbled and West Potomac took advantage immediately, as Wolverine junior Edward Johnson broke free for a 43-yard touchdown run, essentially sealing Yorktown's fate.

"You just can't beat good teams when you give them that many opportunities," Hanson said.

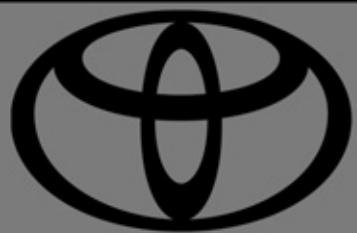
The game also served as the first game back from a two-game suspension for running back Jared Smith. The senior had a 23-yard touchdown run in the second half, but couldn't seem to consistently break through the inside of the West Potomac defense. He finished with just 21 yards rushing, a stat that irked Hanson.

"We knew coming down to West Potomac was going to be tough," Hanson said. "I knew it was going to take an extreme effort to win the game. ... But we weren't planning on going 10-0. We'll get better. That's for sure."

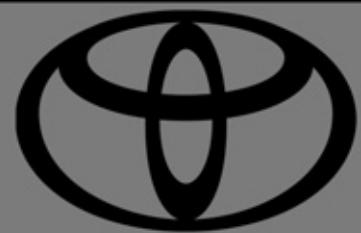


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Senior Kyle Toulouse finished with three touchdowns on offense and an interception on defense.



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