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## Remembering the Nation's Heroes

Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley lays a wreath on Monday morning at the new U.S. Air Force memorial in Arlington in honor of Veterans Day and to remember those who died in service to their country.

## Congressmen Fight For Freddie Philanthropy

Local charities might have to close facilities without money from Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

Congressmen from the Washington D.C. area joined together late last month to urge the conservator of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae not to cut off the companies' philanthropic giving.

U.S. Reps. James P. Moran (D-8), Tom Davis (R-11), Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Donna Edwards (D-

Md.) and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) wrote a letter to James Lockhart, the government-appointed conservator of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to express their concerns about how the loss of charitable giving from the two companies could affect the Washington D.C. region.

"Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are the top two charitable givers in the National Capital region," the Congressmen wrote in the letter. "Their contributions have directly touched the lives of thousands of families.

A loss of these contributions ... could have devastating consequence for thousands of families."

According to Glen O'Gilvie, the head of a group that advocates for non-profits in the D.C. area, the Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae foundations donated almost \$50 million to roughly 400 local organizations last year as a part of its charitable giving programs. This level of funding must continue, O'Gilvie said, because "Our region cannot sustain that kind of a loss of funding."

**MORAN'S CHIEF** of Staff, Frank Shafroth, said that Moran drafted the letter and convinced the other Congressmen to sign on to it. The health of Northern Virginia's non-

profit sector is of great importance to the Congressman, Shafroth said, especially during sour economic times.

"At a time when we're going to need help from people more than at any time in the last 30 years, what's happening to Fannie and Freddie could have significant implications for people who are the victims of this economy," he said. "[Moran] wanted to make sure the Conservator is aware what a critical role these organizations have played in recent years."

One of the biggest receivers of money from these organizations is the Arlington-based Doorways for Women and Families, an organization that provides shelters and

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## Smith To Recommend Moving ATS or Science Focus

Arlington Schools Superintendent Robert Smith will recommend that the boundaries for three North Arlington elementary schools be redrawn and that either Arlington Traditional School or Arlington Science Focus School be moved to a new location, according to a written statement issued by the Arlington school system.

Smith will make the recommendations at this week's School Board meeting as a part of his overall plan to alleviate overcrowding in North Arlington elementary schools. If the School Board approves Smith's plan, 176 students will be moving from

Nottingham, Long Branch and Oakridge Elementary Schools to Taylor and Hoffman-Boston Elementary Schools in Sept. 2009. The plan also calls for modular classrooms to be used at Barrett, Jamestown, Carlin Springs and Nottingham Elementary Schools.

In addition to these changes, Smith will also propose longer-term solutions to the overcrowding problem. Smith is recommending that the Wilson School, a historic school in the Rosslyn neighborhood that has been vacant for decades, be rebuilt into a fully functioning elementary school through a public-private partnership, according to

the Schools statement.

When this rebuilding project is complete in five to six years, either Arlington Traditional School or Arlington Science Focus School should be moved to the Wilson School and a neighborhood school should be created in its place, according to the statement.

Smith's plan is the latest attempt by Arlington Public Schools to address overcrowding in elementary schools. Last year, Smith recommended a plan that would have changed the home schools for more than 600 students. Many parents were opposed to this plan and the School Board ultimately

rejected it.

Smith will formally present his plan to the School Board at its Nov. 13 meeting but public comment will not be allowed at this meeting. Instead, the School Board will be holding a separate meeting on Nov. 17, as well as another meeting on Dec. 4, for the sole purpose of hearing public comment on this issue. The School Board is expected to act on the Superintendent's plan at its Dec. 18 meeting.

For more information on this issue, visit Schools' crowding Web site at [www.apsva.us/CPT](http://www.apsva.us/CPT).

-DAVID SCHULTZ

## SCHOOLS

# Three Decades Of Tradition

An alternative elementary school celebrates.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

Some felt that a return to the basics – reading, math, science – was needed for their children. In 1978, what is now Arlington Traditional Elementary School was founded as a response to that wish.

Thirty years later, Arlington Traditional has won numerous awards, has consistently been among the highest testing schools in the county and has a waiting list numbering in the hundreds. All this has taken place as the school underwent a tumultuous move and endured overcrowding.

“We work really hard on core academics,” Holly Hawthorne, the school’s principal, said. “We try to teach kids that you have to work hard every day. It doesn’t just happen. We make sure that every child is successful.”

**ARLINGTON TRADITIONAL** is the only countywide elementary school in Arlington that does not give any preference to students who live in its surrounding neighborhood.

“They always had really excellent test scores, not that that tells you everything,” former Arlington Traditional parent Elaine Eder said. “And they also had such a strong sense of community. ... They had some of the same families that were here for 10 or 15 years.”

Eder and her husband used to live in Fairfax County but they moved back to Arlington when their daughter was in fourth grade specifically so their three children could attend Arlington Traditional. “We liked the structured approach and it had wonderful teachers,” she said at a 30th anniversary ceremony for the school. “[They had an] emphasis on reading and sounding out words, not just recognizing them.”

“Everything’s a focus on reading because to be successful you have to know how to read,” Hawthorne, a native Arlingtonian, said. Arlington Traditional is somewhat famous for its summer reading drives that typically end with the principal standing on the roof of the school or getting submersed in a dunking tank if the students reach their reading goals. This year, Arlington Traditional students were required to read 1,000 pages over the summer.

## Timeline

❖ 1978 – The Arlington School Board approves the establishment of Page Elementary School, a traditional alternative elementary school that accepted students from across the county. The school starts with 252 students, culled from 360 applicants, and is located in what is now Arlington Science Focus Elementary School.

❖ 1995 – Page Traditional School is renamed Arlington Traditional School and is relocated to its current site in the Bluemont Neighborhood.

Building renovation is not completed on time and the entire student body operates out of Long Branch Elementary School for the first six weeks of the school year.

❖ 1997 – One extra class per grade level is added, bringing the total per grade to three.

❖ 2004 – A new addition to the school building is completed. Arlington Traditional now features a gymnasium with a stage, art and music rooms and a computer lab.

Source: Arlington Traditional School PTA

**BUT WHILE** Arlington Traditional is known for its rigorous academic standards, many at the anniversary ceremony said that the school’s network of active parents is what makes it successful.

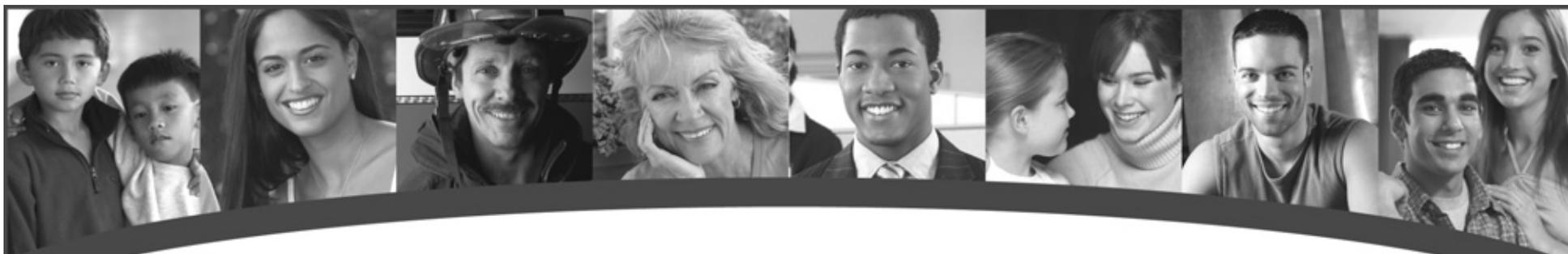
“They are extremely involved, extremely motivated and extremely knowledgeable,” said Dale Proctor, the school’s current PTA president.

Arlington Traditional parents are also very political mobilized, Proctor said. They have been fighting a proposal that would change the school’s admissions policy to give a preference to students who live in the surrounding Bluemont Neighborhood.

Proctor said that this proposal would severely damage the school’s diversity. “If we start giving access to Bluemont, this school will be all-white,” she said.

While Arlington Traditional’s PTA is required to stay out of politics, Proctor said that it was the backing of the Arlington Traditional community that lifted Emma Violand-Sanchez to victory in this year’s hotly-contested School Board caucus over Karla Hagan, who was perceived as being in favor of changing the school’s admissions policy. “One of the reasons that [Hagan] didn’t get elected was because of the [Arlington Traditional] community,” Proctor said.

Lorraine Gandy, a Kindergarten teacher who has been at the school since 1980, said that it’s the school’s high expectations that set it apart from its peers in Arlington. “[Former principal] Frank [Miller] always said that we had to provide something different to make us have a reason to exist,” she said. “It’s a special place.”



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# Futility Continues For Local GOP

No silver linings for Republicans in Arlington and Alexandria.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n Election Day last week, Mark Ellmore was tired, angry and dejected.

The Republican had just spend the last two years campaigning against U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), an 18-year incumbent who represents Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and parts of Fairfax County.

By the time the campaign came to its climax last week, Ellmore could tell that he was going to be crushed. "I've busted my back," he said. "I'm dead. I'm out of gas."

Ellmore received less than 30 percent of the vote in the heavily Democratic 8<sup>th</sup> District and Moran cruised to his tenth term in the House of Representatives. Several days after the election, Ellmore was still angry at what he saw as a missed opportunity.

"I got no financial or material support from the state [Republican] party or the national party," he said. "The party gave me a biscuit and said 'Have a good time.' They said 'Go fight the most popular congressman in the area with a toothpick.'"

U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) became the first Republican presidential candidate to lose the state of Virginia since 1964. Tremendous voter turnout in Democratic-leaning Northern Virginia helped contribute to his 200,000-vote loss to President-elect Barack Obama (D) in the state.

The McCain campaign fared the worst in the inner suburbs of Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, McLean and Annandale. In each of the 137 Northern Virginia precincts that are located inside the Capital Beltway, McCain received less votes than Obama. (For comparison, President George W. Bush (R) won eight precincts inside the Beltway in 2000 and one precinct in 2004.)

Republicans' performance in local and statewide races this year was just as poor. Jim Gilmore (R) lost his bid for U.S. Senate to his fellow former governor Mark Warner (D) by a two-to-one margin. Republicans didn't even nominate a candidate for any of the local County Board and School Board races in Arlington County.

**FOR TONI-MICHELLE** Travis, a professor of government and politics at George



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Republican candidate Mark Ellmore gives his concession speech

Mason University, the question is not how can local Republicans rebuild their party but if a rebuilding is even possible. When asked what happened to the Republican Party inside the Beltway, she quipped that former State Del. Vince Callahan, a moderate Republican from McLean who retired last year, "took it home with him."

"I just think the Democrats organized them out of existence," she said. "It's a very well run organization over there. ... They work at selecting candidates who will win and they've won so much that the Republicans can't field candidates."

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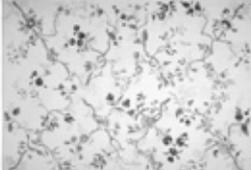



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# Asking For More Than Change

Ten Arlingtonians raised \$50,000+ each for presidential campaigns.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**N**orthern Virginia voted Democratic this year, but presidential candidate John McCain proved a Republican could still raise a lot of cash here.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Democratic candidate Barack Obama trounced McCain in campaign fundraising nationally, receiving \$630 million to the Arizona senator's \$380 million.

But McCain kept the funding gap between the two candidates close in Virginia, largely by reaching out to influential supporters in the state's northern sections.

**"I raised \$1.3 million for McCain and I raised that mostly in contributions of \$2,300 or less."**

— **Bobbie Kilberg, Northern Virginia Technology Council**

McCain's money people generated \$7.8 million to Obama's \$11.3 million statewide, a much more modest shortfall than the Republican campaign saw on the national level.

McCain used Washington insiders living in Northern Virginia to raise money for his presidential bid both nationally and locally.

**McLEAN** resident Frederic Malek — who oversaw the 1988 Republican National Convention and managed President George H.W. Bush's re-election campaign in 1992 — was McCain's deputy campaign finance director.

City of Alexandria resident Kirk Blalock, a former aide to political advisor Karl Rove, organized McCain's national outreach to professionals under 40 years old.

Another major McCain fundraiser and McLean resident, Dwight Schar, was one of the single largest individual contributors to the Republican Party and Republican candidates in the country in 2008, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Schar is also the former finance director of the Republican National Committee and served as co-chair of President George W. Bush's presidential campaign in Virginia.

These major fundraisers drove up contributions to McCain in the commonwealth. Virginia ranked fifth among states contributing to McCain overall. One McLean ZIP code, 22101, also became McCain's sixth most lucrative fundraising spot in the country, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

**APPROXIMATELY** 24 of McCain's 534 national "bundlers" — elite fundraisers who have solicited at least \$50,000 in political donations — live in Northern Virginia. By contrast, only 11 of Obama's approximately 560 "bundlers" reside in the area.

These big money fundraisers tend to work in Washington D.C. and live inside the Beltway, seemingly unconcerned about what part of Virginia is "red" and what part is "blue."

Two of McCain's surrogates, including the candidate's brother, caused a stir last month when they said Northern Virginia was not part of the "real Virginia" and described Alexandria and Arlington as "communist



**John McCain**

country."

But McCain's major Republican fundraisers appeared just as likely to live in Democratic strongholds like Alexandria and Arlington as the more Republican-friendly McLean. Among his list of elite Virginia fundraisers, nine live in McLean, seven live in Alexandria and five live in Arlington.

Two of Obama's largest fundraisers also come from local communities — McLean and Centreville.

**McCain's** major Virginia fundraisers appear to have raised more money individually than Obama's major fundraisers, though the candidate did not garner as much cash overall in Virginia.

The Center for Responsive Politics listed five of McCain's fundraisers — Malek, Schar, Blalock, McLean residents Bobbie Kilberg and Carter Pate as well as Alexandria resident Judy Black — as contributing "\$500,000

or more," to the Republican's campaign.

Obama had only two fundraisers — Former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer of Alexandria and Arlington resident Tom Perrelli — who fell into the "\$500,000 or more," category in Virginia.



**President-elect Barack Obama**

Kilberg, who has worked in three White Houses, and Pate, a managing partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, had raised money for Republicans before but not at the level they did for the McCain campaign.

"I raised \$1.3 million for McCain and I raised that mostly in contributions of \$2,300 or less," said Kilberg, president of the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

The businesswoman knows McCain personally and has a great amount of admiration and respect for him. She served on the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Naval Academy with the Republican in the early 1990s, she said.

Pate was also friends with McCain before the senator launched his 2008 presidential campaign. McCain made an appearance as a fundraiser Pate was hosting for U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and the two men stayed in touch afterwards, the McLean resident said.

"This is the first time I have gotten involved this deep. I have raised money for other candidates in the past but I happen to know John McCain pretty well and it was an entirely different effort versus when I am being recruited," said Pate.

**SOME** of Obama's major fundraisers also had connections with their candidate.

Centreville resident Tom Reed — who raised between \$250,000 and \$500,000 for the Democrat — attended Princeton University with Michelle Obama and met the presidential candidate a few years later when they both worked as law associates at Chicago law firm where Michelle was an attorney in the early 1990s.

Reed played a lot of recreational basketball with Barack Obama — who started dating Michelle Obama at that time — and attended the couple's wedding.

Reed has never been involved in major political fundraising before the Obama campaign but said he found it unusually easy to raise money for this campaign.

"Barack really is extraordinary and so many people really just want to be a part of it. It does make it a lot easier," said Reed.

**BEYER**, a political fundraising veteran, said there is no question that Obama is the easiest candidate that he has raised money for.

In addition to his own campaigns in the 1990s, Beyer was national campaign treasurer for Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's presidential run in 2004 and raised money for U.S. Sen. John Kerry during that year's general election.

The Alexandria resident has also been involved in several congressional and state campaigns since the 1980s, including those of Gov. Mark Warner (D) in 2001 and Gov. Tim Kaine (D) in 2005. He volunteered to help run Obama's mid-Atlantic finance efforts shortly after Warner decided not to run for U.S. president.

"This was the easiest ever [during the primary] but it has gotten even easier in the meantime. ... People are calling me and asking me how they can give. I have never had that happen before," said Beyer, who added that the Mid-Atlantic region is only second to New York City in national fundraising.

"We are raising more money than California and Illinois," he said.

**BOTH PATE** and Kilberg acknowledged that it has not always been easy to raise money for McCain, especially when his campaign struggled financially in July of 2007.

McCain's stance on illegal immigration — he advocates offering some path toward citizenship — also made it harder to raise money, said Kilberg.

At one point, Kilberg started sending more e-mails instead of calling potential donors on the phone because she was getting into arguments with people over immigration policy, she said.

"It was hard when John McCain took a very practical stance on immigration. ... That reaction really surprised me and I think the reaction surprised John McCain as well," she said.

**"Barack really is extraordinary and so many people really just want to be a part of it. It does make [fundraising] a lot easier."**

— **Tom Reed**

# ELECTION 2008

## McCain Loses All N. Va. Precincts Inside Beltway

FROM PAGE 5

A lack of candidates has been a major problem for local Republicans in recent years. This year, Arlington County Board Member Barbara Favola (D) did not have a Republican opponent. Last year, several Democratic General Assembly members from Arlington and Alexandria ran unopposed.

All the current members of the all-Democratic Alexandria City Council have indicated they will run for re-election in May of 2009 with a party caucus planned for the end of January. No Republicans have stepped forward yet.

**MARK KELLY**, the chairman of the Arlington Republican Party, and Mike Lane, an active member of the Alexandria Republican Party, said that they are planning on finding as many candidates as possible to run in those races, as well as for seats on the Arlington County Board and School Board next year. But neither would provide the specific names of Republicans who are thinking about running.

"We have talked to a couple of folks who are interested," Kelly said. "But [they] are not ready to have their names go public."

Several Republican candidates who have run in the past are declining to run in the future. Mike McMenamin ran two unsuccessful campaigns for Arlington County Board in 2006 and 2007 but opted

not to run again this year.

Amit Singh, a young, Arlington-based defense contractor who ran against Ellmore in the Republican primary, said shortly after the polls closed on Election Day that it is unlikely his name will ever be on another local ballot.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever done," said Singh, whom many thought would be a rising star in the party. "I always say I'll try anything once but I don't think I'm stupid enough to try that again."

**KELLY SAID** that, despite McCain's weak showing in Arlington, dozens of people in the area got involved in his campaign. Kelly's goal moving forward from this defeat is to bring those people into the local party. "We're going to work hard to get them involved with the party," he said. "That's how you build a party."

Ellmore echoed these sentiments. "We need to rebuild our party here in Northern Virginia from the ground up," he said. "We need to get younger."

Ultimately though, Republicans are realistic about their chances in this part of the state. "We don't expect either Arlington or Alexandria to turn Republican in the near term," Lane said. "But we do expect the voters to ... consider whether or not one-party government is best for the local jurisdictions. We would suggest that it's not and that some Republican officials would be of a benefit to both communities."

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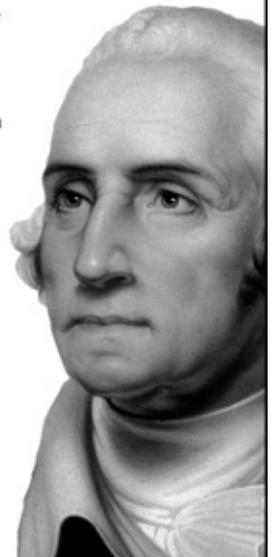
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# OPINION

# Veterans Day

Time to remember that we are still fighting two wars, that many thousands have died or been wounded, and that our veterans deserve the best possible care on their return.

**A**rmy 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died just over one month ago on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty. Among family and friends left behind were his twin brother Timothy.

Nov. 11 marks Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans, living and dead.

But our thoughts turn to the more than 4,100 U.S. service members who have died in Iraq and more than 600 who have died in Afghanistan since 9/11. Here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with this loss.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

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

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Cpl. Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever

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Those serving are there because of their sense of duty to the rest of us, to put their lives on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first-class health care.

**HERE ARE** the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

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

\* Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

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\* Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

\* Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

\* Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

\* Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

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

\* Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

\* Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec.



30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

\* Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

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

\* On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

\* Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed while flying in support of security operations in Iraq.

\* Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

\* Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

**ON VETERANS DAY**, we also honor those who served in World War I (a dwindling number), World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as those who have served the nation in times of peace.

If you have a story you'd like to share, about your own military service or that of a family member, we'd like to hear from you.

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## COMMENTARY

# Taking Care of Our Troops At Home

Landmark programs in healthcare and education demonstrate our country's commitment to veterans.

BY SENATOR JIM WEBB

**VETERANS DAY 2008** — Each year, Veterans Day offers us a day of reflection and recognition of the sacrifices our nation's veterans have made for our country. With one of the largest populations of veterans and active duty service members, Virginia plays a vital role in our nation's defense. It is only proper that we honor their service and sacrifice with the necessary benefits that they have earned and deserve.

The 110th Congress boasts several important achievements for America's veterans and service members, enacting landmark new programs in healthcare and education and providing unprecedented funding levels that demonstrate our country's commitment to those who have honorably served in our military.

**ON MY FIRST DAY** in the U.S. Senate in 2007, I introduced legislation that eighteen months later would be enacted into law as the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

This new program restores a full educational benefit to the members of the 'new greatest generation' who have honorably served our country since 9/11. The program is similar to what the original 'greatest generation' received when they returned home from World War II.

In an effort spurred by our office, later joined by fellow Vietnam veteran Sen. Chuck Hagel and two World War II veterans, Senators John Warner and Frank Lautenberg, we used a deliberately bipartisan approach that eventually resulted in 58 Senate co-sponsors and 303 sponsors in the House of Representatives.

This new educational benefit, which will cover the full cost of a public four-year college education and provide a monthly living stipend, earned the full national endorsement of every major veterans organization, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. Over five hundred Members of Con-



U.S. Sen. Jim Webb

gress voted for final passage of this new program. The President signed the new educational benefit into law on June 30, 2008.

Additionally, Congress passed an historic \$47 billion in additional veterans' healthcare funding for fiscal year 2009, the largest annual funding level ever. This bill will improve and expand access to healthcare for thousands of veterans, particularly those in rural areas who struggle with high gas prices as they commute long distances for care.

Congress also passed an expansive benefits package which, in addition to needed updates and enhancements for our disability compensation system, extends critical VA. home loan programs to help veterans afford and stay in their own homes.

**FINALLY, BUILDING UPON** the success of the 2007 Dignified Treatment for Wounded Warriors Act, this year we enacted the Justin Bailey Mental Health Improvement Act, further enhancing treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse problems.

These important legislative accomplishments stand as testament to the high priority this Congress has placed on our nation's veterans. As we remember those who have served in uniform this Veterans' Day, those of us who serve in Washington will remain committed to taking care of those who have taken care of us.

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## LETTERS

### Not a Done Deal

To the Editor:

A little more respect for Arlingtonians, and for the facts, if you please. If your reporter stayed to the end of the October 27 VDOT hearing on I-66 "spot improvements" at Washington-Lee High School, he should have heard VDOT reveal the most astonishing fact of the night—a decision to widen I-66 has not been made, notwithstanding VDOT's expensive PR campaign to create the illusion that it's been a done deal for a long time.

Not yet, anyway. Clearly all the dazzling bureaucratic double-talk about "studies," "engineering," and "design," and the expensive graphics, charts, and plans that VDOT wheels out to these meetings, serve the purpose of gulling people into thinking they can't do anything to stop this supposed juggernaut. For the same reason, articles like "Coming to Terms with I-66," appearing during the artificially short public-comment period, disserve your readers, by reinforcing this one-sided misimpression that "there is nothing I can do." After all, why should anyone bother to comment at all if they believe VDOT's uncontra-

dicted Wizard-of-Oz pretense that the politically powerful have already decided?

What VDOT said at the meeting is important. No one in political authority has made the decision to widen I-66. And I would like to suggest that no one in authority will make that decision, if they understand that citizens will call them to political account if they try.

**Tom Viles**  
 Arlington

### I-66 Benefit

To the Editor:

I have been surprised by the vehemence of the opposition by both Arlington County officials and residents to adding a third lane to three sections of I-66 West. Adding these lanes will benefit Arlington residents.

As a resident of North Arlington who uses the GW Parkway from the Roosevelt Bridge to Spout Run daily, I can testify that adding the third lane between the foot of the Key Bridge on-ramp and the exit for Spout Run—less than 1/2 mile—has benefited both commuters (by reducing congestion caused by vehicles merging into

the two travel lanes) and the environment (by enabling vehicles to run more efficiently instead of idling in a traffic jam). Similar benefits resulted from the addition of the third lane between the merge from the Dulles Access Road and Lee Highway on I-66 East. I don't recall any opposition from the County to either of those additional lanes.

Similar benefits will flow from more efficient traffic flow on I-66 West. I-66 West is severely clogged immediately before the HOV restriction becomes effective at 3:30 pm, and from 6:30 to at least 8 pm, after the restriction expires for the night. The effect is cars idling, wasted gas, more pollution, and, as drivers seek a quicker trip to the west, more cars on local streets, including Arlington Boulevard, Lee Highway, Washington Boulevard, and Yorktown and Williamsburg Boulevards. Widening I-66 West will reduce traffic, save fuel, and benefit the environment. Why oppose that?

The County's reflexive and mindless opposition to the additional lanes on I-66 West doesn't serve its residents well.

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*After college, I would really like to work in international aid. If I could study international relations, with a concentration in nonviolence and peace studies, and combine that with astrophysics, well, I'd be a happy girl. I think I could make it work.*

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# A Day In The Restaurant

An Arlington resident's new book details 24 hours in the life of a waiter.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

There have been thousands of books published about the experience of eating food, but John Schirrippa's new book is about the opposite side of the table.

Schirrippa, a 26-year-old Arlington resident and Mary Washington college alumnus, has written a new book called "What I Do" about his experiences as a waiter in several restaurants in eastern Long Island, N.Y. His book details a hectic day in the life of a waiter trying to serve all of his customers while having a little fun with his coworkers.

In an interview with the Arlington Connection, Schirrippa talked about his book, his opinion on Arlington dining and how he goes to restaurants differently as a former waiter.

## How did this book come together?

This is my first time writing a book. The story started off as a series of articles [in the Montauk Pioneer]. Each article was an hour in the life of a waiter. It ran for about two summers. I decided to write a manuscript to tie it all together.

## So you were a waiter when you were writing these articles?

Yes. I waited tables for about seven summers throughout high school and college. I was writing during that time period.

## You've said that this book is a combination of the movie *Waiting* and the television show *24*. What's the book about?

I'm a big *24* fan so each chapter breaks

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— John Schirrippa

down an hour in a day in the life of a waiter, pretty much until the time he wakes up in the morning until the after-party late at night. It takes you through the course of a day. You get the lunch crowd; customers are coming in for a light lunch and whatnot. The pinnacle of the story is the dinner rush. It's reggae night so there's live music, there's hundreds of people out on the deck and the scene just gets chaotic with the computers crashing and food getting taken off the menu. It all comes together in the night shift.

## How much of this book is autobiographical?

Most of it is based on personal experience throughout those seven summers. There's also a small percentage, maybe five or ten

percent, resulting from stories I've heard from other people. Most of it is actually true one way or another.

## How long have you wanted to write a book? Is this something you've wanted to do for a

## long time?

One of my friends gave me the inspiration. He wrote about his experiences in college at Northeastern. It wasn't something that I'd always wanted to do. Once he put his project together and I had my wheels spinning as far as writing the articles, that's when I really got interested as far as publishing something.

## How did you go about getting it published?

Basically, I sent it out to about five or six different publishers. I had heard that the publishing process from start to finish can be very time consuming. I was looking to get it out on the shelves as quick as possible so I self-published.

## What kind of a reception has the book been getting?

It's been extremely positive. ... I feel like everybody can relate. A significant percentage of people have worked in the restaurant industry and almost everyone has eaten in a restaurant.

**"Each chapter breaks down an hour in a day in the life of a waiter, pretty much until the time he wakes up in the morning until the after-party late at night."**

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## More

For more information about John Schirrippa's new book, "What I Do," visit his Web site at [www.whatidobook.com](http://www.whatidobook.com).

## What are some of the pitfalls of being a waiter? What are some of the things that a waiter has to deal with that most people don't know?

When people go out to eat their thought process is that "I'm coming here, I'm ordering, I'm not really thinking about the person that's serving the food." The biggest thing is really how to get through dealing with all these different kinds of customers on a daily basis, particularly when it gets busy and there are other factors involved.

## What's the craziest thing that happens in the book?

There are a lot of pranks that are played behind the scenes, one of which is when a bus boy puts Tabasco sauce in a chef's drink behind his back as the night is winding down. The chef is from a foreign country where they have water pollution problems. He gets personally offended and threatens to kill the bus boy with a knife that's lying around. It turns into a scene and the cops are called and it just escalates from there.

## Did that actually happen to you?

I was there that night but I wasn't that bus boy. But I was on hand that night.

## Did you make any really good friends when you were working at the restaurants?

Yeah and that's the really cool thing that I highlight in the book. You make a lot of good friends in the industry and a good percentage of them aren't even from America. They're coming from overseas looking to make some money for their families back home.

## What do you like about Arlington?

The night life is a big thing. It's a young professional crowd. [Mary Washington College in] Fredericksburg wasn't too bad but there was really only so much they could offer. The networking and meeting people in Arlington has been great.

## Do you have a favorite restaurant



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John Schirrippa's new book about a day in the life of a waiter is called "What I Do."

## in Arlington?

I like Thai Terrace in Ballston. Mister Days [in Clarendon] is pretty good just as a hang out place. Ri Ra [in Clarendon] is on the list.

## Do you go to restaurants differently than most people because you have a different experience being on the other side of the table, so to speak?

Absolutely. I like to ask them questions. Every once in a while I'll ask them questions about what's the craziest experience they've had, just out of curiosity. I like to swap stories.

## Have you ever had an experience where the waiter was really bad and maybe you would have complained about it but you didn't?

That has happened. Other people who haven't been in that experience will kind of flip the handle but I can put it in perspective. Unless it's atrocious. If I'm with a group of people someone else might point out something and I'll be the one to put it in perspective.

## What would you recommend for someone going into the restaurant industry?

Basically, you've got to have patience. That's one of the biggest things. It's very easy to get overwhelmed in that business. Also you just find something to have fun with it. You can go to work every day but if you're not having fun, if you're not laughing or you're not interacting with people you're working with, it's just work and nobody likes that.



# CALENDAR

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See the **Arlington Arts Center Performance Series** from Oct. 10 through Nov. 29 at 3550 Wilson Blvd. The series will feature performance art pieces by Virginia Warwick, Judy Stone, and Sarada Conaway. All three will perform together only on Oct. 30, from 7 - 9 p.m.

See the **"Day of the Dead Altar"** at the Arlington Arts Center Jenkins Community Gallery, 3550 Wilson Blvd. from Oct. 10 through Nov. 15.

See **"New Images in Fiber"** at the Marymount University Barry Art Gallery, 2807 N. Glebe Road, from Nov. 7 through Dec. 9. The exhibit will showcase the work of eleven local artists who have spun unique approaches to fiber art.

See the **Fall Solos 2008 through Nov. 29** at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Art by Katie Creyts, Lily Cox-Richard and more. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org) or 703-

248-6800.

See art by **Margaret Fisher and Frank Barsalou**, "Collaboration and Interpretation," through Dec. 21 at Schlesinger Center Fisher Art Gallery. Free.

**Arlington artist Barbara Weber** will have work on display during the Holiday Open House at Artists' Undertaking Gallery, 309 Mill St., Occoquan, from Dec. 2 through Jan. 5. Visit [www.theartistsundertaking.com](http://www.theartistsundertaking.com) or 703-494-0584.

## ONGOING:

Bear Rock Café, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., will sponsor a series of six evening dining opportunities to benefit the band program at Yorktown High School. The restaurant will donate 10 percent of the proceeds from each dinner ticket on Friday evenings starting Oct. 24 through Nov. 28. For the band to receive credit, patrons are asked to mention their support of the YHS band program when placing their order.

The **Arlington Farmers' Market** takes place on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon year round. Located at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Visit [www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com) for more on the market and vendors.

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.

Women can **learn how to sing** with lessons in a group from 7-8 p.m. on

**Nov. 19, Nov. 24, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10.** Free. Held at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. 703-764-3896 to RSVP.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

**Art Class.** 10 a.m.-noon. 3D illusions in drawing. For seniors 62+ at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Call 703.248.6800 to register. Free.

**Beach Week.** 7-9 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. 703-525-1555.

**Gemstone Club.** 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 7-11 Can learn about topaz and take one home. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

**Civil War Artillery.** 3-4 p.m. at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. Children ages 7-11 can learn how to load and aim a replica Civil War cannon. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-243-4342.

**Apocalypse Africa.** 7-9 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Free. 703-228-0322.

**Wild Ones.** 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 6-10 can take a full moon hike. \$2/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 13

**Theater performance.** 8 p.m. at the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St, Arlington. See "Doubt," a Venezuelan play that is part of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Contact 703-548-3092 or [info@teatrodelaaluna.org](mailto:info@teatrodelaaluna.org) for tickets and information.

**Community Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Kenmore Middle School Auditorium, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Hear the

U.S. Army Band Downrange perform. Free. Call 703.696.3399 or visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com) for information.

**Concert.** 9:30pm at Iota Club &Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd. See Americana band Blue Mountain. Cost is \$15. For information and tickets call 703-522-8340.

**Cocktail Reception.** 6-9 p.m. at the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. The Arlington office of Keller Williams Realty will host a cocktail reception and fundraiser to benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Tickets are \$65, \$100 for a pair in advance, and \$75 at the door. Visit [www.kwacts.org](http://www.kwacts.org) for information and tickets.

**Lunchtime Concert.** Noon-1 p.m. at Ellipse Art Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive. Free chamber concert. Call 703-228-7710 for information.

**Music Performance.** 7-10 p.m. at Saigonique Vietnamese Restaurant, 4251 Campbell Ave. Hear Vaughn McClarrin. Free. Visit [www.mitchellsentertainment.com](http://www.mitchellsentertainment.com) or 202-812-6301.

**Hispanic Heritage.** 8 a.m. at Gunston Arts Center Theater 2. Watch "La Duda." Call 703-548-2092 for tickets.

**Tiny Tot.** 10 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can enjoy songs, crafts, plays and more. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**One Act Plays.** 7 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5201 N. 28<sup>th</sup> St. Includes "Imaginary Invalid," "In a Strange Land," and "Cave Dream." \$7/adult; \$5/student. 703-228-5414.

**Tiny Tot.** 10 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 18-35 months can enjoy discovering nature. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-

6535.

**Junior Monumental Milers Program Kickoff.** 3:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center. Join the group and train to walk or run a marathon in the spring. Teens. Free. 703-228-7781.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 14

**Theater performance.** 8 p.m. at the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St, Arlington. See "Doubt," a Venezuelan play that is part of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Contact 703-548-3092 or [info@teatrodelaaluna.org](mailto:info@teatrodelaaluna.org) for tickets and information.

**Theater Party.** 7-11 p.m. at Dominion Hills Area Recreation Association, 6000 Wilson Blvd. Keegan Theatre's celebration and season kick-off party. \$35 admission, \$25 for season subscribers. RSVP to [emmettd@msn.com](mailto:emmettd@msn.com) or call 703-841-0943.

**One Act Plays.** 7 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5201 N. 28<sup>th</sup> St. Includes "Imaginary Invalid," "In a Strange Land," and "Cave Dream." \$7/adult; \$5/student. 703-228-5414.

**Middle School Lock In.** 8 p.m. at Walter Reed Community. Enjoy all night fun with sports, games, movies, music and more. \$20/door. 703-228-7781.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**Theater performances.** 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St, Arlington. See "Doubt," a Venezuelan play that is part of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Hispanic Theater. Contact 703-548-3092 or [info@teatrodelaaluna.org](mailto:info@teatrodelaaluna.org) for tickets and information.

**Art Party.** 7 - 9 p.m. at the Jenkins

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**Book Signing.** 3 p.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Bookstore, 2499 N. Harrison St. Meet Nancy Tillman, author of "On the Night You Were Born," and the newly released "It's Time to Sleep, My Love."

**Cooking Workshop.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Arlington Metaphysical Chapel, 5618 Wilson Blvd. Learn to make 30-minute vegetarian meals with a professional chef. \$80 donation requested.

**Indoor Soccer Tournament.** 6 p.m.-midnight Barcroft Sports & Fitness Center, 4200 S. Four Mile Run. \$20 per team. Pre-registration and shin-guards are required. To register contact Edson Bravo at 703.228.7783 or [ebravo@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ebravo@arlingtonva.us)

**Improv 101.** Noon-2 p.m. at the Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. Learn the basics of Improv comedy. All levels welcome. Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com) for more.

**Improv Class.** Noon-2 p.m. at the Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. ComedySportz performance skills class. Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com) for more.

**Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane at Military Road. Browse used books, jewelry, clothing, furniture, household items and toys. Baked goods and a hamburger/hotdog lunch available. Free.

**Bird Presentation.** 2-4 p.m. The Raptor Society of Northern Virginia will give a presentation with 6-8 live hawks and owls at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2437 N Harrison St. Free. Reservations not required.

**Art Gala.** 6-9 p.m. at 932 South Walter Reed Drive. Join the Columbia Pike Artists for their annual gala. Call 703-486-9368 for information.

**Music Performance.** 7-10 p.m. at Saigonique Vietnamese Restaurant, 4251 Campbell Ave. Hear Vaughn McClarrin. Free. Visit [www.mitchellsentertainment.com](http://www.mitchellsentertainment.com) or 202-812-6301.

**Open Studio and Reception.** 6-9 p.m. at Columbia Pike Artist Studios, 932 S. Walter Reed Drive. Browse through Columbia Pike Artists studios. Free. Visit [www.columbiapikeartiststudios.org](http://www.columbiapikeartiststudios.org) or 703-486-9368.

**Bountiful Bargains Bazaar.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 N. Glebe Road. Browse through furniture, electronics, art and more. Flu shots will be available for \$25. Visit [www.mtolivet-umc.org](http://www.mtolivet-umc.org) or 703-527-3934.

**One Act Plays.** 7 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5201 N. 28<sup>th</sup> St. Includes "Imaginary Invalid," "In a Strange Land," and "Cave Dream." \$7/adult; \$5/student. 703-228-5414.

**Intro to Birding Walk.** 9 a.m.-noon at Roosevelt Island. Adults and families can learn the basics of birding. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Teddy Bear Day.** 11:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 5-10 can learn about teddy bears and make a craft. \$2/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**National Gaming Day.** 1-4 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Families can play Wii Sports and other games. Free. 703-228-0322.

**Animal World Records.** 2 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families with children ages 5 and up can learn about competitive animals. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Worthwhile Reptiles Campfire.** 4:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can enjoy campfire activities, guests, treats and more. \$3/person.



See "Lincoln Memorial" at the Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. through November. Free. The exhibit is by Jane McElvany Coonce.

Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Concert of Hope.** 7:30 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School. Recognizes World AIDS Day. Call 703-533-5505 ext. 13 for cost.

#### SUNDAY/NOV.16

**Artists' Expo and Craft Fair.** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd. Bring cash and/or checkbook.

**Concert.** 8:30pm at Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd. See singer/songwriter Keri Noble. Cost is \$12. For information and tickets call 703-522-8340.

**Improv For Teens.** 5-7 p.m. at the Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. All levels welcome. Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com) for more.

**Music Performance.** 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Hear music by Vivaldi. Free, but donations encouraged. 703-892-2135.

**Alternative Christmas Market.** 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 601 N. Vermont St. Browse crafts by artisans from Africa, Asia, and others. For more information, 703-527-4766 or visit [www.fpcarlington.org](http://www.fpcarlington.org).

**Tween and Teen Screens.** 2 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. See a movie about an adventurous archeologist. Free. 703-228-0322.

**Edible Movie.** 2 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Adults can learn about local farms and food that's locally raised. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

**Author Event.** 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Hear Rufus Phillips discuss "Why Vietnam Matters: An Eyewitness Account of Lessons Not Learned." Free. 703-228-6321.

#### MONDAY/NOV. 17

**Art Class.** 11 a.m.-noon. Acrylics for everyday items. For seniors 62+ at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Call 703.248.6800 to register. Free.

**High School House Basketball.** Registration open. \$95 until November 28. \$110 after November 28. \$15 fee payable on the day of the program. For youth in grades 9-12. Practices will begin no earlier than December 15. Games begin January 2009. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays with an occasional weeknight.

**Improv 101.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. Learn the basics of Improv comedy. All levels welcome. Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com) for more.

**Improv Class.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the

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Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. Intermediate level class - learn about stagework and characters. Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com) for more.  
**Author Event.** 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Kellie Bean will talk about her book "Post-Backlash Feminism." Free. 703-228-0322.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 18

**Public Recital.** 7:30 p.m. at Brucker Hall, 400 McNair Road, Fort Myer. Hear the U.S. Army Concert Band Musicians perform parts of "Pershing's Own." Free. Call 703.696.3399 or visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com) for information.  
**Birding Trip.** 7:30 a.m., meet at Lubber Run, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can enjoy a trip to Westmoreland. \$25/person. Registration required, 703-228-4747.  
**Music.** 3:30 p.m. at Langston Brown Center, 2121 N. Culpepper St. Sing with the Encore Chorale. Annual fees apply. 703-228-5321.  
**American Political Scene.** 7-9 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch a movie on the American Political System. Free. 703-228-0322.

### WEDNESDAY/NOV.19

**Poetry Reading.** 7-9 p.m. at Pentagon City Borders, 1201 South Hayes St. Featuring Collective Voices - Sylvia Dianne Beverly, Evette Keene, and Joy Alford. Music will be provided by Shep Williams and friends. Free.  
**Author Signing.** 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Solveig Eggerz will talk about her book "Seal Woman." Free. 703-931-0153.  
**Run Turkey, Run.** 10:30 a.m. at Gulf

Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about these animals in camouflage. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

**Turkey Tidbits.** 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Preschoolers will learn about turkeys. \$3/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

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

**Crafts for Kids.** 4 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Elementary aged children can learn how to make origami. Free, but registration required. 703-228-5946.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 20

**Community Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at Brucker Hall, 400 McNair Road, Fort Myer. Hear the U.S. Army Concert Band perform parts of "Pershing's Own." Free. Call 703.696.3399 or visit [www.usarmyband.com](http://www.usarmyband.com) for information.  
**Book talk.** 7-9 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Author and Professor Jeff Kirwan will speak about his search of Virginia's most remarkable trees. Tour of local trees to follow. Free. Call 703-228-6423 for more.

**Music Performance.** 7-10 p.m. at Saigonique Vietnamese Restaurant, 4251 Campbell Ave. Hear Vaughn McClarrin. Free. Visit [www.mitchellsentertainment.com](http://www.mitchellsentertainment.com) or 202-812-6301.

**Garden Meeting.** 10 a.m. at the Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Road. Learn about

Holiday floral designs. Free. 703-525-8576.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 22

**Tales from India.** 3:30 p.m. at Gunston Theater One, 2700 S. Lang St. Presented by Indian Dance Educators for children of all ages. \$10/adult; \$5/student. 703-532-5479.

**Indoor Soccer Tournament.** 6 p.m.- midnight at Barcroft Sports & Fitness Center, 4200 S. Four Mile Run. \$20 per team. Pre-registration and shin-guards are required. To register 703-228-7783 or [ebravo@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ebravo@arlingtonva.us)

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at Kenmore Auditorium, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Washington Balalaika Society Concert. Visit <http://www.balalaika.org>

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**Improv Class.** Noon-2 p.m. at the Comedy Spot, 4238 Wilson Blvd. ComedySportz performance skills class. Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com).

**Author Signing.** 2 p.m. at Borders, Pentagon, 1201 Hayes St. Solveig Eggerz will talk about her book "Seal Woman." Free. 703-418-0166.

**Music Performance.** 7-10 p.m. at Saigonique Vietnamese Restaurant, 4251 Campbell Ave. Hear Vaughn McClarrin. Free. Visit [www.mitchellsentertainment.com](http://www.mitchellsentertainment.com) or 202-812-6301.

**Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Kenmore Auditorium, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. See the Washington Balalaika Society. \$20/adult; \$18/senior. Visit [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org) or 703-549-2010.

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# For Both Campaigns, Lot of Green Here

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Pate recalled a low point in the primary season when other volunteers and fundraisers were abandoning McCain. Pate too was being recruited heavily by another candidate but decided to stick with McCain because of their personal relationship.

"He kept telling me he had a shot and I am glad I stayed with him. ... Sometimes it just boils down to how many people you are willing to call. I mean I am not going to stop until I get someone to say yes [to donating]. I have had as many as 30 people in row tell me no," said Pate.

But McCain was not able to catch up to Obama's fundraising in Virginia or elsewhere. The Democrat not only topped McCain in Virginia dollars overall but also in every one of Virginia's top five fundraising ZIP codes in McLean, Arlington, Alexandria and Great Falls.

Small donors could be the key to Obama's fundraising success over McCain in Virginia and elsewhere, said Beyer.

"This is the first campaign paid for by the average citizen. I think that has made a big difference. It certainly helped in Virginia," said Beyer.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, 48.3 percent of contributions given to the Obama

campaign were \$200 or less, compared to just 33.6 percent of donations given to the McCain campaign.

Gifts of \$2,300 – the largest amount an individual can give during the general election – make up about 50 percent of McCain's donations. Contributions of \$4,600 – which an individual can make over the course of a primary and a general election campaign – make up 17 percent of what the McCain campaign has received.

Checks of \$2,300 and \$4,600 comprise 33 percent and 10 percent of the Obama campaign donations respectively.

**BEYER** added that it has also become far easier to raise money for federal campaigns in Virginia recently because of the popularity of Warner and Kaine as Governors. Though it has never been hard to raise money for Democrats running for state office in Virginia, political activists had a hard time getting people to donate to former President Bill Clinton's campaigns or even Vice presidential Al Gore's race in 2000.

"Virginia has done very well under the last two governors. There is lots of wealth and a sense that Virginia has grown [under their leadership]," said Beyer.

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# Dems Sweep Local Races

**A**s expected, Arlington Democrats retained the two School Board seats and the one County Board seat that was up for grabs in last week's election. County Board Member Barbara Favola, an 11-year incumbent, won another four-year term last night over Green Party Candidate John Reeder. Favola won in all of Arlington's 51 precincts, receiving 69,250 votes or 75 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results from the State Board of Elections. Reeder received 21,503 votes or 23 percent of the vote. The

Republican Party did not nominate a candidate in this race.

Favola said that she secured her landslide victory by emphasizing the past accomplishments of the County Board. "My overall strategy was to run on my record," she said. "I think [this election] was a very positive referendum. [Voters] basically said yes to the direction we're taking the county. They said yes to the fiscal management of the county and they said yes to our vision."

Favola described her campaign against Reeder as

"spirited," but said that he "did not have a cogent message and that was unfortunate. I would much rather have a win against somebody with a very cogent message and a detailed platform." However, Favola also said that she will work with Green Party members in the future and would be open to appointing them to citizen commissions.

Reeder said that the presence of President Elect Barack Obama (D) on the ballot this year made it difficult for his campaign to win over Democrats. "We have a lot of Democratic supporters but they had become wrapped up with Obama's campaign," he said. "We couldn't get any traction."

Reeder also said that he wishes he had been more aggressive against Favola in the campaign and said that he thought "she kind of coasted. I think she relied on the Obama effect to carry her. I know there's a lot of unhappiness with the County government."

Despite a steady rain throughout the afternoon and evening, turnout was high this year. Seventy four percent of the county's total voters and 77 percent of its active voters came to the polls to cast ballots. But of the 109,927 Arlington voters who showed up to the polls or voted absentee in this year's election, 16 percent did not choose a candidate in the County Board race and 34 percent made no choice in the School Board race.

Libby Garvey and Emma Violand-Sanchez, two independents who were endorsed by the local Democratic Party, were running unopposed for the two School Board seats on the ballot. Violand-Sanchez is a political newcomer who will be replacing the retiring Frank Wilson. Garvey, a 12-year incumbent, retained her seat.

Violand-Sanchez, who emigrated to the U.S. from Bolivia as a teenager, was the first Hispanic elected to the Arlington School Board. Violand-Sanchez said that winning the election was "the American dream. I was a teenager who didn't know English and now I'm a member of the School Board." But she said that her victory "means more to the parents and to the students who couldn't communicate with their elected officials. This time they will have more access."

She also said that, with her election and the reelection of Walter Tejada (D) to the County Board last year, Arlington's Hispanic community is gaining more political power. "Other people will believe that it is possible," she said. "Arlington is an example for the rest of the state."

Garvey said that she was excited to return to the School Board as its most senior member, with nine years more experience than its next most senior member. "I'm feeling good about it," she said. "It's an honor and a privilege to serve this community. Being on the same ballot with Barack Obama is a cherry on top."

Garvey also said that yesterday's results are an indication that Arlingtonians approve of the status quo in the local school system. "People are pretty pleased with what we've got," she said.

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## Philanthropy Might Get Cut

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services to those affected by domestic violence. Linda Dunphy, the organization's executive director, said that up to one fourth of her annual budget is provided by the Freddie Mac Foundation.

The group is so reliant on Freddie Mac that it named its recently opened shelter the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home. "We don't know the prospects of what's going to happen with the Freddie Mac Foundation," Dunphy said. "The Congressional delegation in this area has been going to bat for us."

Dunphy said that, if funding from Freddie Mac is cut off, her organization will be forced to go to the County government to ask for emergency assistance to keep their shelter open. "I hope they will put people first rather than speed bumps and updates to street lamps," she said. "I'm sure they don't want to put those on hold but we're in different times."

If the County, which is currently facing a \$14 million shortfall of its own, is unable to provide assistance, the shelter may be forced to close down, Dunphy said. "We don't have any excess expenditures except for turning off the heat," she said. "How will I keep the Family Home open?"

Lockhart hasn't announced any definitive plans as to whether or not Fannie and Freddie will continue their philanthropic giving or at what levels. In a letter to O'Gilvie's group, the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, Lockhart wrote that he has "advised Congress that there will be a review of the charitable activities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to ensure that such activities serve their mission. ... It is envisioned that [Fannie and Freddie] will continue to make charitable contributions."

"That will be awfully tough," Shafroth said. "The Conservator has a very tough road to hoe."

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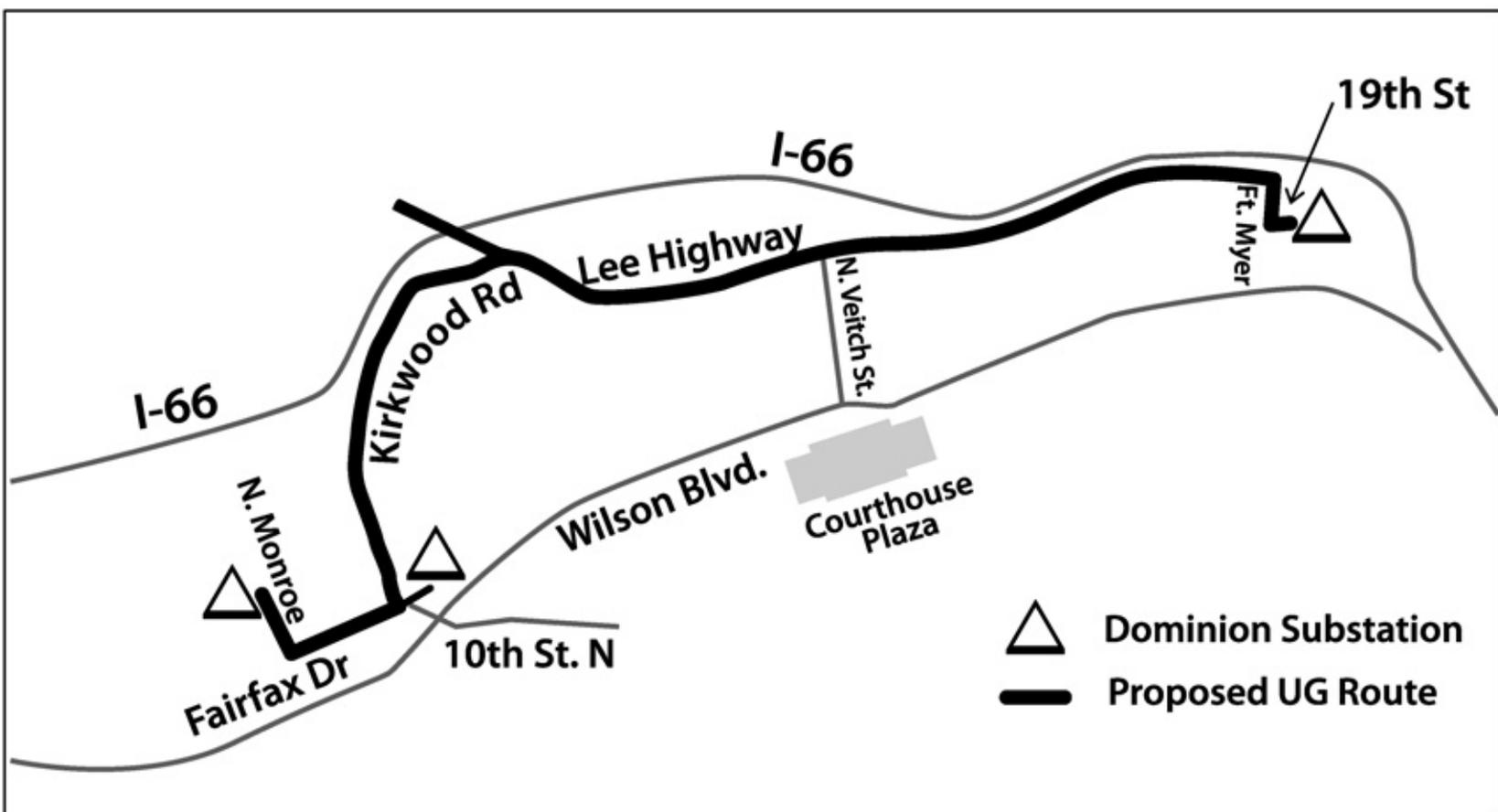
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# SPORTS

## Close Encounters of the Playoff Kind

W-L barely loses first playoff game in more than 30 years.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

After watching his Washington-Lee football team get shut out in the first half of last Friday's first-round playoff match-up against Mount Vernon, coach Josh Shapiro knew his Generals needed a different kind of pep talk if they were to have shot at an upset.

This being the school's first postseason appearance since 1975, it seemed success was always measured in how close W-L had come to winning, rather than actual victories.

But after compiling an above .500 district record and playing Mount Vernon down to the wire earlier this season in a 12-10 loss, the Generals had developed a sense of entitlement.

"Coach just told us at halftime, 'You say you want to win, but you aren't doing it,'" said senior running back Keith Johnson. "After that we basically decided we aren't going to talk about it, we'll be about it."

From there, W-L showed the resolve Shapiro knew was there to begin with, going down swinging in a hard-fought 17-10 loss that ended the school's most successful football season in more than 30 years.



Washington-Lee senior quarterback Charlie Fuller helped lead the Generals to their first playoff appearance in 33 years. It was Fuller's first year on the varsity team.

The Generals quickly broke down Mount Vernon's lead thanks to senior Karl Lendenmann, who turned a run-of-the-mill wide receiver screen pass into a 73-yard touchdown on the Generals third play from scrimmage of the second half.

After the W-L defense held the Majors' run-oriented attack at bay its next three drives, kicker Chris Almquist followed with a 22-yard field goal that was set up by a 36-yard punt return by senior quarterback Charlie Fuller with just under five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter to tie things

ups.

On the ensuing kickoff, Mount Vernon sophomore Emmanuel Tackie, just promoted from the Majors' JV squad, scampered for a 30-yard return and was awarded 15 additional yards thanks to a General facemask penalty.

It gave Mount Vernon possession on W-L's 28-yard line and the Majors methodically moved the ball, culminating in a five-yard touchdown run by Robert Palmer that proved to be the difference.

"Our kids fight, scrap and they worked

hard," Shapiro said afterwards. "We played a physically tough team that was bigger and stronger than us and we battled."

W-L (5-6 overall, 3-3 National District) has its multi-dimensional signal caller to thank. In his first full season on varsity, Fuller was asked to line up at quarterback despite having never played the position in even a backyard game.

This was no beginner's luck, though, as Fuller brought his smash mouth running style under center and single handedly led the Generals down the stretch of the regular season.

Mount Vernon coach Tom Glynn knew this, having almost been done in by Fuller's exploits when the two teams met in the regular season, and his entire defensive game plan centered on stopping the running back-turned-QB. Fuller finished with just 54 yards rushing and 135 yards through the air, but his impact throughout the entire season wasn't lost on his coach.

"Having a kid like that step in was a huge asset to our team," Shapiro said. "They don't come around every year."

The next step for Shapiro after finishing his second season as head coach is making the postseason more than just a once every 33-year occurrence. For that to happen, Shapiro said his program must develop some depth to go along with high-caliber players like the outgoing Fuller and Lendenmann.

"We're going to continue to put out a competitive product," said Shapiro. "Teams are going to know W-L is no joke now."

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## Pick Six Ends Playoffs For Patriots

Yorktown loses to Madison, 28-7, thanks to game-changing play.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

When it comes time for football playoffs, turnovers and big plays rule the day.

The Yorktown football team learned that lesson the hard way, committing a turnover that turned into a big play that proved to be the difference in a 28-7 first-round loss to Madison last Friday night.

With the Patriots and Warhawks tied at seven apiece late in the third quarter, Yorktown had a first down at Madison's three-yard line when coach Bruce Hanson made the decision to try a play action pass to put his team on top.

The subsequent throw was intercepted by Taylor Mead in the end zone and returned more than 100 yards for a Madison score, a momentum changer Yorktown (6-5 overall, 4-2 National District) never could recover from.

Once it took the lead, Madison leaned heavily on its rushing-based attack, amassing all 301 of its total yards on the ground.

In the fourth quarter, the Warhawks' Will Cybulski had a 80-yard touchdown run, while running back Sasha Vandalov capped off a 150-yard rushing night with a touchdown scamper of his own.

"It's what you call your 14-point swing," Hanson said looking back on the pick six that changed the game's momentum. "It was probably an ill-advised call. I thought we'd fake them out."

The reason for the fake was the play of Hanson's star player, the multi-dimensional Kyle Toulouse, throughout the season. Towards the end of the year, teams had begun to pile the line of scrimmage with defenders in an effort to stop Toulouse.

In a not-so-fitting end to a spectacular season, Toulouse could only muster 67 yards rushing and was held without a touchdown against Madison.

"I've had better at one position than him, but I've never been around a better athlete than Kyle," said Hanson, who just completed his 24<sup>th</sup> season as head coach at Yorktown. Toulouse, lined up as a quarterback, running back, wide receiver, safety,

cornerback, punt returner, kick returner, kicker, and punter over the course of the season. "Sometimes you think you just don't have enough Kyles out there."

For his efforts, Toulouse, a senior this season, was named National District Player of the Year by coaches even though Yorktown finished third in the district. He finished the season with 1,370 yards rushing, 578 yards passing, and 18 total touchdowns.

In addition to losing Toulouse for next year, the Patriots will also be without the services of talented wide receiver Mike Veith, running back Jared Smith, and linebacker Kenny Bailey.

But Hanson takes solace in the fact that next season's Yorktown squad will return about 15 veterans — more than usual according to the coach — that contributed heavily to this the first-round playoff exit this time around.



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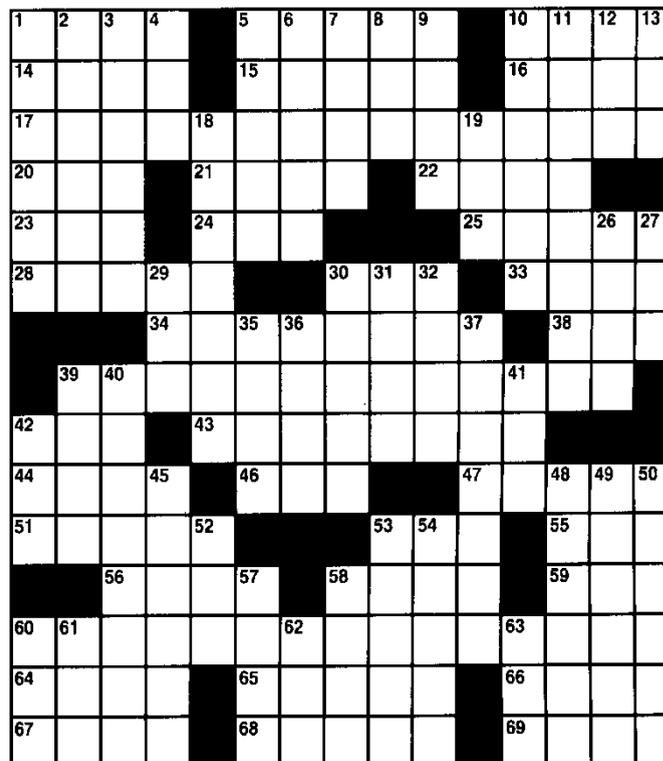
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- 5 Rogue
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- 14 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- 15 Tyrolean refrain
- 16 Equal
- 17 Loses to a late-night host?
- 20 W.W. II Gen. — Arnold
- 21 "September —" (Neil Diamond hit)
- 22 Fuse
- 23 Prefix with cycle
- 24 Emissions control grp.
- 25 It may be wild
- 28 One of the Fondas
- 30 Tout's hangout, briefly
- 33 Agile
- 34 Initiates
- 38 Menlo Park monogram
- 39 Fills in for an actor?
- 42 Shade maker
- 43 Exposed as false
- 44 Ali —
- 46 Old geog. initials
- 47 Bar at the bar
- 51 "Mr. Tambourine Man" group, with "the"
- 53 Cutting tool
- 55 Capek play
- 56 Put in or take out, maybe
- 58 "Peter Pan" pirate
- 59 "Make — double"
- 60 What the foreign car driver does after a trip?
- 64 Look longingly at
- 65 Japanese commercial district
- 66 Together, in music
- 67 Incite
- 68 Have the helm
- 69 Sew up

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- 1 Mom's pre-meal instruction
- 2 Mysterious
- 3 "Enough!"
- 4 A pop
- 5 On-line V.I.P.
- 6 Deadly snake
- 7 Yemen's Gulf of —
- 8 Funnyman Brooks
- 9 Clear the roads, in a way
- 10 Lunchbox items
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- 12 Social
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- 18 May birthstone

- 19 United
- 26 Grouch
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- 30 Transpire
- 31 Compared to
- 32 Bill
- 35 Puts to work
- 36 Catches
- 37 Blessed events?
- 39 Be in the game
- 40 Kind of insurance policy
- 41 Law degs.
- 42 Go back
- 45 Confused
- 48 Vacuum tube with three elements
- 49 Beat to the finish line
- 50 Hoped for the best
- 52 Lisa Simpson, to Bart
- 53 Wow
- 54 Exclude
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**Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.**

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lots 41, 42 and 43, Block 6, West McLean, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book Y-8 at page 213, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia; LESS and EXCEPT that land containing 1,225 square feet, more or less, conveyed by deed recorded in Deed Book 5919 at page 66 among the aforesaid land records.

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**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$60,000.00 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 6.125 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.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

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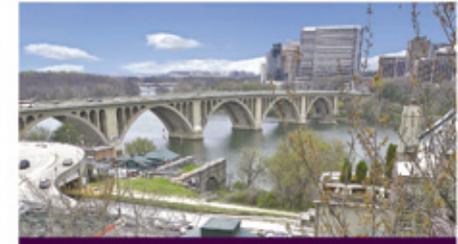
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