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Jamie Marraccini displays his sculpture, titled 'Fiesta de Huevos' (Festival of Eggs), which was made with 804 pieces of gum.

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Teacher's 'Sweet' Role

Timothy R. King of Burke stars as fictional chocolatier Willy Wonka.

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Golden tickets, Oompa Loompas and a chocolate river — all these things and more are part of The Alliance Theatre's production of the musical, "Willy Wonka." In the title role is Burke resident Timothy R. King, theater teacher at Springfield's Irving Middle School.

With a cast of 85 and crew of 15, the play will be performed at Chantilly High, 4201 Stringfellow Road (off Route 50) in Chantilly. Show times are July 24, 30, 31 and Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m.; and July 25, 26 and Aug. 1, 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$20 at www.TheAllianceTheatre.org or 703-220-8101.

Wonka owns a candy factory and is looking for someone to leave it to, so he places golden tickets inside chocolate bars, and the children finding them are invited to the factory for a wild adventure.

"Wonka is unpredictable, eccentric, a little scary, funny and charming," said King, dressed in a purple-velvet morning coat and a brown wool hat. "I go

from one to the other in the drop of a hat. It's wonderful, a dream role I always wanted to play. There's just something so intriguing about the part, and freedom in being unpredictable and getting to put your own stamp on it. And the hat is super cool."

Memorizing all the lines is a bit difficult, he said. "There are a lot of tongue twisters and things that aren't easy to say, but it's more fun than hard." Best, said King, is singing "Pure Imagination" because "I love that song. The words and melody are beautiful and there's something dreamy about it."

He directed his own students in this play, two years ago, and says it's nice not to be in charge now, but to get to play Wonka. "What the directors have done with the show is very creative," he said. "There are some surprises, for example, with the chocolate river and the set. Yet, the story is still intact and this one is true to the original version."

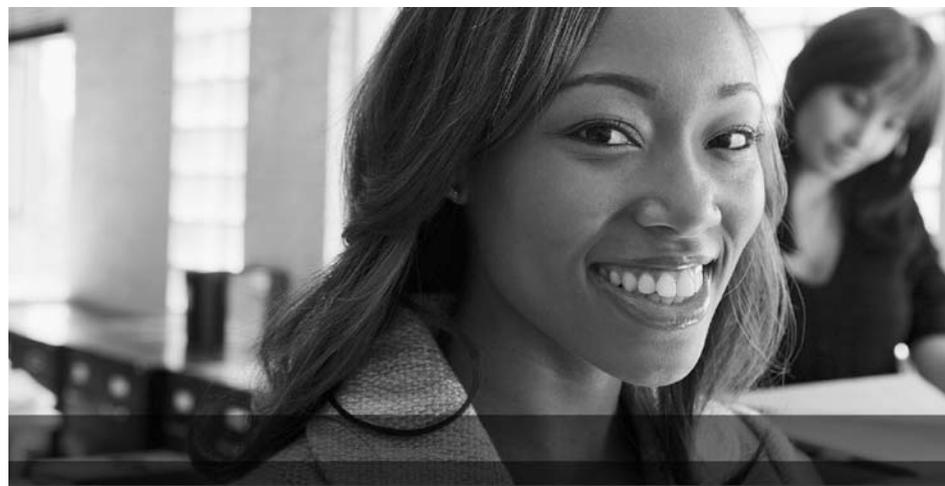
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— Timothy R. King



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From left, Mike Cash, Anthony Ingargiola and Timothy R. King are in the 'Wonka-Vator.'



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Changes Ahead for Lake Barton



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County signs off on Lake Barton rehabilitation plan.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Continuing a county effort to rehabilitate area watersheds and waterways, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has agreed on a work plan to modernize Lake Barton, an important part of the local infrastructure.

The work plan agreement, which was recognized by the board at its Monday, July 13 meeting, calls for a partnership between the county, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) to complete several renovations to the lake which will help maintain its flood control and sediment storage capabilities.

"A study found that [the lake] would not hold up to the design flow," said Mathew Lyons, State Conservation Engineer for the NRCS. "The study found that the dam

Fairfax County recently entered into a work agreement to rehabilitate Lake Barton.

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U.S. Rep. Connolly Opposes Tax On High Incomes

Connolly: U.S. should pursue savings in health care costs before turning to new taxes.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) organized other freshman Democrats to oppose a component of his political party's health care proposal that would have raised taxes on individuals earning \$280,000 or more per year and households earning \$350,000 or more per year, even though these households are among the wealthiest one percent in the country.

"Why are we talking about new taxes at all? We spend twice as much on health care as any other industrialized nation already," said Connolly, who thinks there are more ways to wring cost savings out of the current health care system.

The congressman said the pharmaceutical companies have put \$85 billion worth of savings on the table in terms of health care savings and the hospitals have offered up \$130 billion. But the insurance industry has not offered up any cost savings so far, even though profits for the country's top 10 insurance companies have increased by 428

percent over the last decade, he said.

"The insurance companies have not put a dime on the table. ... We should be looking at new taxes as a last resort. We need to look at savings first before we consider revenue enhancement," said Connolly.

Still, the original version of the Democratic Party's health care reform plan called for a surtax that increases from one percent for those making between \$350,000 to \$500,000 to over five percent for people earning more than \$1 million.

After the objections of Connolly and some other Democrats, House speaker Nancy Pelosi has proposed bumping up the tax threshold to individuals earning \$500,000 and families earning \$1 million.

Though Connolly would like to avoid a new tax altogether, he said Pelosi's new proposal is more palatable than what was originally proposed.

It would have less of an impact on small business owners, who sometimes have to report their company's earning as personal income, he said.

With a household cut off of \$350,000, the original tax plan would also have affected some of Connolly's constituents, since the congressman represents one of the wealthiest congressional districts in the nation. Connolly said that about 14 percent of households he represents earn more than \$200,000 annually.

The bulk of Connolly's district is in Fairfax County, where the median annual household income was \$102,460 in 2007. In that same year, the nation's median household income was about \$50,007, according to the U.S. Census.

Even if they are among the wealthiest households in the country, Connolly said his constituents should not be considered in the same way as Hollywood movie moguls or investors on Wall Street.

"These people have not inherited their wealth. ... We are not talking about Rockefellers," he said.

The median household income in Northern Virginia is higher because both adults in a household are more likely to work full time as professionals than in other parts of the country, said Connolly.

A couple where both members held high-ranking civil servant jobs in the federal government could make close to \$350,000 per year, he said.

Connolly is also worried about the piling-on effect of President Barack Obama's tax policy on those in the upper income brackets.

The president already intends to let George W. Bush's tax cuts for those who make over \$250,000 annually expire in 2011. This means that wealthier people will automatically see a tax increase, regardless of whether the health care surcharge is added or not. "If all we were talking about is this surcharge, it would be a different situation," said Connolly.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), who represents northern and western Fairfax, is opposed to several aspect of the health care proposal, including the suggestion of a tax increase, said Dan Scandling, Wolf's chief of staff.

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who represents Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria, shares some of Connolly's concerns about the tax burden, said Austin Durrer, Moran's communications director.

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— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

Fimian Runs Against Connolly Again for Congressional Seat

Local businessman Keith Fimian announced that he will run for Virginia's 11th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives again in 2010.

Fimian, a Republican, lost to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D) by about 11.5 percentage points in the 2008 election. Connolly replaced Republican Tom Davis, who decided to retire after 14 years in the office.

The 11th Congressional District includes most of central and southern Fairfax County as well as part of Prince William County.

Even though Davis had held the seat as a Republican, Connolly was thought to have a significant advantage over Fimian in the political race two years ago.

Connolly had served Fairfax County chairman, the highest elected office in local government, for five years and had been a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 1995.

Fimian had never run for or held elected office before.

But Fimian outperformed Republican presidential candidate John McCain in the 11th Congressional District. President Barack Obama (D) beat McCain by about 15 percentage points in the district compared to Connolly's 11.5 percentage points over Fimian.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Va. Minorities More Likely To Be Uninsured

The group Health Care for America Now released a study this month that show an inequity in the health care people who are racial minorities and/or women have when compared to their white and/or male counterparts.

The following are some of the statistics included in the report:

- ❖ Thirty-one percent of Latina women in Virginia receive no prenatal care, compared to 21 percent of African American women and 10 percent of white women.

- ❖ The infant mortality rate — the number of deaths per 1,000 live births — is 13.7 for African Americans, 6 for whites and 5.2 for Latinos in Virginia.

- ❖ The annual AIDS case rate (per 100,000 people) is 3.8 percent for whites, 30.9 for African Americans and 18.5 for Latinos in Virginia.

- ❖ About 12 percent of whites, 17 percent of African Americans and 45 percent of Latinos lack health insurance in Virginia. In the United States in general, about 12.1 of whites, 20.4 percent of African Americans and 33.5 percent of Latinos lack health insurance.

- ❖ In Virginia, about 14.7 percent of all women go without health insurance, compared to 17.7 percent nationwide. The numbers for black women are also slightly lower in Virginia, where about 20.7 percent go without health insurance, compared to 22.5 percent nationwide. The percentage of uninsured Latina women is much higher in Virginia, about 42.5 percent, when compared to the national figure of 37.3 percent.

Our Daily Bread Receives \$20,000 Grant from Hovde

The Hovde Foundation recently selected Our Daily Bread to receive a \$20,000 grant to supplement its mission to help working families in the Fairfax County area achieve self-sufficiency. The Hovde Foundation presented the grant to the local non-profit on behalf of an anonymous Hovde Capital Advisors employee.

ODB will receive an immediate cash infusion of \$10,000 each to its Food Program and Financial Assistance Program. The former provides temporary food deliveries every two weeks to approximately 60 eligible families for a period of four months. The latter program offers emergency assistance to eligible families to

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PHOTO BY MARIE FRENCH/THE CONNECTION

Jamie Marraccini explains the intricacies of creating gum art to a group of local children at the Pohick Regional Library. On display are a range of his Chew by Numbers kits that he completed himself.

Chew on This

Roanoke man entertains library-goers with masticated artwork.

BY MARIE FRENCH
THE CONNECTION

Oblivious to the remnants of an acceptable-sized bubble on his jaw, Jamie Marraccini, 39, continued to explain the how-to of his favorite hobby after demonstrating his bubble-blowing skills. He waxed poetic on the importance of the six things he looks for in a gum: chewability, tasteability, bubbliability, rollability, agreeability, spreadability and, most importantly for a discerning gum artist, color.

"If you don't choose the right gum," said Marraccini, "It might look like it's decaying right on your art."

Marraccini has trouble throwing things, especially gum, out. So instead of sticking the gum under a desk or dropping it on the sidewalk, he puts it to use as a medium for art. Using anywhere from several hundred to nearly 5,000 pieces of gum, Marraccini creates reliefs and sculptures of surprising detail.

Despite the oddity of using something that's been chewed and spat out, Marraccini said he elicits negative reactions only once in a while. "People appreciate it for being different," he said.

Marraccini, a native of Roanoke, is happy to share his passion for gum with open events at several library systems across the state. "I enjoy it when oth-

ers want to teach or display gum art," said Marraccini. "I feel like I am influencing a generation."

On Thursday, July 16, he made a presentation explaining gum art and how to make it to a group of kids gathered at Pohick Library.

Ingrid Bowers, the associate branch manager at Pohick, attended the presentation. "I loved the program," said Bowers. "I thought he was very creative."

On Thursday, July 16, Marraccini was happy to share his passion for gum with open events at several libraries in the Fairfax County Public Library system. He made a PowerPoint presentation explaining gum art and how to make it to a group of children gathered at Pohick Regional Library.

Marraccini emphasized the importance of chewing the gum until all flavor was gone — a process that takes at least 15 minutes. Bowls of warm water were located at each table, and he explained how to use the water to soften the gum. Beyond that, it was all a matter of chewing enough gum and then spreading it on poster board Marraccini provided.

Marraccini gave the poster board, with a design on one side, and a set of instructions Marraccini gave to each attendee. The materials were part of the Chew by Numbers kit that the entrepreneur invented in 2005. Part of the inspiration for that came from the number of art teachers who wrote asking questions about how to do gum art after seeing it on GumArt.com, the Web site he created in 1998 to display his work.

Although Marraccini has had success with his Chew by Numbers kits, which are only available online at ChewbyNumbers.com, he's not quite ready to quit

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aid them in paying rent, utilities or other basic needs when they are experiencing a crisis, such as unemployment or illness.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Hovde Organization is an investment banking, asset management and private equity firm, which deals primarily on the financial services sector. ODB is a volunteer-based organization that focuses on lessening the plight of low income residents in Fairfax County. For information, visit www.our-daily-bread.org.

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SUNDAY/JULY 26

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p.m. After orientation, volunteers can choose from more than 50 monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia. Projects include planting trees, bagging food for homeless families, tutoring adult ESL students, playing bingo with the disabled, special community-wide events throughout the year and much more. To register, contact Annie Duffield at 703-246-3895 or e-mail aduffield@volunteerfairfax.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 29

Braddock District Constituent Day. Residents of the Braddock District are invited to attend a Constituent Day with Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) from 5-8 p.m., at Little Run Elementary School, 5411 Olley Lane, Fairfax. No registration or appointment is needed.

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Some Swine Flu Risks

If you're sick, stay home from work; if children are sick, keep them home from school.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Virginia has had more than 300 confirmed or probable cases of swine flu, and two deaths from the swine flu, including one in Arlington. A 27-year-old Alexandria man, hospitalized with a confirmed case of H1N1 flu, died in June.

We suspect the actual number of cases of swine flu in Virginia to be much higher, given the example of other states, e.g. Wisconsin, which reports more than 6,000 probably or confirmed cases of swine flu, but just eight deaths.

Cases have spiked in Virginia in recent weeks according to the Virginia Department of Health, during a time when health officials say anyone with flu symptoms of sore throat, fever and cough almost certainly is infected with swine flu. The regular, seasonal flu is almost unheard of this time of year. The CDC identifies the level of infection in Virginia as "regional," with the level of infection in Maryland as "widespread."

Overall, so far swine flu has been more mild than feared, with most people recovering without hospitalization. Seasonal flu, as differentiated from swine flu, kills about 36,000 people nationwide each year; about 1,000 people die in Virginia each year from influenza and pneumonia.

THE CDC is predicting that swine flu will continue to spread through the summer and into the fall and winter, and will be a significant complicating factor when the seasonal influenza strikes when the weather gets cold. The CDC reports: "The novel H1N1 virus, in conjunction with regular seasonal influenza viruses, poses the potential to cause significant

illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths during the U.S. influenza season."

The primary method to avoid the spread of the swine flu is to tell people who are sick to stay home from work, keep sick children home from school or camp. Call your doctor's office, let them know you have flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat), so your doctor can determine if you would benefit from an antiviral medication. People who have had the swine flu are deemed contagious for seven days after the onset of symptoms, or until all symptoms have disappeared, whichever is longer.

All of our health in the coming year will depend on people following the advice to stay home if sick and seeking the right medical attention from a doctor's office, not the emergency room.

BUT WHAT about the millions of workers who have no (or very limited) paid sick leave? What about the millions of people who have no health insurance and have no doctor to consult by phone?

According to a new report from an advocacy group, Health Care for America Now, in Virginia, about 12 percent of whites, 17 percent of African Americans and 45 percent of Latinos lack health insurance.

According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, about half of workers (excluding those who work for government) have no paid sick leave.

The rest of us who are blessed with access to health care and paid sick days are at risk as other workers are under intense financial pressure to go to work even when they are sick, or

of uninsured and underinsured Americans would have competitive choices of affordable health care coverage. By taking these folks out of our emergency rooms and promoting preventative coverage, we will all benefit.

Caroline Kane
Annandale

Public Opinion Decides It

To the Editor:

The oft-made comparison between the postal service and the public health care option is a valid one. Like the public option would do, the USPS operates on a national level and is competitive when compared to FedEx or UPS. If people want to use FedEx or DHL, or their company has an ac-

count with a company like that, they get to make the choice. FedEx and UPS can't provide unsatisfactory service because they're competing with a public option, the postal service.

The same would occur with health care. The public option would be there, ready and waiting to absorb those who private companies won't cover. In order to compete, private companies would have to adapt to the new market, something that would lead to improvement for those under both private and public insurance. The public option would lower premium costs across the board, would cover the unemployed and would never prevent someone from receiving coverage due to preexisting conditions. If private companies want to compete successfully, they'll have to up their quality of care.

The comparison between health

Frequently Asked Questions New H1N1 Virus (Swine Influenza)

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported vomiting and diarrhea.

What is the incubation period after exposure?

About 1-4 days. If a week has gone by from when you know you were exposed, it's not likely you will get sick.

Are there medicines to treat the new H1N1 virus?

Antivirals don't cure you of flu, but they do work to lessen the duration and severity of symptoms. ... Influenza antiviral drugs work best when started soon after symptoms appear, usually within two days. You must have a prescription to receive these medications.

How can people decrease the spread of the new (H1N1) virus?

Taking the following steps can decrease the spread of flu: frequent hand washing; covering coughs; having ill persons stay home, except to seek medical care; minimizing contact with others; having household members of cases minimize contact in the community, to the extent possible; reducing unnecessary social contacts; avoiding crowded settings, when possible; keeping children home from school if they are ill. If you are sick, stay home and call your doctor, wash your hands often.

Source: Virginia Department of Health
<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/news/Alerts/SwineFlu/index.htm>

their children are sick.

There are no simple answers, but it's also important to recognize the growing costs of the status quo on health care.

— MARY KIMM

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All Would Benefit

To the Editor:

I am the 16-year-old daughter of baby boomers. My father works for a business in the private sector, and my family is covered under his health insurance plan, United Health Care Optimum Choice Preferred. We are lucky to have a great PPO that has served

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our family well. Although we are satisfied with our current health insurance, we want Congress to pass a public option. Why? Because 45 million of our fellow Americans are not lucky enough to have health insurance. The public option would be able to offer these millions of Americans the chance to have health care. A public option would force insurance companies to make their coverage more competitive, and, in turn, the millions

The Joys of Gum Art

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his day job as a chief operating officer yet. "Gum is not my livelihood, it's still a hobby," said Marraccini.

The artist has received compliments from parents who appreciate the individuality and affordability of the Chew by Numbers kits as birthday gifts, but he admitted that not all moms approve. "Let's just say that three-quarters of moms agree that Chew by Numbers is a good idea, but the other 25 percent really disagree," he said.

Although Marraccini has had offers for his completed work and commissions, he is leery of parting with his artwork. After all, he started making the art because he hated to throw away his gum. "It's hard for me to make the decision to part with the art," said Marraccini. "Maybe when I fill the whole house, then I'll be forced to sell some of it."

Marraccini's love affair with gum started when he was very young and he remembers that he could never get enough. In high school, he began saving his gum by sticking it on his locker.

His peers appreciated his choice of locker decorations and in college, Marraccini stuck each piece of gum as he finished it on a poster board.

Those early pieces are more random, with less of a central design. The colors are less vivid. As Marraccini has experimented with different kinds of gum, his palette has expanded considerably. Marraccini believes that the way his art has changed the most is in the color and the way he likes to make his "reliefs" pop out more.

Due to the suggestion of the owner of a gallery at which he showed his work, Marraccini has branched out to try sculptures, which take longer because of the increased surface area. Both sculptures and reliefs are marked by the exaggerated features of the characters depicted, which Marraccini said is a hallmark of his art that he does not expect to change. Nor does he have any expectations that his medium would change. "I decided a long time ago that I am purely a gum artist," said Marraccini.

With the copious amount of gum he uses in his pieces, it's too much to expect that he could chew all of it himself. Although he estimates that he alone has chewed about 50,000 pieces of gum in his lifetime, he sometimes gets friends or neighbors to do the jaw work and then uses warm water to work the gum.

"I don't chew other people's gum. Ever. I might play with it, but I don't chew it," said Marraccini.

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— **Jamie Marraccini**

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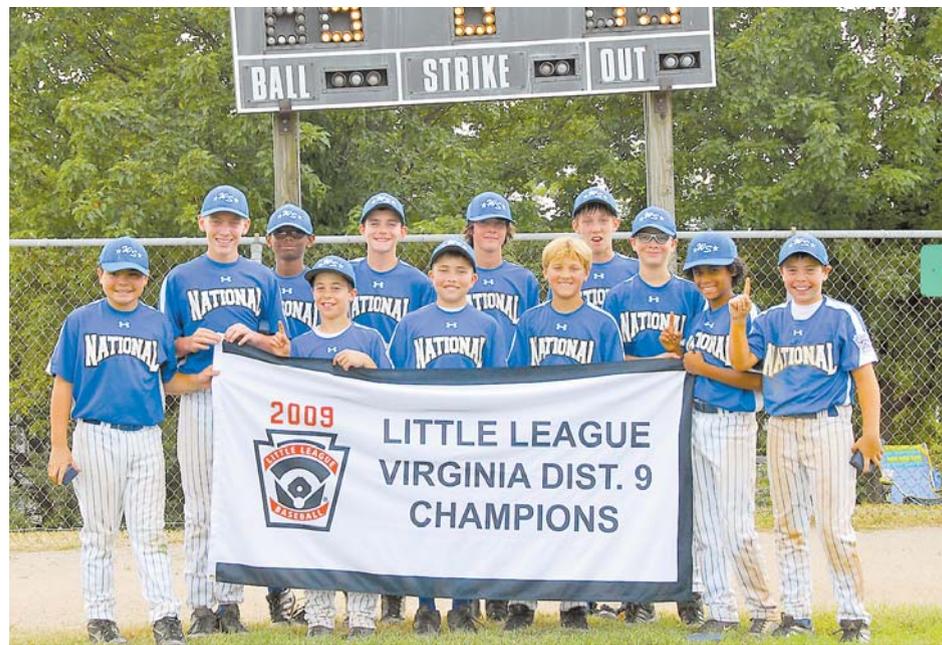
One credited his team's explosive offense. Another couldn't believe how resilient his group was, often erasing multiple-run deficits to assume the lead late in ballgames. A third deflected all the credit.

"I'm no sociologist or psychologist, but they all have one goal and that's to go out there and get better and to win," said Phil Williams, who manages the West Springfield National 11-12-year-old Little League All-Star team. "I can't say it's anything I've done."

Winning has been a regular occurrence for West Springfield's All-Star teams this summer, with three teams representing the organization by District 9 titles. It's the second time West Springfield has accomplished the feat since the current playoff format was adopted in 2004 and the first since 2007.

WHILE WEST Springfield Little League's two younger teams came up empty this past weekend in their quest for state trophies, Williams' Majors team will try to become the first this coming weekend as that tournament kicks off on Friday morning.

"There are a lot of good coaches, and it starts at the top with the people who run the league," Williams said. "Baseball people in our district ... they know if they sign up for baseball that they're going to get good instruction and it's going to be a good environment. And if you start winning when you're 9 or 10, you just keep moving up the



The West Springfield National 11-12-year-old All-Star team includes Michael Cook, Johnny Cronin, Kevin DeLaney, Logan Driscoll, Kevin Haswell, Ryan Hasegawa, Christopher Knox, Allen Manning, Brandon Padgett, David Rabil, Matt Supko and Cole Williams.

ladder."

That start fell under Dave Spille's job description this summer. Spille, the one that benefited from his team's offensive output of around 18 runs per contest, guided West Springfield National through the 9-10 tournament, beating Dumfries-Triangle-Quantico in the title game.

But the state tournament in Luray, Va. has been unkind to Spille's team, as it suffered a pair of losses over the weekend Vienna

National and Tuckahoe National before losing to Louisa on Monday.

"If you start winning when you're 9 or 10, you just keep moving up the ladder."

— Phil Williams, manager,
West Springfield National

"We just have a great group of kids and parents and I feel fortunate that we were able to win districts and move on to states," Spille said. "It's just exciting for the kids to be able to get out of town and stay in a hotel together."

Carlos Quinteros' group was the resilient one, a reputation cemented after a thrilling, come-from-behind win in Game 1 of the District 9 finals

against Fort Hunt. In the bottom of the sixth inning, West Springfield American came to bat and trailed, 4-2.

But the team scored twice to tie it, and when Fort Hunt went ahead, 6-4, on a two-run homer in the top of the seventh, Alex Wright's walk-off shot sent set off a celebration. Following the 8-5 win, West Springfield American easily won the second game, 15-0.

"My kids were able to come back all the time. We just had a lot of determination," said Quinteros, whose team advanced to the state tournament but wasn't able to advance past pool play, losing two of its three games. "They had a will to fight the whole way."

WILLIAMS' TEAM has had a longer lay-over than most, with its state tournament still not yet underway. But in the meantime, Williams said, West Springfield National has been trying to adjust its practice schedule to coincide with its game times, often working out for three or four hours at a time.

The state tournament will start with a 10:30 a.m. game against Norton on Friday, followed by a 1 p.m. contest with McLean American on Saturday and a 7:30 p.m. date with Warwick on Sunday. If West Springfield National wins or finishes second in its four-team pool, it will advance to the championship round on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

"We took it easy on them a couple days after districts," Williams said. "At one practice, we just had a barbecue and hung out. For two days, we rested our arms, but they all still wanted to be together. They never say they want a day off."

"We've got to play our game, and hopefully things go our way," Williams said of the state tournament, which will be at the Lincoln Lewis Vanoy fields near Willow Springs Elementary School in Fairfax. "It's all about the competition."



The West Springfield American 10-11-year-old All-Star team includes Ben Blackwell, Colin Brechwald, Justin Cone, Ryan Mahoney, Logan Miller, Michael Morgan, Ryan Mullins, Timmy Newell, Jacob Powell, Sammy Quinteros, Sam Smith and Alex Wright.



The West Springfield National 9-10-year-old All-Star team includes Jack Basse, Matt Carroll, Jesse Elliott, Carlo Esposito, Nick Karlinchak, Isaak Lyons, Jimmy Morgan, Jacob Myers, Andrew Peter, Brent Spille, Matt Stallings and Grant Sullens.

CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

The BBQ Across America Tour with Ace Enders & A Million Different People, Person L, The Gay Blades, The Dangerous Summer and School Boy Humor. 6:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. For more information call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Are You 50 or Better? Lunch N' Life, 12-2 p.m. at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Meet John Cook, the new Braddock District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. For reservations, call 703-620-0161. The cost is \$8. For transportation, call 703-323-4788, or visit www.fairfax-burkesc.org for more information.

The Auld Shebeen D.J. Dance Party from 10 p.m.-1:30 a.m. \$5 cover charge, 21 and up only. Ladies free until midnight. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

Civil War Talk. "The Civil War at Fairfax Court House" will be the topic for a talk and book signing by local historian and author Edward Trexler at 2 p.m., Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Books, including Trexler's other works will be available for purchase (cash and checks, only) and signing. Free. Light refreshments will be served. 703-591-0560.

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City of Fairfax Band, performs a free concert featuring authentic German folk music and polkas 8 p.m. at Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. 703-757-0220, www.fairfaxband.org.

Thursday Theater. 11:30 a.m., at Pohick Regional Library. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Bring a lunch and enjoy movies. Age 1-6 with adult. Registration required.

Tongue Twisters. 2:30 p.m., at Kings Park Library. 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. For information call 703-978-5600. All ages. Ventriloquist and storyteller Sandi Sylver brings songs and stories to life. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Registration required.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

"Split Personality" Shane Hines and the Trance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Information available via phone or online at 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-324-SHOW.

The Taters. 7:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. 703-324-SHOW.

Traditional Irish Music 7-9:30 p.m. Live music in the restaurant. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. For more information call 703-293-9600.

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SATURDAY/JULY 25

Traditional Irish Session. 12-2 p.m. Listen to musicians practice and play traditional Irish music. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Kings Park Library. 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners. 10 a.m., at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults.

Magic Around the World with Fish the Magish. 2:30 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Storytelling, magic and fun. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Microsoft Word. 2:30 p.m., at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227. Learn the basics of word processing with Microsoft Word.

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SUNDAY/JULY 26

Gordon Lightfoot, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$40 in-house, \$22 lawn. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Sunday Brunch. 11-2 p.m. Reservations always welcome. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 1 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice.

Storytime with Daisy. 2 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Bring a camera for photos, stories and activities with Jane Simmons' Daisy the Duck. Age 3-6 with adult. Registration required.

MONDAY/JULY 27

Magic Around the World with Fish the Magish. 2:30 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Doodles and More. 2:30 p.m., at Burke Centre Library. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. A graphic artist presents drawing basics in this hands-on program. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and

advice.

Salsa Cinderella. 7 p.m., at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227. Seal Puppets presents this classic tale with a spicy twist. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages. Registration required.

TUESDAY/JULY 28

Karaoke. 10-1:30 a.m. Come sing your favorite tunes. No cover. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

Pub Quiz Night. 8 p.m. Test your knowledge at Quiz Night. Free to play with prizes and specials. The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Van Dyck Park on Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

Computer Tutoring. 3:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m., at Burke Centre Library. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. Get one-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Call for details and to sign up. Adults. Registration required.

Teen Book Group. 6 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library. 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Find out what's hot and what's not. Age 12-16.

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Striking a film-noir-style dramatic pose are some of the actors in Ovation's first production, 'Byline: Amanda Danger.'

Film Noir Comedy on Stage

Students from local schools perform summer show at Robinson.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A comedy adventure that parodies the drama, romance and intrigue of film noir, "Byline: Amanda Danger" will be presented by Ovation, a new summer-theater company organized by the Robinson Drama Boosters.

The production is comprised of students from schools including Lake Braddock, Robinson, Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools, Flint Hill and Franklin, Rocky Run and Rachel Carson middle schools.

The story is about a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who goes on a wild adventure from Chicago to Venice in pursuit of the key to immortality. Show times are Friday, July 31, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 1, at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door (no advance sales).

ROCKY RUN MIDDLE Theater Director Julie Wharton is directing, assisted by 2007 Robinson grad Kathleen Burnard, majoring in theater in college. Burnard is also conducting audition workshops so the students will leave with resumes, head shots and monologues they've created. Both she and Wharton are delighted to be part of Ovation's first production.

"For years, Robinson offered a summer drama camp for younger students, but this is the first year they've

done a play for older students," said Wharton. "We've been rehearsing since June 29 and things are going really well. Although the kids are from several schools, they clicked quickly and easily and are enjoying working together."

She said it's an "enormously fun, but complicated" play. However, since all 17 actors are also the tech crew, Wharton said the result is a cohesive vision. "It's funny and fast-paced and will appeal to different age groups, 8 and up," she said. "Older people will get the film noir jokes and the time and place setting. It's a smart comedy with a message, plus layers of entertainment."

PLAYING THE TITLE role is Robinson sophomore Morgan Miller. "Amanda's bold and brave, goes after what she wants, is witty and clever and is a quick learner," said Miller. "For example, she learns the entire Italian language while on a plane. She's spunky, young and energetic, but not naïve."

As the star reporter at her daily newspaper, "Amanda gets all the cool stories, travels and investigates people," said Miller. "It's rewarding because, since it's such a large part, you really get to dive into your character and you have more to work with to define her and make her complex with thoughts, opinions and actions."

Miller said it's fun playing noir because the actors are so serious and dramatic, but their actions are funny to the audience. "People will enjoy how the story progresses — and it's not predictable," she said.

Playing Carmelita Clandestina is Robinson freshman Olivia Serio. "She's the smart one of the group," said Serio. "She's in love with Benedito, but plays off his weaknesses to make him do what she wants — and she cheats at cards. It's fun because it takes more talent to play the bad guy."

"It's a smart comedy with a message, plus layers of entertainment."

— Julie Wharton, director

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3. The date by which such a claim must be received by the Corporation or its successor entity is September 20, 2009.
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The Natural Resources Conversation Service has determined that Lake Barton does not meet state and federal dam requirements.

Lake Rehabilitation

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would probably erode during the next major flood event, so it's time [to repair the lake]."

The study Lyons referred to was completed in 2000 by the NRCS after the federal passage of the "Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000," which established a cost-share rehabilitation program in which communities that had dams constructed by the NRCS could receive federal assistance for the rehabilitation of the dams. Under the program, NRCS would provide 65 percent of the funding and the locality would provide the remaining 35 percent.

Nearly two years ago, the NRCS, at the request of Fairfax County, completed a series of studies on the Pohick Dams, which also include Lake Royal, Woodglen Lake and Huntsman Lake. After the analysis of Lake Royal was completed, the NRCS moved on to Lake Barton, which was built in 1978 and is located off of Burke Centre Parkway between Roberts Parkway and Ox Road.

According to Lyons, the study revealed that Lake Barton was not up to NRCS or Virginia Division of Dam Safety standards for flood control, so a plan to rehabilitate the lake was undertaken. In May 2009, a draft work plan was drawn up, and it called for several repairs to be completed as part of a \$2.66 million project, of which the county would have to pay \$931,000.

According to documents provided by the NRCS, the plan recommends constructing a reinforced concrete cutoff wall across the auxiliary spillway at the end of the level section of the lake and a concrete wall near the end of the outlet section. The county must also extend the dikes to protect the dam embankment, regrade a small section of the dam embankment near the auxiliary spillway and raise the auxiliary spillway

crest by 6 inches.

"The dam project simply needs to be done," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). "But there are two aspects to the project, but we are very happy with both."

The second aspect of the work plan is the dredging of the lake to completely meet not only state and county standards, but also to meet cost-sharing requirements as well. According to the NRCS, a minimum 50-year reservoir sediment storage capacity is required in all dams, and that it estimated that the sediment storage pool for Lake Barton currently only has a capacity of 42 years.

According to Lyons, the most logical way to meet the sediment storage capacity is to raise the normal pool elevation by 9.6-inches. However, raising the water level would require more land from the county, so Cook and his supporters are apprehensive to exercise this option.

"The federal government would like us to create a bigger lake by letting the lake water rise," Cook said. "But letting the water rise would require taking land away from nearby residents, so we are looking at other options."

Cook's preferred alternative would be to use money from the storm water penny fund that was recently established by the county in the next fiscal year to raise the money needed to dredge. Cook said that this option is anything but certain. He noted that he has talked to other supervisors and government agencies about the feasibility of using the fund.

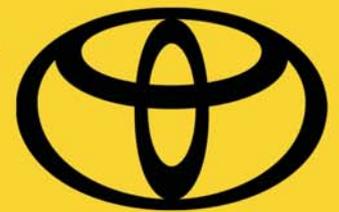
"It's not a done deal," said Cook. "But I've talked to Chairman Bulova (D-At-large) and the Department of Public Works, and everyone is on board to get it done."

According to Lyons, the project would be completed within 18 to 24 months, depending on the county schedule.

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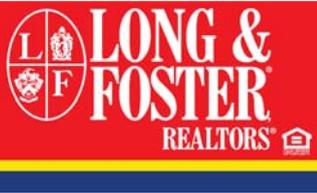


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