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Taking A Pause

Exploring how entrepreneurs think.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

When business consultant and author Larry Robertson was approached by Martin Ogle, chief naturalist at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, to have a conversation about his book he said he responded with an enthusiastic, “Absolutely!”

The two men from seemingly different worlds have joined forces to share elements of their conversations with other Arlingtonians. The presentation “Pausing to Consider Alternative Outcomes; An Entrepreneurial Look at Earth and its People” will be held at the Arlington Central Library on Monday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

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“Martin picked up a copy of my book and took the time to read it — 70 percent of people who buy books don’t end up reading them (based on a Publisher’s Weekly study) so if you think about it, Martin in my terminology paused to read this book and when he did, he saw himself in it,” said Robertson.

Ogle had worked with Robertson’s wife, Kai, when both served on the board of directors for the non-profit, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) but only knew him slightly when he picked up Robertson’s book, “A Deliberate Pause: Entrepreneurship

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Rosslyn Jazz Festival

Tierney Sutton sings her version of “Blue Sky” at the 20th anniversary Rosslyn Jazz Festival on Sept. 11.

Band members of the Bad Plus, Reid Anderson and David King, play a set during festival.



A Challenge From the Left

Candidate accuses school system of being wasteful.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

The candidacy of Independent Green candidate Miriam Gennari isn’t just a challenge to incumbent School Board member Sally Baird. It’s a running commentary on the sustainability of Arlington County Public Schools, accusing the division of wasteful spending and unsustainable practices.

In public forums and in one-on-one meetings with voters, Gennari says Baird and other School Board members are guilty of a number of violations against the planet — that they were too slow to recognize the evils of Styrofoam; that they spent millions on a high school with cathedral ceilings that’s now overcrowded; that they installed motion sensors on the light switches, teaching the wrong message to impressionable children. Ultimately Gennari has reframed the infamous catchphrase Sarah Palin used at the 2008 Republican convention and repurposed it for her own campaign.

“Less is more,” Gennari said at a recent forum. “So save, baby, save.”

Like her opponent, Gennari voices support for the embattled David M. Brown Planetarium. But the two candidates have opposing views of its future. When asked about the planetarium during a debate at the Virginia Hospital Center, Gennari said the planetarium is one program that makes the county’s school system stand out in the

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Local Writer Chosen To Speak at AARP Convention

Keeping humor in growing older.

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

Some people look at old age with fear and dread. However, local author Renee Fisher looks at it with humor.

The Arlington resident and author will bring her humor to the 2010 AARP Convention in Orlando, Fla. along with her co-authors and friends Jean Peelen and Joyce Kramer on Oct. 1.

After being interviewed twice by AARP about their two award-winning books “Saving the Best for Last: Creating Our Lives After 50” and “Invisible No More: The Secret Lives of Women Over 50”, the author

trio was invited to speak at the convention.

Similar to how they wrote their books; each co-author does a different subtopic in their presentations. They also modify their presentations to include men.

For their AARP presentation titled “Our Secret Lives: What Nobody Ever Told Us”, Fisher is doing a subtopic called “Physical Surprises” which is a humor-based commentary on what nobody ever tells you about what happens inside and outside to the human body as women and men age.

“It’s surprises that no one ever tells you about ... and you’re, like, when did that



Renee Fisher



happen. Like I have this part called Ejecting Unnecessary body parts which have people rolling on the floor,” she said. Her sense of humor isn’t limited to her writing or presentations.

According to one of her co-authors and longtime friend Jean Peelen, one day Fisher flew out of the house, late for an appointment and got into her car. However she forgot that her cat, Miracle, was lying on top; until she was “flying down Lee Highway” with “an upside down cat ... on her windshield.”

Fisher’s other co-author and friend Joyce Kramer shares these sentiments.

At a recent book signing, “She had a tee shirt made with the book cover on it and wore that shirt and a tiara to drive customers into the store.”

While “Invisible No More” is a memoir-styled book about the 15 most important topics to women at midlife and beyond, “Saving the Best” — filled with discussion questions, exercises and a writing assignment — is geared toward the reader.

“I asked a lot of women about what was the worst thing about getting older and they said ‘I feel invisible’ ... [yet] this can be the most productive time of their lives,” she said.

Fisher said that the best part of working with her co-authors was that they kept each

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Tuning In to Voice Box

Show tackles national issues locally.

BY DELIA SAVA
THE CONNECTION

Christian Dorsey, host of the Voice Box television program is in the “green room” at Arlington Independent Media (AIM) sharing a light snack with the crew and Robert Sherman, an attorney with Covington and Burling LLP, one of two guests appearing on the live show this evening. With just minutes to spare, Kent Willis, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Virginia, the second guest, arrives at the studio. Everyone quickly assumes their role as Dorsey explains to the guests that the discussion will go for a full hour live, barring any emergency like a coughing fit, in which case they can take a break and go to an announcement.

“I have been doing Voice Box since January 2009 after being selected by the producers from a number of aspiring hosts,” said Dorsey adding, “What I enjoy most about the program is its emphasis on national issues as they apply to our local and regional community.” Dorsey is the director of external and government affairs at

the Economic Policy Institute; he has done the monthly cable access program since its inception.

Andrea Ellis, executive producer of the program, explained the production is very much a collaborative effort between AIM staff and volunteer members. “We took the concept for the show to the production team — it’s really a team effort. Becky Varni is the producer of tonight’s show — it’s about the interaction between police and civilians.”

Sherman and Willis, guided by Dorsey, will discuss concerns over the rights of civilians and journalists to photograph and videotape police activity. A case in Maryland earlier this year resulted in the arrest of a motorist using wiretapping laws, for videotaping an officer during a traffic stop and posting it on YouTube.

Brian Long, a senior staff producer with AIM, said, “We rotate the production duties ... initially we have a production meeting where we brainstorm ideas and ideas get winnowed out.” He added, “Whoever’s turn it is to be producer gets to choose the topic and they have final say with input from the rest of the production team.”

Long explained that often topics evolve

as the research and booking of guests proceed.

“It’s not unusual that we may not get everyone we want for a show ... and sometimes serendipity produces a better show than if we’d gotten everything we’d wanted.” He noted that for this show they reached out to representatives of law enforcement but were not successful in securing their participation.

“I prepare for each show in much the same way though topics are incredibly varied,” said Dorsey adding, “I spend a couple of hours doing internet research and talking with various experts to get a sense of the depth of the issue and formulate a number of questions or themes to guide the discussion.”

DURING THE LIVE SHOW, members of the studio audience and those watching at home are encouraged to take part in the

dialogue. After the live broadcast, the show is aired again at various times during the month.

Long, who also teaches production classes at AIM, said, “I think it’s particularly notable that we had two people under 18 years of age in the control room — David Aronson as technical director and Greg Golter on audio and I think that’s tremendous.” He added, “Our students come out of our workshops and are immediately producing topical, timely and compelling programming for the community.”

Attorney Sherman, who represents traditional and digital media clients, said he enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the



Christian Dorsey, host of Voice Box.

Andrea Ellis, executive producer of Voice Box.

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PEOPLE



Seasonal naturalist Clare McLean greets guests.

'Music under the Stars'

The summer concert series at Potomac Overlook Regional Park featured the music of The Moonlighters on Aug. 14. The family-friendly event drew a crowd of about 120 people.

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Kailyn Jackson



Erin Ingram (left) with mom Karla Hagen and Anna Ingram (in arms).



From left, Bernard Brindeau with Luc Anthony Brindeau, Ael Poelpre and Lou Ann Poelpre.

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OPINION

One Thing Commonwealth Is Doing Well

This is no time to trade \$240 million a year for uncertainty.

Government is supposed to do a couple of things well, and selling Jim Beam and Grey Goose isn't one of them," Gov. Bob McDonnell was quoted as saying this week.

Consider how well-endowed Virginia's transportation infrastructure could be if only it were run like the state-owned liquor stores.

When you buy a bottle of spirits from a Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control store, 50 percent or more of what you pay goes directly to the state, funding schools, public safety and other key state functions. Other states collect less than 10 percent. This system delivers more than \$240 million a year to fund core state functions.

By contrast, Virginia has privatized the widening of the Beltway, turning over 100 percent the toll revenue to a private company more or less forever (50 years). And the tolls will likely amount to more than \$10 per car to ride in the "High Occupancy Toll" lanes during rush hour. (To be fair, the private company is widening the Beltway, building the new HOT lanes and rebuilding the aging bridges along and

over the Beltway in the process, although the state could have done that by selling bonds based on projected toll revenue.)

Instead of collecting tolls, or at least writing a contract that shares the revenue, from public-private highway partnerships to provide a long-term stream of revenue for transportation, or raising the gas tax, Gov. Bob McDonnell wants to use the money from selling off the state's very lucrative liquor business. (To be fair, McDonnell's Democratic predecessors signed off on the public-private transportation deals.)

But turning the liquor business over to private companies won't generate nearly the same revenue for Virginia, won't generate more than a drop in the bucket for the state's transportation needs, and will take away critical funding for other services, including education and public safety.

McDonnell wants to trade the annual revenue of \$240 million-plus for a one-time infusion of \$500 million by auctioning off 1,000 retail liquor licenses. That will be an increase of more than 600 stores selling liquor. Most of

the money that now goes into the state coffers would be turned over as profit for the private businesses.

McDonnell proposes to make up some of the difference by adding fees to alcoholic beverages served in restaurants, which any restaurant owner can tell you is about the last thing they really need in this economy.

And any one large business would be allowed to buy as many as 25 percent of the total number of licenses, meaning the market could be dominated by a few big box stores.

The Virginia Federation of Retailers say that McDonnell's plan doesn't allow enough opportunity for small retailers, and the Virginia Wine Wholesalers oppose the plan because they expect large retailers will bypass local wine.

For McDonnell, his single term in office will be a success no matter what the consequences.

Here are his goals: Shrink the size of state government. Lower taxes, or at a minimum, don't raise them. Privatize, privatize, privatize.

Will there be adequate funding to provide an education worthy of the state that is "home of the internet?" For public safety, for neediest citizens, for people with disabilities, or even for some transportation relief? Not his problem.

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EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It's the Economy

To the Editor:

The debate in Arlington last week between U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and his challenger, Patrick Murray, demonstrates that voters in the 8th Congressional District have a clear choice this November.

Moran is a career politician who would enter his third decade in the House of Representatives. Murray is a retired U.S. Army colonel who seeks his first elective office. As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Moran takes pride in having earmarked

millions in federal funding to his district for everything from hiking and biking trails to emergency preparedness. He notes that Arlington ranks first on a list of best places to "ride out" the recession. Murray argues that Congress cannot "spend us rich" and decries the

continued spending that has led to a \$13 trillion debt. Murray quotes Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Mike Mullen that the biggest threat to U.S. national security is the debt, a warning subsequently echoed by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Voters will have to decide in November if they want someone who will continue to bring home the bacon to their district, irrespective of the national debt, or someone who will begin to cut the pork for the sake of the country.

Anne Campbell Gruner,
Esquire
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At Pentagon Memorial

President Barack Obama, flanked by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, right, and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen, at the Pentagon Memorial, marking the ninth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

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From the Left

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region. But Baird took a decidedly different view, suggesting it might be more appropriate for a nonprofit to run the facility and make it available for birthday parties.

"I don't think the school system should throw birthday parties," said Baird. "But a nonprofit could."

KNOCKING OFF an incumbent School Board member who is endorsed by the Democratic Party is no easy task, and the history of Arlington's politics would seem to indicate that Gennari is fighting an uphill battle. But the scrappy 10-year resident of the county is not taking her campaign lightly. She's set out a plan to reduce the county school system's carbon footprint, and she's challenged school officials to have a greater sense of urgency in environmental matters.

Gennari says the school system should hire a countywide outdoor learning coordinator and establish a sustainability advisory committee. She suggests conserving energy consumption by raising school temperatures in the warm months while lowering them in the cold months, conserving water consumption by installing faucet aerators to break flowing water into fine droplets and reducing solid waste by replacing cardboard cafeteria trays with paper plates. She would also like to see more of an emphasis placed on energy education in the classroom, and she would like to see each school issue regular reports about its energy consumption, solid waste disposal and water use.

"When I am elected I will work to ensure that each child eats a healthy lunch each day, free from excess calories and solid waste," Gennari explains in a platform

posted to her website.

By contrast, Baird's campaign offers many of the traditional themes that would be expected of an incumbent School Board member. She wants to increase graduation rates, and she wants all county schoolchildren to be ready for college. She's worried about a lack of capacity as enrollment continues to increase, and she says all the county's elementary schools should offer foreign languages.

"Our children are growing up in a global society that requires them to mature into world citizens as adults," Baird writes in a platform statement posted to her website. "Ensuring that Arlington students graduate from high school with proficiency in a second language must be a basic expectation as our school system moves into the future."

During her last campaign, when enrollment was declining, Baird was asked if she would have the courage to close schools if needed. This time, the environment has changed dramatically. Now she's confronted by an Independent Green candidate who wants to know if she'll have the courage to take the challenge of sustainability seriously. For her part, Baird says, she's proud of her tenure on the board. And she's asking voters for another term in office to continue the job she's had since 2007.

"At the end of the day, it's all about helping kids achieve and getting them what they need to help them achieve," she said at a recent forum. "That's something you're going to hear me say again and again in this campaign."

Although a third candidate expressed an interest in joining the campaign, she ended up dropping out of the race last month. In an Aug. 23 hand-written letter to the Arlington County Electoral Board, Jozset Hudson Johnson officially requested her name be removed from the ballot.

many interesting stories and experiences but the most inspiring comes from a man who suffered the same brain tumor that eventually killed Ted Kennedy." The man appeared on the show with the executive director of the Arlington Free Clinic, an organization that coordinated his care so that he is now leading a relatively healthy life. "The Free Clinic so inspired me that I joined their board of directors, and I am honored to help them realize their mission."

Meet the Candidates

◆ **Sally Baird, 46:** A native of Acron, Ohio, Baird has lived in Arlington since 1988. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Professionally, she is a senior business analyst for the Bureau of National Affairs in Crystal City. She lives with her two boys, both of whom attend Drew Model School, in the Arna Valley neighborhood, and she votes at the Gunston Community Center in the Oakridge Precinct. She was first elected to the Arlington School Board in 2006.



◆ **Miriam Gennari, 40:** A native of Naples, Italy, Gennari has lived in Arlington since 2000. She has an associate's degree from Northern Virginia Community College. Professionally, she is a former marketing manager for assisted living communities, and she is currently an interior decorator for MetroMakeover, a small business she founded in 2005. She and her husband have three children, one who attends Claremont Immersion School, another who attends Wakefield High School and another who attends James Madison University. She lives in the Arlington Ridge neighborhood, and she votes at the SOC Enterprises building in the Aurora Hills precinct.



Tuning In to Voice Box

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show. "I also was impressed with the innovative ways that AIM creates opportunities for community members to gain experience in TV production and to have a platform for discussing the issues that are important to them."

Past shows have dealt with issues like health care reform, green jobs, the Great Recession, and obesity. One program in particular struck a chord with Dorsey: "So

many interesting stories and experiences but the most inspiring comes from a man who suffered the same brain tumor that eventually killed Ted Kennedy." The man appeared on the show with the executive director of the Arlington Free Clinic, an organization that coordinated his care so that he is now leading a relatively healthy life. "The Free Clinic so inspired me that I joined their board of directors, and I am honored to help them realize their mission."



Singing along with Mr. Knick Knack

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

On Friday morning, the green at the Market Common Center in Clarendon filled with children as Mr. Knick Knack performed their favorite songs. Concerts are scheduled for Fridays at 10:30 a.m. through the middle of October. Above, Mr. Knick Knack sings "Itsy Bitsy Spider ..."

Taking Pause at Library

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and its Moment in Human Progress."

"Knowing a little bit about him and his family, I thought, 'I bet this will be a book that'll be interesting' and I really, really connected with it," Ogle said. The idea to do a joint presentation, evolved during their conversations as Ogle discovered that a number of the themes that the book explores were aligned with the ways in which he looks at the world in terms of environmental issues and sustainability issues.

According to Ogle, "both the environmental community and the business community suffer from self-limiting perceptions of what the other is." But Ogle believes that to effectively address the economic, environmental and energy challenges, we must tap into human ingenuity and creativity based on understanding how Earth systems work. Ogle posits that Robertson's findings and insights on eco-systems, evolution, fundamental functions and interdependencies could easily be mistaken for the lessons and ideas found in Earth system science.

FOR THE PAST 25 years, Ogle has been a park naturalist, educator and community organizer in Arlington; he holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in wildlife biology from Colorado State University and Virginia Tech, respectively. "It's an honor for me to do something like this with a person like Martin," said Robertson adding, "because Martin full heartily believes in the things he believes in and invests in them one hundred and ten percent, and you've never seen anybody so dedicated to what he believes in and yet, be so open-minded about how he might accomplish the larger goal."

In organizing and promoting the event, Ogle has reached out to the local business community and environmentalists. County Board chair Jay Fissette will provide the introductory comments for the talk, which is co-sponsored by more than 30 local businesses and organizations. Robertson and Ogle both said they have enjoyed the pro-

cess of working together. Robertson cautioned against having any preconceived ideas about the program and gives Ogle high marks: "This is a guy who's done a thoughtful job of putting it all together."

Robertson has spent more than two decades guiding entrepreneurial ventures in various roles; in 1992 he founded Lighthouse Consulting, which specializes in working with the leaders and investors of entrepreneurial ventures. The Tucson native received his bachelor's in economics from Stanford University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. In addition to his consulting practice he is an adjunct professor at Georgetown's Business School.

IT TOOK ROBERTSON five years to write the book; he conducted over 200 formal interviews to identify and understand the commonalities in entrepreneurial thinking. Among his interview subjects, Nobel Peace Prize recipient Muhammad Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank and the father of micro-lending, Rafe Esquith, an elementary school teacher, and Jeffrey Hollender, the head of Seventh Generation. Robertson would explain that he was not interested in telling their story but to understand how they think. The idea for the book evolved as he discovered that entrepreneurs take a deliberate pause to ask, 'why are things the way they are?' and 'how could they be better?' The title for the book came from one of his interviewees, who described the pause as deliberate.

Kevin Dewalt, an Arlington-based entrepreneur who has read Robertson's book, said the title immediately resonated with him as he is presently taking a "pause" between startups to think about the future. "This book was a breath of fresh air ... drawing on dozens of other great authors and thinkers from a variety of disciplines, Robertson dispels common myths, explains the power of ecosystem and community and describes the mindset of the truly successful."

SCHOOLS

Wakefield Seeks To Connect with Students, Families

Willmore is school's new principal.

BY MEGHAN MARVILLE
THE CONNECTION

As echoes of "no more pencils, no more books ..." seem all too soon replaced by the ringing of school bells, first-year Principal Dr. Chris Willmore is excited about this school year at Wakefield High. "I was the assistant principal for eight years so I already know the staff and the students so it's not a whole new setting for me. It's been a smooth opening and I have a good feeling about the kids this year. They are excited to be here and that's really positive."

This year Wakefield is working on the initiative of connecting with the families of the ELL (English Language Learning) students. "Some of our teachers wrote for grant money that will enable us to reach out to the students and families of our ELL program and involve them more in their child's education. Next week we'll be training people to do at-home visits and we'll have a structured way to engage in conversation about what's happening at school, and keeping them informed," Willmore said.

Physics teacher Dan Harris uses his iPad and Bluetooth technology to record experiment data. Later this year his classes will perform hands-on experiments like these with the 5th graders of Claremont Elementary School.



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Wakefield, with an enrollment of about 1,370, has students speaking several languages including Spanish, African, Indian and some Eastern European as well. The school offers a program called HILT (High Intensive Language Training) with different levels of learning to enhance the student's English training.

Willmore said the school will also focus on getting students more involved in extra-curricular activities and clubs. "At freshman

orientation, all the club sponsors and sports coaches were there so the kids could learn about them. We'll put together a database of information to help them pick 2-3 options. This gives the kids more social interaction and a positive connection to the school, which in turn helps them with higher achievement in their studies."

THIS SUMMER some of the administration and teachers went out into the com-

munity to do some Principal Chats at Walter Reed Recreation Center, Oakridge Elementary School and a private home in the Barcroft neighborhood. "This way we could share our goals and vision for the school year and improve communication with the community. We also did a mailing to over 70 organizations in South Arlington to keep them in the loop on the happenings at the school. We're particularly looking forward to Homecoming, the weekend of Oct. 1. There has been a very positive response from parents and students," Willmore said.

Physics teacher Dan Harris is also excited about the school year. "I taught summer school this year so I didn't have the traditional break. I worried that I'd be burned out but it was actually the total opposite. I felt completely re-energized as soon as I saw the students."

"This year," Harris said, "I videotaped the 9th graders getting off the bus on the first day of school. I saw the shortest 9th grader get off the bus right before the tallest. The shorter kid asked the taller a question and they walked away with the taller patting him on the back like the start of a new friendship. It just goes to show the kind of friendly atmosphere we have here. I'll tape them again on the last day of school so they can see just how much they've grown at graduation."

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SCHOOLS



New Oakridge Principal

Dr. Lynne Wright was named principal of Oakridge Elementary School by the School Board. Wright has been an assistant principal at Oakridge since 2007. Wright received her bachelor of arts in sociology and master's in education from James Madison University. She earned her Ed.D. in public school administration and supervision from the University of Virginia. Wright has been with APS since 1998 when she began her career as a summer school teacher at Claremont Early Childhood Center (now Campbell Elementary School).

SCHOOL NOTES

Arlington Public Schools invites parents to visit their child's school during the upcoming back-to-school nights. Back-to-school nights provide APS parents with an opportunity to learn about their children's classes and meet the teachers. Back-to-school nights for the 2010-11 school year will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 21 – H-B Woodlawn, 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Elementary Schools (Except Barcroft) *
 - Tuesday, Sept. 28 – Middle Schools*
 - Wednesday, Sept. 29 – High Schools*
 - Saturday, Oct. 2 – Career Center Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- * (Check school for start times)
To view the 2010-11 calendar, visit www.apsva.us/calendar.

John Echols of Arlington, a junior

at Gettysburg College is spending the Spring 2010 semester studying in Argentina.

Intel Corporation named **Arlington Science Focus Elementary School**, one of 18 schools across the United States selected as finalists in the 2010 Intel Schools of Distinction Awards. The finalist schools, to be honored in September 2010 at an awards reception in Washington, D.C., serve as outstanding examples of leaders in preparing tomorrow's innovators.

Arlington Science Focus Elementary School and the other schools will each receive a \$5,000 award from the Intel Foundation and a trip to Washington, D.C., in September, where six schools will be named Intel Schools of Distinction.

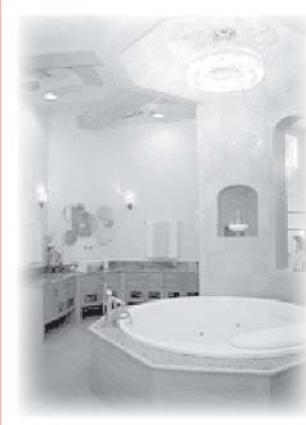
Hilary Webster of Arlington, a se-

nior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, has been named to the national list of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges this year.

Brianna McHugh of Arlington, a senior honors student majoring in classical studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, has been named to the national list of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges this year.

Kathleen Devine Keating of Arlington was awarded a bachelor of arts degree at Wellesley College on Friday, May 28, 2010. Keating majored in psychology and plans to attend graduate school for clinical psychology after

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Profiles in Real Estate – Howard Thorkilson

Some things never change. There were few houses in his price range when Howard moved here in 1984. To avoid an awful commute, he found a place in Arlington almost double what he hoped to pay and needing lots of work; buying in a great neighborhood was just "dumb luck."

A retired naval aviator, Howard entered real estate full time in 1990 and in 2005 opened Arlington Heritage Real Estate. His clients have his attention 24/7 and his formula for success is simple: "A satisfied client is a client for life."

Howard has seen the market's peaks and valleys. Arlington's location and absence of buildable land insulate property owners from substantial reductions in value. This property value stability is one reason Arlington County is so attractive.

Howard believes the real estate industry is moving toward local, independent brokerages. More sole proprietors are starting companies offering competitive services with more openness, fewer fees, and reduced risk for conflicting interests. He thinks all agents need to complete their broker classroom work and pass the broker's exam. "Agents need to be more than just sales people," he says.

Howard's advice: choose your broker wisely and then listen to the advice. Find someone interested in your needs, not only their bottom line.

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SENIORS

A Wii International Statement

Bowling team shows how to keep active.

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The Langston-Brown Senior Center has substituted an alley with a television, bowling shoes with regular footwear and a weighted ball with remote controls to create a Wii bowling team.

"The participants are young at heart and are very active," said Eva Mayor, the director of programs at Langston-Brown. "They are really good, plus it is good for them."

The two teams of four came in third place in the National Senior League for Wii bowlers last year. Since then, the team has been interviewed by media outlets like NPR and Channel One Russia, a broadcast station overseas with a local bureau in D.C.

"They wanted to do the interview because they wanted to set an example for senior centers in Russia," Mayor said. "They just get together and have conversations and are not very active."

Andrey Cherkasov, the D.C. bureau chief for Channel One Russia, said the story had an interesting concept and a visual point of view.

"It set an example to other nations," Cherkasov said. "It was something light and entertaining."

The three-minute program aired in the summer. It explored the rise in video gaming with seniors and emphasized the participation of the Senior Wii Bowling League.

Cherkasov said the Senior League is looking to make the jump overseas but that Russian seniors don't know how to use the Wii system.

"It made us feel good," said Margaret Richardson, 70, a team captain with the Langston-Brown bowling team. "Somebody thought enough of us to want to video us and see what we were doing in the states."

Willa Mae Graham, 82, said she was not present on the day of the filming but thought the recognition was great.

"You meet new people and have other members



PHOTO FROM LANGSTON-BROWN

Willa Mae, Margaret Richardson, Mary Stewart-Malcolm, Charlie, Sofia Henriquez and Violet Fenty.

cheer us on," said Graham, who is another team captain. "It's very exciting."

Mayor said she bought the Wii system about a year and a half ago and was invited to play in the Senior League last fall. The competition ran from Oct. 19 to Nov. 22 with playoffs and championships bleeding into mid December.

"Langston-Brown played last year and they got third place which was very impressive for a team in the first year," said Cherkasov. "We were seeing older people, who never during their lives encountered the computer, catching up so fast and enjoying their time."

Mayor said that since the League was in its first year of operation there was no fee to register.

"This was the first time something like this was offered to us," said Mayor. "I saw an opportunity for them to try something out in the center."

Scores were kept and posted online, to connect players across the country. The participants at Langston-Brown, ranging in ages from 62 to 82 years old, made T-shirts for the competition and had cheerleaders on the sidelines.

Mayor said the two teams collected two trophies from the league, but she gave individual trophies to each member. She also said the Wii system is not reserved for the team members, and that an average of 10 people use the video game a day.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs, Sept. 27-Oct. 2.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpepper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Madison, 3829 N. Stafford St.; also TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Fairlington Comm. Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.

Pickleball competition, NVSO, begins Monday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m., TJ Community Center. Open to the public; free. Details, 703-228-4721.

Personality profile test, Monday, Sept. 27, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Employment counseling with Haile Woldu, Arl. Employment Center, Monday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Call for appt., 703-228-0955.

AARP's two-day safe driving course, Monday, Sept. 27, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$14. Register, 703-228-5722.

Full fitness exercise classes, Monday, Sept. 27, also Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m., TJ Community Center.

\$60/15 sessions or 4 per drop in. Details, 703-228-4745.

Table tennis players welcome, Tuesday, Sept. 28, Thursday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

Stroke prevention discussion, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

How to eat well and stay healthy, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m., Arlington Mill at Fairlington Community Center. Free. Details, 703-228-7791.

The Merrymakers seeking singers, dancers, musicians, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m., TJ Community Center. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

Jane Franklin Dance workshops, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown, 11 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-6300 (L-B), 703-228-0955 (WR).

The impact of diabetes on the whole body, Thursday, Sept. 30, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

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❖ **Mr. Knick Knack.** Every Friday Through Oct. 15 from 10:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. Heart-centered music for children in the gazebo at Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd.

Every Thursday through Oct. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gazebo at Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd.

❖ **Sept. 16** — Empire Swing, swing; saxophone, keyboard and bass trio;

❖ **Sept. 23** — Key Bridge Three. Porter & Gershwin to International; violin, guitar, string bass;

❖ **Sept. 30** — Banjer Dan Bluegrass. Traditional Bluegrass; banjo and guitar;

❖ **Oct. 7** — Rick Whitehead Trio. Bebop Blues Jazz; guitar, bass, drums;

❖ **Oct. 14** — Justin Trawick Trio. Urban Folk Rock; instrumentals and vocals.

❖ **Saturday, Oct. 30** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. — “Falloween” at Market Common. Trick or treating at the merchants, a costume parade, foot race for kids, entertainers, music, and other fall-themed fun.

2010 Rosslyn Outdoor Film Fest

“**Home Alone,**” originally scheduled to be shown on July 9, but canceled due to rain, will be shown Friday, Sept. 17 in Gateway Park. The movie begins at dusk. Gateway Park is at 1300 Lee Highway at the foot of Key Bridge. The event is free and open to the public. The screening is two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro and parking is available across the street from Gateway Park at the Atlantic Parking Garage for \$3 at 1901 and 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive after 6 p.m. Enter the garage on N. Moore Street.

Skeeball & Cornhole at Continental

Now through September 2010. Skeeball has returned to the Continental Modern Pool Lounge, 1911 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings through September. Players will enjoy prizes, trophies, free beer, and player shirts. The cost is \$35 for Tuesday nights and \$40 for Wednesday nights. Tuesday night also features a cornhole league with a registration of \$35.

Ballston Arts & Crafts Market

Shopping for cool and unique handmade gifts has never been easier or more fun. Just stroll along tree-lined Welburn Square (901 N Taylor St.) on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and you’ll find a wonderland of handcrafted items by the area’s most talented artists. Held on the second Saturday of every month from May through October, local artists and crafters unite to offer one-of-a-kind pieces to community art lovers.

Check out exquisite jewelry designs by Jule’s Jewels, organic bath & body products by Herban Lifestyle, acrylic artwork at its best by Tuesday Tauchen Art, unique book-binding by Purple Skirt Press and artistic designer tees by popidoit.

Plus, we will also have an extra-special guest visiting the market this month. The Animal Welfare League of Arlington will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with information and an artist raffle to benefit their charitable organization.

Lunchtime Music at CentralPlace

Already a favorite lunchtime spot, the Rosslyn BID is adding lunchtime music to CentralPlace, the temporary public plaza located on the corner of N. Moore Street and Wilson Boulevard. Bands will perform on Wednesdays through Oct. 20 from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Enjoy the sum-

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— BY GRACE POWELL, KHULAN BATMUNKH, HELENA RODRIGUEZ AND ISABEL AMEND

mer season outdoors in this bright, fun, and colorful space.

Live Music at Rosslyn Lunchtime Concerts

Adjacent to the market, shoppers can enjoy a variety of live music during Rosslyn Lunchtime Concerts held from 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. This year the music expands with four extra concerts to last through the end of the market season. The lineup includes R&B, Pop, Folk, Jazz musicians and more.

2010 Lunchtime Concerts Schedule

- ❖ Sept. 16 — Rick Franklin and Friends, *Piedmont Blues*
- ❖ Sept. 23 — The Janine Wilson Band, *Roots Rock*
- ❖ Sept. 30 — Aloha Boys, *Hawaiian Music and Song*
- ❖ Oct. 7 — Sherri Barbee, *R&B*
- ❖ Oct. 14 — Jazz Men, *Smooth Jazz Quartet*
- ❖ Oct. 21 — Jah Works, *Roots Reggae*

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KINDER HAUS KIDS’ STAGE — Saturday, Sept. 25, at Clarendon Day. The Kids’ Stage will be set up at Wilson Blvd. and Washington Blvd. The Children’s entertainment includes: Jim Weiss, master storyteller; Bob Tobias, marvelous Arlington magician; the terrific Grossi sisters, face painter and kids’ tattoo artist; and Bob Brown, the puppeteer. The Kids’ Stage will kick off at 1 p.m. and run until 4 p.m.

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THEATER

Musical Glimpses Back to the Jazz Age

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

A scorching summer can use some cooling down. So head-off for a splash of a jazz-age romantic musical with first-rate, cabaret style voices to delight and a three-piece band to add to the pleasure. Metro Stage's "Glimpses of the Moon" is a relaxed production looking back to the Manhattan moneyed class in the whirling early 1920's when everything was grand and swell. This is soft-edged entertainment like a shimmering water-color painting of moonlight reflecting off a rippling lake.

The musical is based upon a lesser-known work by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edith Wharton, famous for her unsettling social commentary. With a closely knit cast directed and choreographed in an unfussy style by David Marquez there is movement galore to flesh out a score of over 15 songs. With book and lyrics by Tajlei Levis, music by John Mercurio and musical direction of Darius Smith, the foibles of the rich are mocked in a light-hearted manner through two acts and multiple scenes. There may not be a single stand-out song but the score carries the show along winningly. "Glimpses of the Moon" turns on two charming but flat broke friends who meet cute. They devise a business deal to keep up with their apparently happy rich friends; marry each other "not for love, but for money, until we find love." They will sell off their wedding gifts to live a lush life awaiting that someone to genuinely love. The scheme, of course, goes array as honest affection grows giving the show its plot twists and glimmer.

The six-member cast is exceedingly likable. Each has a turn in the spotlight to deliver a



Natascia Diaz and Sam Ludwig star in MetroStage's musical "Glimpses of the Moon."

PHOTO BY COLIN HOWDE

solo. The two lovers, Natascia Diaz (2009 Helen Hayes award, Outstanding Lead in a Musical) and Sam Ludwig each have clear voices and a delivery that lets the lyrics and the melody sink in without bombast. Diaz reaches beyond ballad work to be comically nuanced with "Cigars," a song about gifting away objects that is reprised several times. The duets between the two are polished and soulful. Diaz has a wide range of facial expressions to add critical visual aspects to her work.

Helen Hayes award nominee Gia Mora as a jaunty posh living married woman is a joy to behold. Without a sound uttered she

can power herself with a wingspan that reaches for the heavens and fingers dancing about tipped in fiery red nail polish. Her kiss-off song to her husband, "Letters to Nelson" is choreographed to show her totally supple movements. Lauren "Coco" Cohn brings spirited comic virtuosity as a scene-stealing educated, matronly young woman who finds some sensuality. Her enormous round eyes pop out as if made of plastic and she had just seen some Marx Brothers movies. Helen Hayes Award recipient Stephen F. Schmidt's poignant out-of-nowhere rendering of "Tell Her I'm Happy" is his anthem to a lost marriage. Matthew

band composed of piano, woodwind/reeds and drums is part of the set at audience right. The luxury look is carried forward with the radiant costume design especially for the women who are often enough bedecked in shimmering dresses and sparkling jewels while the band members are outfitted in handsome tuxedos.

Glimpses of the Moon was first performed on Mondays in 2008-2009 in the Oak Room, a cabaret space in the Algonquin Hotel, New York City. A unique aspect of the production is a scene that takes place in the Oak Room cabaret setting with an alternating solo performer over the run of the production.

Where and When

Metro Stage production of "Glimpses of the Moon" continues through Oct. 17 at 1201 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$50. Call 1-800-494-8497 or log on to BoxOfficeTickets.com. General information 703-548-9044.

A. Anderson takes a generally arch approach but his sarcastic chirper rendition of "Terrible News" at the top of Act Two is a hoot.

The set designed by Daniel Pinha has a stylish look; done up with visual details columns in a French blue color scheme giving a sense of luxury to the intimate MetroStage decor. From a checkered floor, large columns and moveable set pieces there is real weight and some depth depicted.

Nothing is flimsy. The three-piece

2010 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) committee has announced the 2010 competition for senior adults 50 years of age and over will be Sept. 18-29. The Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington, will host the opening day, Saturday, Sept. 18 with welcome ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. followed by track events. Virginia Hospital Center will sponsor a health fair from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the Traveling Bicycle Museum will be open from 9 a.m. - noon. More than 25 other events

will take place during the 10-day competition at various venues throughout Northern Virginia. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 31 and live in one of the sponsoring jurisdictions: cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church, counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William.

In addition to track and field, events will include swimming, diving, ice skating, tennis, table tennis, bowling, golf, miniature golf, pickleball, racquetball, board games, card games, shuffleboard, horseshoes, men's 3x3 basketball,

team line dancing, yo-yo tricks, bocce and fencing.

Registration is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1. Registration forms are available at senior centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-3600, ext. 9996, and can also be downloaded at www.nvso.us.

NVSO Gold patron sponsors are Goodwin House Incorporated, Greenspring Retirement Community, BB&T, Humana, The Fountains at Washington House and ManorCare Health Services.

Worth Noting

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 31

Name that Painting. Each participating artist at The Arlington Arts Gallery will hang an un-named piece of art and invite viewers to write their own interpretations/titles/names for the piece. The artist will choose the one they find best represents their art. Wine and cheese reception is Saturday, Sept. 18 from 5-8 p.m. At 5179 Lee Highway, Arlington (between Caribbean Grill and Yorktown Bistro).

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

"America's Special Land." An exhibition of award-winning photographs of the Southwest by Will Haubert, is on display at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road, Arlington (703-228-6330). Hours: Mon.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Tue.: Closed; Wed.: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.; Thu.: 10 p.m.-6 p.m.; Fri.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.. Free. Artist's reception on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

Arlington Regional Master Naturalists will be holding daytime training this fall, beginning Sept. 13 through Dec. 13, 2010 on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center in Arlington. Classroom training will be scheduled for the morning with field training to follow in the afternoons. For more information and to complete an application, visit the Arlington Regional Master Naturalist website at www.armn.org.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 15

Immigration Conflict in Northern Virginia. 7 to 9:30 p.m. "9500 Liberty" film documentary and panel discussion on immigration conflict in Northern Virginia. \$10 suggested contribution, childcare provided. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. (southwest corner of Route 50 and George Mason Drive, entrance on George Mason Drive), Arlington.

"Al-Qaida: Quo Vadis?" Noon to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the International Center for Terrorism Studies at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, 901 North Stuart Street Suite 200, Arlington. RSVP is required. Send name and affiliation to Rachel Beistel, Research Coordinator, at icts@potomacinstitute.org or call 703-562-4522.

Welcome Aboard Coffee. 10 a.m. Come browse at information tables for social and volunteer activities. Areas of club interest include selections from the store, Temptations; tour groups and neighborhood coffee groups. Cost is \$10, payable at the door. Sponsored by the Naval Officers' Spouses' Club. At the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. Contact Betty Kamp at 703-538-5874 or 703-785-9196 orjckamp@aol.com by Sept. 10.

Constitution Day Program. 12:30 p.m. Free. With speaker Frank J. Williams. At the Ernst Community Cultural Center at the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Contact Terry Alford at tallford@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3274.

Author Event. 7 p.m. "Temporary Lives: Stories" by Ramola D. George Washington University teacher Ramola D, winner of the



SEPT. 24-25

Potomac Harmony Chorus. Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 3 p.m. Annual Fall Show includes The GG Awards, A Night of Glitz and Glamour, with special guest The Four Bettys, the 2008 Sweet Adelines International Quartet Champions. Will feature a variety of popular songs, all sung a cappella in four-part barbershop harmony style. Tickets are \$20/adults; \$15/children and seniors. To order tickets, email tickets@potomacharmony.org or contact Potomac Harmony Chorus directly at 703-764-3896. At the Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington.

Grace Paley Prize in Short Fiction, offers ten vivid portraits of modern-day misfits. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 16

"The Evolution of a Garden." 11 a.m. Smithsonian horticulturist Janet Draper will be speaking to the Rock Spring Garden Club. For 13 years, Draper has tended the Smithsonian's Ripley Garden. At Little Falls

Presbyterian Church in Arlington. Call 607-425-4176 to register.

Business Success Secrets. 8 a.m. to noon. Learn how to extend your brand to the internet using real-world strategies and innovative resources. In this half-day, breakfast seminar, you'll discover how to navigate the specific challenges of today's internet marketing landscape, avoiding months' worth of costly trial-and-error pitfalls. At the Sheraton National, 900 South Orme

Street, Arlington. Visit <http://www.entrepreneur.com/events/bizsuccess/>

FRIDAY/SEPT. 17

Seriously Happy Volunteer Fair. 4 to 7 p.m. Representatives from a dozen local charities will exhibit materials, answer your questions and sign you up to help your neighbors. Free admission, but bring a box of breakfast cereal to donate. Faith

Lutheran Church, 3313 Arlington Blvd, Arlington. Visit www.seriouslyhappy.org or contact Leona Spencer at Leona@seriouslyhappy.org or 703-435-2089.

SEPT. 17-18

Latin American Harp Festival. 7:30 p.m. Latin American harpists Juan Aquino (Venezuela), Alberto De La Rosa (Mexico) and Marcelo Rojas (Paraguay), will perform at the Rosslyn Spectrum, 1611 N. Kent Street, Arlington. Tickets are \$30/adults; \$25/students and seniors. Call 703-548-3092 or visit www.teatrodelaluna.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 18

Troy University Open House. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. The event will take place at 1515 North Courthouse Road, Suite 140 in Arlington. Troy faculty members will be available to answer questions and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact TROY by email at troydc@troy.edu or call 703-778-6315. Visit www.troy.edu.

Gold Mining Van Trip. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$6 registration required. Tour a Goldvein, Va. museum for a demonstration of gold panning. Meet Northern Virginia Mineral Club member Barry Remer at Long Branch Nature Center. Carpool leaves at 9 a.m. Museum tour starts at 11 a.m. Bring lunch and drinks. Register at <https://registration.arlingtonva.us>. Program #: 612950-P.

Open Casting Call. 4-6 p.m. The Washington Shakespeare Company of Arlington announces an open casting

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Herbs Superb. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Taste, smell, and take home samples of herbs grown by VCE Master Gardeners at the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden. Visit the garden to learn about herbs, taste a chocolate mint brownie, smell some lavender, and make an herbal sachet to take home. At 300 South Kensington Street, in Arlington. Call 703-671-5310.

Notable Nature. 3 to 4 p.m. \$1 registration required. The whole family is invited to Long Branch Nature Center for a lesson in nature journaling. Register at <https://registration.arlingtonva.us>. Program #: 612950-J or call 703-228-6535.

Family Movie Night. 8 p.m. At St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 S. Lexington St. (off Carlin Springs and S. Fifth St.)

Health Fair for Seniors. 8:30 to 11 a.m. Will include blood pressure checks, a nutrition booth, hand washing demonstrations, a promotion booth giving an overview of men's and women's health issues plus information about Lifeline. Sponsored by the Virginia Hospital Center. At the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Call 703-228-4721.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 19

Art Exhibition and Benefit Sale. 2 p.m. Local artists will present affordable art works. A percentage of the purchase price goes to benefit Ste. Croix School in Haiti. At NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd.,

Arlington. Call 703-536-7557; Mcdm1@verizon.net.

The Oak Hill September

Showcase. 5 p.m. Hosted by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT). At 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road, Annandale. Tickets are \$75 or 2 for \$125. Space is limited. For reservations or further information, call 703-354-5093 ext.22 or email info@nvct.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 20

Voice Overs Class. Fee is \$39. Getting Paid To Talk, a single-evening, realistic and entertaining introduction to the world of voice overs. Presented by Arlington Public Schools, in conjunction with Voice Coaches. To register, call 703-228-7200.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 21

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Scott Ramminger and the Crawstickers. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

Birding Trip. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$35. Join a Patuxent River Park naturalist for a boat ride on the river to look for rails and other marsh birds at this Maryland destination with boardwalks through wooded and open marsh areas along the Patuxent River. Call 703-228-3403. Meet at the Lubber Run Recreation Center, 300 N. Park Dr., Arlington.

Green Companies Making Green Returns. 8 p.m. Sponsored by the MIT Enterprise Forum of Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. At the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington. Cost is \$40/non-members; free for MITEF members. Register at www.mitefdc.org.

THEATER

SEPT. 17 THROUGH OCT. 3

"Farragut North." Opening night is Friday, Sept. 17, with further performances on Saturday, Sept. 18; Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25 and Oct. 1-2; Tuesday, Sept. 28; and Sunday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. The Friday, Saturday and Tuesday shows begin at 8 p.m., and the Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Port City Playhouse performs at the Lee Center for the Performing Arts, 1108 Jefferson Street in Alexandria. 703-838-2880 or www.portcityplayhouse.com. \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors & students, \$14 groups of 10+.

SEPT. 17 THROUGH OCT. 16

"The Tenth Man." Show times are Thursday through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Pay-what-you-can preview performances on Wednesday, Sept. 15, and Thursday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. and an additional pay-what-you-can performance on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at www.americancentury.org or by calling 703-998-4555. The American Century Theater performs at Theater II in the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 25

"Nude with Violin." A Comedy by Noel Coward directed by Howard Kurtz. Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3

p.m. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Contact Rachel F. Alberts, 703-795-0659 or RachelACLU@aol.com. Or contact Tina Barry, Box Office Manager, 703-683-0496.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 17

"Glimpses of the Moon." A Jazz Age musical based on a novel by Edith Wharton. The book and lyrics are written by Tajlei Levis and the composer is John Mercurio. Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$50. For tickets, call 1-800-494-8497 or visit www.metrostage.org. For group sales, call 703-548-9044. MetroStage is at 1201 North Royal St., North Old Town Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 3

"Chess." Tickets are \$71 to \$85. Washington's first major production of the 1984 Rock Musical by the composers of "Mamma Mia!" Broadway's Jill Paice ("Curtains," "The 39 Steps"), Euan Morton ("Boy George in Taboo," "Sondheim on Sondheim"), and Jeremy Kushnier ("Footloose," "Rent") star in the rock musical "Chess," to be directed by Signature's Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer. Written by "Mamma Mia!" composers Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson with "Evita" and "Lion King" lyricist Tim Rice, the 1984 cult musical of Cold War competition in love and chess is being given its first major Washington area production. At the Signature Theater in Arlington. Single tickets for "Chess" are now on sale.

Tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org.

The 2010-2011 American Century Theater

season is a year-long adventure encountering spacemen, demons, lovers, ambitious actresses, and vaudeville memories. The schedule:

- ❖ Sept. 17-Oct. 16, 2010 — "The Tenth Man" by Paddy Chayefsky
- ❖ Nov. 5-27, 2010 — "One Night with Fanny Brice." Book by Chip Deffaa, songs by many
- ❖ Jan. 14-Feb. 12, 2011 — "Beyond the Horizon" by Eugene O'Neill
- ❖ April 8-May 7, 2011 — "Stage Door" by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman
- ❖ July 8-Aug. 6, 2011 — "Visit to a Small Planet" by Gore Vidal

The American Century Theater performs at Theatre II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington. This season, "One Night With Fanny Brice" will be performed at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 North Kent Street, Arlington. Subscription season packages are available. Friday or Saturday evening ticket subscriptions are \$150 each (\$175 value). Thursday evening or weekend matinee subscriptions are \$130 each (\$150 value). More information is available at www.AmericanCentury.org, by email at info@americancentury.org, or by calling the theater at 703-998-4555.

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Pumped-Up Patriots Sweep Centreville

Yorktown maintains momentum from performance at weekend tournament.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Forty-five minutes prior to its Sept. 13 match against Centreville, the Yorktown volleyball team huddled in the hallway outside of its home gymnasium and sang Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance."

"We had a lot of energy [during the Virginia Beach tournament] and we played really, really well — the best we've ever played since I've been in the program."

— Yorktown junior middle blocker Ashley Rock

I've seen them play."

Whether the Patriots' rendition of the popular tune was the catalyst for success is up for debate. But whatever worked for Yorktown in Virginia Beach appeared to carry over against the Wildcats. After a narrow game one victory, Yorktown improved as the



The Yorktown volleyball team carried momentum from a strong performance at a weekend tournament into its match with Centreville on Sept. 13.

match continued and beat Centreville 3-0 (26-24, 25-11, 25-16) to improve to 3-1 in the Northern Region.

Junior middle blocker Ashley Rock, the Patriots' top offensive threat, recorded 63 kills in 15 games during the weekend tournament; a performance Behar said was "exactly what we need her to" do. Rock continued her strong play against the Wildcats, recording 22 kills in 29 attempts with just two hitting errors.

"We had a lot of energy [during the tournament] and we played really, really well — the best we've ever played since I've been in the program," Rock said. "We came in saying, 'Yeah, we're going to go [as] hard [against Centreville]. The first game we got our willies out and realized we needed to

start kicking butt."

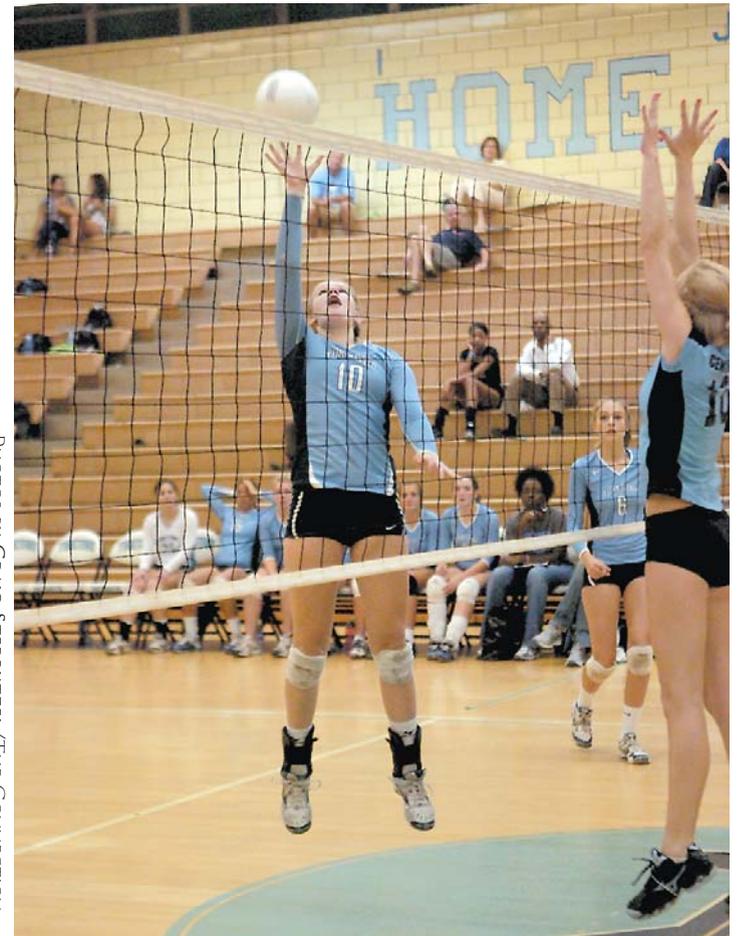
Rock said being the only team to travel four hours to reach the tournament might have helped bring the team together.

"I think our chemistry is really [strong] and it can only get stronger," she said. "I have high hopes for the season."

After Yorktown scored three consecutive points to end game one, Rock posted seven kills in a lopsided game two victory. Time after time she pounded well-placed sets onto the gym floor.

"I don't think each team really got off to a great start," Centreville head coach Ken Moser said. "But [the Patriots] picked it up when they had to at the end of the game."

Sophomore outside hitter Katie Rock totaled 10 kills against Centreville after post-



Junior middle blocker Ashley Rock tallied 22 kills against Centreville on Sept. 13.

ing 31 in Virginia Beach. Junior setter Kaley Burlingame dished out 29 assists against the Wildcats and senior libero Taylor Brown had 10 digs.

Yorktown has three more non-district tune-ups (Jefferson, Lee, South County) before opening National District play on Sept. 27 against Washington-Lee. The Generals handed the Patriots their first district loss since 2007 in last year's regular season finale. Yorktown faces defending district champion Hayfield on Oct. 18. The Patriots' last district championship came in 2008.

"I'm confident going into all our district matches," Behar said.

She's not the only one.

"Send a message to Hayfield," Ashley Rock said. "We're coming for them."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Yorktown, W-L, Wakefield Compete at Monroe Parker Invite

The Yorktown, Washington-Lee and Wakefield cross country teams competed at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 11

The Yorktown cross country team competed at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 11 at Burke Lake Park.

at Burke Lake Park.

In girls action, Yorktown finished 18th out of 23 teams with 486 points and W-L placed 23rd with 571. W-L junior Helen Amend was the top finisher among Arlington schools, placing 10th with a time of 19 minutes, 2 seconds. Yorktown junior Eleanor Love finished 84th with a time of 21:13. Sophomore Madeline Pages finished 98th (21:27).

Thomas Jefferson was the girls champion with 44 points and Lake Braddock sophomore Sophie Chase was the individual winner with a time of 17:32.

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SPORTS

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On the boys side, W-L finished 25th (696), Yorktown placed 26th (711) and Wakefield was 28th (801) out of 30 teams. Washington-Lee junior Jordan Ricker was the Arlington area's top finisher, placing 54th with a time of 16:56. Wakefield sophomore Che Sheehan placed 86th with a time of 17:26 and Yorktown sophomore Steven Brock finished 126th (17:51).

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West Potomac was the event champion with 84 points and Chantilly sophomore Sean McGorty was the individual winner (15:17).

Yorktown Football Moves to 2-0

The Yorktown football team defeated Madison 42-0 on Sept. 10, improving the Patriots' record to 2-0.

Yorktown will host Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16. The Patriots open National District play on Sept. 24 against defending champion Hayfield.

W-L Falls to South County

The Washington-Lee football team fell behind big in the first half and never recovered during a 42-7 loss at South County on Sept. 10. The Generals trailed 35-0 at halftime and 42-0 in the third quarter before running back Anthony Taylor scored on a 2-yard run late in the fourth quarter to break up the shutout.

W-L finished with 74 total yards of offense, 52 of which came on the ground. Taylor rushed 20 times for 51 yards and quarterback Rigo Salguero finished with 35 yards on 10 carries.

Generals head coach Josh Shapiro said the team needed to improve in the passing game after losing to McLean in the season opener. Against South County, W-L completed 3 of 8 passes for 22 yards and had one throw intercepted.

Defensively, Marshall Anders led W-L with seven tackles. Moussa Diallo and Paris Ebert each finished with five. Spencer Hemstreet recorded a sack for the Generals.

W-L opens National District play with a home game at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 against defending champion Hayfield.

Wakefield Falls to 0-2

The Wakefield football team lost to Dominion 54-20 on Sept. 10.

Terry Davis rushed for 53 yards and two touchdowns for Wakefield. Quarterback Drew Powell rushed for a touchdown and completed 6 of 9 passes for 48 yards. Ermiyas Nega intercepted a pass for the Warriors.

Wakefield will host McLean at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 16.

"Not a Problem"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I hear it all the time when I decline some kind of offer, invitation, solicitation. Of course, it's not a problem – for me. But why impose on me the inference that somehow it's a problem for you? Again, that's not my problem. (I have my own problems, and I'll try and not make this a cancer-column – for a change.) What I should be hearing back to my usually polite decline, is an expression of gratitude for my having given the person the opportunity to talk/listen to their pitch, rather than be told, somewhat presumptuously, that my not responding/being interested in their say-so, is not a problem – for them.

Conversely, does that also mean, for some vendors/solicitors/sellers that my not being interested in what they have to say/sell could be a problem for me? What, am I no longer allowed to not be interested, not open, to what someone who I don't know and who I have never met, has to say to me? It's still a free country, right? He (or she) can say whatever he wants (except yelling "Fire!" in a movie theater). Therefore, shouldn't it be equally true – without fear of consequences, that I don't have to listen? Regardless of whether some other parties think that my listening would be for my own good, I am entitled, dare I say constitutionally protected (sort of) to not listen? And my not listening (not being open) shouldn't be characterized negatively, as in "Not a problem."

Now I may be splitting hairs here (or maybe it's an infinitive I'm splitting), but telling me how something might benefit me would interest me a whole lot more than how my response – or lack thereof, might be a problem for you. You need to take the high road and say, "Hello, ..." not travel the low, circuitous road and try to get in by the side door or maybe even the back door. You want my attention, you want my interest; you have to earn it, you have to work for it. And working for it doesn't mean invoking a negative just because the initial feedback you're receiving from me isn't positive. Of that I'm sure. (As my father so often said, "I'm very seldom wrong, but this time I'm right.")

And you know what else I'm sure of: I matter more to me than whatever something I don't do matters to somebody else. And likewise, I don't expect anything I say or do to matter more to you than something you may say or do. It's human nature. The three most important people in my life are me, myself and I. I'm sure you also know who's most important to you. Therefore, I already know what is or is not a problem for me. I don't need – or expect, quite frankly, a third party (and an unrelated party at that) to advise me of what problems I've caused them. Whenever I hear "Not a problem" from some person in response to my lack of interest in something they said or asked me to do or want me to buy, I think of something Capt. Hawkeye Pierce replied to Major Frank Burns during a M*A*S*H episode when Frank asked/wanted Hawkeye to do something (that he was disinclined to even consider): "The instrument to measure my indifference to that remark has yet to be invented."

Amen!

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Move-In Day

Marymount freshman Mark Ellis (right) from Weymouth, Mass., gets some move-in help on Friday, Aug. 27, from MU lacrosse team members Drew Phillips (center) of Salisbury, Md., and Parker Hamel, of Fairfax. Mark plans to major in political science and play lacrosse. Marymount welcomed the Class of 2014 – one of the largest incoming classes in the university's history, with 440 freshmen and a record 335 new transfer students.

SCHOOL NOTES

FROM PAGE 9

graduation. While at Wellesley, Keating's activities included playing on the varsity soccer team for four years and studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark. In addition, she completed a psychology practicum at a school for children with mental health needs.

She graduated from Yorktown High School in Arlington, in 2006 and is the daughter of Phil Keating and Erin Devine.

The School Board appointed **Judy Apostolico-Buck** as the new principal of Ashlawn Elementary School. Apostolico-Buck served as the coordinator of Arlington's early childhood programs, and assumed her new responsibilities at Ashlawn on July 1.

Colin Brown was appointed by the School Board to become the new principal of McKinley Elementary School. His appointment and new responsibilities at McKinley began on July 1. Currently in his 17th year with Arlington, Brown has been the assistant principal at Tuckahoe Elementary School since 2006.

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Herve Tshibangu of Arlington graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., during the 138th Commencement Ceremony held on Sunday, May 2, in the Irwin Belk Complex on campus. Tshibangu earned a bachelor's degree in Business administration-banking and finance cum laude. More than 100 members of the JCSU Class of 2010 graduated with honors.

Michael D. Dooley of Arlington graduated cum laude with a B.S. degree, psychology and religion from the University of Mary Washington. Michael D. Dooley received Departmental Honors in Religion.

Brett Trutko, a political science major and sociology minor from Arlington, received the Howard White Award at the political science department of Miami University's annual recognition ceremony for outstanding juniors and seniors on April 15.

Alexander George Kolt graduated cum laude

with a B.A. in history from Hampden-Sydney College on May 9. He is the son of Mrs. George Kolt of Arlington and is a graduate of Potomac School.

Sally Dijkerman, the daughter of Dirk and Margaret Dijkerman of Arlington, graduated from Macalester College on May 15. Dijkerman received a liberal arts degree in Anthropology. She is a graduate of Washington Lee High School.

Hilary Robinson of Arlington graduated May 15 from Rice University. Robinson received a Master of Science in Civil Engineering.

Local Writers

FROM PAGE 3

other on schedule and supported each other.

However, they also challenged each other.

"We really had to challenge each other to go deeper and have whatever we wrote to be relatable. For example, we were doing the section on mothers. And Jean had written about this loving relationship with her mother. Then Joyce said that she remembered a time when Jean wasn't speaking with her mother. And the floodgates opened because Jean had to go to a place she really didn't want to with her writing," she said.

As with many authors, Fisher also draws her inspiration from other authors/writers, including Toni Morrison and John Grisham. "What they do with the language just blows me away."

When she's not writing about women or her favorite food, chocolate coffee Haagen Dazs, Fisher also enjoys painting and working as a tutor for teens.

She also has a blog on word press called boomerlane.wordpress.com.

Fisher has an undergraduate and graduate degree in special education. Before she started writing, she taught special education and worked in McEneaney Associates Realtors since 1979.

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