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Pete Jones, a member of the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society points out the new spring growth on his Hinoki Cypress tree during Saturday's Home Show and Expo at the Walter Reed Community Center. The NVBS holds meetings at the center on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. 'til noon.

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## Jail Follows His Threat

Man sentenced to four-and-a-half years after pointing pistol at his psychiatrist.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

After suffering what he called a “deep depression and a personal crisis,” Ramin Seddiq marched into his psychiatrist’s office last June with a brand new 9mm Glock handgun.

“The doctor — a friend, a father figure — thought his life was over,” Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney James S. Panagis Jr. said during Seddiq’s sentencing hearing last Friday in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

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— James S Panagis Jr., prosecutor

“Give me back my life,” Seddiq told his therapist, before fleeing to Boston where he was found with self-inflicted wounds, according to prosecutors.

“I’d like to apologize to my doctor, his family, the community and this court for a very scary incident,” said Seddiq.

“I would be willing to do anything to reestablish my reputation in the community,” said Seddiq, a son of a surgeon. “Allow me to pick up the pieces of my life.”

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Wakefield seniors look around for friends and family while they march in for their graduation exercise last year at the DAR Constitution Hall. Recent state statistics cite 50 percent of the school’s Hispanic students in the Class of 2008 dropped out.

## New Look at Dropout Rates

Half of Wakefield High School’s Hispanic students drop out of school.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

Recently released dropout statistics published by the Virginia Department of Education show that Arlington County’s dropout rate for students with limited English proficiency is significantly higher than the statewide average, with 37 percent of these members of Arlington’s class of 2008 dropping out of school before graduation. The information was gathered with “cohort reports” that detail outcomes for students who entered the ninth-grade for the first time together and were scheduled to

graduate four years later. The figures are most alarming at Wakefield High School, where 42 percent of the students with limited English proficiency dropped out of school before graduating. Half of the Hispanic students in the class of 2008 dropped out of school.

“In my experience, many students end up dropping out because they have to work,” said School Board member Emma Violand Sanchez. “Some of these children cannot even afford paying for summer school, even at a reduced rate.”

For the first time, the new cohort reporting data was able to produce a more

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### Arlington’s Highest Dropout Rates

Category	Arlington Dropout Rate	Statewide Average
Limited English Proficiency	37 percent	27 percent
Hispanic	24 percent	20 percent

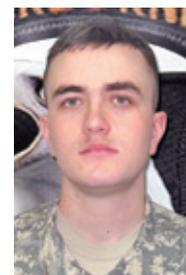
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## Local Soldier Killed in Afghanistan

Spc. Adam Michael Kuligowski killed in non-combat incident.

Adam Michael Kuligowski, a member of the Special Troops Battalion of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division of the United States Army, was killed on Monday, April 6 in a non-combat related incident in Bagram, Afghanistan. Kuligowski, from Arlington, was 21.

The circumstances surrounding his death are not yet clear and an investigation into the incident could take several weeks to several months, according to an Army spokesperson from Fort Campbell in Tennessee, where Kuligowski was based out of.



Kuligowski

“Any of the investigations into deaths are very detailed. They interview people, they review circumstances, they typically take a great deal of time,” said Cathy Brown Gramling, the spokesperson for Fort Campbell.

Kuligowski enlisted in the Army in October, 2006 and arrived at Fort Campbell in August of 2007. A signals intelligence analyst, Kuligowski’s duties included the gathering, sorting and scanning of intercepted enemy messages, according to the U.S. Army’s Web site. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Tracy Kuligowski, of Derry, N.H. A memorial service for Kuligowski was to be held in Afghanistan. Fort Campbell holds an Eagle Remembrance Ceremony the second Wednesday of each month. No details were yet available on his interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

## Stimulus Plan Money Expected To Save Some School Jobs

Unexpected government funding, local revenue have Arlington budget in better shape than most.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

Before Monday’s night’s meeting in which the Arlington County Public School Board presented its fiscal year 2010 budget to its counterparts on the County Board, one local resident on hand to watch the proceedings prophesied what the back-and-forth would be like.

“Nothing too exciting,” he said. “Just a lot

of head nodding.”

On some fronts, the man was prescient. Thanks in large part to a revenue sharing agreement that calls for a set percentage of county tax revenue be transferred over for the School Board to use in its budget each year, there isn’t much the County Board can do other than voice its displeasure with something the School Board has come up with.

But as for excitement, well there will cer-

tainly be some happy Arlington Public School employees that have been saved from the chopping block.

After initially predicting an \$11.7 million budget gap and the elimination of more than 50 jobs, increased funds from state and federal stimulus programs have left the budget shortfall

**“We want to ensure that great people keep working for us.”**

—Arlington County School Board Chair Ed Fendley

at just \$8.6 million, meaning the equivalent of only 31.1 jobs will have to be eliminated as part of Arlington superintendent Robert Smith’s latest proposal.

“What really saved us was ... the stimulus program,” said Arlington County board chair Barbara Favola. “It buttressed [the School Board] from having to lay off more people.”

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# Residents Seek To Protect Branch Libraries

County Board members discuss budget options for libraries and parks.

By EMMA GONZALEZ  
THE CONNECTION

Concerned about public library funding, Bruce Cameron, president of the Aurora Highlands Civic Association, attended the Arlington work session on April 7.

The meeting focused on two major community facilities: libraries and parks along with recreation and cultural resources. Cameron was there to learn more about what will happen to the three branch libraries — Glencarlyn, Aurora Hills and Cherrydale — that have been slated for reduced budgets.

“Overall, the meeting had a great transparency but it needed more concrete answers. We need these answers sooner than later. Not many options were given for the libraries. However, Gulf Ranch Park had about five different options. It’s just not fair,” Cameron said.

Supporting Cameron’s concerns

were Greg and Suzanne Embree, members of Citizens for Cherrydale Library. Both agreed that the community is concerned about reduced services.

Suzanne Embree emphasized the importance of smaller libraries that still provide service to the communities. “Cherrydale may appear small, however, it is still in the largest branch district and it does serve a huge area. You take that away and where do you expect students and parents to go? I sure would not want a kid of mine riding their bike that far out for a library,” Embree said.

During the work session, County

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Board members Walter Tejada and Christopher Zimmerman stressed that more alternatives were needed for the three branch libraries. “There is the question if you reduce hours, are you fundamentally altering the capability of the libraries? Should we not consider some alternatives?” Zimmerman asked.

Chairman of the County Board Barbara A. Favola said that there were two factors that played into decision making for the board members: “Two factors come to mind that I would like to see in the proposal. Number one is the proximity of libraries. We must have that. Number two is the population overlay. We did have a citizen talk about population density. This has to be a factor because of population density in one library or the other.”

Tejada continued on the subject by adding statistics: “There are 210,000 people in the area. Are there any criteria of the number of ideal libraries to be kept? Is there a standard?” Tejada said.



The audience fills up as the County Board meeting is about to start.

A projected screen allowed the audience to see the population map of the libraries within the Arlington community. It was confirmed that one library was available for every 3.25 square miles. County board members stressed the importance of not eliminating some libraries in order to keep the library system running. “I don’t want to rule out anything, but I don’t want anything off the table. We have to make our judgments. We must look at everything,” Zimmerman said.

By the end of the work session, it was decided that answers will be determined at the next and final wrap up meeting that will take place Thursday, April 23. All budget adoptions will be held at a recessed meeting on Tuesday, April 28.

Cameron hopes questions will start to be answered. “Libraries are a community asset that has deteriorated in priority. I just don’t think many really know how distressed the communities are. Kids need libraries,” Cameron said.

## New State Statistics Spotlight Who’s Dropping Out

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accurate portrayal of the problem than the previous statistic posted by the Arlington County School division, which was listed as 2 percent in 2007. By tracking all 1,188 individual students who entered the ninth-grade in 2004, the cohort reporting process was able to demonstrate that Arlington’s dropout rate is actually closer to 9 percent. State officials hailed the new reporting data as advancing the commonwealth’s capacity for data-driven decision making.

“The publication of these cohort reports represents a milestone in the

commonwealth’s effort to account for every student,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright in a written statement accompanying the statistical spreadsheets. “This is vital information that will shape efforts at the state and local levels to keep students in school and on track toward earning a diploma.”

**OF THE THREE HIGH** schools attended by the class of 2008 in Arlington, Wakefield’s students had the highest dropout rate — 20 percent throughout the school, 49 percent for Hispanic students and 42 percent for students with limited English

proficiency. At Washington-Lee High School, 39 percent of students with limited English proficiency dropped out. And at Yorktown High School, 22 percent of students with limited English proficiency dropped out of school before receiving a high-school diploma. School administrators say the vast majority of students receiving English-as-a-second language services in Arlington come from El Salvador, Bolivia and Guatemala.

“Many of these students arrive very late in their academic career,” said Kathy Wills, director of planning and evaluation for the division’s central office. “They are already

behind when they get here.”

County school administrators received a preliminary report in October that outlined the dropout statistics, and Wills said school officials shared a concern over the Hispanic dropout rates. On April 2, Wills issued a memorandum explaining that prior to this cohort report, the only information about dropouts that has been reported reflected the proportion of students who dropped out in a given school year. Sanchez said addressing the issue will require coordinating the support system to better identify students at risk of dropping out.

“We need to identify this as a major issue,” said Sanchez.

## Money from Stimulus Plan To Save Some School Jobs

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The plan still calls for approximately \$10.1 million in budget cutbacks such as a reduction of central and schools non-staff accounts by 5 percent, delaying the purchase of social studies textbooks, purchasing half as many new school buses as planned, and the reduction of a tax sheltered annuity for APS employees by 1.9 percent.

But it pales in comparison with the cuts being forced upon other local jurisdictions, like Fairfax County, which is facing an approximately \$650 million budget shortfall. That has a lot to do with the stability provided by the local revenue sharing agreement, which School Board officials say helps

give a level of predictability for planning purposes and places more accountability on the School Board to come up with successful proposals.

This year, the Arlington County Board increased the percentage of locally generated tax revenue that goes to the schools from around 48 percent to 49.1 percent. If the same percentage were used from fiscal year 2009, the schools would have received about \$4.9 million less in county revenue in 2010. With the new adjusted rate, the amount of money going to the school system from local tax revenue actually increased by \$2.9 million.

“Most of our revenue is locally derived, so ... there were some cuts that were not as severe as we anticipated,” said School

Board chair Ed Fendley. Revenue sharing, “in our view, puts the burden on us to allocate our resources as efficiently as possible and to make sure our programs are effective.”

While class sizes will remain the same, per pupil spending will decrease by more than \$1,000 to \$18,532 a year. And unlike some areas of the country, the board made the decision to cut some of its central support staff and alter custodial and library positions, rather than defer or eliminate pay increases due to its teachers.

“We want to ensure that great people keep working for us,” Fendley explained to the board during the hour and a half meeting.

Thanks to unexpected stimulus money, the School Board also elected to sustain, and

in some cases increase, monies directed towards what they deemed to be effective programs, most notably adding four additional pre-Kindergarten classes. Research has shown a decrease in the amount of students who need remediation upon entering elementary school after attending pre-K.

However, the number of eliminated jobs could fluctuate depending on new information that comes out concerning state and federal stimulus plans. The School Board will officially adopt its 2010 budget on April 30.

Already, though, many in attendance were looking ahead to 2011 when declining revenue figures could mean even tougher decisions on the horizon.

# NEWS

## Handgun Yields Prison

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Judge Bruce D. White sentenced Seddiq to concurrent sentences of four-and-a-half years for abduction and 12 months for assault. Seddiq will remain on post-release supervision for two years and will be monitored for mental health evaluations.

Sentencing guidelines for the 30-year-old, who has no criminal history and attended law school and graduate school in economics, recommended a range from probation to six months in jail.

Judge White called the guidelines "grossly inadequate" before imposing the sentence recommended by a Fairfax County Circuit Court jury in February.

Seddiq was originally indicted in August 2008 for attempted murder, abduction and use of a fire-

arm in the commission of a felony.

A jury acquitted Seddiq of attempted murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

"I did not attempt to harm him, I had no bullets in the gun," Seddiq said Friday.

Seddiq "suffered an inexplicable emotional collapse," said his defense attorney Robert C. Whitestone. "His breakdown led to a foolish, illegal decision to confront [his doctor] in his office."

Seddiq told Judge White that he called his therapist the night before the sentencing hearing to tell him he has "no intent of disturbing his peace."

Seddiq has served 10 months in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

"This place is a nightmare, day and night, all the time," he said.

### CRIME REPORT

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

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the two suspects.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING-ARREST**, 4300 block of N. 4th St. On April 5 at 1 a.m., three men in an apartment were involved in a fight. One subject cut another on the arm with a kitchen knife, wounding him severely. A male, 47, of Arlington, was charged with two counts of malicious wounding. He was held without bond.

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# OPINION

## More Unemployed in Northern Virginia

House of Delegates votes to turn away millions for local people without jobs.

If you live in Northern Virginia and, like most people here, you still have a job, you might have read with a certain detachment the news that the Virginia House of Delegates voted to turn away millions of dollars in federal money for people.

After all, the unemployment rate here is the lowest in the state, Northern Virginia is the economic engine of the state, so it might not matter much up here, right?

Wrong.

There are more unemployed people in Northern Virginia than in any other part of the state, 75,390 unemployed people looking for full time work here in Northern Virginia in February, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, up from 38,100 last year. That's 75,390 of the statewide total of 291,100.

The unemployment rate in Northern Virginia of 5.2 percent, up from 2.7 percent in February, 2008, pales in comparison to, say Danville's

rate of 12.3 percent. But in Danville, that rate translates to 6,450 unemployed people, less than 10 percent of the number here.

Every local jurisdiction in Northern Virginia is facing its highest unemployment rate in more than a decade.

Arlington has the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 4.4 percent, up from 2.3 percent last year at this time, and 1.6 percent a decade ago.

Fairfax County's unemployment rate is 4.7 percent, up from 2.6 percent this time last year and 1.5 percent a decade ago.

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Loudoun County's unemployment rate is 4.8 percent, up from 2.7 percent last year at this time and 2.4 percent a decade ago.

The City of Alexandria's unemployment rate is 5.1 percent, up from 2.7 percent a year ago and 2.8 percent a decade ago.

The City of Fairfax's unemployment rate is 5.6 percent, up from 3.3 percent a year ago, and 1.3 percent a decade ago.

This is one instance where there is no competition between jurisdictions. Unemployed people in Northern Virginia were hurt the same amount as unemployed people in other parts of the state when the Virginia House of Delegates voted not to alter Virginia's unemployment requirements, voted to turn away millions in aid for the unemployed.

While those who voted against the changes said they did so to protect Virginia's pro-business environment, the changes required — extending unemployment benefits to part-time workers and unemployed people in certain job training programs — would not have moved Virginia down from the very top of the list as a pro-business state.

What businesses in Virginia need right now is to bolster consumer confidence. Turning away federal stimulus money does just the opposite.

Local members of the General Assembly who voted against the benefits will likely discover that many more of their constituents than they thought are currently unemployed.

The economy here is already showing signs of recovery, meaning job opportunities for the unemployed. But in the meantime, check in with your legislators to see how they voted.

Here are the local representatives who voted no:

In the Senate, just one from Northern Virginia, Sen. Ken Cuccinelli.

In the House, Northern Virginia delegates voting against the unemployed included Dave Albo, Tim Hugo, Bob Marshall, Joe May and Tom Rust.

— MARY KIMM,

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### All About Home

More than 60 exhibitors set up their services and wares at the annual Arlington Home Show and Expo on Saturday, April 11, at the Walter Reed Community Center. Classes were offered throughout the day on remodeling, renovations, financing, gardening, solar power, green tips, Landlord-Tenant Law and fast tracking building permits. The show was sponsored by Arlington County and Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization.

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Linda Stevens of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Master Gardeners, answers questions from residents. Master Gardeners also have an information booth at the Arlington Farmer's Market at Courthouse Square on Saturday mornings.



Bruce Sirota of the Arlington County Human Rights Commission offers information in English and Spanish on Fair Housing in the county.



Paige Lynch of Wyndham Resorts and Sally Hand sign up visitors to the show for hourly raffles.



Arlington County Green Building Outreach Coordinator Adam Segel-Moss, LEED AP talks to residents about green home choices.



Joanna Shook of Rarco Contracting answers questions from a resident about home renovations.

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# PEOPLE

## Brown, Buxton Engaged

The Rev. Dr. Larry Buxton and Beverly Mease-Buxton, formerly of Arlington, announce the engagement of their son, Garrett Edward, to Anne Carlton Brown, daughter of Orran and Paula Brown, of Richmond, Va. Carly earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia and is completing a Master's in East Asian Studies from Harvard. Garrett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Virginia and is completing a year with Education First in Cambridge, Mass. Both will begin graduate studies at the University of Chicago in the fall. Garrett will be pursuing a Master's in International Relations, and Carly a Doctorate in East Asian Studies. A June wedding is planned.



**Garrett Edward Buxton and Anne Carlton Brown**

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#### SATURDAY/APRIL 18

**Conference.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. Parents and educators can learn how to use the outdoors as a classroom. \$40/person includes lunch. Visit [www.arlingtonenvironment.org](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org) for registration.

**Teen Summer Expo.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Teens and young adults can find summer employment, internships and more. Free. For more information call 703-228-1404 or visit [www.arlingtonteensummerexpo.com](http://www.arlingtonteensummerexpo.com)

**Healthy Day.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at YMCA

Arlington, 3422 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Enjoy yoga, games, screenings and more. Free. Visit [www.ymcadc.org](http://www.ymcadc.org) or 202-232-6700.

**Invasive Plant Removal.** 10 a.m.-noon at Tuckahoe Park, 6550 N. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Save a tree and habitat by removing invaders. Free. Registration suggested, 703-228-7636.

#### SUNDAY/APRIL 19

**Lecture.** 2 p.m. at Mount Olivet UMC, 1500 N. Glebe Road. Talk about the demolition of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem. Free. Visit [www.mtolivet-umc.org](http://www.mtolivet-umc.org) for more.

**Health Meeting.** 1 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5533 N. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Meeting for NAMI-Arlington. Free. 703-862-9588.

#### MONDAY/APRIL 20

**Lecture.** 3 p.m. at Central Library,

1015 N. Quincy St. ALRI sponsors "I Want You," a lecture about the draft. Free. 703-228-2144.

**College Planning Workshop.** 6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Students and parents can learn about planning for college. Free. 703-228-5990.

#### TUESDAY/APRIL 21

**Candidate Meeting.** 7 p.m. at National Rural Electrical Cooperative Association Building, 4301 N. Wilson Blvd. See the candidates for delegate. Free.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22

**Finance Seminar.** 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn how to stay financially fit and more. Free. 703-228-6417.

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Public Information Meetings

I-66 Transit/ Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Study

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is studying potential short- and medium-term transit and TDM enhancements to increase mobility in the I-66 corridor between Washington D.C., and Haymarket, Virginia. Improvements could include new bus services such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and commuter choices such as carpooling, vanpooling and park and ride lots.

Public information meetings will include a continuous open house with representatives available to provide information on the study corridor and alternatives under consideration. In addition, a presentation will be given twice (at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.) with an opportunity for questions and answers afterward.

Meeting Dates and Locations

<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Tuesday, May 12, 2009</p> <p>Williamsburg Middle School Auditorium 3600 N Harrison St. Arlington, VA 22207</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Thursday, May 14, 2009</p> <p>Oakton High School Auditorium 2900 Sutton Rd. Vienna, VA 22181</p>
<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Wednesday, May 13, 2009</p> <p>Battlefield High School Auditorium 15000 Graduation Dr. Haymarket, VA 20169</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Schedule for all Meetings:</p> <p>6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Open House 7:00 p.m. - Presentation and Q&amp;A 8:00 p.m. - Presentation and Q&amp;A</p>

For more information on the study, visit  
[www.drpt.virginia.gov/activities/166study.aspx](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/activities/166study.aspx).

If you are unable to attend a meeting, comments on the study may be sent to Public Information Office, DRPT, 1313 E. Main St., Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219, or [DRPTPR@DRPT.Virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@DRPT.Virginia.gov). Comments will be accepted until May 22, 2009.

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## A Grand Start to a Mini-Festival

Signature opens first of a pair of musicals by LaChiusa.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

**M**usical theater lovers whose tastes tend toward the rich and intellectually challenging darker side of the art form will find just what they “wanna see” in “See What I Wanna See,” the first of Signature Theatre’s two productions of musicals by John Michael LaChiusa.

LaChiusa is one of the best known of the new crop of composers and writers who have emerged in the past decade or two. He first came to the attention of local audiences in 1995 when Signature Theatre presented his much lighter piece, “First Lady Suite,” which told stories of Eleanor, Mammie, Jackie and Lady Bird interwoven into a fantasy revue.

Since then, he has created “Marie Christine,” a troublingly dark musical drama for Audra McDonald based on the Greek tragedy of “Medea” and “The Wild Party,” a bizarre jazz piece based on a poem by Joseph Moncure March which had a brief run on Broadway with the likes of Mandy Patinkin and Eartha Kitt. In 2004, Signature premiered his portrait of obsession based on the life of Vincent Van Gogh, “The Highest Yellow.”

This time out, LaChiusa turns his musical, lyrical and theatrical talents to a triplet of stories from the Japanese writer Ryunosuke Akutagawa, one of which was

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A signature item available at Nationals Stadium for the first time this year is The Big Catch, a foot-long Crab Louie sandwich that comes with a foot of crab-spiced fries.

## Fresh Taste at the Ballpark

Washington Nationals hope to win fans over with revised concession menu.

BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n its sophomore season at the Nationals Stadium, Washington, D.C.'s Major League Baseball club is hoping the way to a fan's heart may be through his stomach. That was at least part of the message Stan Kasten, Nationals team president, offered Friday, April 3, during a “What's New at Nationals Park” media tour.

Between raindrops, Kasten showed off improvements that the team has made to the one-year-old stadium during the off-season, including a set of oversized starting line-up signs fashioned after baseball cards, additional picnic tables throughout the concourse and 7-foot tall bobblehead statues of the racing presidents, waiting to have their photos taken with fans.

But the centerpiece of the tour was the new food unveiled by Executive Chef Phil Bucco of the Levy Restaurants. During the off-season, the Nationals hired Levy as its new concessionaire and asked them to freshen up the stadium's menu.

From day one, Bucco sought to blow the stadium's menu out of the water. “We try to work in the local favorites as well as give a lot of new options,” he said. “There are going to be a lot of surprises, from the healthy options that we're going to put out there now, from the upgraded items that we've put on.” As an example, he pointed to the

“quasi-dilla,” an inside out sandwich with the quesadilla as the bread.

“It's filled like a sandwich,” he said. “That kind of innovative approach is what sets us apart.”

Among the other new items available at the park this spring are a variety of hamburger selections, including a spicy shrimp po boy and a veggie burger; a Healthy Plate cart featuring fresh produce; and The Big Catch, a Crab Louie sandwich. Lightly smothered in dressing, lumps of crab meat and thinly sliced red onions fill up The Big Catch's foot-long soft bun, making it the signature item of the new menu.

“We loved the Crab Louis sandwich,” said Jeff Saffelle of Alexandria, who authors the Nationals blog Nats320 [www.Nats320.blogspot.com]. “The shrimp burger is very spicy. It's got a nice taste to it.”

Saffelle and his wife Sohna are season-ticket owners and expect to be at every game. Eighty-two home games means 82 opportunities to eat at the ballpark. The new expanded menu was something that they welcomed.

“We like the fact that there as some fresh new offerings,” said Jeff Saffelle. “Coming to every game like we do, it gets a little boring eating the same thing all the time like we did last year. This spices it up and makes it a little different.”

“They also introduced more healthy food,”

said Sohna Saffelle. “Since we like to eat healthy, we have a problem with potato chips and that stuff.” She appreciated having healthier choices at the ballpark.

“This year we're going to have a fresh food stand,” said Kasten, “featuring fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, hummus and things like that.”

The new menu is just one more draw for fans that may be looking for a nice, inexpensive entertainment experience.

“There's no question that the entertainment business is feeling the problems that our customers are feeling,” said Kasten. “We recognize that. We've reached out in the ways that we can.”

The Nationals have lowered ticket prices and offered smaller ticket packages, all in the interest of drawing families to the ballpark.

Kasten pointed to the availability of \$5 tickets for every game and the proximity of the stadium to Metro as draws for people looking for an inexpensive evening out. “We're reaching out in all the ways we can to help our customers still come out and enjoy what has always been the most affordable sports alternative,” he said.

**“Coming to every game like we do, it gets a little boring eating the same thing all the time.”**

— Jeff Saffelle, Alexandria

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## ART LISTING:

Marymount University's Barry Art Gallery will showcase the **Annual Student Art and Design Exhibition through April 24** in the Reinsch Library, 2807 N. Glebe Road. The exhibition is a juried show, and the works on display will have been judged in a number of

disciplines. For more information, call Judy Bass, the Barry Gallery curator, at 703-284-1561 or [judy.bass@marymount.edu](mailto:judy.bass@marymount.edu)

## ONGOING:

Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St, presents "**The Cowboy Astronomer**" beginning Friday, **April 17 through Sunday, June 7**. Showtimes are Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 & 3 p.m. \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children 12 & younger. Doors open 15 minutes prior to show. 703-228-6070.

"**Energerium**" – a new exhibit on

energy in living systems, including human systems has opened at Potomac Overlook Regional Park Nature Center. This exhibit examines nature through the lens of energy, drawing attention to the central role that energy plays in our lives. The Energerium is open to the general public at regular nature center hours (10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tuesdays – Saturdays; 1 – 5 p.m., Sundays; closed on Mondays). Visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org) to see a schedule of upcoming programs.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 17

**Signs of Spring.** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,

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## I-495 HOT LANES PROJECT UPDATE: MAJOR LANE CLOSURES COMING TO ROUTE 123

As part of Virginia's five-year-long I-495 HOT lanes construction project, a new Capital Beltway bridge will be built over Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) in Tysons Corner.

Although Route 123 will remain open throughout the entire project, motorists should expect long-term lane closures and delays on this road when construction begins in late April.

### Drivers: what to look for now

- The left lane in each direction of Route 123 will be closed beneath the I-495 overpass (approximately 500 feet in each direction)—these lane closures will be in effect 24 hours a day until Thanksgiving, when the two lanes will reopen for the 2009 holiday shopping season, and then close again in early 2010 until work is completed in 18–24 months
- When driving through the work zone, expect delays during a.m. and p.m. rush hours—please allow extra time to reach your destination
- There will be no lane closures on the Beltway during rush hours, and no routine work done on weekends
- Arterial roads like Route 7 will remain open throughout the entire project—motorists may experience additional delays due to utility relocation and rail extension work taking place as part of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail project

**Get help navigating construction:** Big roadwork projects like these can be challenging to deal with. But rest assured—when completed, they'll improve traffic flow, business efficiency and personal mobility for everyone in the area. Until then, you can sign up to receive project updates and helpful information on commuter solutions at [VAmegaprojects.com](http://VAmegaprojects.com).

The I-495 HOT lanes construction is part of the Virginia Megaprojects—a series of large-scale transportation improvements designed to ease traffic congestion and provide you with more choices and better transportation options than ever before.



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## THEATER

# 'See' What's New

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the basis for the famous film by Akira Kurosawa, "Rashomon," which told the story of a rape from three perspectives, those of the rapist, the victim and the victim's husband. LaChiusa tells this story, setting it in 1951 in Central Park on the night that Kurosawa's movie opened in New York City.

LaChiusa blends that disturbing story with another of a priest who, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 has lost his belief in a god. As some sort of demented practical joke, he sets up the expectation of a miracle in Central Park, which, while no one else witnesses it, results in a private miracle for himself. Pulling the two stories together, in addition to the New York City Central Park location is a third tale of a the fatal final encounter for a pair of lovers.

LaChiusa writes musical numbers that resemble musicalized scenes more than simple songs. While his melodies are clear and his lyrics poetic, they don't form the usual 32-bar song with an "a" section and a "b" section in what literature analysts identify as an aaba format. Instead, many are sharply defined monologues for individual characters, which reveal a great deal about their personalities and describe the events of the story.

Signature's production of "See What I Wanna See" is directed with a sharp eye for detail by Matthew Gardiner who has been assistant director on many fine shows here and who directed and choreographed "tick, tick ... BOOM!" at MetroStage last year and won the Helen Hayes Award for directing Studio Theatre's "Reefer Madness." A six piece orchestra sounds marvelous in the superbly evocative orchestrations of Bruce Coughlin which use both a flattened line on a regular flute to give a semi-Japanese sound to the piece and a rarely heard bass flute to give the piece a solid underscore.

### Where and When

"See What I Wanna See" continues through May 31 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Avenue in the village of Shirlington. Performances are Tuesday - Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. with matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 703-573-7328 or visit www.signature-theatre.org.

Bobby Smith plays both the janitor who discovers the crime scene for the first story and the priest who sets up the events of the second. He's good in both roles but strongest as the tormented priest.

The cast also includes Tom Zemon in full voice as both the husband of the rape victim and as a CPA who has given up worldly activities to live a homeless life in Central Park, Rachel Zampelli as the rape victim and also an actress in Central Park, Channez McQuay as the medium through whom part of his story is told and Matt Pearson as the rapist/murderer.

Now Signature, with the financial support of the Shen Family Foundation which provided a million dollar grant to establish "The American Musical Voices Project," mounts nearly simultaneous productions of two of LaChiusa's newest works. "See What I Wanna See" runs through the end of May in the smaller of Signature's two theaters, "The ARK."

Later this month, Signature will mount the world premiere of LaChiusa's musical "Giant," based on the novel by Edna Ferber which was made into a movie with James Dean, Elizabeth Taylor and Rock Hudson in 1956. That is expected to be a huge production in their larger house, "The MAX." In the role originated by Hudson will be Broadway veteran Lewis Cleale.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway, and edits Potomac Stages, (www.PotomacStages.com). He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

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meet at Lubber Run, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can walk along the C&O Canal looking at plants, birds and more. \$20/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 18

**Bike Tour.** Meet at 9:15 a.m. at East Falls Church Metro. Bike up to 35 miles visiting boundary stones and parks. Leisure pace, many stops. Bring lunch, water and any bike. \$2/

person. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org for more.

**Library Bike Tour.** 9:30 a.m. at Arlington Central library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Take a tour of six of the county's branches. Free. 703-228-5993.

**Storytime.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Ages 2-6. Free. 703-241-8281.

**Spring Fever.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Enjoy books about spring. Ages 2-6. Free. 703-241-8281.

**Van Trip.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m., meet at Lubber Run, 300 N. Park Drive. Adults can take a tour of Confederate General Jubal Early's battles. \$20/person. Registration required, 703-243-4342.

**5k Walk for Diabetes.** Families can join in a 5k walk at Barcroft School, 625 S. Wakefield St. with proceeds benefiting the American Diabetes. Registration at 7:45 a.m. 703-920-2116 to register.

**Wildflower Primer.** 10:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults and children 12 and up can learn how to identify these flowers. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Spring Bees.** 1 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children ages 8 and up can learn about the different species of bees in the area. Free. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Cooking with Clay.** 3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children 7-12 can learn how to make a clay oven. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Night Calls Campfire.** 7 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. All ages can enjoy campfire activities, treats and more. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Dance Performance.** 7 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School. Bowen McCauley Dance will perform "The Unicorn, the Gorgon and the Manticore." 703-228-0896.

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#### SUNDAY/APRIL 19

**Poetry Workshop.** 2 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Workshop is led by Tim Lewis. Free.

**Open House.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bethel Church, 4347 Arlington Blvd. Enjoy an open house of Buckingham Neighborhood. Free. 202-686-4216.

**Plant Invasion Removal.** 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Age 9 to adult can help keep the park clear. Free. Registration required, 703-228-7636.

**Spring Dance Concert.** 3 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School. Bowen McCauley Dance and Kenmore Junior Company will perform. 703-869-9505.

**Music Performance.** 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Hear music by the choirs of Mount Zion Baptist Church and Unitarian Universalist Church. Free. 703-892-2565.

#### MONDAY/APRIL 20

**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, 703-931-9241 ext. 213.

**Mondays at the Movies.** 6 p.m. at The Dome Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Free.

#### TUESDAY/APRIL 21

**Craft Project: Butterflies.** 5:30 p.m. at Chick-fil-A at Ballston Mall. Enjoy food, crafts and more. Free. 703-358-9735.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22

**Storytime.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10. Ages 2-6. Free. 703-241-8281.

**Musical Adventure.** 11 a.m. at Aladdin's Lamp Children's Books, 2499 N. Harrison St., Suite 10.

Enjoy a sing-a-long with Groovy Mr. Nate. Ages 2-6. Free. 703-241-8281.

**Dance Workshop.** 9:30 a.m. at Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpepper St. Free. Call to register, 703-228-5321. Led by Jane Franklin.

**Terrific Trees.** 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Children 3-5 can learn about nature. \$5/child. Registration required, 703-228-6535.

**Graduate Gemologists.** 4:15 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Children ages 8-12 can learn about organic gemstones. \$8/child. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 23

**Book Sale.** 5:30-9 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Browse books, videos, CDs and more. Visit arlingtonlibraryfriends.org or 703-228-5990.

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#### FRIDAY/APRIL 24

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Browse books, videos, CDs and more. Visit arlingtonlibraryfriends.org or 703-228-5990.

**Toadally Terrific Campfire.** 7 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. All ages can enjoy campfire activities, guests and more. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-228-3403.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 25

**Spring Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Walker Chapel United Methodist Church, 4102 N. Glebe Road. Browse books, clothing, toys and more. Proceeds benefit the Walker Chapel ministries. Visit www.walkerchapel.org or 703-538-5200.

**Music Performance.** 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Hear the Arlington Philharmonic Association. Free. 703-228-6321.

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Previously Kopenhaver had won Outstanding Interpretation at both the county and Northern Virginia district level — comprising Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. His essay now advances to the National level competition which should announce its winners in early May.

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# 'Heidi Chronicles' at H-B Woodlawn

BY SARAH MARX  
HOMESCHOOL TEENS N THEATRE

There are few women in Heidi Holland's art history textbook. She is disparaged for trying too hard, discounted for not trying hard enough, and trivialized as fodder for profit — and we call this a “post-feminist” era. Produced with maturity and pathos by H.B. Woodlawn High School, “The Heidi Chronicles” poses a chilling question: how far have we really come?

Penned by the acclaimed playwright Wendy Wasserstein in 1998, “The Heidi Chronicles” is the only work by a solo female author to win the Tony Award for Best Play. The drama illustrates decades in the life of Heidi Holland (Caitlin Levine), art historian and ardent feminist, as she tries to comprehend the role of the women's movement in a fundamentally oppressive world. Her personal struggle gives rise to an evening of caustic humor, repressed emotion, and disturbing truths.

Brimming with intelligence and barely restrained misery, Levine's eponymous Heidi was both a fully realized character and the frustrated symbol of an era. Her stage presence and impassioned delivery kept the emotional depth of the show at an impressive level — this excellence was especially notable in the night's climactic monologue, a heart-rending tour de force of disillusionment.

**AS HEIDI'S FOIL** and erstwhile lover, the relentlessly entitled Princeton grad Scoop Rosenbaum, Johnny Landers brought a touch of charm to a man

very easy to dislike; likewise, Addison Janney's work as the gay pediatrician Peter was laced with affable wit and a healthy dose of sarcasm. And a talented pair of actresses proved the axiom that “there are no small parts:”

Montana Debor balanced tenderness and discomfort as a newly feminist mother of four, and Olivia Myers's magnetism and broad comic appeal was palpable in two exceptionally different roles. Some performers were deterred by the play's adult themes, while others had difficulty taking their characters beyond the realm of stereotype, but most of the onstage work in “The Heidi Chronicles” was continuously engaging.

Yet even such an actor-driven drama as “The Heidi Chronicles” must have a skillful leader backstage — and Elizabeth Marsden, the play's student director, was up to the task. Marsden's overarching vision was evident in every scene; her work with the cast enlivened a microcosm of characters. Her efforts were supported by those of the set designers, whose minimalistic creation was both pragmatic and sleekly attractive. Transitions were sometimes inefficient, and cues occasionally ill-timed, but the technical aspects of “The Heidi Chronicles” always served to enhance the style and social commentary of the play.

**IN A WORLD** that values trends above ideals and attractive poses above insight, the wonder and passion behind the women's movement may seem to have had no effect — yet that wonder and passion showed its true strength over the course of H.B. Woodlawn's “The Heidi Chronicles,” a production rich in vitality, talent, and the fervent force of a new generation.



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# Arlington Soccer Prepares for Stretch Run

W-L, Yorktown have trouble scoring while Wakefield is soaring.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

With about 15 minutes remaining in Monday night's soccer match between Washington-Lee and T.C. Williams, the Generals' Erjon Bezhani received a well-executed centering pass, whirled around and fired at Titan goalie Matthew Crawley. The keeper made the save with surprising ease.

Less than two minutes later, junior Wilber Montiel's point blank shot went wide. Bezhani followed up his teammate with two more scoring chances three minutes after that, all of which resulted in nothing on the scoreboard.

It was a familiar refrain for the W-L soccer team as it fell to T.C. Williams, 2-0, in a game it dominated large portions of, but left with nothing to show for their efforts.

"We're just not finishing some of our opportunities," said W-L coach Jimmy Carrasquillo, whose team dropped to 2-5-1 this season. "We're kind of on the hunt, but when you need to go in for the kill, it's not there yet."

The Titans' Conor Boyle scored in the first half off a long throw in from sophomore Nazzareno Spurrio. Then, T.C. Williams junior Kevin Perreira sealed the deal late in the second half with a beautiful David Beckham-esque curling free kick.

Part of the problem for the Generals has been injuries. W-L lost sophomore forward Carlos Dellagostino, a player Carrasquillo expected to lead the team in scoring, to an



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Washington-Lee forward/midfielder Erjon Bezhani leaps over a T.C. Williams defender during Monday's game between the two schools.

injury during their first game of the year against Westfield.

Last week's spring break didn't help either, as Carrasquillo was left with only 10 players due to the vacation. It broke up whatever rhythm the team had after winning two straight heading into the break.

"You look at the scoreboard and it says 2-0, you say that team outplayed us, W-L

didn't do anything," said Carrasquillo. "You wouldn't have seen that in the last 10 minutes we had four scoring chances, balls coming across the net."

**OVER AT WAKEFIELD**, people are beginning to turn their attention to the Warrior boys' soccer team, which has cemented itself as a Northern Region contender hav-

ing gotten off to a 7-0-1 start to the season.

Coach Fernando Castro attributes the early success to his collection of 14 seniors, who he says are on a mission after watching a 2-0 lead against eventual Northern Region runner-up Robinson evaporate in the regional tournament a year ago. The Rams ended up winning on penalty kicks.

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## Arlington Gymnastics, Track Safe ... for Now

Current budget keeps both sports, but their fate depends on Fairfax County.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

Although Arlington County Public Schools are facing an \$8.6 million gap in its 2010 budget, none of the planned cutbacks are expected to effect athletic programs and extra-curricular activities within the school sys-

tem.

But with a proposal that would eliminate girls' gymnastics and indoor track still on the table in Fairfax County, Arlington officials admit that the future of those sports is still to be decided depending on what happens over the coming months.

"If they took those out, how we would have to regroup and re-make our schedules is still up in the air," said Debbie DeFranco, APS's supervisor of physical education and athletics. "It could be a cause and effect. That's our primary competition."

"Our intent has never been to cut extra-curricular activities," added APS Assistant Superintendent Linda Erdos. "Those would be unintended consequences."

Erdos said a number of factors will play into the future of those two sports, most notably state and federal stimulus money

that have altered the county's revenue projections in recent weeks.

School Superintendent Robert Smith's most recent budget proposal last Monday night calls for approximately \$10.1 million in budget cutbacks such as a reduction of central and schools non-staff accounts by 5 percent, delaying the purchase of social studies textbooks, purchasing half as many new school buses as planned, and decreasing a tax sheltered annuity for APS employees by 1.9 percent.

The plan actually emphasizes maintaining successful APS programs, specifically referencing extra-curricular activities. It has local administrators and student-athletes somewhat relieved, even though their sta-

tus still remains uncertain.

"We're glad Dr. Smith agrees with the information out there that shows the benefit of having students involved in extra-curricular activities,"

**"Our intent has never been to cut extracurricular activities."**

—APS assistant superintendent Linda Erdos

said Yorktown director of student activities Michael Krulfeld. "But at the same time, we've tried as best we can to be financially conservative now knowing full well that cuts are going to be made somewhere with what is going on economically."

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**Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.**

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UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE  
MICHAEL AMANKWAH,

Plaintiff,  
vs.

AARON HERNANDEZ, SPECTRUM FINANCIAL, LLC aka  
SPECTRUM FINANCIAL FUNDING, and DOES 1 through 20,  
inclusive,

Defendants. )

Case No: MSC08-03159

### [PROPOSED] ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

On reading and filing the evidence consisting of plaintiff's Application for Order for Publication of Summons and the supporting Declaration of Harvey W. Stein, attorney for plaintiffs, for this Order, and it satisfactorily appearing to the Court therefrom that defendants Aaron Hernandez and Spectrum Financial also known as Spectrum Financial Funding, hereinafter referred to as ("defendants") cannot with reasonable diligence be served in any other manner specified in Sections 415.10 through 414.40 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and that a Cause of Action exists in favor of plaintiffs and against defendant.

IT IS ORDERED that Summons be served by publication in the McLean Connection, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Fairfax, Virginia, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give defendants actual notice of the action, and that publication be made once a week for four consecutive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the Summons, a copy of the Complaint, and a copy of this Order be forthwith mailed to defendants at 1410 Woodhurst, McLean, Virginia.

Date: April 6, 2009

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

## 21 Announcements

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY

IN THE PROBATE COURT  
CASE NUMBER:  
2007-ES-26-1731

Dorothy E Darling  
Petitioner

SUMMONS

vs

HEIRS-AT-LAW OF HOWARD DARLING  
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Darling, all such unknown persons being collectively  
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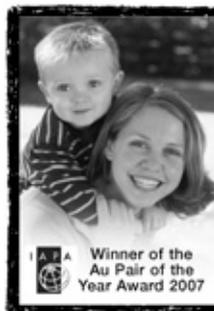
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# SPORTS



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**Junior midfielder John Sheahan and the rest of the General boys' soccer team have generated lots of scoring chances this season, but haven't capitalized on as many as they would have liked thus far.**

## Preparing for Stretch Run

FROM PAGE 14

"Basically, we are bringing everything we didn't get last year," said Castro as his team prepares to face district foes Falls Church and Mount Vernon this week. "We're working together and everybody is highly motivated and very conscious of getting something in the future."

Led up top by juniors Jose Gonzalez and Mohamed Jawara and in the midfield by seniors Cristian Castro and Roderick Kinkoko, the Warriors balanced attack has outscored the opposition 24-10 this season, including a 5-0 thumping of Yorktown before spring break.

"This is in particular something special, because the kids came together over the last few years," said Castro.

**PERHAPS THE BIGGEST** darkhorse in the area is Yorktown, which was expected to be better than its current 1-3-3 record. With last year's Northern Region Player of the Year and George Mason-bound Alex Herrera returning for his senior season, expectations were predictably high in the preseason.

But in the Patriots' first scrimmage this spring, Herrera sprained his ankle, forcing him to miss the team's first five games of the season. When he returned for a March 31 game against district title contender Edison, Herrera promptly picked up a red card 10 minutes in, sending him to the sidelines for the rest of that game as well as a good portion of the team's next match with Wakefield. Yorktown was outscored by a combined 9-0 in those games.

The silver lining is that judging the Patriots by their current record would be a mistake considering they haven't competed more than a few minutes with the area's best player on the field. With 14 players gone from last year's squad, it has made cohesiveness an issue. But with Herrera back in the fold for the last month of the season, Yorktown coach David Wood knows



**Junior Erjon Bezhani will be a key player if W-L is to improve upon its current 2-5-1 record.**

## Teams at a Glance

Yorktown

**Record:** 1-3-3

**Player to Watch:** Senior Alex Herrera

**Upcoming Games:** 4/15 at Washington-Lee, 4/17 vs. Stuart

**Notable Quotable:** Alex (Herrera) can play with anybody, but I think Wakefield is the team to beat in the National District right now." — coach David Wood

Washington-Lee

**Record:** 2-5-1

**Player to Watch:** Junior Erjon Bezhani

**Upcoming Games:** 4/15 vs. Yorktown, 4/17 at Herndon

**Notable Quotable:** "We're kind of on the hunt, but when you need to go in for the kill, it's not there yet." — coach Jimmy Carrasquillo

Wakefield

**Record:** 7-0-1

**Player to Watch:** Senior Roderick Kinkoko

**Upcoming Games:** 4/15 at Falls Church, 4/17 at Mount Vernon

**Notable Quotable:** "Last year left a bitter taste, so the kids are motivated to work hard and work together." — coach Fernando Castro

anything is possible.

"We've had chances, we just couldn't score many goals," said Wood, whose team has netted just five goals in seven games this year. "But I think we have plenty of talent to do well and make a run."

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**SPORTS**

**Marymount Gets Field**

Recently, Marymount University athletic director Bill Finney and some of his staff went about writing down the litany of Arlington County fields the school had used for its Division-III soccer and lacrosse programs over the course of his 26 years working there.

“We took a legal pad and wrote down two columns from top to bottom,” said Finney, who estimated the number to be around 50.

But the days of a field-less Marymount will soon be in the past after the school announced it will partner with Arlington County for construction and use of a soccer and lacrosse field in the county’s Long Bridge Park. The agreement marks the first major public-private partnership for the park, which is located north of Crystal City. Construction on the field is to begin this year, and the field is expected to be available for use beginning in 2011.

The university will obtain annual use of the synthetic-turf field for about 500 hours per year, or about 25 percent of its total availability, in exchange for \$2 million in construction costs to be paid in installments through 2015, and some ongoing maintenance costs.

“We’re very excited about this project and believe it is a mutually beneficial partnership,” said Chris Domes, Marymount vice president for enrollment and student services. “Marymount has long needed a permanent home field for our soccer and lacrosse teams. At the same time, the community will benefit by also having use of this additional field.”

The university’s share of maintenance costs is expected to be about \$14,000 per year at the beginning of the agreement. University and county officials will split the cost of replacing the synthetic turf

when replacement is needed. The agreement runs for 15 years.

In addition to providing facilities for soccer and lacrosse teams to play and practice, the agreement also allows Marymount to conduct summer sports camps at Long Bridge Park.

“This really helps us,” said Finney. “All the coaches are really excited and I think it’s going to help a lot with recruiting. We’re excited about the partnership ... and that legal page with all the names has been torn up.”

**Northern Region  
Baseball Coaches Poll**

The Yorktown baseball team went 3-1 last week at the McLean/Great Falls Babe Ruth Invitational spring break tournament. The wins included a 9-8 extra-inning victory over West Potomac, a 14-10 win over Annandale, and a 14-8 victory over South Lakes. As a result of its strong showing, the Northern Region baseball coaches have voted Yorktown into the top-10 of its weekly poll.

**Northern Region  
Baseball Coaches Poll**

1. West Springfield
2. Chantilly
3. Lake Braddock
4. Westfield
5. Langley
6. South County
7. McLean
8. Stone Bridge
9. Madison
10. Yorktown

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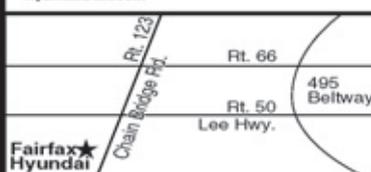
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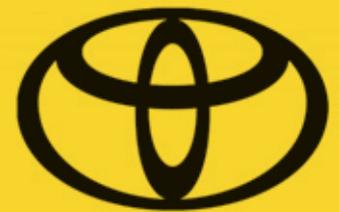


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