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# Adults Pursue Play Date

Area locals gather for cocktails and board games.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE  
THE CONNECTION

**R**enee Christy threw her hands into the air as she became the self-proclaimed champion in the board game "Trouble." It could've been the excitement from the combination of her

girls' night out and the table's most recent round of Corona, but sitting in the ballroom of Crystal City's Hyatt Regency Hotel, all Christy knew was that she had won.

Her victory occurred in the midst of Play Date, a game night established by the Time

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Valencia McCree, 37, and John Courts, 34, play a game of Trouble during Arlington's first Play Date Metro last Friday. Courts described the event as a pleasant change to the typical nightlife scene. "It's not a club," he said, "there's just a lot of people playing around."

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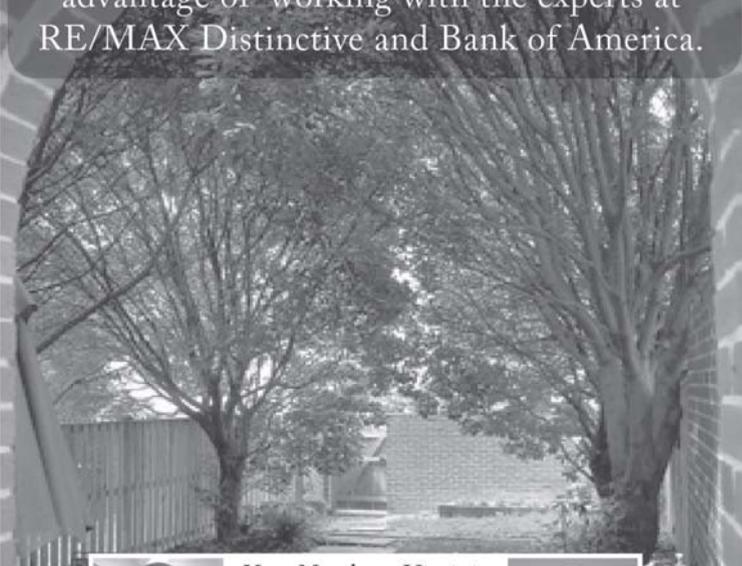
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**Boeing International employees and staff and volunteers from Carpenter's Shelter, UCM, Affordable Housing Corporation and The Reading Connection spent Thursday morning filling backpacks for students returning to school in the fall.**

## Boeing Employees Donate 400 Backpacks

Employees of The Boeing Company in Rosslyn donated 400 backpacks on Thursday, Aug. 27, filled with books and school supplies, to The Reading Connection (TRC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging at-risk families to read together. TRC will distribute the backpacks through its partner agencies — shelters and affordable apartment complexes in Washington and northern Virginia — to children from kindergarten through high school who are clients of the agencies.



**Gladys Hanna (Boeing) places a copy of "Miss Nelson is Missing" into the bags for the lower elementary school students.**



**Elizabeth McNalley (UCM) and Judy Hijikata (Reading Connection) listen as Dale Rainville (Boeing International) directs the volunteers in the order of packing the school packs.**

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**Dale Rainville (Boeing) adds another armful of filled packs to the finished pile in the lobby of the Boeing offices on Wilson Boulevard.**

## Balancing Budget And Calls

**Hotline appoints new executive director, faces new challenges.**

BY EMILY CANAL  
THE CONNECTION

CrisisLink, the hotline that provides support and education on suicide, experienced a summer of change this year beginning with the hire of Linda Eatmon-Jones as the new executive director. After celebrating its 40th anniversary, the organization began to balance the budget challenges and drastic increase in calls.



**Linda Eatmon-Jones**

"I have always admired what the nonprofits like CrisisLink do in terms of serving the community," said Eatmon-Jones, who came from the Fairfax Partnership for Youth where she served as the executive director for two and half years. "They provide great programs that help families and individuals when they are dealing with crises."

After graduating from North Carolina Central University, Eatmon-Jones began her career at Fannie Mae, where she was the director of asset management for 12 years. She earned her master's of science in organizational development in 2003 and began working as the director of DC CASH — creating assets, savings and hope.

Eatmon-Jones said she hopes to improve community education in crisis response and be instrumental in establishing diverse funding sources.

"If an organization is not financially strong then it can't continue to do the great things that it does," Eatmon-Jones said. "That's a strength I can bring to CrisisLink"

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## 9/11 Memorial 5K Set for Sept. 5

Applications are now being accepted for the eighth annual Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff 9/11 Memorial 5K run. The race is set for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5. The race course begins and ends in Crystal City, takes runners past the Pentagon.



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**Osceolo says hello to the Jello the Balloon Man.**

## A Day for Dogs ...

The roadway in front of the Signature Theatre in Shirlington on Saturday morning, Aug. 29, was blocked off to cars for a dog park and festival. Live entertainment, face painting and Jello the Balloon Man, were just three of the two-footed forms of entertainment. The Humane Society of Washington, Homeward Trails, local shelters and others lined the sidewalk and streets with puppies, dogs and cats to be adopted. Dog training and services providers also provided information to the visitors.



**Homeward Trails brought a few dozen dogs that are ready for adoption.**



**Hillary Goodwin takes the leashes up as Brenna and Lou prepare to take a stroll and meet some new dogs.**

# Unopposed, Again

**Adam Ebbin is running unopposed for fourth term in House of Delegates.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about Adam Ebbin's political career is how little opposition he's had to endure. His most challenging race was the 2003 Democratic primary, when he faced four other Democrats to fill a seat vacated by former Del. Karen Darner (D-49). Since then, he's never had a Republican challenger in the general election — not in 2003, 2005, 2007 or 2009. The only general election opponent he's ever had to face was in 2007, when Independent Green candidate Ron Fisher took 20 percent of the vote.

"It will take either a multi-year effort to change that or a unique candidate whom we have not yet identified," said Mike Lane, a former Republican member of the Arlington County Board. "But Adam Ebbin is not exactly a household name in the district, so when we find the right candidate, his incumbency advantage should be minimal."

The district stretches from Bailey's Crossroads through south Arlington into Arlandria and includes about half of Del Ray. That's a wide cross-section of communities, historically African-American neighborhoods, recent immigrant populations and upper-middle class Bohemian areas. It's a constituency that has informed the choices Ebbin has made in Richmond, championing legislation to work against human trafficking and exploitation of immigrant groups.

"I try to make sure different minority groups are not scapegoated for political gain," said Ebbin. "Ultimately being a member of the

House of Delegates is about looking out for the values of your community, and that's what I've tried to do."

**DURING HIS TIME** in the House of Delegates, he's acquired funding to create a public defender's office in Arlington, increased penalties for refusing to pay employees for work completed and passed legislation establishing the Virginia Commission on the Prevention of Human Trafficking. Supporters say one of the reasons Ebbin is successful is that he spends time coordinating his bills with corresponding legislation in the Senate.

"Adam is good with people," said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "And he doesn't let his ego get in the way of getting the job done."

Ebbin says he has a number of things he would like to accomplish in the coming years. To promote environmentally sensitive building practices, he would like to require what he calls "green building standards" for government buildings. Although he was unsuccessful adding a fee to plastic bags last year, he wants to try again next year by requiring a 5-cent fee for paper and plastic bags that would fund the Water Quality Improvement Fund. And he wants to cut down on hospital-acquired infections by requiring hospitals to publish their infection rates.

"He does not have a reputation as being somebody who is always advocating extreme position that have no prospect of getting passed just for the purpose of making a statement," said Peter Rousselot, chairman of the Arlington Democratic Committee. "He's a practical person who wants to get things done."

## Adults 'Play' into Alternative Entertainment **"We are a concept people are coming to know and love."**

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less Entertainment Concept event-planning company to integrate entertainment from the past into the nightlife of the present.

"It taps into your childhood," said Imari Havard, the chief executive officer of TEC. "Leave the adult at home and play like a kid again."

Play Date began in Atlanta in 2005 and has become nationally recognized as it gains popularity in urban venues. At the Hyatt last Friday, Aug. 28, Play Date launched its first game night in the metropolitan D.C. area. TEC specifically tar-

gets cities with the idea of offering an alternative to the typical weekend club scene.

"It offers a fresh take to Friday night," said 27-year-old Ayesha Johnson, a mechanical engineer who admits she can grow weary of downtown clubs after a long work week.

Play Date further asks attendees to leave their adulthood at the door by dismissing their real names. Participants create alter egos on nametags before entering the venue, offering identities like "Butterfly" or "Silver Bullet."

The idea, explains TEC partner Katrina Moore, is to create a cultural and economically diverse environment where details are

forgotten and participants are free to socialize. Players in Arlington moved between game tables of Hungry Hungry Hippos and foosball to the cocktail bars and dance floor.

Lelita Cannon agrees Play Date's environment is more conducive to meeting others than the noise of a club. The 28-year-old said she had just one concern with the night's activities.

"I don't understand what the \$20 cover-charge is for," said Cannon, who mentioned food and drinks were not included with the board games she could pull out of her closet at home.

Moore and her team hope to establish

**— TEC partner Katrina Moore**

Play Date as a bi-monthly event in the D.C. area, increasing their patronage to establish a familiar name and brand with their public.

"We are a concept people are coming to know and love," said Moore, who wore a t-shirt emblazoned with the words "Wanna Play?" Moore describes participants like a Trouble-champion Christy as VIPs for the night who can simultaneously reconnect with their childhood.

"And that's what people are looking for," she said.

PEOPLE

# Putting Children First

Court-appointed advocates help children in abuse and neglect cases.

BY DELIA SAVA  
THE CONNECTION

**T**im Stock's wife, Lechia, read an article in the newspaper on court-appointed special advocates (CASA) and recommended that he look into it. Ten years later, Stock expresses gratitude for his wife's suggestion, saying, "It has been the most personally satisfying volunteer work I can imagine."

Stock works as an advocate through SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia, which administers the program in Alexandria and Arlington. Court orders request volunteer advocates for children in abuse and neglect cases; the staff at SCAN assigns advocates based on who is available and who might be a proper fit for the situation.

The Stocks moved to Arlington after Tim Stock retired from a law practice in Michigan and then completed two years in a volunteer program in Russia and Ukraine.

The couple has a grown son and daughter and two granddaughters.

"**WE REPORT** to the court," said Stock. "We're the judge's eyes and ears, and that's a great responsibility. We have the duty of making sure that the judge has all the facts



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**Tim Stock works as an advocate through SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia.**

**"These kids need us. They need someone to speak for them."**

— Tim Stock

that he or she needs in order to make a series of decisions that may be required in determining the placement of this child." In addition to his advocate work, Stock is also certified as a mediator.

Carrie Cannon, CASA program director,

said, "Tim brings a unique combination of passion and understanding to his volunteering, allowing him to give the CASA children a strong voice and at the same time offer respect and encouragement to their parents and caregivers."

When Stock gets assigned a case, he goes through the paperwork to identify the players. He says he gets a "blizzard" of names and sets up a system for regular contact with the others involved in the case: parents, attorneys, social workers, teachers, guardian ad litem, etc. He keeps records of all communications and visits to prepare the written reports he needs for the court hearings.

Stock tries to see the children early on in the process. "The child may be separated from the parent, and they may or may not have an idea of why this is so. They know Mom or Dad is trying to deal with the problem. But again, depending on the child's age and experience, they may not fully grasp what's happening. These kids are carrying a considerable burden so you want to find out how that's playing out in various areas of their life."

**THE ADVOCATE** is not a big brother or sister, and Stock is not there to befriend them. "I'm trying to communicate to the

court objectively what that child's situation is," he said. Stock also relies on the expertise of the other professionals working with these children. "I have nothing but admiration for the professionals who work with these children."

For Stock it is immensely satisfying when families can be reunited. "You have no idea how gratifying it is to come to the end of a case and see that Mom and Dad fulfilled all of their responsibilities and the family has remained a family throughout this long period of treatment and counseling. They are now more reunited than ever." He says he was asked by the oldest child in one case to help him write a thank you note to Mom and Dad so he could read it in front of the judge. "Let me tell you, there wasn't a dry eye in that courtroom."

It is Stock's hope that by sharing his experiences with the program, others in Arlington will respond to the urgent need for volunteers, just like he did 10 years ago. "These kids need us," he says, "they need someone to speak for them."

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Some local races are also on the ballot.

Here at the Connection, we invite our readers to tune in and help us fine tune questions and coverage of local candidates. Its common for Northern Virginia residents to be more focused on national politics than local politics.

#### EDITORIAL

But be forewarned that the winners of the state and local elections coming up will have an impact on your daily life, often in a very personal way.

Local elected officials will spend billions of dollars. With the current budget shortfalls, the winners will also decide how where to cut tens of millions of dollars by cutting programs, projects and schools dear to many people's hearts. The safety net for the most vulnerable

people in Virginia is in danger as well.

Over the next two months, editors and reporters at the Connection Newspapers will interview each local candidate in a contested race. We'll ask questions to learn about each individual, his or her knowledge of local issues and whether they come to the race with a sense of public service. Do they bring intelligence, creativity, collegiality to problem solving? Where do they stand on issues ranging

### Register

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Send questions and comments to Mary Kimm, at [mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com) or 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### May He Rest In Peace

To the Editor:

I remember in 1988 I was wandering around the U.S. Capitol building with a friend. As a political science major at the time, I felt like I had made it to Mecca. My friend and I wandered into an elevator that was restricted for senators only, but we were already midway up to the next floor before we realized it. Wow, who stepped in at the next level? Sen. Edward Moore Kennedy! Instead of saying, "Hey, you kids get out of here," which is what we expected, he smiled, hugged me and told my friend to "take a picture!"

Ten years later, I was in the DNC Supper Club in Washington, D.C. As I was walking out, wow, who stepped in? Sen. Edward Moore Kennedy! He walks over to me and says, "Why do I remember you?" I reminded him of the encounter in the elevator. Now I know politicians can be slick, and I can see in his eyes that he was not sure, but he said, "Yes, that time in the senator's elevator." B.S.? I will never know, but I knew that he knew he met me before, and I was touched by that.

Seven years later I am driving in Washington, D.C. on a tiny street in Embassy Row, and I look to my right. And, wow, who stepped out? Sen. Edward Moore



Kenneth Flowe with U.S. Sen. Edward Moore Kennedy

Kennedy! He had just gotten a British-made Vanquish for his birthday, and I just happened to be driving by. I said, "How cool!" He said, "You like it?" I said, "No, I'm talking about you!" He laughed. I pulled over and said, "Can I take a picture with you?" He said, "Do you keep a camera with you all the time?" I said, "Ever since the Rodney King incident I always have a camera." He chuckled. Above you can see the photo we took. Sen. Edward Moore Kennedy! May he rest in peace.

**Kenneth Flowe**  
University of Phoenix –  
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### No Need for More Pavement

To the Editor:

AAA Mid Atlantic's letter in the Arlington Connection Aug. 26 is clueless and wrong. In that letter, AAA argues that "Arlington's filing of a federal lawsuit to block the HOT project is disappointing, damaging, and hypocritical."

Apparently the solution to all the traffic and cars in the region, according to AAA, is to have more traffic and cars. The transportation problems in Northern Virginia will not be solved by paving Arlington.

Arlington has been a leader in

getting people out of cars. Arlington:

- ❖ promotes bike usage,
- ❖ has excellent bike paths
- ❖ has one of the best subway systems in the suburbs
- ❖ has a great bus system,
- ❖ supports share a car programs, and
- ❖ has created wonderful walkable communities all over the county.

Living in Arlington, I can go weeks without getting into a car. When I do get into a car, because I have chosen to live close to work, it is about a 15-minute commute — I never get on 66 or 395.

AAA states "Arlington is already responsible for some of the region's worst gridlock"

Really? That's Arlington's fault?

I don't think so. Those cars on 395 and 66, they don't come from Arlington. They are using Arlington for pavement. They are owned by people who took advantage of pavement, cheap gas, and subsidized roads to live far from their jobs. They create pollution. They suck down foreign oil.

We don't need more pavement. More pavement won't solve the problem. More road capacity only gives people the incentive to live further out in the suburbs, exacerbating the problem.

What we need is a sensible transportation program. Arlington

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# 9/11 Memorial 5K Set for Sept. 5

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The race fee is \$30. To sign up online, go to [www.arlington911race.com](http://www.arlington911race.com).

Proceeds from the race will be donated to public safety and military support organizations. The charities selected focus on the healing of military personnel and civilians directly affected by the war on terrorism and the attacks against America on Sept. 11, 2001.

Held in honor of the victims of 9/11, and as a trib-

ute to public safety personnel who responded on that day, the race is presented by the Arlington Police Charitable Fund with assistance from the Arlington County Police, Fire and Sheriff's departments.

The start/finish line of the race will be in front of the Doubletree Hotel at 300 Army-Navy Drive in Crystal City. Post-race activities — including award presentations, food and beverages, and entertainment — will be held on the Doubletree grounds immediately following the race.



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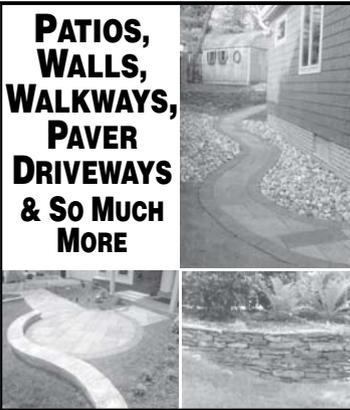
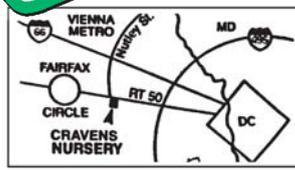


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# CALENDAR



## SEPT. 3-27

**“Camille” Opens at WSC.** The Washington Shakespeare Company presents Charles Ludlam’s drag classic, *Camille*. At Clark Street Playhouse. Cost: Thursdays \$25, Fridays \$30, Saturdays \$35 at 8 p.m. \$30 Matinees at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are available at [www.BoxOfficeTickets.com/WSC](http://www.BoxOfficeTickets.com/WSC) or by calling 800-494-TIXS. At 601 S. Clark Street, Crystal City, Arlington.

Know of something missing from our community entertainment calendar? Send it to *The Arlington Connection*, e-mail it to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with any questions. Photos are welcome.

## SEPT. 2-5

**The ZIP Code Show.** 34 artists. The ZIP Code Show will open and close with Saturday night receptions that will include art, artists, performers, a cash bar and hors d’oeuvres courtesy of Rincome Thai Cuisine. The work will be on display during the receptions and Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Friday, Sept. 4, from 5-7:30 p.m. The show’s theme is apropos of the Columbia Pike area, which has residents from 128-plus countries and most regions of the U.S. The show, an artcd.org and Art Outlet collaboration, is being held in partnership with Halstead Arlington and the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization. At Halstead Arlington, 1028 South Walter Reed Drive in Arlington.

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## FRIDAY/SEPT. 4

**“Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” (1986).** Free. Part of the I Love the ‘80s Outdoor Film Festival. At dusk at Gateway Park, Lee Highway near Key Bridge. Rosslyn. Parking available at the Atlantic Parking Garage for \$3 at 1901 and 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive after 6 p.m. Visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

## SEPT. 4-OCT. 15

**Photography Exhibit.** Works by Diana Adams and Irene Abdou at Marymount University’s Barry Gallery. Opening reception on Sept. 11 from 5-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 10

## Arlington Lunchtime Concerts Schedule

From 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Wilson Boulevard and N. Oak Street

- ❖ Sept. 3 — Eire Supply, *Celtic Fusion*
- ❖ Sept. 10 — Vaughn Nark & Panorama, *Contemporary Jazz*
- ❖ Sept. 17 — The Lovejoy Group, *Jazz & Latin Rhythms*
- ❖ Sept. 24 — David Bach Consort, *Smooth Instrumentals*



## Holly Cole

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

**Rosslyn Jazz Festival.** 12:30-7 p.m. Free. Features vocalist Holly Cole, Frederic Yonnet, Lafayette Gilchrist, and the Spanish Harlem Orchestra. The event also features a street fair with multicultural food and craft vendors, including BBQ ribs from Big Daddy’s BBQ. It now draws nearly 10,000 jazz aficionados from across the U.S. At Rosslyn’s Gateway Park, North Lynn Street and Lee Highway, Arlington. The festival will be held just two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro. Festival parking is available for \$5 beginning at 11 a.m. at 1911 N. Fort Myer Drive. The parking entrance is on N. Moore Street. Call 703-228-1850 or visit [www.RosslynVA.org](http://www.RosslynVA.org), or [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Barry Gallery is located in the Reinsch Library on Marymount’s Main Campus - 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact Judy Bass, the Gallery curator, at 703-284-1561 or by e-mail at [judy.bass@marymount.edu](mailto:judy.bass@marymount.edu)

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

**9-11 Memorial 5K.** 6 p.m. Eighth Annual Police, Fire & Sheriff 9/11 Memorial 5K. The race course begins and ends in Crystal City, takes runners past the Pentagon. The start/finish line of the race will be in front of the Doubletree Hotel at 300 Army-Navy Drive in Crystal City. Proceeds will be donated to public safety and military support organizations. Online registration available at [www.arlington911race.com](http://www.arlington911race.com). The race fee is \$25 (\$30 after Sept. 1).

**Country Western Dance.** Bernie Vitale will be the DJ. Scotty Inman will teach the “Circle Twenty” line dance at 7:30 p.m., and Matt Leonard will teach the “Oklahoma Breeze 2” couples specialty dance at 8 p.m. Open dancing is from 8:30-11 p.m. and includes Two Step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha, and specialty dances. Couples and singles are welcome. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Admission is \$10 for NVCWDA members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. Visit the Web site, [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) or call the hot line 703-860-4941.

**Civitan Club of Arlington’s I-66 Garage Sale.** 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At N. Quincy and N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington (1470 N. Quincy St.). Free admission.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 7

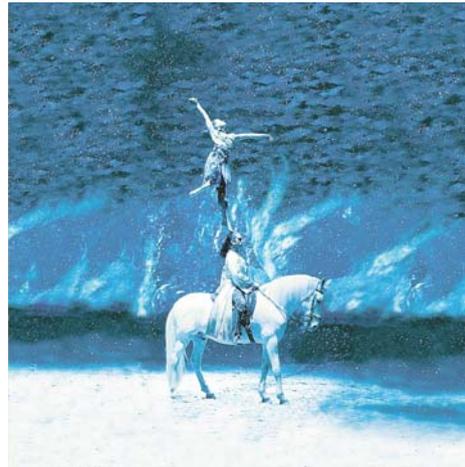
**“Batman & Robin.”** Free. Part of the Superheroes Summer Film Festival, which start at sundown, rain or shine, at Bell St. Courtyard, along S. Bell Street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Streets, across from the Crystal City Metro Station and Marriott Hotel. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 8

**Encore Choral Tryouts.** 2-3:30 p.m. The Encore Chorale singers, ages 55 and over, begin their eighth season at Langston Brown Senior Center and are looking for new recruits. They rehearse Tuesday, 2-3:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 8. At Langston Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. Go to [http.encorecreativity.org](http://http.encorecreativity.org). Email: [Jeanne.Kelly@encorecreativity.org](mailto:Jeanne.Kelly@encorecreativity.org). Call 301-261-5747.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 9

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. “The Prohibition Hangover” by Garrett Peck. Arlington author Garret Peck will read from his new book, “The Prohibition Hangover,” which explores America’s tense and often-contradictory relationship with alcohol, from the end of Prohibition through the 21st century. At Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington.



## SEPT. 15-27

**Cavalía, an Equestrian Odyssey.** Sept. 15-27 at 8 p.m. Cavalía is a lavish orchestration of multimedia, equestrian and performing arts. Acrobatics, aerialists, dancers, musicians and riders are showcased on a 160-foot wide stage. At South Fern Street and Army Navy Drive, Pentagon City in Arlington. Tickets are priced from \$45.50 to \$98.50. Special pricing is available for children and seniors. Call 1-866-999-8111 or visit [www.cavalía.net](http://www.cavalía.net).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

**Author Event.** 7 p.m. “Pentagon 9/11” by Diane Putney and others. Diane Putney of the history office of the Secretary of Defense discusses “Pentagon 9/11,” a documented history based on more than 1300 interviews about the attack on the Pentagon. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington.

## SEPT. 11-12

**Latin American Harp Festival.** 7:30 p.m. With Juan Aquino (Venezuela), Celso Duarte (Paraguay), Daniel Rojas (Colombia), and Ruben Vazquez Dominguez (Mexico). Tickets \$30, \$25 for seniors/students. At the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent St., “LL” Level, Arlington. (Two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro.) Call 703-548-3092 or go to [www.teatrodelaaluna.org](http://www.teatrodelaaluna.org).

## SEPT. 11-OCT. 18

**“The Quality of Life.”** 8 p.m. At Arena Stage in Crystal City. Tickets are \$22-\$66. Showtimes are Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. curtain on 9/27); Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (no matinee 9/12); Weekday matinees at noon on Oct. 7 and 13. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org), by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Arena Stage Sales Office at 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington.

## SEPT. 11-NOV. 7

**Fall Solos 2009.** With artists Christian Benefiel, Jenn Figg, Cynthia Hron, David Page, Roxana Perez-Mendez, Pamela Phatsimo-Sunstrum. At the Arlington Arts Center. Opening Reception: Friday, Sept 11, from 6-9 p.m.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

**Metropolitan Wind Ensemble Auditions.** 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Levin School of Music’s Metropolitan Wind Ensemble is looking for new members. At the Levine School of Music’s Virginia Campus, Westover Baptist Church, 1125 N. Patrick Henry Drive, Arlington. Call 703-237-5655.

**ALRI Fall Course Preview.** 9 a.m. to noon. Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute will hold its semi-annual fall course preview at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-228-2144

**Consignment sale.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by Northern Virginia Parents of Multiples. (Half-price sale between noon and 1 p.m.) Free admission. More than 10,000 items for sale, including fall and winter clothing, toys, car seats, strollers, toddler beds, Halloween costumes, books, bouncy seats, high chairs and so much more. Cash, MC and Visa accepted. No strollers, please. At Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington. Want to shop 30 minutes early? Buy a “Friends & Family” shopping pass for \$15. Email [kcdunn2004@aol.com](mailto:kcdunn2004@aol.com).



## SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

**Banjo Fest.** Noon-4 p.m. Honors old-time music master Speedy Tolliver with The Speedy Tolliver Fiddle and Banjo Fest. Speedy Tolliver is known for his versatility, having mastered various fiddle and banjo styles including old time, bluegrass, Dixieland and swing. Free and open to public. At the Madison Center, 3829 North Stafford Street, Arlington. Call Arlington County’s Office of Heritage Arts, 703-228-1899, or visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

## Rosslyn Jazz Festival.

12:30-7 p.m. Free. Features vocalist Holly Cole, Frederic Yonnet, Lafayette Gilchrist, and the Spanish Harlem Orchestra. The event now draws nearly 10,000 jazz aficionados from across the U.S. The festival will also feature a street fair along Lee Highway with multicultural food and craft vendors. At Rosslyn’s Gateway Park, North Lynn Street and Lee Highway, Arlington. Sponsored by the Rosslyn Renaissance and the Rosslyn BID, and presented by Arlington Cultural Affairs. Call Arlington Cultural Affairs Division at 703-228-1850 or visit [www.RosslynVA.org](http://www.RosslynVA.org), or [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

**Ballston Arts & Crafts Market.** Free admission. 30 local artists and crafters. Live music by Arlington’s own, The Constituents from noon to 2 p.m. And Darcy Nair, Celtic singer and instrumentalist. At Welburn Square, North Stuart and North 9<sup>th</sup> Streets, across from the Ballston Metro Station. Go to <http://ballstonarts-craftsmarket.blogspot.com>.



## Caravan of Thieves will appear at the Iota Club on Sept. 21.

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# THEATRE

## Over-The-Top Musical

Lively, loving spoof of musicals back at Metrostage.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

If you know your Rodgers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Stephen Sondheim, Jerry Herman and Kander and Ebb backward and forward you will be thrilled to know that the sharp sendup of each and every one of them has returned to Alexandria's MetroStage. The show was tremendous fun in 2007 and this revival is, if anything, just a tad funnier and tighter.

The title itself signals the way the creators of this four-character, five-target spoof treat their subject. They call it "The Musical of Musicals: The Musical!"

The concept is simplicity itself. A cast with exceptionally strong musical theater voices works through one simple plot five different times, each in the style of a different composer/lyricist. The plot is the old standby of melodrama, the innocent young girl who can't pay the rent and the young man who comes to her rescue when the evil landlord threatens to take advantage of her misfortune.

For Rodgers and Hammerstein, the plot is rendered "on fields of golden corn stretched out to the horizon ... it's Kansas in August." A cowboy pretends not to be in love with pretty June who sings "I Couldn't Keer Less About You" until the landlord, Jidder, demands a rent she can't pay.

No pun seems too much of a stretch as long as it includes a simultaneous reference to at least two different songs or, better yet, two different shows. "Mother Abby" comes to the rescue with the sung advice "There's a rainbow o'er the mountain / and that rainbow is your dream / you'll find it when you've faced the storm / and forded every stream."

A Stephen Sondheim sendup, set in an apartment complex called "The Woods," gets the title "A Little Complex" while the Jerry Herman style star-vehicle (a la "Mame") is "Dear Abby."

They take on Andrew Lloyd Webber's sung-through musicals ("We Never Talk Anymore" they sing) with the often-repeated



Bobby Smith and Donna Migliaccio star in "Musical of Musicals."

melodies ("I've Heard That Song Before") that some say sound like arias from old operas (one lyric goes "it might sound a teeny / like something by Puccini. But no, its all brand new").

Kander and Ebb's "Cabaret" ends up as "Speakeasy."

In New York the show was a hit Off-Broadway, being brought back for a return engagement at the York Theater. The cast there was very good and even included the composer and the lyricist who created the superb send-ups of the styles of Broadway's biggest successes. Here at MetroStage, however, the cast is better.

Donna Migliaccio, who is Broadway bound to appear in the new production of "Ragtime" next month, has great fun with the role of the advice-giving woman known in the different musicals as Mother Abby, Auntie Abby, Fraulein Abby, just Abby and Abigail Von Shtarr. She'll play the role until Sept. 13 when she leaves for New York at which time Heather Mays steps in to finish the run.

Janine Gulisano-Sunday is as bright and energetic as could be asked of an Ingénue who has to face the threats of five different evil landlords. Bobby Smith goes from the slightly dim-witted Jitter of the opening "Corn!" to the insane killer/artist of the Sondheim spoof ("I'll make them pay in a crafty way. I'll kill them and coat them with papier mâché. I know they say I'm no Monet. Que sera, Que Serurat. Oh, What the hey!") Then he acts as the host of a Speakeasy in the style of the em-

cee of a cabaret ("The world can go to blazes / who cares? It doesn't faze us. / We've got Booze / And songs that use a lot of foreign phrases!"). New to the cast this time around is Matthew A. Anderson who is a delight in the young hero role.

The show might have been better had it been trimmed a bit. Four spoofs might well be better than five. But the weakest of the bunch, the Jerry Herman burlesque, is strong enough to garner many, many laughs and, had they cut it, you wouldn't get a chance to see Migliaccio bent over backwards onto the top of a piano while she belts out "Who cares if you're over the hill now as long as you're over the top?"

Ticket prices have gone up a bit since 2007, but even at an additional \$5, this is a show no one who loves musicals and loves laughing should miss.



Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway, and edits Potomac Stages, a Web site covering theater in the region ([www.PotomacStages.com](http://www.PotomacStages.com)). He can be reached at [Brad@PotomacStages.com](mailto:Brad@PotomacStages.com).

### Where and When:

"The Musical of Musicals: The Musical!" plays through Oct. 18 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal Street. Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$50. Call 703-548-9044 or log on to [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

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## SENIORS

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Program, Sept. 12-19.

Opening of the 2009 **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics**, Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m., TJ Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd Street. Welcome ceremonies followed by track events at 11 a.m.; Health Fair and Traveling Bicycle Museum, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Free; open to the public. Details, 703-228-4721.

**Aqua aerobics** begin Monday, Sept. 14, 8:40 a.m.-9:30 a.m., new W&L High School pool, 1300 N. Quincy St., \$45.50 for 13 sessions; Tuesday, Sept. 15, noon-12:45 p.m., Wakefield High School pool, 4901 S. Chesterfield Road, \$94.50 for 27 sessions. Register early by calling 703-228-4745.

**Senior Boot Camp** begins Monday, Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Safe and fun 45-minute sessions of cardio and strength techniques. \$32 for eight classes. Call to register, 703-228-0955.

**Oil painting classes**, taught by artist Larry Isham, begin Monday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Cost is \$36 for six two-hour sessions. Call to register 703-228-0555.

**English/Spanish dialogue** sessions, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m., English/French sessions, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper Street.

Free. For more information, 703-228-5321.

**New fitness walking clinic** begins Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m. TJ Community Center 3501 S. 2nd Street. Race-walking techniques. OSAP member, \$24; non-members, \$32. Call to register, 703-228-4771.

**Free blood pressure monitoring**, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Hwy., Thursday, Sept. 17, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th Street. Call to sign up, 703-228-0555 (Lee), 703-228-0955 (WR).

**One-on-one discussions** about programs and services available for seniors through Arlington County's Department of Human Services, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper Street. Free. Call for appt., 703-228-5321.

**Senior women's basketball clinics:** beginners, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m. and intermediate, 8 p.m., Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper Street. \$18 for three sessions for seniors registered with Office of Senior Adult Programs and \$24 for non-OSAP members. For more information, 703-228-4771.

**Facebook 101**, Thursday, Sept. 17, 11:15 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Basic information on social Web sites and start

up process. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Belly dancing classes** begin Friday, Sept. 18, 11:45 a.m., Lee Senior Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Focus on posture, basic rhythm, arm and hand movements. Cost is \$25 for five classes. Call to register, 703-228-0555.

**Evening Coffee House** with Big Band music and conversation, Friday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Culpeper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive. Light refreshments; free. For information, 703-228-4403.

**Field events** at the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, Saturday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m., Wakefield High School, 4901 S. Chesterfield Road. Free. Open to the public. Details, 703-228-4721.

**Senior trips:** Tuesday, Sept. 15, three historic churches and lunch in Southern Maryland, \$60; Thursday, Sept. 17, Kreeger Museum, D.C. plus lunch, \$25; Saturday, Sept. 19, Signature Theatre,

"**Dirty Blonde**," matinee, \$59. Call Arlington Senior Adult Travel, 703-228-4749. Registration required.

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

has been a leader in this. AAA obviously has not been.

**Robert Cannon**  
Arlington

## Englin's Impact

To the Editor:

I would like to set the record straight about the efforts of David Englin, member, 45th District, Virginia House of Delegates on the smoke-free restaurants bill. His role was key and his influence was critical.

He was passionate on the House floor in 2008 expressing dismay that once again the smoke-free bill received neither a full hearing nor a recorded vote in sub-committee. In 2009, he was the original House patron of statewide smoke-free restaurant bill but it was rolled into part of another piece of legislation when separate smoking rooms became part of a negotiated agreement.

Del. Englin was the keynote speaker for the statewide tobacco coalition to rally 300 activists on smoke-free lobby day preparing them to advocate for the bill. He worked with American Lung Association to strengthen public health protections in the final bill.

Gov. Kaine personally acknowledged his role, calling him a "a key player." We were there in Richmond engaged in this fight, and I can tell you firsthand that Del. David Englin's leadership and hard work made a big impact.

**Peter L. deFur, Ph.D.**

Chair, Advocacy Committee of the American Lung Association of Virginia  
Richmond

## Cost of Public-Private Projects

To the Editor:

An article on Wednesday, Aug. 19 ("Hot Lanes Melting") reported on the lawsuit filed by Arlington County to stop new, privately-operated lanes on I-95/I-395. The Arlington County Board is rightly concerned about air pollution from increased local traffic as drivers avoid the new tolls.

The article, however, did not address the additional problems that privatizing these lanes could pose to the public. Contrary to Mahlon G. Anderson's letter to the editor this week, private toll roads frequently impose considerable burdens upon the public primarily for the benefit of the private entity

which manages the road. Without proper protections, the project could leave the taxpayers of Virginia not only with lungs full of exhaust, but also holes in their pockets.

Any long-term lease will transfer control to a private corporation focused on extracting profits from the road. Public roads should be operated for the benefit of the public. Yet in many private road deals, the public must compensate the private company if new or improved roads divert toll-paying traffic. Likewise, some contracts require public fees if emergency vehicles do not obtain prior permission before entering the privately maintained toll road. Our elected officials must protect us from these kinds of hidden costs.

**Jeffrey Musto**  
Transportation Policy Associate  
U.S. PIRG

## Need More Doctors

To the Editor:

We need to reduce health care cost, but we must get the health care reform legislation right. Currently there is a shortage of doctors and nurses to meet demand thereby driving up costs. As costs increase, companies sell more insurance. Without real change to increase the number of doctors and provide for more medical services, if by merely extending insurance, there will in fact be rationing of services as more of the 47 million currently uninsured seek service from a limited medical infrastructure. The key issue that needs debate: How to increase medical service at reasonable cost as opposed to extending insurance. Catastrophic coverage requires insurance due to high cost of complex service; routine medical service of cuts, fevers, physical exams and minor emergencies should be affordable to uninsured paying cash. Let's get key health issues straight and prioritized. The law must insure that death can occur with dignity. Degree of suffering and cost of living must be an individual choice. Currently, this choice depends on if you are insured and by whom you are insured. There is a better way, but it requires reasonable discussion and ultimate reform.

**Ken Tomcich**  
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# Hanson, Yorktown Change Offenses after 24 Seasons

## Bulldogs transition from wing-T offense to spread.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**B**ruce Hanson said he doesn't consider himself an old-school coach. In fact, he said he's not exactly sure what that means.

What does it mean to be old school?

If it relates to experience, Hanson has that covered. The 25th-year Patriots head coach has been the leader at Yorktown since 1985.

If it involves success, Hanson and his 150-plus victories fit right in.

If being unwilling to change one's ways is a factor, count Hanson out.

After 24 seasons of running the wing-T offense, Yorktown will operate primarily out of a spread scheme during the 2009 campaign. Hanson made the switch during the offseason, a decision he said was based on the type of athletes in the Yorktown program.

"We just felt it was time to spread people out," Hanson said, "and try something a little different."

Saying the spread is "a little different" than the wing-T might be understating. The wing-T is a tight, run-oriented offense built on deception. Fakes and counters are used to keep opposing defenses off balance and unsure of whom is carrying the ball.



**Yorktown football coach Bruce Hanson speaks to players at a practice during his 25th season as head coach of the Bulldogs.**

The spread is run primarily out of the shotgun, with the quarterback lined up roughly five yards behind the center. The defense is forced to cover more ground and the offense can exploit mismatches by getting the ball to its playmakers in open space. The spread can be run- or pass-oriented, though Hanson said he hopes for close to a 50-50 ratio.

Yorktown will occasionally line up in the wing-T, Hanson said. The formation could be used in short-yardage and goal line situations, and for catching an opponent off guard.



**The Yorktown football program will operate primarily out of the spread offense in 2009 after 24 seasons of running the wing-T.**

One of the athletes Hanson viewed as a reason for the switch in offensive philosophy is quarterback Sam Nottingham (5 feet 11, 165 pounds). The senior said he was surprised when he heard about the move to the spread.

"I thought, 'That's not Yorktown,'" he said. "But now it is. It's something new and something that we're going to work with and I'm excited for it."

Nottingham said he welcomes the added responsibility a quarterback inherits when transitioning from the wing-T to the spread.

"It's a little bit more stress," he said, "but it's also a lot more glory. I like it."

The Yorktown receiving corps is led by senior Mike Veith (6-0, 150), who was an all-district selection in 2008. Seniors C. J. Bartholomew (6-3, 175) and Andrew D'Addario (5-7, 190), and junior Kevin Bailey (6-0, 145) are also pass-catching threats.

At running back, three Bulldogs are candidates for carries: seniors Erik Cardillo (6-1, 235), Charles Banks (5-10, 195), and junior Khalil Doles (5-8, 190).

The offensive line averages 207 pounds. Senior Lucas Alderfer (6-2, 215) is the left tackle, senior Michael Ryan (6-0, 175) is the left guard, junior Gunther Poth (6-2, 200) is the center, junior John Todd (6-4, 200) is the right guard and senior John Schwartz (5-11, 245) is the right tackle.

Yorktown also made changes to its defense, moving from a 4-3 to a 3-4, and special teams, implementing several trick plays.

Senior linebacker Sam Burton (5-10, 170) said the program's changes are welcomed.

"It's not been hard at all," Burton said of the transition to a new defense. "... It's just refreshing because for a lot of us, we've been playing the same offense [and] defense since eighth grade and so

it's just nice to play something new."

Cardillo, Banks and senior Henry Dixon (5-9, 190) are the other linebackers.

Alderfer and seniors Nick Vaughan (5-10, 215), Walter Osteen (5-6, 245) and Anibal Suazo (6-0, 255) will see time on the defensive line.

Veith, Bartholomew, D'Addario and Bailey will see time in the secondary.

Yorktown opens its new-look season at home with a 7:30 p.m. Thursday game against Wilson (Washington D.C.).

While it may seem Hanson took nearly a quarter century to change, the coach said he made several adjustments to the wing-T over the years.

"The wing-T that we run now wasn't the wing-T that we ran 10 years ago," he said. "So we changed somewhat with the times."



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# New Director, New Challenges

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because I understand that area of fiscal operations.”

Eatmon-Jones was contacted about the position at CrisisLink by a recruiter about six weeks ago. She was officially appointed on Aug. 20 and will begin on Sept. 8.

“I am excited about the future and what Linda will bring to the table and how she will serve the community even better,” said Marshall Ellis, the director of development at CrisisLink. “I think that over the past 40 years, we have grown a lot and really risen. This is the next stage of development.”

John Tuohy, a member of the board of directors, said CrisisLink does not have a mold for the executive directors, but the organization looks for people with strong management skills and the ability to be a spokesperson.

“Linda has a solid combination of skills,” said Tuohy, who has worked with CrisisLink since 1988. “All the other folks had administration experience but we wanted someone who has had the financial background.”

Tuohy said CrisisLink has seen a wide variety of executive directors, like a retired navy civilian, but the organization looks for candidates with non-profit experience.

CrisisLink was founded in 1969 as the Northern Virginia Hotline and focused on helping Arlington teens. The organization was formally incorporated in February of 1970 and began 24-hour service. In 1999, the name CrisisLink was adopted to represent the different types of calls the hotline fields.

There are seven hotlines under the CrisisLink umbrella: 24/7 Crisis and Suicide Prevention Hotlines, 2-1-1 Virginia, CareRing, You Talk, We Listen, Tara Sirmans Survivor HOPE Program, Community Education and Crisis Response Team. Each program attempts to help people suffering from different crises, teach the public about the warning signs of suicide, and help with the coping process.

As the organization celebrated its 40th anniversary, CrisisLink saw a dramatic rise in calls and volunteers, but a decrease in funding. Ellis said the budget for the 2010 fiscal year is \$1,003,000, about the same level as last year.

Tuohy said about 80 percent of the budget is allotted for compensation, including salary, benefits and insurance. Ellis said there are about 15 paid employees, seven overnight hotline receptionists and 99 volunteers working for CrisisLink.

The remainder represents donated values like volunteer time, free office space, and telephone repairs. These items are not paid, but calculated into the budget.

Ellis said the main reason CrisisLink lost funding in the 2009 fiscal year was a direct result of the recession. Support from foundations decreased this year; Ellis declined to name the groups that curtailed funding.

However, individual giving increased and money from local governments remained at the same level as last year.

“This year has been a real challenge for us with the economic downturn and the number of people reeling from the effects

of that,” Ellis said. “We are trying to meet our demand while the need for our service increased exponentially.”

Ellis said the number of suicide calls CrisisLink received increased by 60 percent this past year.

**CRISISLINK HAS** implemented salary freezes for all employees for the 2010 fiscal year and has also reduced staffing to one person during the midnight to 8 a.m. shift.

“Everyone at CrisisLink is committed to doing all that they can to make a difference,” Ellis said. “We are able to roll with the punches and step up when we need to.”

Despite the struggles with funding and the economic troubles, Ellis said volunteer enrollment has increased. Last year, CrisisLink saw a low of eight individuals in the volunteer training program. In May, over 30 people participated in the classes.

“I think its great and demonstrates that people really want to make a difference,” Ellis said. “It speaks a lot for the community in general as it steps up and gives time when times are difficult.”

Ellis said CrisisLink earns about \$500,000 in time donations from volunteers and services like telephone consultants and free office space.

“I see this as an opportunity,” said Eatmon-Jones. “You are going to have greater impact with more volunteers.”

There are no educational requirements for volunteers, but Tuohy said an empathic personality is needed.

“They need to have a willingness to commit to training and listening,” Tuohy said. “You could be anything from a college student to a retiree.”

Tuohy said the training for volunteers takes about 60 hours to complete, and is usually when people drop out of the program and determine if they can work with crisis hotlines.

Emily Allen, a volunteer and trainer at CrisisLink, said the work is challenging but rewarding at the end of the day.

“You can drive home knowing that you’ve hopefully made a difference in someone’s life or day,” said Allen, who has worked at CrisisLink for about five years. “You feel an immediate connection with people when you are on the phone lines.”

Standard procedures for a call to CrisisLink begins with three questions: Are you thinking about suicide, in the last two months have you thought about suicide and have you ever attempted to kill yourself?

After assessing the answers, the volunteers begin to discuss the issue at hand. Allen said an average phone call can last about half an hour, but there can be extremes like five-minute or multiple-hour phone conversations.

Callers are encouraged to express their feelings, explain the situation, and work with volunteers to come up with a solution.

“Research shows that people who come up with their own plan are more likely to follow through on them,” Ellis said. “It’s very empowering and we help walk the person through that.”

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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

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

For more information on the study, visit  
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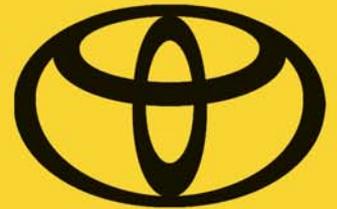
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