

**SHAME  
ON THE  
COUNTY  
BOARD**

# Cuts Hit Home

NEWS, PAGE 4

Charlie Moore and Christopher Wagner protest the proposed closing of the Gulf Branch Nature Center.

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

REAL ESTATE, PAGE 11 ♦ SPORTS, PAGE 12 ♦ CLASSIFIED, PAGE 13 ♦ CALENDAR, PAGE 18

PERMIT #31  
ELKTON, MD  
PAID  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PSRT STD



America's Best Warranty™

# CHANGE TO FAIRFAX .COM

**UPSIDE DOWN?**  
**We'll Pay Off Your Car!**  
**NEED PAYMENT RELIEF?**  
**Get No Payments For**  
**90 Days!**

## IT'S SIMPLE!

1. Log On To [ChangeToFairfax.com](http://ChangeToFairfax.com)
2. Fill Out A Simple Form
3. Get Your Vehicle Paid Off And In To A New Hyundai + 90 Days No Payments.

**HYUNDAIS  
FROM  
\$9,495**

**NEW HYUNDAI SANTA FE**



 **HYUNDAI**

**Assurance** 

IF YOU LOSE YOUR INCOME, WE'LL MAKE YOUR PAYMENTS FOR 3 MONTHS. IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TIME TO WORK THINGS OUT, BRING THE VEHICLE BACK!

[WWW.CHANGETOFAIRFAX.COM](http://WWW.CHANGETOFAIRFAX.COM)



**703-352-0444**

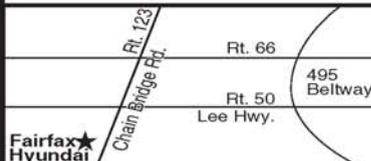
[www.fairfaxhyundai.com](http://www.fairfaxhyundai.com)

10601 Lee Hwy • Fairfax, VA 22030

(3 minutes from Rt. 66)

**#1 Volume Dealer for over 23 years!**

**America's Best Warranty™**  
 10-Year/100,000-Mile Powertrain Protection  
 5-Year/60,000-Mile Bumper-to-Bumper Coverage  
 5-Year/Unlimited Miles 24-hr. Roadside Assistance  
[HyundaiUSA.com](http://HyundaiUSA.com)



Fairfax Hyundai

Prices plus \$660-\$700 Freight. Taxes, tags and \$389 processing fee. \$9495 Hyundai is a 2009 Hyundai Accent GS 3 door includes HMA rebate and dealer discount. 1 at this price. All rebates assigned to dealer. Hyundai Assurance is valid on any new Hyundai model financed or leased at participating dealers only, for up to one year after purchase. Restrictions apply. See dealer for details. 90 days no payments subject to credit approval. Payments that would have been due in first 90 days will be added to loan balance.

© 2009 Letizia Ad Team, LAT-02

## Hundreds Rally To Save Gulf Branch

**Movement to save North Arlington park coalesces on the Web.**

BY DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Janet Nuzum first became aware of Arlington County's plans to close down Gulf Branch Nature Center, the North Arlington park located just a few blocks from her home, she was shocked.

"For me, it's a part of my immediate neighborhood," Nuzum said. "It's sort

**"The cuts have to come from somewhere."**

— Steve Temmermand,  
Arlington County Department of  
Parks and Recreation



Steve Temmermand of Arlington County Parks and Recreation listens to the speeches at the rally last Saturday morning.



Friends and neighbors gather around the nature center to hear the latest news on the county proposal.

### CUTS HIT HOME

This is the second in a series of three articles on how Arlingtonians are being affected by proposed cuts to the county budget.

of like family."

In late February, just a few days after the county announced it would cut off funding for Gulf Branch as part of a series of budget cuts, Nuzum started an online message board called Friends of Gulf Branch. Shortly thereafter, a group called "Save Gulf Branch Nature Center" was founded on the social networking site Facebook. As of this writing, it has close to 2,700 members.

Less than a month after the county announced its plans to close Gulf Branch, Nuzum and her neighbors organized a rally using contact information gleaned from the message board and the Facebook group. Close to 400 people — and a few dozen pets — came to the park this weekend to

SEE DIGITAL, PAGE 4



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION  
Rally organizer Suzy Wagner talks with volunteer and visitors before the speeches begin.

## Pike Streetcar Clears Major Hurdle

**A** streetcar along Columbia Pike is one step closer to fruition after the Arlington County Board approved \$3 million for the project's planning and design this weekend.

The funding will go towards an environmental study for the streetcar, which would run for five miles from the Pentagon out to the Skyline area of Fairfax County.

If the project meets federal environmental standards, it could be eligible for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation. This phase of the streetcar project is expected to last for two years. If all goes according to schedule, the streetcar could begin running as early as 2014.

Since the streetcar project was approved

in 2006, a flurry of development has occurred along Columbia Pike. Many developers have been drawn to the South Arlington artery by the potential of the streetcar, County Board Chair Barbara Favola (D) said. "It's a permanent investment," she said at a recent meeting of developers and Columbia Pike businesses. "We put the tracks down and they're not going anywhere."

But the project has been met with opposition from some South Arlington residents who feel a streetcar would be inefficient, dangerous and would lead to gentrification.

The \$3 million allocated by the board came from a tax surcharge on commercial real estate that was enacted last year.

— DAVID SCHULTZ



PHOTO COURTESY PIKE TRANSIT INITIATIVE  
An artist's rendering of what a street car will look like on Columbia Pike

# Digital Revolution

FROM PAGE 3

show their support for Gulf Branch.

“One of the people on Facebook said ‘I think we ought to have a rally,’” Nuzum recalled. “And people jumped in and said yes, that’s a good idea. Let’s do a rally. ... In this era of Internet and email, things just kind of explode.”

**BY CLOSING** Gulf Branch,

**“In this era of Internet and email, things just kind of explode.”**

— **Janet Nuzum,**  
**Friends of Gulf Branch**

the county would eliminate \$132,057 and one full-time employee from its budget. This measure comes as a part of more than \$1.6 million in reductions to the county’s Department of Parks and Recreation budget.

County Manager Ron Carlee has proposed moving all of Gulf Branch’s programming to nearby Potomac Overlook Park, which is owned and operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. “Why do you need two nature centers in that close proximity?” Carlee said at a briefing on his budget proposal.

But Arlington residents who live near Gulf Branch, which is located on Military

## Budget Process

The Arlington County Board has the final say over the county’s budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. It will be holding three hearings later this month to get input from Arlington citizens on the budget. Those hearings will be held at 7 p.m. on March 24, 25 and 26 in the County Board Meeting Room at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.

Road and 36<sup>th</sup> Street North, say the park is vital to their quality of life. “I also go to Potomac Overlook and it’s a different type of park there,”

Beth Chapman said. Gulf Branch “needs to remain open for the use of all the citizens, young and old and everyone in between. It’s an incredible resource.”

Parks and Recreation staffers Steve Temmermand and Susan Kalish attended the rally to listen to concerns about the potential closing of

the park.

The county understands how



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION

**Celia Marten, Alice Chaich, Nicholas Alpi and Gillian and her brother Christopher Wagner greet neighbors at the entrance to Gulf Branch Nature Center.**

much the community values Gulf Branch, Temmermand said, but it must make more than \$20 million in cuts to balance its budget this year.

“The cuts have to come from somewhere,” he said. “It could be less police officers, it could be less firefighters, it could be libraries closing. It could be a wide variety of things.”

The County Board will vote on the proposal to close Gulf Branch at its April 28 meeting.

*David Schultz can also be heard on WAMU 88.5 FM.*



**Carter and his dad Bob Roll hold signs in support of the center.**



**While neighbors and friends gather, the “Old Time Band” with Roy Speedy Toliver, Andrew Accosta and John Kaprakis fill the cool morning air with music and song.**

## LOCAL POLITICS

### Do Endorsements Matter in 47<sup>th</sup> Race?

Last week, County Board Members **Walter Tejada** (D), **Chris Zimmerman** (D) and School Board Member **Emma Violand-Sanchez** announced their support for **Andres Tobar**, a candidate in the hotly contested 47<sup>th</sup> district House of Delegates primary race.

For Tobar, this must have seemed like déjà vu. Six years ago, he racked up a number of key endorsements in his campaign for a House of Delegates seat in the 49<sup>th</sup> district and was considered the favorite in that race.

But Tobar lost in the primary to Del. **Adam Ebbin**, at that time a relative un-



**Andres Tobar**

known in local political circles. That race was just one of many in Arlington in which candidates who were backed by powerful local officials went on to be defeated. In 2003, Tejada shocked Arlington’s political establishment by defeating overwhelming favorite **Al Eisenberg** in the special election held shortly after the death of County Board Member **Charles Monroe**. In 2006, School Board Member **Sally Baird** pulled off an upset over Eisenberg’s wife, **Sharon Davis**, in that year’s Democratic endorsement caucus.

“Sometimes it seems that [endorsements]

matter and sometimes they don’t,” Arlington Democratic Party Chairman **Peter Rousselot** said. “They matter on the margins in a way that’s hard to quantify.”

An endorsement can provide an unknown candidate with legitimacy and credibility, Rousselot said. And if the endorser gives his or her list of supporters to the endorsee, he said, that can be a tremendous advantage.

“[But] I don’t think the endorsements are a substitute for grassroots, door-to-door campaigning,” Rousselot said. “You can’t overcome a really good grassroots effort by sitting on your porch and trumpeting your endorsements. You really have to work.”

**Jim Turpin** was the former chairman of the Arlington Democratic Party and is now a statewide Democratic official. He predicted that, with five candidates seeking the

Democratic nomination in the 47<sup>th</sup> district, endorsements would have a negligible impact. “When you get to that many candidates in a race, it almost becomes more of a turnout exercise and who does the best job of getting their voters out,” Turpin said.

The most important factor in the race, Turpin predicted, will be which voters are drawn to the polls on June 9 by the gubernatorial primary election, which is being held on the same day as the 47<sup>th</sup> district primary.

“You have a very high-profile Governor’s race that’s going to be sucking the air out of the room,” he said. “You’re going to have very few people who are coming out just for the House of Delegates primary.”

— DAVID SCHULTZ

# Arlington Creates Homeless Fund

**A**rlington County has partnered with a private developer to create a fund that will assist homeless individuals. John Shooshan, of the locally based development firm The Shooshan Company, has donated \$50,000 to the newly created Emergency Needs-Homeless Prevention Fund. Shooshan has also pledged to match the next \$50,000 that is contributed to the fund by the community. "With this generous gift, John Shooshan is helping all of us meet the ever growing needs of a community coping with the worst recession this nation has seen in decades," County Board Chair Barbara

Favola (D) said in a statement. "We hope others will follow John's lead." The Emergency Needs-Homeless Prevention Fund will provide rent, food and other services to those who are homeless or who are at risk of being homeless. They will be distributed in the form of grants to local non-profit organizations. Arlington County has enacted a 10-year plan to eliminate homelessness. At a recent meeting on the topic of homelessness in Arlington, Shooshan said that the fund would need to reach \$1.7 million to accomplish this goal.

— DAVID SCHULTZ

## BULLETIN BOARD

Know of something missing from our community calendar? E-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with any questions. Photos are welcome. For more volunteer opportunities, classes, announcements visit [www.arlingtonconnection.com](http://www.arlingtonconnection.com) and click on Community.

### ONGOING ITEMS

Arlington residents who need help repairs on their house, can contact **RPJ Housing**, a local non-profit agency funded by Arlington County. Teams of volunteers do all the work free with skills ranging from novice to professional. These community members repair floors, ceilings, walls, doors and

roofs; install grab bars, railings and smoke detectors; address minor plumbing and electrical repairs; build ramps, paint and attend to yard work. Priority is given to seniors, persons with disabilities and families with children. To obtain an application, simply call RPJ Housing at 703-528-5606 ext. 11 or visit <http://rpjhousing.org/programs.html>

The **Army Officers' Wives' Club** of the Greater Washington Area (AOWCGWA) and the AOWCGWA-Fort Myer Thrift Shop have welfare grant applications available. The official grant application must be received no later than April 15. Early submissions are encouraged. For eligibility requirements, information, instructions and to download the official Grant Application Form 2008-2009, visit <http://aowcgwa.org/welfare.htm>

[aowcgwa.org/welfare.htm](http://aowcgwa.org/welfare.htm)

Every Saturday through April 11, there is **Free Tax Preparation**. 10 a.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. First-come first-served. Visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) for more.

### TUESDAY/MARCH 24

**Support Group.** NAMI-Arlington holds its monthly support group for family members, friends and significant others of individuals with mental illness, 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, 1500 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact Frank Gisondi at 703/760-8988.

SEE BULLETIN, PAGE 15



### BATHROOM & KITCHEN REMODELING

- *Reliable*
- *Affordable*
- *Dependable*



**Free Estimate** Home Improvements and Repairs that Always Get an A+  
**703-969-1179** Fully Insured Class A Contractor

**[www.twopoorteachers.com](http://www.twopoorteachers.com)**

Under no circumstances shall the Preliminary Official Statement or this announcement constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. The Bonds may not be sold prior to the time an Official Statement is delivered in final form.

PROPOSED NEW ISSUE

Ratings: Fitch: AA  
Moody's: Aa3  
S&P: AA-

**\$235,000,000\***



METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

### Airport System Revenue Bonds Series 2009B (Non-AMT)

Priority Order Period for Retail Buyers: March 23-24, 2009\*

- Interest on all Bonds is exempt from taxation for Federal, Commonwealth of Virginia and District of Columbia purposes\*\*
- Expected maturity range: 2010 through 2029\*
- Bonds are available in minimum denominations of \$5,000
- Bonds expected to be delivered on April 1, 2009\*

Please contact any of the firms listed below for copies of the Preliminary Official Statement for a more complete description of the Bonds.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Siebert Brandford Shank &amp; Co., LLC</b><br>(800) 334-6800 | <b>Morgan Stanley</b><br>(800) 745-2451          |
| <b>Banc of America Securities LLC</b><br>(866) 360-3319         | <b>Barclays Capital</b><br>(888) 227-2275        |
| <b>Citi</b><br>(800) 336-5405                                   | <b>J.P. Morgan</b><br>(888) 299-7553             |
| <b>Loop Capital Markets, LLC</b><br>(800) 894-0506              | <b>Merrill Lynch &amp; Co.</b><br>(800) 825-1521 |
| <b>Morgan Keegan &amp; Company Inc.</b><br>(800) 362-1464       |  |

\*Preliminary. Subject to change; when, as and if issued.

\*\*Interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, except for any period during which the Bonds are held by a person who is a "substantial user" of the facilities financed or a "related person," and is not a specific preference item or included in a corporation's adjusted current earnings for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, and the interest on the Bonds is exempt from all income taxation by the Commonwealth of Virginia and from all taxation by the District of Columbia, except estate, inheritance and gift taxes. For a more complete discussion of the tax aspects of the Bonds, see the Preliminary Official Statement. This material was not intended or written to be used and it cannot be used by any taxpayer, for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed on the taxpayer under U.S. federal tax laws. Each taxpayer should seek advice based on the taxpayer's particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

## TREASURE SHOP

*Consignment Boutique*

We're moving to a new location in the later part of March - Extended days and hours

★★★★★

- ★ Beautiful Jewelry
- ★ Unique Household Items
- ★ Special Monthly Markdowns
- ★ Home Décor Furniture

★★★★★

Open Daily  
Monday - Saturday 10-5 pm  
Sunday 12-05 pm

★★★★★

Benefiting  
Navy Marine Coast Guard Residence Foundation  
UW #8064 CFC #99922

Located in Chesterbrook Shopping Center  
6246 Old Dominion Drive  
McLean VA 22101

## SPRING UPHOLSTERY SALE

# SALE

NOW THRU APRIL 6TH

on all Sofas, Loveseats, Chairs, Ottomans, Benches and More.  
In-Stock and Special Orders.



**The Kellogg Collection**

BEAUTIFUL THINGS FOR BEAUTIFUL ROOMS  
**[www.KelloggCollection.com](http://www.KelloggCollection.com)**

MCLEAN  
1353 Chain Bridge Road • 703-506-0850

Washington • 3424 Wisconsin Ave. NW • 202-363-6879  
Baltimore • 6241 Falls Rd. • 410-296-4378  
Bethesda • Wildwood Manor • 10241 Old Georgetown Rd. • 301-897-9102  
Richmond • River Road Shopping Center • 6227 River Rd. • 804-285-9143

Open Mon - Fri 10-5:30pm. Saturday 10-5pm. Closed Sundays.

## Talking Trash

BY SUSAN HEPLER

**I**t was not a good start to the Annual Four Mile Run Watershed Clean-up Day on March 14. Grey skies and temperatures forecasted to be in the 40s encouraged me to get a late start at the Shirlington site.

But already, some several dozen people from Arlington and Alexandria had gathered six bags of trash from the stream banks when I got there at 10, so I joined in.

A surprising amount of plastic binds together the sand, leaves, and sticks at the water's edge. There are bags, in various stages of decay, some parts of which will never break down, such as the long blue, yellow, or red plastic circles remaining from tie-attached garbage bags. There is plastic twine and plastic weed-whacker string. Food-related plastic, like red and blue cold drink or white Styrofoam hot drink cups, condiment cups, red straws, and white spoons dapple the ground. From another era, a 14-foot brown quarter-inch wide ribbon of plastic audio tape binds together a more plastic, branches, sand, and sticks.

**EVIDENCE** of human activities is everywhere. Dog poop is bagged, knotted neatly ...and tossed in the weeds. Candy wrappers, foil juice boxes, an ice cream bar wrapper — who buys a treat and tosses the wrapper into the stream? Who carefully picks up dog waste and leaves the plastic bag as another kind of waste?

In fact, picking up trash inspires imaginations. Two pairs of black pants under some sheets of cardboard? A bed for a homeless person? A sunbather? “Hobos,” cry some middle-school students as they come upon muddy sweat pants, sandy shirts, a single sock or shoe, the bill from a cap. There's a partly decomposed shirt wedged between rocks, but still on its blue plastic hanger. Maybe it was forgotten by a tired worker pausing to contemplate the river?

Just as I note I haven't found many beer containers, I come upon a dozen various bottles and cans, some so full of sand that I wonder how many years this rocky spot has been used for a refreshing pause. I have been picking up water bottles, soda cans, and juice boxes all along, but this is a real cache.

Construction trash, plastic pipe, chunks of Styrofoam packaging, a spent tube of caulk, a smashed oil can, wire, a screwdriver, and a hubcap, turn up among the riverbank's spring plants.

**THERE ARE PLENTY** of representatives of invasive plants which threaten to take over the natives, like garlic mustard, plus prickly-stemmed multiflora roses and wineberry. Insistent English ivy has crept out from the edge of a playground, under the fence, and down the bank toward the sun. If it's not removed, in a few years, it will take over the banks and run up the trees to grow berries and take over, so I pull what I can.

Garbage taxonomy, beginning plant identification, and a good workout are just a few of the things that make this day fun. That, and the satisfaction that some 35 people care enough to gather on a cold Saturday morning in Shirlington to pick up 43 bags of trash in about three hours. It is a good day.

I'll want to be at the Potomac Watershed Clean-Up on April 4, for another good day.

*Susan Hepler is a community volunteer, and a writer based in Alexandria. More information about the April 4 event may be found at [http://www.potomaccleanup.org/trash\\_initiative/trash\\_cleanup.html](http://www.potomaccleanup.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.html)*

### VIEWPOINTS

## Are you excited for spring to arrive?

Responses at ... The Hilton Arlington Hotel

— DAVID SCHULTZ

### John Hellerman

“I am. I just had a baby in January. ... I'm looking forward to getting outside with my new son.”



### Fernanda Howard

“Yes, of course. My plans are to be here in Washington and to enjoy the cherry blossoms.”



### Dale Rainville

“I'm going to get outside a lot more. I want to see all the beautiful blossoms, but not the cherry blossoms.”



### Sydney Butler

I'm looking forward to dining outside in spring.”



### Rose Plager

“I am very excited. We have spring break at George Washington University. I'm going to the Bahamas.”



### Emily Pierpont

“I'm excited for the cherry blossoms. I'm running the Cherry Blossom Ten Mile race.”



### Katie Dunn

“I want to be able to go outside and not bundle up. I'm going to Atlanta for spring break.”

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Save Gulf Branch Nature Center

To the Editor:

A facility that promotes Arlington's core values is threatened. Established in 1966, Gulf Branch was the first nature center in Arlington, and hundreds of thousands of people have benefited from its services. The center creates memories; a connection to place. The positive impacts of this small center make waves far beyond the neighborhood, or the county that it serves.

I worked at Gulf Branch Nature Center for over five years as a park naturalist, and I know from experience that the three full-time nature center staff, and a few part-time staff pour their heart and soul into their work, providing educational classes for the public, school groups, scout groups, senior centers, garden clubs, running a teen volunteer program, answering tough wildlife questions from the public, operating the exhibits, maintaining a native plant garden, and much more.

Now, someone in Arlington County

government thinks that it's a smart decision to cut back on the tiny budget of a place whose benefits to current and future generations far outweigh the costs in dollars. This move does not reflect the values that Arlington citizens hold dear, and goes against Arlington's own goals of environmental and cultural stewardship.

Page 2 paragraph 2 of the Executive Summary of the County's Open Space Master Plan states: “The primary challenge in the coming decades will be to address the qualitative issues of our public space system, such as strengthening the connection between people and parks, optimizing the sustainable use of resources in the county, ensuring the involvement of all residents, and supporting a healthy natural and cultural environment.” Step up, Arlington! The building with its exhibits and native animals must be kept fully operational, as a tax-funded resource for the community similar to libraries and schools. It must be located in its own building separate from Potomac Overlook (a Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority facility which already has a busy schedule of its own) its original director reinstated (her position has already been terminated). The importance of educating our

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 7

## ARLINGTON CONNECTION

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Newspaper of Arlington  
A Connection Newspaper

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.  
7913 Westpark Drive  
McLean, VA 22102

**NEWS DEPARTMENT:**  
To discuss ideas and concerns, call: 703-917-6431  
By fax: 703-917-0991  
arlington@connectionnewspapers.com

**Steven Mauren**  
Editor, 703-917-6431  
smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

**David Schultz**  
Reporter, 703-226-1652  
dschultz@connectionnewspapers.com

**Rebecca Halik**  
Editorial Asst., 703-917-6407

**Mark Giannotto**  
Sports Editor, 703-917-6409  
mgiannotto@connectionnewspapers.com

**ADVERTISING:**  
To place an advertisement, call the ad department between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

**Display Ads 838-0302**  
**Classified Ads 917-6400**  
**Employment Ads 917-6411**

**Debbie Funk**  
Display Advertising  
703-518-4631  
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

**Andrea Smith**  
Classified & Employment Advertising  
703-917-6401  
asmith@connectionnewspapers.com

**Editor & Publisher:**  
Mary Kimm  
703-917-6416  
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

**Editor in Chief:**  
Steven Mauren  
**Managing Editors**  
Steve Hibbard, Michael O'Connell,  
Kemal Kurspahic

**Photography:**  
Robbie Hammer, Louise Krafft,  
Craig Sterbutzel

**Art/Design:**  
Zohra Aslami, Geovani Flores,  
Laurence Foong, John Heinly,  
John Smith, Stu Moll,  
Wayne Shipp

**Production Manager:**  
Jean Card

**Editor Emeritus:**  
Mary Anne Weber

**CIRCULATION: 703-917-6481**  
**Circulation Manager:**  
John Lovaas

**CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS, L.L.C.**  
**Peter Labovitz**  
President/CEO

**Mary Kimm**  
Publisher/Chief Operating Officer  
703-917-6416  
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

**Jerry Vernon**  
Executive Vice President  
703-917-6404  
jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com

**Wesley DeBrosse**  
Controller

**Debbie Funk**  
National Sales  
703-518-4631  
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

children about our heritage and natural environment for their healthy development as future leaders must not fall victim to a bad decision. See [www.Savegulfbranch.com](http://www.Savegulfbranch.com).

**Amanda Campbell**  
UNC Chapel Hill

## Back Housing

To the Editor:

I recently read David Schultz's article in The Connection titled "Arlingtonians Struggle with Homelessness." As the President/CEO of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) I feel compelled to respond and expand upon the discussion within the article. The experience of Gwen Dickerson is a wonderful illustration of Arlington's desperate needs not only for more supportive housing but also more affordable housing, especially now. Here's why:

**Affordable housing prevents homelessness.** Municipalities spend an estimated \$40,000/year per person in services to the homeless. Secure, service-rich, and most of all affordable housing has been identified as the crucial support for households exiting homelessness as well as households facing financial cri-

sis and possible entry into homelessness. Between 2005 and 2007 homelessness rose 10 percent in Arlington County. Just think how many more families are currently facing the specter of housing insecurity in 2009. To offer our community the proactive tools to address this situation in the present, and to prevent it in the future, we must invest now in more quality, committed affordable housing.

**A stable, secure home is an essential platform for low-income households to achieve their potential.** Children do better in school, adults have greater job security, and families have access to more resources when they do not have to constantly switch residences, schools and jobs because of rising rents. If Arlington County is going to help families get back on their feet, we must invest now in the tools they need to do so — and the most vital tool these households need is a secure affordable home.

**Affordable housing is a vital asset to Arlington County and the region.** The expansion of affordable housing in Arlington's reflects the best practices of smart-growth planning. Since 2000, roughly half of Arlington's affordable housing stock has become unaffordable —

that's about 10,000 homes. The shortage of affordable homes makes it harder for employers to fill entry level and service worker positions and contributes to congestion, pollution, and energy inefficiencies as lower-income households are forced to commute further and further between their jobs and their homes.

In the past month newspapers have reported on the rise in households requesting county services. Homelessness, job loss, foreclosure, and hunger are major concerns that must be addressed in the short term. Yet, as this article clearly points out, we can't lose sight of, or stop investing in, the long-term goal of creating more affordable housing.

APAH is an award-winning non-profit developer of affordable housing working exclusively in Arlington County. We own 751 apartments, which are home to over 2,000 Arlingtonians; 27 of these homes are part of supportive housing programs. We are ready to partner with Arlington County to do more to keep Arlington a diverse and inclusive community and to provide the affordable homes we need; I hope other Connection readers will join us in this effort.

**Nina Janopaul**  
Arlington

**FREE ESTIMATES  
HARDSCAPING/PLANTING**

**Patios, walls,  
walkways,  
paver driveways  
& so much more  
Now at 2003 Pricing**



**60-75% OFF  
ALL POTTERY**

**Washington's Largest Selection**

**25% OFF  
All Nursery Stock &  
Perennials** Pansies **97¢**  
2008 STOCK ONLY Reg. \$1.89

**Mulch 3 cu. FT. \$2.99  
Bulk \$19.95 Per cu. YD.**

**Open 9-6 • 7 Days  
9023 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA  
Cravens Nursery & Pottery 703-573-5025  
2 miles west of I-495 on Rt. 50 (Vienna Metro)  
CravensNursery.com**



## Money To Burn?

If not, make Fashion Exchange your first Stop!  
Today's styles at yesterday's prices!

FASHION EXCHANGE CONSIGNMENT  
6663-B Old Dominion Dr. • McLean, VA  
**(703) 760-0808**

**Call For Directions**

Tues.-Sat. 10-5  
Closed Sun.-Mon.

**Potomac Paint & Design Center**

**703-534-4477**

*Introduces...*

**PITTSBURGH PAINTS**



**SCRUBBABLE FINISHES  
GREAT COVERAGE**

**1 FREE 2 oz. TRIAL SIZE PAINTS AVAILABLE**

**5701 N. Lee Hwy.  
Arlington, VA 22207**

*Three Levels of Living... One Mission*

DIGNITY • FRIENDSHIP • SECURITY

Independent Living for former Military Officers & families  
**VINSON HALL** ~Carefree Active lifestyle ~ no home upkeep~

Assisted Living and Healthcare in luxurious setting  
~Resident based choices and care~ **ARLEIGH BURKE PAVILION**

Memory Support Assisted Living in Secure setting  
**THE SYLVESTERY** ~Making Every Moment Count~

**VINSON HALL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**  
**703 536-4344**

1739 Old Dominion Dr • McLean, VA 22101 • [www.vinsonhall.org](http://www.vinsonhall.org)

**SHILLELAGHS**  
THE TRAVEL CLUB

**NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA JUNE 8 - 12**.....\$699  
Includes Deluxe Motorcoach from Vienna or Rockville, 4-Nights Hotel, Breakfast & Dinner Daily, Maid of the Mist Boat Ride, Tour of Toronto, Niagara & Niagara-on-the-Lake, Visits to Welland Canal & Rossi Glass & a Casino! Call for an Itinerary!

**NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS  
Yellowstone, Tetons, Craters of the Moon JULY 24 - 31**.....\$1879  
Includes Air from Dulles, 7-Nights Hotel, Daily Breakfast, 4 Dinners, Transfers, Sightseeing - Call for Itinerary!

**IRELAND...Including the North! OCT 28 - NOV 6**.....\$2199  
Includes Air from Dulles on Aer Lingus, 8-Nights Hotel, Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Irish Coffee at Cabra Castle, Daily Sightseeing, Whiskey Tasting...FUN! Call for Itinerary!

*Shillelagh Travel Club*  
100 East Street SE, Suite 302 • Vienna, Virginia 22180  
**703-242-2204 1-800-556-8646**  
Please visit our Web-site at: [www.shillelaghtravelclub.com](http://www.shillelaghtravelclub.com)  
for a listing of all our upcoming trips and socials

IRA Elsewhere? It's time to...

# ROLL OVER

to Burke & Herbert



18 ~ Month Variable IRA

# 3.25%

**APY**<sup>(1)</sup>  
New Money Only<sup>(2)</sup>

*Super Rate! No Fee!*

**Burke & Herbert**  
BURKE & HERBERT BANK & TRUST COMPANY

703.684.1655 | 20 Convenient Locations  
[www.burkeandherbert.com](http://www.burkeandherbert.com)

Member FDIC (1) Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of 03/09/09. This is a variable rate that adjusts every three months. No minimum balance required to earn APY. (2) New money is defined as deposits not currently at Burke & Herbert. Minimum opening deposit: \$100.00. Early redemption penalties apply. Available in Roth, Traditional and Rollover IRAs. Consult a tax advisor to determine your maximum contribution allowed. Fixed rate terms for IRAs are also available. Call for details. Rates & offer subject to change without notice.

# Hear Music of Blind Pilot They will be performing at Iota on Friday, March 27.

Israel Nebeker and Ryan Dobrowski make up Blind Pilot. They have been friends since college and they played music on the streets of Newqay, England. This is their first van tour across the United States. For information on the band, visit [blindpilotmusic.wordpress.com](http://blindpilotmusic.wordpress.com).

**Introduce yourself or the band:**  
Hi. We're Blind Pilot. Nice to meet you.

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

When I was six I obsessively asked my mom daily to get me piano lessons. I started writing songs when I was the typical anxiety and wondering 15 year old or so, but I never considered performing since I was painfully shy as a kid. Somehow my friends convinced me to play some house parties and I got hooked on the feeling of it. We rarely get to share ourselves vulnerably with people and I like that about playing shows quite a lot. I believe there's a space created by performance that relies just as much on an audience as the performer. I don't really try to perform. I just try to be as into the songs as when I'm playing alone and somehow it all gets heightened with a crowd.

**If applicable, how were your musi-**

**cians chosen?**

I know how we all came to play together, but it's really still a mystery for me. Ryan and I met long ago in school, but the rest of the band came after recording three rounds and a sound.

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

Ryan and I lived for a summer in Newqay, England for a university exchange program. It's a really beautiful tourist/surfer town and we busked on the street during the weekend late night pub crowds to make up for our tiny income we had there. That's one of my favorites. Super scary to play for passing people on the street, but when random people stop and gather into crowds it's wonderful. I think that helped shape what we do as Blind Pilot quite a lot.

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

I don't know that I have one. One of the best parts of this tour is that we've never been to any of these cities and it's exciting to see how the music will sound in new places and for new people.

**Best compliment about a performance?**

The first time someone thanked me for

making music and writing songs was a bit mind blowing. It's a bit of a disconnect to think that this thing that is my favorite thing to do- something I'd do just for myself- somehow benefits another person.

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

Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev. When I was a kid I had this tape of David Bowie narrating it along with a book. It was often the only thing to keep me entertained or comfort me. So it's got nostalgic value, but it's really just amazing musically and conceptually.

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

Anyone? There's so many musicians and bands that I admire, I wouldn't know where to start. Two that I've admired for a long time are The Decemberists and Andrew Bird, and it's like a dream come true that we get to play two shows with them this July.

**Describe your sound:**

I'm never good with this. I dunno, it's kind of like describing your sister to somebody and everything you say is just technically your sister but not her really. I feel like saying, hey, just MEET her. She's really great and maybe you'll like her, but you'll never

know anything about that from what I tell you. Folk.

**Biggest musical influences:**

Neutral Milk Hotel, Joanna Newsom...

**Where have you toured?**

This is our first big tour. We've done two tours by bicycle down the west coast before but this is the first by van and seeing most of the U.S.

**Anything special about the upcoming show?**

Yes. We found a man in Iowa City walking down an alley in a long black leather trenchcoat. He was carrying a banjo so now we're a seven piece.

**Future plans:**

I'm gonna keep writing for the next album and we'll keep touring as much as possible this next year.

**What would you recommend to someone starting out in the business?**

I'm starting out in the business. I guess just keep your wits about you and be prepared for a shock. The business side of all aspects: touring, labels, managers, etc. is completely different than I would have ex-



Blind Pilot

pected. But it's still worth it to be able to play music for people.

**Any parting thoughts?**

Thanks to anyone out there who's listening to and liking our album. It's been unexpected and the best thing ever to play these songs and this music for all of you.

CALENDAR

Know of something missing from our community entertainment calendar? E-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407.

ART LISTING:

Arlington Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Office of the City of Reims present "Crossing Glances: Regards Croises Arlington & Reims: Sister Cities" through March 28 at Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive. Photographs by John Babineau of Arlington and Cecile Bethlehem of Reims, France. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org) for more.

Paintings and drawings of Teresa Oaxaca will be on display at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., through March 30. Oaxaca, a 2005 graduate of H-B Woodlawn in Arlington, is a classically-trained realist painter who studied in Italy and Norway.

See "Crossing Glances/Regards Croises" at Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 Fairfax Drive. Exhibit runs through March 28. Features photographs by John Babineau of Arlington and Cecile Bethlehem of Reims, France. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org) for more.

The Arlington Artists Alliance Art Fest is March 27 through April 3 at Fort C.F. Smith, 2411 N. 24th St. Enjoy browsing art, demonstrations and more. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org](http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org) or 703-524-7049.

ONGOING:

With the advent of spring, Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 No. Quincy Street, presents "The Mystery of the Missing Seasons" through Sunday, April 5. Showtimes are Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 1:30 & 3 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children 12 & younger. 703-228-6070.

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) has scheduled a series of free Confident City Cycling Classes for 2009. The Virginia classes, which are free and open to all, regardless of residency, are designed to provide cyclists with the skills they need to incorporate bicycling into their daily routines, on city streets for errands, commuting, and fun. To register visit <http://www.waba.org/events/education.php#ccc>

Take pictures with the Easter Bunny and Despereaux, the little mouse with the big heart, March 28 and April 11 at Fashion Centre at Pentagon City. Visit [www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com) for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 20

**Entries Due.** Send in original artwork of at least 50 percent recycled materials to Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., for its exhibit to be held April 1 at the library. Free. Visit [www.arlingtonva.us/departments/libraries](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/libraries) for more.

**Tiny Tot.** 10 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 18-35 months can learn about nature with walks and more. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

**Kenmore Silent Auction.** 6:30 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School. Bid on many items. Free. 703-328-5239.

**Peep Prowl.** 6:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Washington St. Families can search for tiny tree frogs and more. \$4/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. at ARK Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "LaChiusa's Ladies." \$30/person. Visit [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org) for more.

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 10

Friendly, Accurate Tax Preparation with a Money Back Guarantee

**ALEXANDRIA**  
8309 Richmond Highway  
Opposite Sunoco at  
Russell Rd, near Aldi  
703-360-0946

**ARLINGTON**  
5011 Columbia Pike  
Next to Popeye's in  
Columbia Pike S.C.  
571-970-5921

Preparación de impuestos

50% OFF LAST YEAR'S COMPETITOR'S TAX PREPARATION

Receipt Required. Valid at participating locations. For new customers. Not valid with other offers. One coupon per return. Valid 2/28-3/31/09. AdLib 1/1/09-4/10/09



**Allsports Grand Prix**  
High Speed Indoor Kart Racing

**Beat the Recession Blues!**  
-Want to get your employees excited again?  
-Looking to reward or promote your clients?  
-Or maybe just take a break from work stress?

Come out and hit the track! Challenge your team on our 1/4 mile track as you race towards victory!

\*Please visit our website for more details and reservations [www.ALLSPORTSGP.com](http://www.ALLSPORTSGP.com)

Allsports Grand Prix  
45915 Maries Road  
Dulles, VA. 20166

Office (571) 434-9566  
Fax (571) 434-9570  
[www.AllsportsGP.com](http://www.AllsportsGP.com)



## Problems with Alcohol?

FINALLY, A SOLUTION - CUT BACK - GET CONTROL - GUARANTEED

You don't have to quit drinking altogether!

Imagine if you could cut your alcohol intake to an average of 2 drinks a day and 3 days a week. Clinical studies have had amazing results and you can be a part of this new, proven and safe approach to controlling your drinking to moderate levels.

The Ashford Mayo Alcohol Therapy involves a series of brief counseling sessions, daily to weekly monitoring through email and phone calls, and the administration of a non-addictive, FDA-approved oral medication.

Ashford Mayo Therapy works to eliminate your brain's craving for alcohol within weeks of your initial visit.

Visit our website at [AshfordMayo.com](http://AshfordMayo.com) or call 866-965-MAYO (6296)

*Karastan*

Winter Sale-Final Days  
**PARK CARPET**  
"Your Hometown Flooring Store - Since 1922"

**Arlington**  
4748 Lee Highway  
703-524-7275

**Dulles**  
23430 Rock Haven Way #130  
703-661-3999

[www.parkcarpet.com](http://www.parkcarpet.com)

**mirage** Bruce  
Prefinished Flooring hardwood floors

## Uncle Sam wants to give you \$8,000!



**Kris Tracy**  
703.980.6400  
[www.KrisTracy.com](http://www.KrisTracy.com)  
[Kris@KrisTracy.com](mailto:Kris@KrisTracy.com)

- Sales prices have dropped 21%
- Interest rates are as low as 1971

**It Pays to Ask!!!**



To learn more about how to get your \$8,000, please **Call NOW!!**





**Cognitive Reading Strategies**  
A Comprehensive Literacy Intervention Program

## Summer Reading Institute

5 Weeks that Will Change Your Child's Life!  
July 6 - August 7

Fun!



- ▶ Reading Decoding
- ▶ Reading Comprehension
- ▶ Reading Fluency
- ▶ Vocabulary
- ▶ Spelling *Motivating!*
- ▶ Writing

One to Two  
Reading  
Level Gains!

Visit our website  
to see a program  
presentation & sign-up  
for a no obligation Parent  
Information/Student  
Enrollment meeting.

[www.CognitiveReadingStrategies.com](http://www.CognitiveReadingStrategies.com)

## CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 9

### SATURDAY/MARCH 21

- Sale.** 9-11:45 a.m. at Swanson Middle School, 5800 N. Washington Blvd. Browse cribs, strollers, books and more. Half price sale starts at noon.
- Lecture.** "Myths & Realities About Hydrogen Fuel" by Rene Carlos, at the National Science Foundation, Room 110, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Free. 301 587-3827 or [www.ncas.org](http://www.ncas.org).
- Dance Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Jane Franklin Dance performs. \$28/adult; \$25/senior, student; \$16/child. Visit [www.janefranklin.com](http://www.janefranklin.com) or 703-933-1111.
- Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Bookstore, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Children ages 2-6. Free. 703-241-8281.
- Kindermusic.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Bookstore, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Children ages 1-6 can play instruments, music and stories. Free. 703-241-8281.
- Birding Trap.** 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., meet at Lubber Run Center, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can search for bald eagles and other birds. \$25/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.
- Kids Fishing Day.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bon Air Park, 850 N. Lexington St. Children 15 and under can fish for trout. Free. 703-525-0168.
- 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 with walks and more. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.
- Save a Spider Day.** 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can learn about these animals and try spinning

a web. \$3/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

- Peeper Prowl.** 6:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Washington St. Families can search for tiny tree frogs and more. \$4/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.
- Music Performance.** 7:30 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. at ARK Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "LaChiusa's Ladies." \$30/person. Visit [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org) for more.
- Plant Help.** 10 a.m. at Tuckahoe Park. Help keep the park free from invading plants. Free. 703-228-7636.

### SUNDAY/MARCH 22

- Author Event.** 3 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. David Martin discusses "Losing Everything." Free.
- Music Performance.** 4 p.m. at the Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St. Hear music by Ibis Chamber. Free. Visit [www.ibischambermusic.org](http://www.ibischambermusic.org) or 703-527-3960.
- Music Performance.** 4 p.m. at Church of Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland ST. Hear music by the IBIS Chamber Music Society. Free. Visit [www.ibischambermusic.org](http://www.ibischambermusic.org) or 703-527-3690.
- Flattened Fauna.** 2 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families with children ages 6 and up can learn about animals that cross the road. \$2/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

### MONDAY/MARCH 23

- Baby-Ready Pet Help.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 S. Arlington Mill

Drive. Parents can learn how to prepare a home and pet for the arrival of a new baby. Suggested donation of \$25. Reservations required, [jnewman@awla.org](mailto:jnewman@awla.org) or 703-931-9241 ext. 213.

- Speaker Series.** 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn how to become a savvy food shopper. Free. 703-228-5996.
- Author Event.** 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Breana Clarke will discuss "Stand the Storm." Free.
- Mondays at the Movies.** 6 p.m. at The Dome Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Free.
- Lecture.** 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn how to become a savvy food shopper. Free. 703-228-2144.
- Reminiscence Tea.** 11 a.m. at Culpepper Garden Senior Center. Arlingtonians 55+ can enjoy a social tea while sharing memories. Free. 703-228-4403.

### TUESDAY/MARCH 24

- Lecture.** 6-9 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Mel Chin will talk about his unconventional approach to making art. Visit [www.arlingtonartcenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartcenter.org) or 703-248-6800.
- Author Event.** 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Derek Hyra discusses "The New Urban Renewal." Free.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

- Author Event.** 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. E. Ethelbert Miller will discuss "The 5<sup>th</sup> Inning," his second memoir.

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 11



Class President. Lead.  
Team Captain. First  
Chair. Editor-in-Chief.

At Madeira girls don't have  
equal opportunity, they have  
EVERY opportunity.



**The Madeira School**  
8328 Georgetown Pike  
McLean, Virginia 22102  
703-556-8273  
[www.madeira.org](http://www.madeira.org)

# CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 10

**Movie Watch.** 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Watch "Iron Ladies of Liberia" in honor of Women's History Month. Free.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Bookstore, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Children ages 2-6. Free. 703-241-8281.

**Musical Adventure.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Bookstore, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Children ages 6 months-9 years can sing along and dance with Groovy Nate. Free. 703-241-8281.

**Feeding Frenzy.** 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families can learn about animals and eating. \$1/person. Registration required. 703-228-6535.

**Wild Ones: Wake Up! It's Spring.** 3:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 6-10 can search for animals coming out of hibernation. \$2/child. To register, 703-228-3403.

**Book Discussion.** 11 a.m. at Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Discuss "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. Free. 703-228-0555.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 26

**It's Keen to be Green.** 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 3-5 can learn about planting a garden. \$5/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

**Butterflies and Gardening.** 7:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults can learn about the Washington Area Butterfly Club. Free. 703-228-6535.

**Kickball the Musical.** 8 p.m. at Gunston Theatre One. Performed by the ArtStream Arlington Inclusive Theatre Company. 301-941-1008.

## Active Retirees!

The JCCNV Offers Stimulating and Diverse Weekly Activities  
**Speakers \* Monthly Trips \* Entertainment**

**JCCNV Annual Passover Seder**

Thursday, April 2  
11am-2pm

Enjoy the beauty of a traditional seder led by Temple B'nai Shalom's **Rabbi Amy Perlin.**  
Registration deadline March 30.

Cost: \$24 JCCNV Member or Active Retiree Group/ \$28 Guest of Member/ \$40 Nonmember

**Everyone Welcome!**  
Contact Pam Wiener (703) 537-3061 • PamW@jccnv.org

**Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia**  
8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031  
www.jccnv.org • (703) 323-0880

## Find the Best Deals in Town

*The Tossed and Found Sale*

Sponsored by the Junior League of Washington

### March 28-29, 2009

2100 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA  
In the Crystal City Shops  
Near the Crystal City Metro Station

**Shopping -**  
Saturday, March 28, 9 am-5pm & Sunday, March 29, 9 am-3 pm

Purchase quality used goods including furniture, children's items, antiques, jewelry, books, kitchenware, electronics, and clothing.

**Proceeds benefit JLW's literacy programs.**  
Find out more at [www.jlw.org](http://www.jlw.org) or call (202) 337-2001, Ext 18.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON**  
Helping better communities

★ **"It's All About the Cats"** ★

★ **A Kitten & Cat Adoption Extravaganza** ★

★ **March 21, 2009 11:00-5:00** ★

★ **Woodrow Wilson Library** ★  
★ **703-568-3600** ★

6101 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church, VA  
Sponsored by Commonwealth Cat Rescue Inc.

## OPEN HOUSES

in Arlington  
Sat/Sun, March 21st & 22nd

**1404 N Vermont St • \$765,000 • Open Sunday 1-4pm**  
Laura Fall, Fall Properties, 703-967-9987

When you visit one of these Open Houses, tell the Realtor you saw it in this Connection Newspaper. For more real estate listings and open houses visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com), click the Real Estate links on the right side.

**Call Specific Agents to Confirm Dates & Times.**

22201							
1404 N Vermont St	\$765,000	Sun 1-4pm	Laura Fall	Fall Properties	703-967-9987		
2001 15th St N #1201	\$649,900	Sun 1-4pm	Adam Gallegos	Arbour Realty	703-536-5547		
1276 Wayne St N #1230	\$529,900	Sun 1-4pm	Patrick Evans	Long & Foster	703-919-4338		
1001 Randolph St #508	\$339,000	Sun 1-4pm	Margaret Ann Bermudez	Coldwell Banker	703-451-2500		
1228 N Stafford St	\$1,249,900	Sun 1-4pm	Dave Lloyd	Weichert	703-593-3204		
22204							
1415 Edgewood St S #470	\$275,000	Sun 1-5pm	Jerry Gearheart	Home Discovery	866-382-8401		
1400 S Barton St #424	\$345,000	Sun 1-4pm	Nick Kuhn	McEanearney	703-671-5225		
22205							
822 N Harrison St	\$582,500	Sun 1-4pm	Mitchell Schneider	Hayes & Schneider	703-522-0002		
2207 Greenbrier St N	\$1,395,000	Sat/Sun 1-4	Florann Audia	Long & Foster	703-402-9127		
2231 Greenbrier St N	\$1,295,000	Sat 1-4pm	Florann Audia	Long & Foster	703-973-5704		
22206							
3497 S Wakefield St	\$395,000	Sun 11-4pm	Lawrence Bunnell	HIS Realty	800-974-6657		
22207							
5134 N 24th St	\$874,900	Sun 1-4pm	Harry Lilly	Long & Foster	703-284-9363		
2344 Taylor St N	\$995,000	Sun 1-4pm	Lisa Koch	Weichert	703-527-3300		
4015 25th Rd N	\$729,000	Sun 1-4pm	Richard Spurgeon	Re/Max	703-564-0963		
2051 Woodstock St N #202	\$289,900	Sun 1-4pm	Gerry Griffin	McEanearney	703-525-1900		
3724 Vermont St N	\$749,900	Sun 1-4pm	Dave Lloyd	Weichert	703-593-3204		
2316 Buchanan St N	\$629,500	Sun 1-4pm	Kathleen Cox	Long & Foster	703-229-8528		
2721 24th St N	\$1,295,000	Sun 1-4pm	Christine Vanderhyde	Washington Fine Properties	202-274-4663		
22209							
1401 Oak St N	\$949,000	Sun 1-4pm	Matthew Shepard	Keller Williams	703-867-5224		

**For an Open House Listing Form, call Deb Funk at 703-518-4631 or e-mail [debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com) All listings due by Monday at 3 p.m.**

## Visit These Houses of Worship

Join A Club, Make New Friends, or Expand Your Horizons...

- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <p><b>Assemblies of God</b><br/>Arlington Assembly of God...703-524-1667<br/>Calvary Gospel Church...703-525-6636</p> <p><b>Baptist</b><br/>McLean Baptist Church<br/>703-356-8080</p> <p><b>Buddhism</b><br/>The Vajrayogini Buddhist Center<br/>202-331-2122</p> <p><b>Churches-Catholic</b><br/>St. Agnes Catholic Church... 703-525-1166<br/>Cathedral of St. Thomas More...703-525-1300<br/>Our Lady of Lourdes ... 703-684-9261<br/>Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic<br/>703-979-5580<br/>St. Ann Catholic Church...703-528-6276<br/>St. Charles Catholic Church...703-527-5500</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>Arlington Church of Christ...703-528-0535</p> | <p><b>Church of God-Anderson, Indiana</b><br/>Church of God...703-671-6726</p> <p><b>Churches-Episcopal</b><br/>St. Andrew Episcopal Church...703-522-1600<br/>St. George Episcopal Church...703-525-8286<br/>St. Johns Episcopal Church...703-671-6834<br/>St. Mary Episcopal Church...703-527-6800</p> <p><b>Churches-Episcopal</b><br/>St. Michael S Episcopal Church<br/>703-241-2474<br/>St. Paul Episcopal Church...703-820-2625<br/>St. Peter's Episcopal Church...703-536-6606<br/>St. Thomas Episcopal Church...703-442-0330<br/>Trinity Episcopal Church...703-920-7077</p> <p><b>Churches Lutheran(ELCA)</b><br/>Advent Lutheran Church...703-521-7010<br/>Faith Lutheran Church...703-525-9283<br/>German Lutheran Church...703-276-8952<br/>Resurrection Lutheran Church...703-532-5991</p> | <p><b>Churches Lutheran(Missouri, Synod)</b><br/>Our Savior Lutheran Church...703-892-4846</p> <p><b>Churches-Nazarene</b><br/>Arlington First Church of the Nazarene... 703-525-2516</p> <p><b>Church-Brethren</b><br/>Church of The Brethren...703-524-4100</p> <p><b>Churches-Baptist</b><br/>Arlington Baptist Church...703-979-7344<br/>Cherrydale Baptist Church...703-525-8210<br/>First Baptist of Ballston...703-525-7824<br/>Mt. Zion Baptist Church...703-979-7411</p> <p><b>Churches-Baptist-Free Will</b><br/>Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church...703-527-7040</p> <p><b>Churches-Presbyterian</b><br/>Arlington Presbyterian Church...703-920-5660<br/>Church of Covenant ...703-524-4115</p> | <p><b>Clarendon Presbyterian Church</b><br/>703-527-9513</p> <p><b>Little Falls Presbyterian Church</b><br/>703-538-5230</p> <p><b>Trinity Presbyterian Church...703-536-5600</b><br/><b>Westminster Presbyterian ... 703-549-4766</b></p> <p><b>Churches-Unitarian Universalist</b><br/>Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington<br/>703-892-2565</p> <p><b>Churches-United Methodist</b><br/>Charles Wesley United Methodist<br/>...703-356-6336<br/>Calvary United Methodist...703-892-5185<br/>Cherrydale United Methodist...703-527-2621<br/>Chesterbrook United Methodist<br/>...703-356-7100<br/>Clarendon United Methodist...703-527-8574<br/>Community United Methodist...703-527-1085<br/>Mt. Olivet United Methodist...703-527-3934<br/>Trinity United Methodist...703-356-3312<br/>Walker Chapel United Methodist<br/>...703-538-5200</p> <p><b>Churches- United Church of Christ</b><br/>Bethel United Church of Christ<br/>...703-528-0937<br/>Rock Spring Congregational<br/>United Church of Christ...703-538-4886</p> <p><b>Metaphysical</b><br/>Arlington Metaphysical Chapel<br/>...703-276-8738</p> <p><b>Presbyterian Church in America Churches</b><br/>Christ Church of Arlington...703-527-0420</p> <p><b>Synagogues - Conservative</b><br/>Congregation Etz Hayim...703-979-4466</p> <p><b>Synagogues - Orthodox</b><br/>Fori Myer Minyan...703-863-4520<br/>Chabad Luvavitch of Alexandria-Arlington<br/>...703-370-2774</p> <p><b>Synagogue - Reconstructionist</b><br/>Kol Ami, the North Virginia<br/>Reconstructionist Community<br/>...571-271-8387</p> |
|--|--|---|--|

### Saint Ann Catholic Church

**SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE:**  
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM  
1:30 PM Spanish Liturgy  
5312 North 10th Street  
Arlington Virginia 22205  
Parish Office: (703) 528-6276

**DAILY EUCHARIST:**  
Weekdays  
Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM  
Saturday, 8:30 AM

All Are Welcome!

**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
[www.rc.net/arlington/stann](http://www.rc.net/arlington/stann)

## Westover Baptist Church

**Wednesday** Prayer Service 2:00 PM      1125 N. Patrick Henry Drive  
**Sunday** 9:30 AM Sunday School                      703-237-8292  
& 11:00 AM Worship                                      [www.westoverbaptist.org](http://www.westoverbaptist.org)

To highlight your Faith Community call Karen at 703-917-6468

# Opening Day Jitters

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

It sure didn't seem like an appropriate time to be playing baseball, not with a bitterly cold wind, slight drizzle and temperatures dipping into the low 40s. But as the Yorktown baseball team took the field last Friday afternoon for its season opener against Chantilly, there was no better moment to show its mettle after a magical 17-game winning streak last year came to a sudden halt.

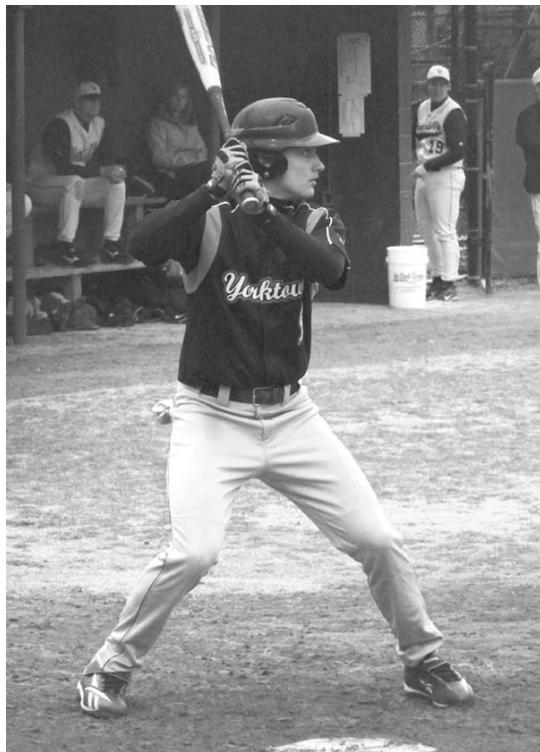
The Patriots stormed to the 2008 National District regular-season and tournament titles, becoming the first team in National District history to go undefeated, winning 17 straight, and compiling an 18-4 record along the way. But the Patriots saw their year end in disappointment with a first-round loss to Robinson in the Northern Region tournament.

Against Chantilly — predicted to be one of the best teams in the Concorde District this season — Yorktown finally had its chance for a measure of redemption. And through four innings Friday, the Patriots looked poised to finally make their mark outside the district, deadlocked in a scoreless tie.

But junior starting pitcher Dean Johnson tired in the fifth, giving up back-to-back home runs to Chantilly's Matt DeWitt and Brian King and the Chargers held on for a 5-1 victory. Though the loss put a damper on an already gloomy afternoon, it did nothing to deter the optimism surrounding Yorktown baseball this season.

"We're expecting to win the National District again," said Yorktown's No. 1 starting pitcher and second baseman Kyle Toulouse. "We really want to contend in the region because after losing in the first round, we're trying to prove something this year."

If the Patriots are to replicate their successful season, it will have a lot to do with Toulouse. Already the team's ace, the Division-I caliber star will be counted on for more offensive production as the team's leadoff hitter this season with the graduation of Yorktown's entire outfield from a season ago. Coach Mike Allen also expects shortstop and clean-up hitter Zach Madison and designated hitter Jordan LaBella to help overcome any sort of power outage



PHOTOS BY JASON MCKEY/THE CONNECTION

**Yorktown's Kyle Toulouse should star as the Patriots' ace on the mound and starting second basemen this season.**

offensively. He blamed the wintry weather for his team's subpar showing at the plate last Friday.

"I schedule teams like this in the beginning of the season to challenge us," said Allen. "Today we just watched too many balls go by, but I think we'll be all right."

**OVER AT WASHINGTON-LEE**, coach Doug Grove thinks he may have a team capable of dethroning the reigning champs if everything comes together as planned.

The Generals could have the most potent offense in the district led by center fielder/first basemen Tom Edwards and junior catcher Jeremy Seipp, both of whom hit above .300 last season as the team earned a berth in the Northern Region tournament after amassing an 11-12 record. Grove said he also expects contributions from outfielders Hector Campos and Christian McGillen and third basemen Will Brower.

In what should be a trend for the Generals this season, W-L hit the daylights out of the ball in a 9-8 season-opening loss to Fairfax last Friday. McGillen had a huge homerun in the sixth inning, while Brower had a game-tying RBI double in the seventh, but it was all for naught thanks to five field-

**Yorktown, Washington-Lee falter in season openers, but are favorites in National District.**



**Yorktown junior Dean Johnson pitched 4 2/3 scoreless innings in the Patriots' season opener against Chantilly last Friday, but gave up back-to-back homers in the fifth inning.**

ing errors.

W-Ls pitching staff is fairly inexperienced with four underclassmen and just one senior, but Grove expects them to get better as the temperatures warm up. It's a new concept for the coach, who hasn't had this much depth in the batting order in quite some time.

"This year we're gonna have to hit," he said. "And I think we will, our lineup is pretty deep."

Still, even if things go according to script, Grove and his team are fully aware to get atop the National District, they must first get by Yorktown. They'll get their chance next Wednesday when the two teams meet for the first of two match-ups this season.

**WAKEFIELD MAY HAVE** gone 5-15 and lost in the first round of the National District tournament last season, but that doesn't mean there's no optimism surrounding coach George Baker's team.

The Warriors are just a year removed from making it to the district finals in 2007 and get back junior shortstop Matt Vlitiz — a freshman standout on that finalist squad —

## Area Teams

### YORKTOWN

**Last Year's Record:** 18-4

**Player to Watch:** Senior Kyle Toulouse, 2B/P

**Notable Quotable:** "The tough thing for us is replacing our entire outfield," said coach Mike Allen.

### WASHINGTON-LEE

**Last Year's Record:** 11-12

**Player to Watch:** Junior Tom Edwards, 1B/OF/P

**Notable Quotable:** "Hitting should be our strength," said coach Doug Grove.

### WAKEFIELD

**Last Year's Record:** 5-15

**Player to Watch:** Matt Vlitiz, SS

**Notable Quotable:** "I don't have any superstars, but I think they're gonna play above our heads because they believe in each other," said coach George Baker.

after he missed much of his sophomore campaign with a broken ankle. Baker expects him to hit around .350 and cement himself as one of the best players in the area.

Catcher Ryan Kawaki and second baseman Matt Heckler will also help solidify the heart of the order that has proven potent in the early going.

But if the Warriors' 20-15 season-opening loss to Freedom is any indication, the Warriors will have their fair share of struggles on the mound. With just four hurlers on the roster, Baker is counting on pitchers Remy Tucker and Sam Kealey to hold down the fort and not give up too many walks.

"The one thing about this team, I've been coach for 10 years, and they're the closest bunch I've had," said Baker. "They just don't give up, they're fighters, they believe in the coaching staff, and they believe in each other."

**O'CONNELL MIGHT HAVE** the most experienced team in the area this season. Coming off a 14-10 record a season ago in the tough WCAC, the Knights return five seniors who garnered all-conference honors of some kind last season. Leading the charge will be senior shortstop Zach Tessier, an all-conference second-team selection last season committed to play baseball at High Point next year.

## SCHOOL NOTES

To have school information listed in *The Arlington Connection* write an e-mail to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407.

Positions available as **teen apprentices** with the Levine School's Summer Music and Arts Day Camp at Westover Baptist Church in Arlington. For those entering 7th grade and above. Apply at [www.levineschool.org/camp](http://www.levineschool.org/camp)

The **Columbia Pike Community Chorus** and **MusiKids** are welcoming new and returning singers for their June 14 presentation of "Music from the Best of Broadway." All are welcome; no auditions are required. Rehearsals for CPC are Mondays from 7-9 p.m. starting April 13; and for the MusiKids Mondays 5:30-6:15 p.m. starting April 20. Both rehearsals and performance will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2217 Columbia Pike. For more information, contact Barbara Stefan at

703-920-7077 or [musicmin@tecarl.org](mailto:musicmin@tecarl.org).

Our **Savior Lutheran School** is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. There are openings in kindergarten through eighth grade. The school is located at 825 S. Taylor Street in Arlington. Call 703-892-4846 for further information or to schedule a tour. Visit [osva.org](http://osva.org).

This spring the **Arlington Community Foundation** will award **65**

**scholarships** totaling over \$150,000 to Arlington college bound students. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 annually. Students are eligible for scholarships based on their connection to the Arlington community and different criteria related to their activities, achievements and career goals. The application deadline is March 6. Apply at [www.arlcf.org](http://www.arlcf.org).

Arlington resident **Nancy Aracely Flores** was named to the fall 2008

dean's list at The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

**Arlington Mill** librarian **Vera Stover** was among the 125 singers who performed at the "We Are One" Pre-Inaugural Event at the Lincoln Memorial on Jan. 18. The back-up choir sang with Bruce Springsteen and Beyonce.

**Kenmore's Shauna Dyer** was featured in the January issue of the Phillips **SEE SCHOOLS, PAGE 15**

**CUST SRVC/ADMIN ASS'T**  
Busy McLean Co, seeking exper'd indiv with excellent verbal/written skills. Detail oriented. Medical products. Fax: 703-847-0741. [tryco@tryco.org](mailto:tryco@tryco.org)

**LIFEGUARDS / POOL OPERATORS / SUPERVISORS**  
Free training, competitive wages. Must be able to swim. 703-421-5595

**Adult Pool Attendant**  
Weekend positions at community swimming pools throughout Maryland and Virginia. Must be able to swim.  
Call: 571-730-3001 or  
Email: [chrisg@continentalpools.com](mailto:chrisg@continentalpools.com)

**Job\$\$\$! Earn over \$400 a week collecting signatures!!!**  
Paid positions available. Progressive candidate for office in Virginia needs your help. Must be a Virginia resident and have a car. Call us at 202-509-5748

**STERLING DENTAL OFFICE**  
**Dental Hygienist - Mon and/or Tues starting in May. Excell \$\$.**  
Want compassionate skilled team player to join fun high tech office. No HMO's! Fax resume to Valerie @703-444-8607 or call 444-3710.

**CAREER TRAINING**  
**CAD**  
Train for a career in computer-aided design at **Westwood College**. Call 800-342-2249 today to receive your free **Career Success Kit!**  
[www.westwood.edu/locations](http://www.westwood.edu/locations)

**RN/LPN ON CALL ( Northern Virginia Area)**  
Alternative Administrator needed to fill in as needed for In-home Health Care Company. The Ideal candidate must have training and direct experience in the health care industry, and have current license in the state of Virginia. This person will be directly responsible but not limited to; new client set up/assessments, care plans, implementation of policies and procedures. Ideal job for nurse looking to get back into the health care field or perfect for stay at home mom.  
Please fax cover letter and resume to 410-583-0018 or email: [Jill.Phillips@bbsihq.com](mailto:Jill.Phillips@bbsihq.com)

**CAREGIVERS**  
**ANOVA SENIOR KARE** (Reston Va. based) is looking for the best of the best. Do you want to go home at the end of your shift knowing you made a difference in the life of a family? If so, you may meet the qualifications to be an **ANOVA SENIOR KARE** caregiver. Are you the kind of person who's trustworthy enough to become part of someone's family? Are you ready for more than the next job, are you ready for a career? **ANOVA SENIOR KARE** is looking for Caregivers & CNA's with several years of experience in home care or another caring field. Must have valid drivers license and dependable car. Some agencies want warm bodies, we want warm hearts. Call us today for a personal interview and to learn about our competitive compensation, benefits and flexible schedules. Call 703-621-4825, option 5.

**Lifeguards/Pool Operators**  
Now hiring for summer season  
Training provided  
Call: 703-321-7040  
[www.continentalpools.com](http://www.continentalpools.com)

**EARN PAID TIME OFF!**  
**CNA's/Companions/Live - Ins**  
Needed immediately to help with daily meals, errands, chores, laundry, etc. Flexible schedules - work when you want. Paid training, double time for holidays. PT/FT. Call now 703-766-4019.

**RECRUITER**  
Youthful, energetic, enthusiastic and persistent person needed to find/hire high school and college students for seasonal work. Positions open in Maryland and Virginia. Call: 571-730-3001 or Email: [chrisg@continentalpools.com](mailto:chrisg@continentalpools.com)

  
Nannies needed to start ASAP, \$15-\$20/hr, legal, drive.  
703-779-7999  
[nanniesbynature.com](http://nanniesbynature.com)

**PART-TIME OPENINGS GREAT PAY!**  
Immediate Openings. Ideal for students/others. Customer Sales/Svc. Flex Schedules. All ages 18+. Conditions apply.  
Call 703-359-7600

**HOUSE CLEANERS**  
PT/FT. M-F. Day work. Sal. range \$10-14/hr. Will train. Car necessary. Call 703-255-0746

**MARKETING DIRECTOR**  
P/T position. Flex hrs, on site & home. Marketing exp. Contact Danielle 703-358-9735 or 00446@chick-fil-a.com

**Mom's Job Fair**  
[www.MomsJobFair.com](http://www.MomsJobFair.com)  
A job fair for women looking to start a part-time job/business at home. Women business leaders will be there to share why they love what they do.  
March 20 - Friday 10 am - 4 pm  
Hilton Springfield Hotel  
6550 Loisdale Road  
Springfield, VA 22150

**GOLFERS WANTED!**  
Caddiemaster is looking for service oriented caddies to work at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm. Golf knowledge and service skills required.  
FT / PT positions  
\$400 to \$750 wk.  
Please contact  
POTOMAC 301-469-0101

**CUSTOMER SERVICE/ BUSINESS ANALYST**  
Global Dimension Solutions has immediate need for a Customer Service/Business Analyst. Perfect position for an individual seeking growth potential. We offer a close knit office environment and seek a reliable, customer service oriented individual. Apply for position at: [www.equationsmarketsolutions.com](http://www.equationsmarketsolutions.com) or send resume to [resumes@adexec.com](mailto:resumes@adexec.com)

**TELEPHONE**  
A great opportunity to **WORK AT HOME!**  
NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!  
301-333-1900  
Weekdays 9-4

**TELEPHONE**  
A great opportunity to **WORK AT HOME!**  
NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!  
301-333-1900  
Weekdays 9-4

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.  
-Werner Heisenberg

**Internships Available**  
Unusual opportunity to learn many aspects of the newspaper business. Internships available in reporting, photography, research, graphics. Opportunities for students, and for adults considering change of career. Unpaid. Call John Lovaas, 703-917-6405 or email [internship@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:internship@connectionnewspapers.com)

**THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS**

## Time Out Of Mind



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Time Out Of Mind  
After my mother's death, it took me over two months to finally write and send thank you notes to the friends who remembered my mother by making charitable donations in her name. And though I'm not particularly proud of the lack of initiative I showed in taking as long as I did to properly respond, I am still most appreciative of the extra effort and thoughtfulness these friends exhibited. As I wrote in the thank yous that I sent, it seemed like the loss of a second parent in two years sort of knocked the initiative right out of me (or maybe that was simply my mother not being around to remind me to do something). I remember experiencing a similar malaise after my father died in Dec., 2006. And though my mother was most definitely alive and well back then, I recall feeling a little unmotivated, a little empty, and not really seeing the point and/or significance in much as I tried to find a new routine now that my father was gone.

Moreover, given the fact that our mother was now widowed, without my father as her companion for the first time in over 65 years, my brother and I knew we still had major responsibilities, not exactly care and feeding since my father's caregiver, Maria, stayed on, but life full-filling nevertheless. And not that we were the least bit put off — or put upon, quite frankly — by the task at hand, it was more that we were fulfilling a role that, unbeknownst to us, we had been preparing for — and prepared for, our whole lives.

And for most of these past two years, we had fun doing it. As difficult as I know it was for my mother to live on without my father alive and in her life, it was really quite remarkable how she adjusted to the loss. Not exactly ambulatory and almost totally hearing impaired, she persevered, and almost always with good humor. Surrounded by pictures of my father as well as pictures of the two of them at various stops in their life, she was never far removed, physically, from reminders of what, for her, had been the most important responsibility in her life: her husband (my father) and her family. Yet, she was rarely morose; sad of course, in tears occasionally, but overall, happy to be alive and not "woeing" at all about her loss or physical limitations.

Mentally, she was as sharp at the end as she had been her entire life (so far as we ever saw) and as concerned about others (my brother and I) even as she lay in the bed in which she would eventually die, as she had ever been; still concerned about my brother's comfort (sitting vs. standing by the side of her bed) and whether or not we had eaten or were hungry. Amazing!

This was the second time that my brother and I have been witness to acts of love and unselfishness by our parents as they lie dying. Whatever lessons they sought to impart to us while they were alive pale in comparison to the lessons they taught us while they were dying.

My parents both died with dignity, class and concern for their family. At a time in their lives when it most assuredly should have been about them, they continued to try and make it about us. No wonder we miss them so much.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

**CARPENTRY**



www.kaleowoodworking.com  
703-724-7648

**KALEO**  
custom woodworking

libraries  
bookcases  
home offices  
custom molding  
entertainment centers

**IMPROVEMENTS**



**RENDON**  
REMODELING & DESIGN, LLC

**PROFESSIONAL RESIDENTIAL REMODELING DESIGN/BUILD**

- Custom Additions, Kitchens & Bathrooms
- Custom Painting: Interior and Exterior, Wallpaper, Drywall Repairs

www.rendonremodeling.com 703-444-3127

**CLEANING**

**A CLEANING SERVICE**  
Since 1985/Ins & Bonded  
Quality Service at a Fair Price  
Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Comm/Res. MD VA DC  
acleansingserviceinc.com  
703-892-8648

**HAULING**

**AL'S HAULING**  
Junk & Rubbish  
Concrete, furn., office,  
yard, construction debris  
Low Rates NOVA  
703-360-4364

**MASONRY**

**JDF Masonry CO, LLC**  
703-283-9479  
703-455-0319

- ◆ Bricks ◆ Blocks,
- ◆ Flagstone ◆ Concrete
- ◆ Retaining Walls

Free Est. Lic & Ins.  
Affordable Prices

**PAINTING**

**PLOUTIS PAINTING & CONTRACTING**  
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINTING  
GENERAL CARPENTRY & MORE  
OVER 48 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
\*FREE ESTIMATES  
Mention Ad for 10% Discount  
703-360-1215  
WWW.PLOUTISPAINTING.COM

**CLEANING**

**Y & Y CLEANING**  
13 yrs Exp.  
Excellent Refs,  
Guaranteed Satisfaction,  
Call Yamilet  
703-967-7412

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**STRONG PACE CONSTRUCTION**  
15 Yrs Class A VA Lic.

- Additions • Kitchens
- Basements • Comm Offices
- Decks • Painting • Drywall
- Windows & Wood Repairs

703-644-5206 • 703-750-0749

**CLEANING**

**CARE MORE CLEANING SOLUTIONS**  
Residential & Commercial  
10% Senior Citizen Discount  
703-862-5904 or  
703-780-6749  
LIC caremorecleaning.com INS

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**The HANDYMAN**  
A DIVISION OF NURSE CONSTRUCTION

HOME INSPECTION LIST  
REPAIRS, CERAMIC TILE,  
PAINTING, DRYWALL,  
CARPENTRY, CUSTOM  
WOOD REPAIR, LT. PLUMBING &  
ELECTRICAL, POWER WASHING  
Since 1964  
We Accept VISA/MC  
703-441-8811

**PAINTING**

**PATRIOT PAINTING**  
www.PatriotPainting.net

**Deep Winter Discounts**  
Free Est. • Satisfaction Guar!  
Lic./Ins. Int./Ext.  
703-502-7840  
Cell  
571-283-4883

**ROOFING**

**Roofing & Siding**  
(All Types)  
Soffit & Fascia Wrapping  
New Gutters  
Chimney Crowns  
Leaks Repaired  
No job too small  
703-975-2375

**ELECTRICAL**

**K & D ELECTRIC**  
COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL SERVICE  
Family Owned & Operated

Recessed Lighting  
Ceiling Fans  
Phone/CATV  
Computer Network Cabeling  
Service Upgrades  
Hot Tubs, etc...

Licensed/Bonded/Insured  
Office 703-335-0654  
Mobile 703-499-0522

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**M. C. Lynch**  
Home Improvement  
Family Owned & Operated

Rotten Wood, Wind Damage, Trims,  
Windows, Doors, Deck, Stairs, Vanity,  
Basement Framing, Garbage Disposal,  
Painting, Power Wash, Siding Repairs.  
Licensed, Bonded, Insured  
703-266-1233

**ELECTRICAL**

**DISCOUNT ELECTRIC**  
Mar/Apr Discount  
\$48/HR.  
✓Free Estimates ✓Licensed  
✓Bonded ✓Insured  
703-978-2813  
Cell 703-851-8091

**LANDSCAPING**

**SPRING CLEAN-UP**  
Yard Work, Trees & Shrubs  
Trimmed/Removed!  
Mulching, Hauling,  
Gutter Cleaning, etc.  
Free estimates!  
703-385-3338

**TREE SERVICE**

**ANGEL'S TREE & HEAVY TRASH HAULING**  
• Mulch  
• Clean-up Grounds  
• Leaf Removal  
703-863-1086  
New#- 571-312-7227

**GUTTER**

**PINNACLE SERVICES, INC.**  
LAWN SERVICE

MOWING, TRIMMING,  
EDGING, MULCHING  
& TRIM HEDGES  
Group Rates Avail!  
703-802-0483

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**A&S Construction**

- Basement Finishing
- Retaining Walls • Patios
- Decks • Porches (incl. screened) • Erosion & Grading Solutions
- French Drains • Sump Pumps
- Driveway Asphalt Sealing

703-863-7465  
LICENSED

**GUTTER**

**PINNACLE SERVICES**  
• GUTTER CLEANING  
• SMALL REPAIRS  
• SCREENING  
• POWER WASHING  
703-802-0483  
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE  
FREE EST.

**LANDSCAPING**

**A&S LANDSCAPING**  
Spring Clean-up • Planting  
Mulching • Sodding • Patios  
Decks • Retaining Walls  
Drainage Solutions  
703-863-7465

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**Metro Gutter**  
Clean/Install/Repair

- Wood Replace & Wrapping • Pressure Washing
- Chimney Sweeping & Repair

20 YEARS EXP.  
703-354-4333  
metrogutter.com

**LAWN SERVICE**

**Lawn Mowing**  
Mulching & more!  
Call Mark for free est,  
703-868-7831

**HAULING**

**ANGEL'S TRASH HAULING**  
Construction Debris,  
Residential, Office  
& Tree Removal  
703-863-1086  
New#- 571-312-7227

**HAULING**

**ANGEL'S TREE & HEAVY TRASH HAULING**  
• Mulch  
• Clean-up Grounds  
• Leaf Removal  
703-863-1086  
New#- 571-312-7227

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**R.N. CONTRACTORS, INC.**

Remodeling Homes, Flooring,  
Kitchen & Bath, Windows,  
Siding, Roofing, Additions &  
Patios, Custom Deck, Painting

We Accept All Major Credit Cards  
Licensed, Insured, Bonded • Free Estimates  
Phone: 703-887-3827 Fax: 703-803-3849  
E-mail: rncontractorsinc@yahoo.com

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**J.E.S Services**  
LANDSCAPE & CONSTRUCTION

- Patios • Walkways
- Retaining Walls
- Drainage Problems
- Landscape Makeovers

Call: 703-912-6886  
Free Estimates

**PAINTING**

**C&M PAINTING**  
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINTING  
DRYWALL REPAIR  
WALLPAPER REMOVAL

Licensed Insured Bonded FREE ESTIMATES  
703-250-4241

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**ACCUPOISE RENOVATIONS**

- Kitchens • Basements
- Bathrooms • Home office
- Restaurants

www.accupoise.com  
703-966-4201  
requestabid@accupoise.com

**MASONRY**

**MOTTERN MASONRY DESIGN**

Specializing in Custom  
Stone and Brick Walkways, Patios,  
& Small and Large Repairs  
Licensed, Insured  
• Free estimates • All work guaranteed •  
www.motternmasonry.com  
Phone 703-496-7491

**PAINTING**

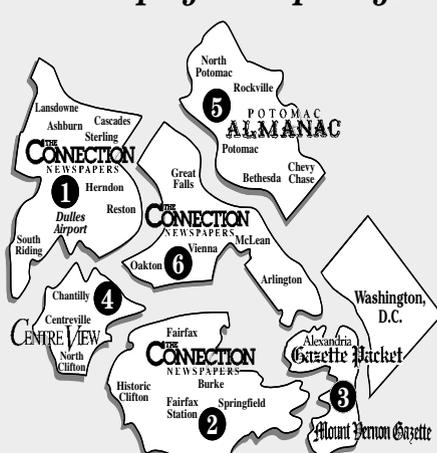
**SPRING SPECIAL**  
10% to 20% OFF All Services

**Nuance Painting Inc.**  
Family Owned and Operated  
Serving Northern Virginia for Over a Decade  
Winner of American Painting Contractors  
Residential Top Job Award  
Residential and Commercial Services

- Interior and Exterior Painting
- Faux Finishing
- Drywall Hanging, Finishing and Repairs
- Interior Moldings Crown-Chair Rail-Shadow Boxing
- Exterior Trim Repair/Replacement
- Decks cleaned and Sealed
- General Contractor Services
- For Evaluation and Consultation Call

703-437-3037  
Licensed Insured  
On the web at www.nuancepainting.com  
We Accept

**Employers:**  
Are your recruiting ads not working in other papers?  
Try a better way to fill your employment openings



- Target your best job candidates where they live.
- Reach readers in addition to those who are currently looking for a job.
- Proven readership.
- Proven results.

**THE CONNECTION**  
to your community

703-917-6464 • Fax 703-917-0992  
E-mail: classified@connectionnewspapers.com

Great Papers • Great Readers • Great Results!

**21 Announcements 21 Announcements**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**OF VALUABLE**

**IMPROVED REAL ESTATE**

Improved by the premises known as

3533 Valeview Drive, Oakton, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael Cole and Susan Benikas, dated July 24, 2002, and recorded August 5, 2002, in Deed Book 13181 at page 1017 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

**Monday, March 30, 2009 At 11:00 a.m.**

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

Lot 36, Section 4-C, Valewood Manor Subdivision, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5534 at page 1575, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3533 Valeview Drive, Oakton, Virginia 22124.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$5,000.00 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 3.25 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.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

This sale is being made subject to a superior trust.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also

shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY  
Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

David N. Prenskey  
Chasen & Chasen  
Suite 500  
5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20015  
(202) 244-4000

**THE CONNECTION CLASSIFIED**  
NEWSPAPERS

**Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:**  
703-917-6400

**Employment: 703-917-6464**  
**Fax: 703-917-0992**

**E-mail: classified@connectionnewspapers.com**

**26 Antiques**

We consign/pay top \$ for antique/semi antique furn. including mid century & danish modern Teak furniture, sterling, mens watches, painting/art glass, clocks, jewelry, costume jewelry, etc. Call Schefer Antiques @ 703-241-0790.

**30 Misc. Wanted**

Buying Vintage Sportcards  
Call Ken @ 703-919-6826

**101 Computers**

**HDI**  
EASY COMPUTER SOLUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL BUSINESSES  
**JENNIFER O. SMITH**  
COMPUTER CONSULTANT

- > TRAINING
- > INSTALLATION
- > TROUBLE-SHOOTING
- > LET US TAME THAT BEAST FOR YOU

Serving Area Since 1995  
**(703) 765-2222**  
JSMITHHDI@aol.com

**21 Announcements**

*Designated*  
**"Qualified in Submarines"**  
JOIN



**Call: Submarine Veterans Northern Virginia Base**  
Steve Jaeger  
703-696-5354  
Treasurer@USSVINOVA.org

**Now! Complete Print Editions Online!**

The full print editions of all 18 Connection Newspapers are now available on our Web Site in PDF format, page by page, identical to our weekly newsprint editions, including print advertising. Go to [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com) and click on "Print Editions."

**THE CONNECTION**  
to your community

## SCHOOLS

FROM PAGE 12

Collection newsletter. Dyer along with colleague Jeff Wilson was selected to participate in the Phillips Collection's mentor teacher program in September.

The **Wakefield** Orchestra, under the direction of **Gene Pohl**, has received grants from the Washington Performing Arts Society and the Wolf Trap Foundation. The Performing Arts Society grant will allow Pohl to provide a workshop for students with MarcOlivia, a professional string duo. The Wolf Trap grant will be used to bring in professional guest artists from local symphony orchestras to solo with the orchestra at the spring concert.

Yorktown High School placed first at the re-

gional Virginia High School League (VHSL) One-Act Theatre Arts Festival on Jan. 31 with the student-performance of "The Imaginary Invalid." In addition to receiving top honors, judges named nine members of the cast as All-Stars. They were **Philip Baraoidan, Curt Gavin, Allison Ham, Avery Hitt, Paul Kenney, Muriel MacDonald, Elaine McCartin, Charlie Resnick, and Brooke Weber. MacDonald** was named Best Actress for the entire competition. **Weber and Kenney** were runners-up for best overall actress and actor respectively.

The following students at Coastal Carolina University students from your coverage area who earned dean's list status: **John W. Northington Jr.**, Arlington; **Casey L. Rolla**, Arlington; and Anna L. Tupy, Alexandria.

## BULLETIN BOARD

FROM PAGE 5

**THURSDAY/MARCH 26**

**Meeting.** Holistic Moms Network Arlington/Alexandria Chapter Meeting. Moms, dads, partners, caregivers and children are all welcome. 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Free. Visit [arlalexva.holisticmoms.org](http://arlalexva.holisticmoms.org) or 703-824-6167.

**FRIDAY/MARCH 27**

**Application Deadline.** 5 p.m., Arlington County has received an award of \$36,216 of federal funds through Phase 27 of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). These funds will supplement existing food and shelter programs in the county. Qualifying agencies interested in applying for these funds must contact Local Board Chair Indra Corea at 703-979-3380, ext. 102 for an application form.

**Health Enrichment.** UUCA, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Enjoy meditative movements, chant, readings and more. Visit [www.kolaminvrc.org](http://www.kolaminvrc.org) for more.

**MONDAY/MARCH 30**

**College Drinking Culture.** 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Parents can learn about colleges and drinking. Free. 703-536-4509.

**SATURDAY/APRIL 4**

**Donate Old Bikes.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Langston-Brown Rec Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. Troop #149 Eagle Community Service Project. \$10/suggested donation per bike. Visit [www.bikesfortheworld.org](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org) or 703-525-0931.

**SUNDAY/APRIL 5**

**Help.** De-construct, pack, load and unload crates of canned food from the sixth annual **Canstruction**. On March 27, teams of local architecture firms will build imaginative structures entirely out of canned goods. The structures will be displayed for a week at Ballston Common Mall. When the event ends, Arlington Food Assistance Center needs volunteers to take the goods to its offices on Sunday, April 5. Visit <http://www.afacinfo.org>

**CONNECTION**

**Photo Galleries**

Now! Thousands of pictures of sports, graduations, current events and more—never published, but posted on the Web. Free for evaluation, available for prints.



Connection Newspapers.com  
Click on "Photo Gallery"

**International Amateur Soccer Tournament**  
The Challenge for the Tiffany Trophy Cup



America's Best versus the World's Best U17 Boys competition in this elite, invitational tournament  
**April 4-11**

**D.C. United Academy v. Real Madrid CF**  
(Doubleheader with MLS Game D.C. United v. Houston Dynamo)  
RFK Stadium 4:30p.m. April 4

Additional Matches at Georgetown University, Trinity College & other Washington, DC fields.

**Go online for the full schedule & ticket info!**  
\*Subject to weather

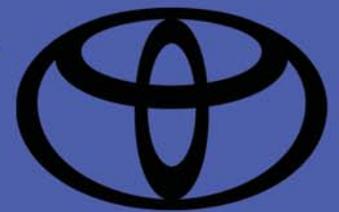
[www.InternationalAmateurSports.com](http://www.InternationalAmateurSports.com)

**International Teams**



# JACK TAYLOR'S ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA

**FANTASTIC DEALS!**



**CELEBRATING OVER 35 YEARS OF BUSINESS!**

**WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM**

**THE ALL NEW VENZA HAS ARRIVED!**



**GREAT DEALS ON ALL HYBRIDS!**

**NEW '09 PRIUS**  
**48 MPG\*\***  
**\$750 CUSTOMER CASH\***

**GOT MPG? WE DO!**

**NEW '09 CAMRY**  
**34 MPG\*\***  
**\$1,500 CUSTOMER CASH\***

**FANTASTIC LEASES!**

**NEW '08 HIGHLANDER**  
**27 MPG\*\***  
**\$3,000 CUSTOMER CASH\***

**GREAT FINANCING OPTIONS!**

**UP TO \$4,500 CUSTOMER CASH BACK!\***

**NEW '09 CAMRY**

**31 MPG\*\***  
**\$199 /MONTH**  
**OR \$1,500 CUSTOMER CASH\***  
**FOR 36 MONTHS\*\*\***

**NEW '08 SOLARA CONVERTIBLE**

**26 MPG\*\***  
**\$1,500 CUSTOMER CASH\***

**NEW '09 YARIS**

**39 MPG\*\***  
**\$139 /MONTH**  
**FOR 36 MONTHS\*\*\***

**NEW '09 MATRIX**

**25 MPG\*\***  
**\$1,250 CUSTOMER CASH\***

**NEW '09 COROLLA**

**35 MPG\*\***  
**\$1,000 CUSTOMER CASH\***

**(703) 684-0700 WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM OPEN SUNDAY 12-5**

3750 Jefferson Davis HWY Alexandria, VA South of Reagan National on Rt. 1

PRICES PLUS TAX, TAGS, FREIGHT: \$720 ON CARS AND \$745 ON LT. TRUCKS, & \$379 PROCESSING FEE. INCLUDES ALL INCENTIVES. \*CUSTOMER CASH PROVIDED BY CAT. \*\*EPA HIGHWAY FUEL ESTIMATE. OFFER EXPIRES C.O.B. 3/31/09. \*\*\*\$1799 DUE AT SIGNING FOR YARIS, \$2999 DUE AT SIGNING FOR CAMRY. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT. TAX, TAGS & INSURANCE ARE EXTRA. FOR YARIS: MODEL 1421 ONLY. 3 DOOR, MANUAL. OFFER ENDS 3/31/09.

**CHECK OUT OUR PRE-OWNED VEHICLES!**

'01 HONDA CRV AWD	\$ 7,995
'06 FORD TAURUS	\$ 7,875
'07 NISSAN VERSA	\$ 9,885
'09 COROLLA ALLOYS, SPLR	\$13,995
'07 PRIUS EXLNT CONDTN	\$15,995

'07 YARIS 28K 2DR	\$10,995
'07 CIVIC 2 TO CHOOSE	\$13,995
'05 ALTIMA AUTO	\$11,895
'05 COROLLA LE 20K	\$10,975
'06 LANCER LOW MILES	\$ 8,995



**XD**  
**33 MPG\*\***

**TC**  
**29 MPG\*\***

**XB**  
**28 MPG\*\***