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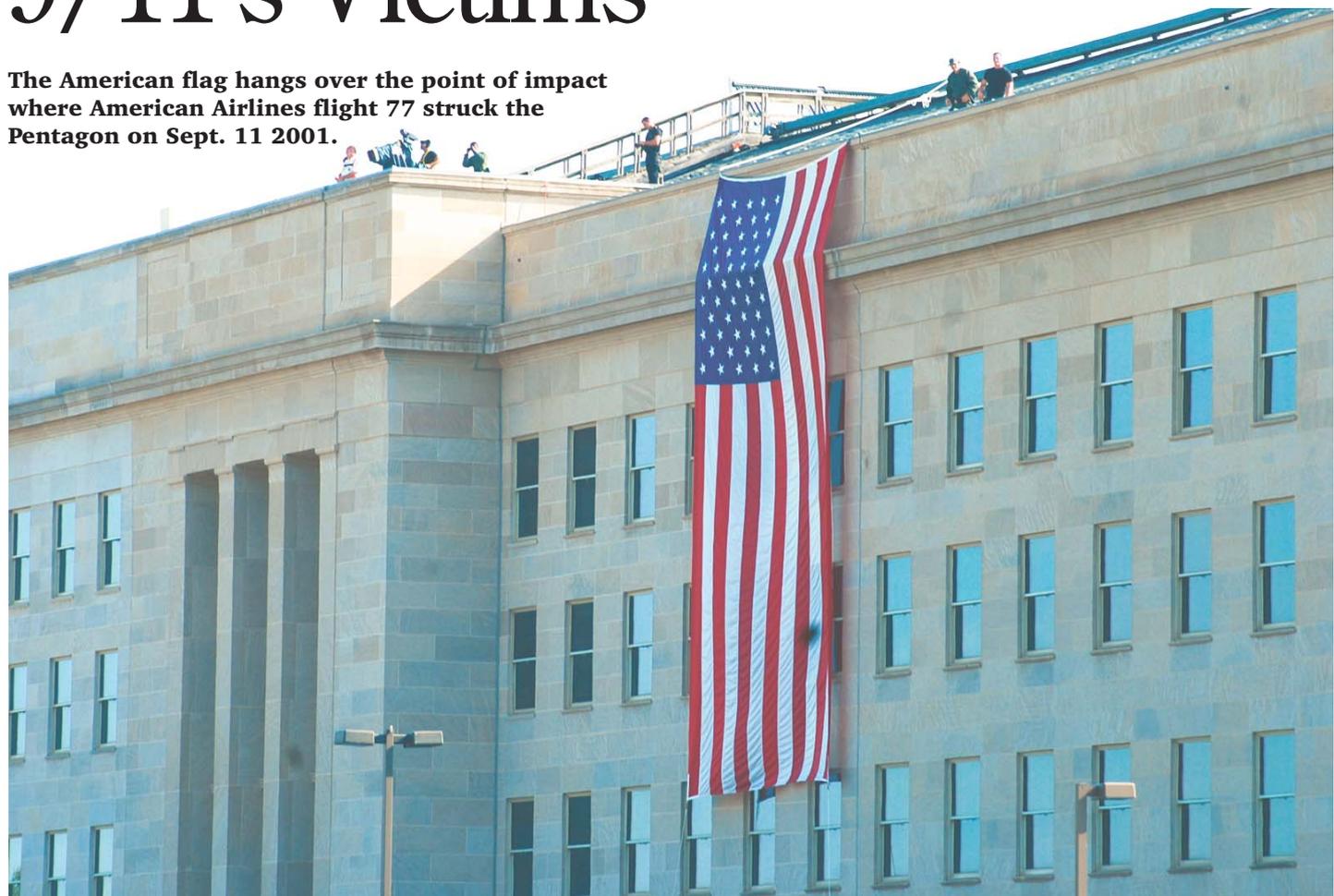
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Honoring 9/11's Victims



Vice President Joe Biden addresses the audience.

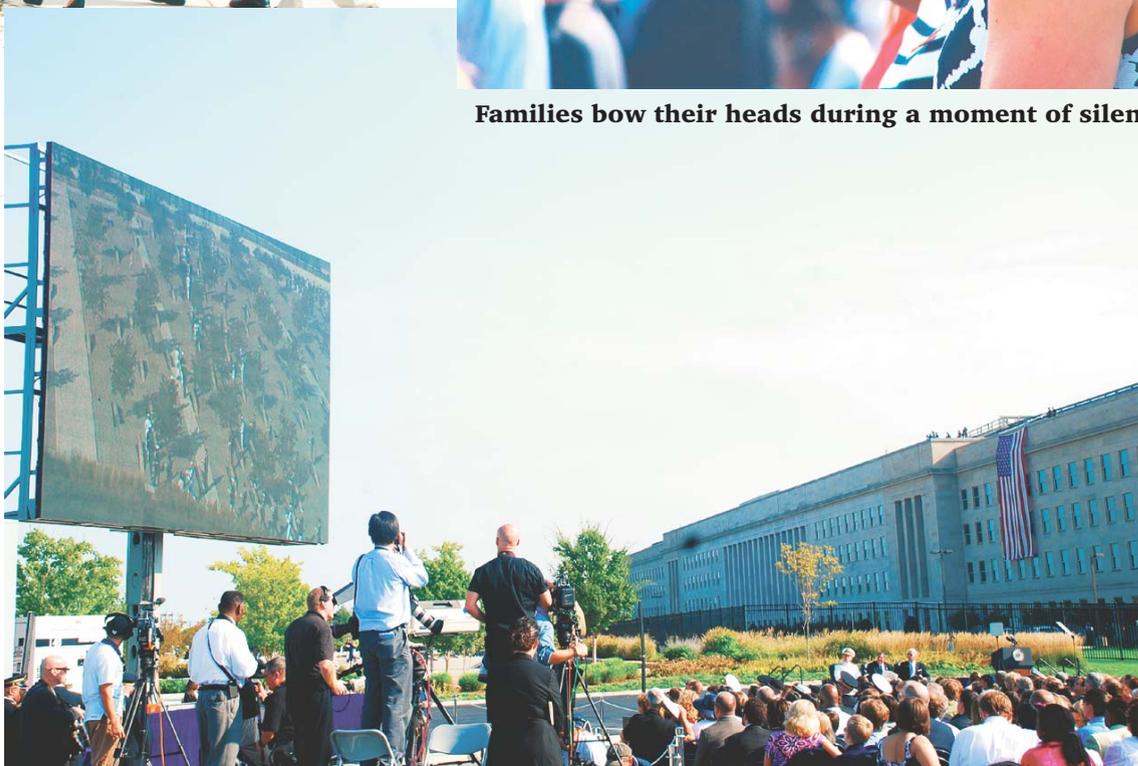
The American flag hangs over the point of impact where American Airlines flight 77 struck the Pentagon on Sept. 11 2001.



Family members stop to take pictures as they walk into the Pentagon 9/11 memorial site.

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Families and friends watch the videoscreen as U.S. service members present the wreaths to be placed on 184 individual benches at the Pentagon 9/11 memorial.



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Rethinking Penn Place

Proposal reopens old debate about offices contributing to pollution and traffic.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Back in the 1970s, county planners placed a restriction on Penn Place — no offices. The idea was that the tract of land, which is south of the Pentagon and east of the Pentagon City Mall, should be developed in a way that minimized pollution and traffic associated with office space. Now New York developer Vornado is trying to undo that restriction, submitting a proposal that would add about 1.9 million square feet of office space to Penn Place, one of the last substantial undeveloped properties in Arlington.

“I think it’s excessive,” said Arlington Ridge resident Nancy Smith, who supported the restrictions back in the 1970s. “We still have a great deal of air pollution and we have even more traffic than we did in the 1970s. So if it was a problem then, it’s even more so now.”

Vornado submitted the proposal last year, shortly after County Board members approved the Crystal City sector plan. County planners have since referred the plan to the long-range planning committee. In November, county officials are expected to conduct a work session on the issue. After that, county planners will issue a recommendation that will be considered by the Planning Commission and ultimately the County Board. Vornado’s proposal would only be able to move forward if county leaders overturn the phased development site plan that forbids offices at the site.

“The plan is outdated,” said Arlington senior site planner Natalie Sun, adding that it’s more than 30 years old. “All good plans require constant updating.”

UPDATING THE PLAN for Penn Place could pit neighbors against developers, putting planning officials and elected leaders

in the middle. The stakes are high because Vornado is one of the county’s top developers, contributing \$1,500 to County Board member Barbara Favola’s campaign for the Virginia state Senate. Some say opposing the developer’s phased development site plan amendment would prevent neighborhood residents from having any say over what happens at Penn Place.

“It’s clear the developer is going to do something,” said Arlington Ridge Civic Association President Charles Walter. “I would like to see that we get some proper traffic calming in the neighborhood.”

The proposal under consideration includes four office buildings and a hotel on the tract bounded by Army-Navy Drive on the north, Eads Street on the east and Fern Street on the west. Neighbors say what happens at Penn Place could have lasting influence beyond what happens at this particular tract, potentially serving as a precedent for future Pentagon City development. The parcel also has a particular significance because it’s the last major tract of undeveloped land in the county.

“It’s basically a hole in the doughnut,” said Smith. “At this point, we are all trying to learn as much as we can about the proposal.”

IN A SERIES of meetings over the last few months, the Long-Range Planning Committee has created a draft set of guiding principles for the site. At the top of the list is that whatever happens at Penn Place should be compatible with the existing neighborhood, creating a sense of place that contributes to the Pentagon City neighborhood. The draft guidelines also call for mixed-use development, underground parking and a public plaza along 12th Street.

“Development should realize the vision

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The Wakefield High School’s a cappella choir, the Madrigals, performs “You Raise Me Up”, led by director Nadim Nader during the Arlington Remembers concert on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Arlington Remembers



Members of the audience raise their candles as they sing along to the song “America the Beautiful” sung by Macedonia Music Ministry.

Walking To Light the Night

Arlington resident an LLS Honored Hero.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE CONNECTION

Arlington resident Hunt Allard never thought of himself as a hero, but his inspirational message of hope following his battle with Hodgkin’s lymphoma has placed him among the Honored Heroes of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

LLS Honored Heroes are volunteers who put a human face to blood cancer, survivors who contribute to the goal of finding a permanent cure. Raising money and awareness through Light the Night

Getting Involved

Light the Night will hold a 2.8 mile walk Oct. 1 at Reston Town Center. The walk begins at 7 p.m., with festivities beforehand.

For more information visit: lightthenight.org/nca

walks is a tangible way people like Hunt contribute to that end.

Hunt was released from his oncologist in 2010 following eight years fighting lymphoma, and has since been active in Light the Night walks.

“I first walked in 2005 and wanted to do more for LLS,” said Hunt. Since then Hunt has given inspirational speeches to walkers, raised funds with his walking team “Hope Endeavors,” and filmed a PSA for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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Honored Hero Hunt Allard and wife Nora



PHOTO BY MAYA HOROWITZ/THE CONNECTION

Welcome Back

Trish Killelea, a special education teacher, greets students as they get off the bus on the first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Francis Scott Key Elementary School.

BULLETIN BOARD

THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

Economic Summit. The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors presents its 15th annual Economic Summit at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. The program features: Dr. Stephen Fuller, director, George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis; Col. Mark Moffatt, deputy garrison commander for transportation and BRAC, Ft. Belvoir; David Stevens, president & CEO, Mortgage Bankers Association; and Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist & senior vice president of Research, National Association of Realtors. NVAR members - \$10; non-members - \$20. Visit go.nvar.com/4p7h.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament. EDW Council, 5115 Little Falls Road, will hold its charity golf outing at South Riding Golf Club Friday, Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. Pancreatic Cancer Foundation is the primary beneficiary. Cost of \$70 per player includes buffet lunch at EDW's hall. Registration closes midnight Sept. 9. Contact John Skotek at scotty412@verizon.net.

Dental Health. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn about the importance of maintaining good dental health, recognizing dental issues and the types of care and treatments available. With Michael B. Rogers,

DDS, of Fairlington Dental. At the Virginia Hospital Center, 601 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington. Call 703-558-6859.

Building Sustainability with Community Gardening and Edible Schoolyards. 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5. At Fairlington Community Center, Room 100, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington. Registration required, 703-228-5414 or mgarlalex@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Canning Class. Noon-4 p.m. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S Stafford St. Learn how to make the most of the season's bounty by preserving ripe produce to enjoy in the winter months. Cost: \$25. To register, contact jabel@vt.edu.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Lyon Village Park Ribbon-cutting. 11 a.m. Features new tennis and basketball courts, backboard and living green playground canopy. 1800 N. Highland St.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Women and Islam. 7 p.m. The presenter, Andrea Farsakh, will share her knowledge and experience about the role of women and the religion of Islam. At the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.



Kara Ross with family and dogs Lizzy Arlington: "I just thought it would be fun. After having kids, the dogs don't get as much attention so I thought it would be a special treat for them."

PHOTOS BY ORRIN KONHEIM/THE CONNECTION



Jackie Dee and dog Sunny: "We moved from South Carolina where we had beaches around."

A Dogs' Day in the Pool

After a week of torrential rain, Upton Hill Regional Park was blessed with a sunny day so that the 5th Annual Dog Day could go on as scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 10.

According to pool manager John Sims, Upton Hill didn't have a contingency plan if rain had arrived.

He said the event was reserved for the last day of the summer because "it takes a lot to clean the pools after a dog day so it's better to do it now cause no one's going to be swimming afterwards anyways."

The park charged owners \$5 admission per dog.

— ORRIN KONHEIM



Brian Bentzen and dog Poppy: "Poppy loves the pool and he constantly whines in excitement as we pull up and on the way here."



Laurel House and dog Gary: "The dog loves swimming and it's the end of the summer and the last chance to play."



Carrie Ellingson with dogs Sam and Liza: "They're a breed that doesn't swim very much but it's good for them to know how to swim and Liza is only 14 weeks old and I want her to meet other puppies."

New Battle over Fort Ethan Allen

Neighbors differ over plans to improve historic site.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

The men who built and manned Fort Ethan Allen for four years in the Civil War might enjoy the notion that a 150 years later a bunch of civilians are fighting over what to do with their lonely and sometimes scary gun emplacement.

Fort Ethan Allen was built in 1861 and became one of the 68 forts and batteries that surrounded Washington after Union troops were defeated at the First Battle of Bull Run, which resulted in what Arlington Historic Preservation Coordinator Michael Leventhal calls the “great skedaddle. The 32-mile foot race” back to Washington.

President Lincoln ordered the military to immediately build a series of forts to surround the nation’s capital and defend it against being overrun by Southern Forces. In the end, Washington became the most fortified city in the United States.

Many of these forts never had to fire in anger any of the 1,120 guns distributed around the city, but for the Virginia perimeter forts there were other hazards. The pickets and rifle pits manned to screen the guns were raided by rebel guerilla bands and of course, there was disease, one of greatest killers in the Civil War and certainly so at Fort Ethan Allen, where in one summer alone Ohio units had 200 men disabled by disease and 50 died.

To allow the soldiers to see the enemy and fire their cannons, trees and underbrush were cleared bare around the forts, making the scene a stark one. Nathaniel Hawthorne, one of the writers of that day, wrote that the “fortifications, so numerous in all this region and now so unsightly with their bare sides, remain historic monuments, grass grown and picturesque memorials of an epoch of terror and suffering; they will serve to make our country dearer and more interesting to us.”

AS THE YEARS passed many of those forts essentially disappeared; subsumed by roads and subdivisions and shopping centers and office buildings. Ethan Allen survived to some degree, overgrown and surrounded by a residential neighborhood of \$700,000 and \$800,000 homes at the corner of Military Road and Old Glebe Road.

It became an Arlington County Park, with the Madison School on one end (now the Madison recreation center), a dog park well attended by several generations of dogs, tennis courts and a playing field. To the unpracticed eye, nothing would suggest a fort, but Burton Bostwick who moved to house on Military Road next to the fort property in 1971, found it a compelling piece of history and he and his wife thought it should be recognized.



Little remains to suggest the scope of Fort Ethan Allen.

Bostwick grew up in Alexandria, where the city had restored Fort Ward, one of larger bastions, fitted it with guns and made it an historical park that is visited by historical buffs as well as local families.

Fort Ethan Allen was one of the larger emplacements garrisoned at times with as many as a 1,000 men. It had been built by Vermont troops who named it after Ethan Allen, famous commander of the “Green Mountain Boys,” a ranger style unit that fought in the Revolutionary War. The fort had 32 guns including heavy howitzers and rifled cannon. It was part of the defense of Chain Bridge. It had a signal corps tower that received and passed on signals sent by flags from forts in Washington and according to one history was the launching place of a reconnaissance balloon.

As with many of the forts, Ethan Allen was also staging area for troops joining the Army of the Potomac, so literally dozens of units from throughout the north were stationed there.

When Ethan Allen was added to a register of national historic sites in 2004, it touched off the first neighborhood squabble. Arlington officials wanted to remove the dog park from disgracing the fort’s memory and after long disputes, moved it several hundred yards away to a location on the fort’s fringe.

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, Bostwick and members of the Old Glebe Civic Association began a plan make the fort a more recognizable Civil War bastion and to provide visitors with information about its history. It has taken them six years to get the project underway; as many people point out, far longer than the duration of the Civil War.

They finally won the support of an Arlington county group that provides funding for projects for neighborhood associations around the county. The group set aside some \$473,000 to refurbish the fort and provide a memorial, descriptive signs, and a gun emplacement, a model of the old fort, and lighting and walkways. Originally, there was a thought to cast a model of 1860s can-

non, but now there may be a chance to get real cannon from another fort.

Judah Best who lives across the street from the project said that “neither I nor my neighbors can see the usefulness of the project, particularly in light of the large amount of money being poured into it, money, I might add, that could be more usefully employed in projects for children, the sick and the needy of the community.” He argued that the needs of today outweigh the commemoration of the past.

Leventhal said that the money is from a bond issue backed by county taxpayers and cannot be shifted to another use. But according to Bostwick the bond issue was for a range of projects around Arlington and presumable money could be reallocated.

Leventhal said that Arlington had been spared many of the financial reversals felt in other jurisdictions and had the money to spend for such project.

Since money comes from a general bond issue backed by Arlington County and has no federal funds in it. This allowed the county to proceed without an environmental impact statement.

PROBLEMS AROSE this spring when the county began to cut trees and clear brush for the plan. Though some neighbors were on board, others like Elliot Belilos and Rob

Abbott, whose property abuts the park along Military Road said they knew nothing until workers began cutting down trees shielding their property from the park.

Other neighbors across Glebe Road on Randolph Court also were dismayed to see these changes taking place.

Early contacts with Arlington officials were not encouraging. One official told questioners that the county could do anything it wanted because it is a county park.

Leventhal is somewhat smoother than that. He arrived at an interview with a giant 1861 military map of the Washington area and a long description of how these forts were interconnected, communicating through signal towers and vital to the defense of the city.

He and Bostwick claimed that perhaps of the neighbors had not kept up with project because it took so long — some five years — to become operational. Bostwick said he had circulated letters and emails to every nearby house.

The design of the fort’s commemoration is not complete, said Jill Yutan, the Arlington landscape architect working on the plan. She and Leventhal said a committee of the Old Glebe Civic Association has been formed to work on the project and includes several people like Balilos and Abbott who had questioned about where it was headed.

Arlington’s problem, said Leventhal, is that it has only two Civil War forts within its borders. One, Fort C.F. Smith, a few miles from Ethan Allen has been restored and has a small history museum. Leventhal said it is the hope that the fort will be visited by Arlingtonians, young and old, who will form a better understanding of what was happening in this great war.

The county has done no survey of what the stream of visitors might be or a traffic study of what additional traffic might be produced. There is only one relatively small parking lot and parking is permitted along Old Glebe Road. Leventhal said the county is not making an effort to draw visitors to the site, but said it will probably be added to civil war bus tours.

The park will be maintained as it is now by the Arlington park authority.

Bostwick guessed that the impetus of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War finally got the project off the ground.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Tavern Day

The Williams family of Arlington, including mom Becky, Elise, 11, and Ethan, 14, learns about a camera obscura from Project Enlightenment founder Dean Howarth during the annual open house Tavern Day at Gadsby’s Tavern in Alexandria last month.

OPINION

Tune in for Elections *Vote early, but not before figuring out who, what, where, when and why.*

Voting will be more complicated in some jurisdictions than others. In Arlington, for example, figuring out what state senate district you are in is important; there are three possibilities, each is contested, and all of the choices are new to you or new to the Senate. In the 30th, Timothy McGhee (R) vs. Adam P. Ebbin (D); in the 31st, Caren D. Merrick (R) vs. Barbara A. Favola (D); in the 32nd, Patrick N. Forrest (R) vs. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D).

EDITORIAL In Fairfax County, what is arguably the most important race this year is also nearly incomprehensible in its size and scope: school board, especially the at-large race. There will be at least seven candidates on the ballot for the three school board at-large seats, and only one incumbent, Ilryong Moon, who is endorsed by Democrats. Two more candidates were endorsed by the Democrats, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen. There are three candidates endorsed by the GOP, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Sheree

Brown-Kaplan and Lin-Dai Kendall. Steve Stuban, father of a high school student who died of suicide earlier this year after being badly treated by the Fairfax County Public Schools disciplinary process, is also on the ballot. Technically, school board is non-partisan, but party endorsements have been important historically. FCPS controls more than 50 percent of the Fairfax County budget.

In the City of Alexandria, determining what Senate district you are now in and sorting out candidates will also matter. Could be 30th, Ebbin v. McGhee; 35th, Sen. Dick Saslaw (D) vs. Robert C. Sarvis (R) and Katherine Pettigrew (I); 39th, Sen. George Barker (D) vs. Miller Baker (R).

Virginia's state senate lines have changed dramatically, and all of Northern Virginia's races for Senate are contested by both major parties, so you'll have to tune in wherever you live.

Every voter should consider voting early via "in person" absentee voting. Given the traffic

Election Dates

Friday, Sept. 23 is the first day for in person absentee voting.

Monday, Oct. 17 is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration post-marked by that date.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Arlington Board of Elections, 703-228-3456, www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/VoterRegistrationElectionInformation.aspx

nightmares caused by earthquakes, flooding and man-made problems, anyone could find oneself unable to get to the polls if something goes awry on Election Day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stark Contrast

To the Editor:

On Sept. 6, I attended the Arlington Civic Federation candidates' night, and was very surprised to hear 31st District Senate Republican nominee Caren Merrick declare, "I am Pro-Life." Ms. Merrick must not be listening to most Northern Virginia residents very carefully.

How can we support a candidate who does not trust women to make the best decisions about their bodies, their families and their health care? Just this week, Bob McDonnell released draft regulations designed explicitly to shut down the vast majority of health clinics offering legal abortion services.

If casting what could be a deciding vote in the Senate, would Caren Merrick be guided by her Northern Virginia constituents, or

by the radical Republican agenda against health care, civil rights, and social services?

The women who live in the 31st District, and across the Commonwealth, do not need to be protected from exercising their Constitutional rights. Thankfully, Democratic Senate candidate Barbara Favola is 100 percent pro-choice and will continue to fight to protect a woman's right to choose from this kind of dangerous, irresponsible legislation.

The Nov. 8 election features a stark contrast among Senate candidates on many issues important to Northern Virginia residents. The 31st District needs a senator who respects the Constitutional rights of women, their health care providers and above all, their freedom of choice.

Melissa Bondi
Arlington

Hardly Obstacles

To the Editor:

The Sept. 1 article, "Bumpy Road to Traffic-Calming, Neighbors Divided over Final Decision," is replete with inaccuracies — not surprising since his primary sources for the story are two disgruntled Fairfax County residents who do not live on the Arlington County street segment where the traffic safety problems exist. The Connection should set the bar a little higher if they would like to be taken seriously as a news source. If, however, all you are looking to do is stir the pot, then nice work. And since the article describes the traffic calming measures as draconian barriers and obstacles, I'd ask the reporter to come out to see the work — if he is rational and honest, he'll admit that anyone who finds the measures to be barriers or obstacles should not be behind the wheel of a car.

Kevin O'Connor
Arlington



Candlelight Prayer Service

The Marymount community and neighbors gathered on the Chapel Commons of the University's Main Campus on the evening of Sept. 11 to remember in prayer, song, and poetry those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001. Circling the statue of Mary were 70 luminarias, signifying the number of countries and the cultural diversity represented by Marymount's student body. During the interfaith service, MU students presented readings from the Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim faiths.

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PEOPLE



Gilene Campos and Karla and Rana Smith.



Victoria and Stephanie Sarkodie with their father Victor.



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Basket making instructor Hiromi Thurston demonstrates the weaving techniques in making a Nantucket basket.

Church Hosts Back-To-School Community Day

Members of the congregation of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church welcomed neighbors and friends to their annual Community Day activities on Sept. 3. The parking lot was cleared for tables and an outdoor grill where lunch and snacks were cooking and served while the children bounced away on a moon bounce and played games. Inside the fellowship hall, tables were set up with information about the various church ministry programs.

Mount Vernon Baptist offers a variety of traditional and progressive ministries. Every third Saturday of the month, Lya Viira and Gilene Campos lead the youth group, aged 4 to 18, in the "Bread of Life." Emphasis is placed on the process of making a loaf of bread, the assembling of ingredients and production to make a rich loaf. Making bread is paralleled to the making of a rich and full life. The church also offers programs in Yogafit, TDY and First Responders Ministry and basket making.

Traditional ministries include: music, education, bible study, usher and nursery, deacon, trustee and facility management. The church is located at 935 South 23rd Street in Arlington. The senior pastor is the Rev. Samuel Feemster, M.Div, J.D.



Yogafit instructor Helena Marques



Music director Sergius Romanchak starts an open choir rehearsal in the hall.

Villa, Ramirez Wed

Marcella Villa and Juan-Carlos (JC) Ramirez were married Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20, 2011 in Cartagena, Colombia at the Iglesia Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo.

Marcella Villa, 28, is entering her third year of pediatric residency at Georgetown University and is the regional representative for the National Hispanic Medical Association. She graduated from and also received an M.D. degree from Brown University.

Juan-Carlos (JC), 31, is a senior consultant at Grant Thornton in Alexandria and executive vice president of the Washington D.C. Chapter of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs.

He earned his B.S.B.A. from Georgetown University and his M.B.A. from the NYU Stern School of Business.



Juan-Carlos Ramirez and Marcella Villa

The bride's parents Normandy Villa and Mariella Villa currently live in North Bergen, N.J. The groom's parents Juan Ramirez and Scarlett Ramirez currently live in Burke, Va. The newly married couple reside in Arlington.

Razak, Otremba Wed

Matthew C. Razak and Ashley C. Otremba were married July 3, 2011 at the Vassar College Chapel in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by the groom's godfather, David Downes, with 115 friends and family in attendance.

Matthew is the son of Bo and Andrea Razak of Potomac, Md. Ashley is the daughter of Richard Otremba and Nancy Walsh of Princeton Junction, N.J.

The bride was attended by: Katherine Willis, Casey Otremba, Kelly Spillane, Lauren Kohlhoff and Kara Miller.

The groomsmen were Michael Razak, Mike Chang, Gordon King, Andrew Kim and Ian Roth.

Music was performed by Justin Shapiro of Bethesda, Md. including a song especially arranged for the couple.

Matthew and Ashley honeymooned in Greece and are living in Arlington. Ashley is an executive with iCore Networks Inc. in McLean. Matthew is a film and video game reviewer and managing editor of the online review site Flixist.com. Both are graduates of Vassar College.



Ashley C. Otremba and Matthew C. Razak

A Small Room Made Big

Designer gives a small Arlington family room a big look by using unexpected textures and smart storage strategies.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Jennifer and Jim Sergent moved into their 1930s-era Arlington home, they inherited an unsightly basement. The tiny room was long and narrow and the floors were uneven. Their situation worsened when a multi-day rainstorm caused water damage.

"The end result was that we got mold," said Jennifer Sergent, marketing director for the Washington Design Center. "The room started to smell musty. There was fake paneling around the room on the walls, and the mold started to show through the paneling."

The Sergents decided to give their mini-room a major overhaul, creating a room where the family, including two sons ages 6 and 9, could relax, read or watch television.

"The doors are small and the stairway is tiny and we couldn't fit any decent furniture down there," she said.

They consulted with Silver Spring-based interior designer Deborah Wiener, who started the project by recommending a leather chaise sectional sofa from American Leather. The Sergents say it turned out to be the perfect solution.

"When the sofa was delivered, workers un-sewed the leather, cut through the frame and rebuilt it [in our basement] and you absolutely cannot tell," said Sergent. "My kids have jumped on it, stabbed it, gotten magic marker on it and everything comes off. It is so beautiful."

NEXT they tacked storage. "Debbie drew this great plan and she even talked about where we could put lighting," said Jennifer.

The Sergents added built-in shelving to store books and sports memorabilia, as well as a television sectional with cabinetry that keeps games, puzzles and DVDs out of sight to keep the room neat and clutter-free. The Sergents added shelving under the windows to store the family's antique iron toy collection and installed pin lights above the shelves.

"I think lighting is really the dif-



Jennifer Sergent sits in the reading nook of her lower level family room. Interior designer Deborah Wiener says that shelving is particularly important for small spaces because it offers layers of extra storage and display space, a key to avoiding clutter.

ference between an amateur and a professional," said Wiener.

Even the most modest room looks so much more impressive with proper lighting, and even the most impressive room looks modest when it is missing."

In case of future water damage, the family took design precautions like adding engineered stones to

the walls and tile floors that are created to look like hardwood flooring.

"Some people absolutely cannot tell the difference," said Jim Sergent, who works as a design director for USA Today.

The Sergents also applied small space design strategies to another area of their home: the dining



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A capiz shell chandelier makes a dramatic statement in Jennifer and Jim Sergent's dining room.

room, defying a common misconception about color.

"The one thing I always have to overcome is the color issue," said Wiener. "People want to keep [a room] light so it will look bigger. A lighter room doesn't necessarily look bigger than a darker room."

The Sergents chose grey paint for the walls and hung a capiz shell chandelier by Roost from the ceiling. By using vibrant colors and large accessories judiciously, they

made a big design statement. The result was a space that feels modern and elegant.

"Less is more," asserts Dolly Howarth, an Arlington-based interior designer. "I apply this to all of my interiors, but it is crucial in small spaces. I ... like bold elements in small spaces. If used sparingly, these conspicuous elements can manipulate the scale of a room and make a small space seem larger and more interesting."

Tips

Deborah Wiener's design solutions for small spaces:

- ❖ The one thing I always have to overcome is the color issue. [A client will] want to keep it light so it will look bigger. A lighter room doesn't necessarily look bigger than a darker room. A lot of it is about lighting.

- ❖ I think lighting is really the difference between an amateur and a professional. Even the most modest room looks so much more impressive with proper lighting.

- ❖ You've heard the expression Go West? I say go up.

I'm a big believer in the cheapest leaning shelves, tiered coffee tables and side tables that have shelves, storage ottomans — anything that gives you layers of storage and layers of display.

- ❖ I love the infinity effect of a mirror where you're looking in a mirror and there are multiple reflections coming in.

- ❖ Put furniture at angles in a small room and leave the corners empty so you can add ladder shelves.

- ❖ Furniture in a small space has to perform double duty — a drop leaf table that can be used as a desk during the day and a dinner table at night.

BUSINESS

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Potomac CrossFit in Clarendon is participating in the annual "Fight Gone Bad" fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 24. The event is an interval-sprint workout that benefits the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, the Infant Swimming Resource Program, CrossFit Kids, and Camp Patriot. This year's event coincides with Clarendon Day and begins at 8 a.m. - in the middle of Arlington's North Highland Street - with more than 100 athletes cycling through the workout every hour until 4 p.m. Visit <http://fcb6.org>.

Habitat Northern Virginia's office is relocating to the Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 South Glebe Road, Arlington. The email and phone numbers will remain the same.

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA) has launched an iPhone application to enhance its mission. The "Arlington Pets" application provides mobile access to the latest information about cats, dogs, and other animals available for adoption through AWLA, and is currently available for free download from the iTunes Store.

The Dominion Guild, Inc. of Arlington presented a total of \$43,000 to four local charities: Alzheimer's Family Day Center received \$8,000 for their "Life After Diagnosis" Program; Arlington Food Assistance Center received \$25,000 for their Permanent Home Campaign, and Capital Hospice received \$10,000 for their Point of Hope Grief Camp.

The Dominion Guild, Inc. has been raising funds for over 20 years for distribution to qualifying projects and entities serving the Northern Virginia community.

Virginia Commerce Bank announces the recent appointment of **Lindsey S. Rheume** as executive vice president, commercial lending manager. Rheume joins VCB with over 23 years of commercial lending experience, most recently from SunTrust Bank where he was a senior vice president in the special assets division and government and technology division. He has also held positions with GE Capital as portfolio management group leader and Bank of America as senior vice president, business credit. Based out of VCB's headquarters in Arlington, Rheume will manage the Bank's team of commercial lenders and will oversee new business development opportunities.

Cardinal Bank has opened its fourth banking center in Arlington at 6402 Williamsburg Blvd., located in the Williamsburg Shopping Center, with retail anchors CVS and Calico Corners.

The new branch offers lobby hours Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The branch features a walk-up 24-hour ATM. Cardinal customers can also bank 24 hours a day, seven days a week with online banking and bill pay services, and have access to networks of more than 25,000 surcharge-free ATMs throughout the United States.

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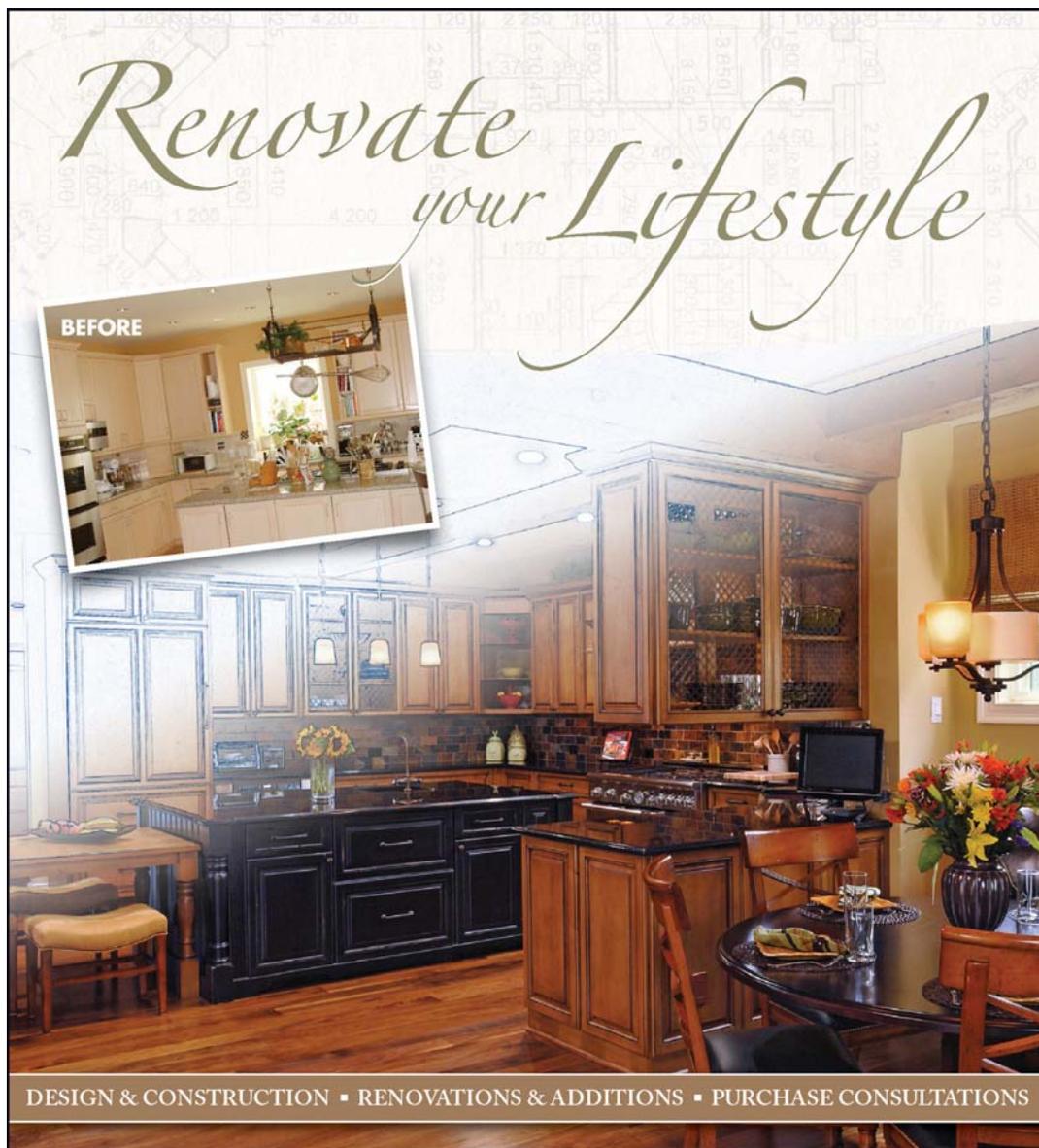
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Top Sales in July

IN JULY 2011, 246 ARLINGTON HOMES SOLD BETWEEN \$1,575,000-\$64,900.

2 6206 35th Street North, Arlington — \$1,520,000



4 608 Highland Street North, Arlington — \$1,490,000



5 2616 Nelson Street, Arlington — \$1,475,000



6 604 Highland Street North, Arlington — \$1,375,000

| Address | BR | FB | HB | Postal City | Sold Price | Type | Lot AC | Postal Code | Subdivision | Date Sold |
|---------------------|----|----|----|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1 2704 25TH ST N | 5 | 4 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$1,575,000 | Detached | 0.30 | 22207 | WOODMONT | 07/25/11 |
| 2 6206 35TH ST N | 5 | 4 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$1,520,000 | Detached | 0.23 | 22213 | MINOR HILL | 07/15/11 |
| 3 6607 31ST ST N | 5 | 4 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$1,517,000 | Detached | 0.23 | 22213 | BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD | 07/22/11 |
| 4 608 HIGHLAND ST N | 5 | 4 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$1,490,000 | Detached | 0.14 | 22201 | CLARENDON | 07/29/11 |
| 5 2616 NELSON ST | 5 | 4 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$1,475,000 | Detached | 0.49 | 22207 | DOVER BALMORAL RIVERWOOD | 07/29/11 |
| 6 604 HIGHLAND ST N | 5 | 3 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$1,375,000 | Detached | 0.14 | 22201 | CLARENDON | 07/08/11 |

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In July 2011, 247 Arlington homes sold between \$1,575,000-\$9,500. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$530,000-\$400,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

| Address | BR | FB | HB | Postal City | Sold Price | Type | Lot AC | Postal Code | Subdivision |
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| 5222 26TH RD N | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$530,000 | Detached | 0.12 | 22207 | COUNTRY CLUB |
| 2020 CLEVELAND ST | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$525,000 | Detached | 0.13 | 22201 | CLARK & HILTON |
| 1739 NORTH QUINCY ST | 3 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$525,000 | Detached | 0.15 | 22207 | CHERRYDALE |
| 28 MANCHESTER ST S #14 | 3 | 2 | 2 | ARLINGTON | \$518,000 | Townhouse | | 22204 | MANCHESTER SQUARE |
| 1911 ROOSEVELT ST N | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$515,000 | Detached | 0.19 | 22205 | POSTORIA,HIGHLAND PARK |
| 1021 GARFIELD ST #536 | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$512,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | CLARENDON |
| 1815 ROOSEVELT ST N | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$512,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22205 | POSTORIA,HIGHLAND PARK |
| 623 PIEDMONT ST | 2 | 3 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$510,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | 22203 | SOUTH BALLSTON TOWNH |
| 1050 STUART ST N #602 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$500,000 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | 22201 | BALLSTON PARK |
| 1600 OAK ST N #1232 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$500,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22209 | BELVEDERE |
| 1805 CRYSTAL DR #608 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$495,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22202 | CRYSTAL PARK |
| 6061 25TH RD N | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$495,000 | Detached | 0.16 | 22207 | BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD |
| 2547 GREENBRIER ST N | 3 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$495,000 | Detached | 0.14 | 22207 | GARDEN CITY |
| 3004 19TH ST S | 4 | 2 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$494,000 | Detached | 0.32 | 22204 | JOHNSON'S HILL |
| 2720 ARLINGTON MILL DR S #809 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$483,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22206 | SHIRLINGTON VILLAGE |
| 3413 17TH ST S | 5 | 4 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$480,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22204 | DOUGLAS PARK NEW ARL. |
| 25 BEDFORD ST N | 3 | 2 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$475,000 | Semi-Detached | 0.05 | 22201 | CLARENDON |
| 5893 1ST ST S | 3 | 1 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$475,000 | Detached | 0.16 | 22204 | SPY HILL BLVD MANOR |
| 106 WISE ST S | 2 | 2 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$474,000 | Semi-Detached | 0.03 | 22204 | PENROSE |
| 1021 GARFIELD ST N #232 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$456,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | CLARENDON |
| 1050 STUART ST N #319 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$455,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | BALLSTON PARK |
| 3704 ARLINGTON BLVD | 3 | 3 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$455,000 | Detached | 0.10 | 22204 | ARLINGTON HEIGHTS |
| 4422 FOUR MILE RUN DR S | 3 | 3 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$450,100 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22204 | BARCROFT TOWNS |
| 1029 STUART ST N #505 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$450,000 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | 22201 | SUMMERWALK I&II |
| 1113 SYCAMORE ST | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$450,000 | Detached | 0.14 | 22205 | FALLS CHURCH PARK |
| 5820 WASHINGTON BLVD | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$447,500 | Duplex | 0.06 | 22205 | WESTOVER |
| 2528 WALTER REED DR S #E | 3 | 2 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$447,000 | Townhouse | | 22206 | WINDGATE OF ARL |
| 900 STAFFORD ST N #905 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$441,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22203 | ALTA VISTA |
| 3535 STAFFORD ST S #A | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$437,000 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON GLEN |
| 4111 33RD ST S | 3 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$434,900 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON GRN |
| 1050 STUART ST N #419 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$430,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | BALLSTON PARK |
| 1301 COURTHOUSE RD N #810 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$430,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | WOODBURY HEIGHTS |
| 1314 OAKLAND ST | 3 | 1 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$425,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22204 | DOUGLAS PARK NEW ARL. |
| 4515 36TH ST S #1142 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$425,000 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON ARBR |
| 851 GLEBE RD N #609 | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$420,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22203 | CONTINENTAL |
| 2037 GLEBE RD #1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$420,000 | Townhouse | | 22207 | WUNDER'S CROSSING |
| 1021 GARFIELD ST #B29 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$410,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | CLARENDON |
| 2100 LEE HWY #336 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$410,000 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | 22201 | ASTORIA |
| 880 POLLARD ST N #721 | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$409,500 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22203 | BALLSTON |
| 2903B WOODSTOCK ST S #2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$409,000 | Townhouse | | 22206 | COURTBRIDGE I&II |
| 2860 BUCHANAN ST S #A1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$405,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON |
| 1021 GARFIELD ST #539 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$402,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | CLARENDON |
| 1020 HIGHLAND ST N #413 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$400,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | PHOENIX |
| 4605 31ST RD S #A1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$400,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON VIL |
| 2400 CLARENDON BLVD #310 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$399,500 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | CHARLESTON CONDO |
| 3830 9TH ST N #204W | 1 | 1 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$397,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22203 | LEXINGTON SQUARE |
| 1530 KEY BLVD #332 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$397,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22209 | ATRIUM CONDO |
| 4304 34TH ST S #B1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$396,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON MDWS |
| 1020 HIGHLAND ST N #723 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$395,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | PHOENIX |
| 5033 12TH ST S | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$395,000 | Detached | 0.11 | 22204 | COLUMBIA FOREST |
| 2959 COLUMBUS ST S #2820 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$395,000 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON VIL |
| 1401 BARTON ST S #226 | 3 | 1 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$392,500 | Townhouse | | 22204 | ARLINGTON VILLAGE |
| 1200 NASH ST N #231 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$390,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22209 | PROSPECT HOUSE |
| 1600 OAK ST N #401 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$390,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22209 | BELVEDERE |
| 4604 31ST RD S #1760 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$387,000 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON VIL |
| 4800 28TH ST S #B | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$386,500 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON VIL |
| 2720 ARLINGTON MILL DR S #505 | 1 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$385,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22206 | SHIRLINGTON VILLAGE |
| 4845 27TH RD S #2490 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$385,000 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON VIL |
| 1050 STUART ST N #817 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$380,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22201 | BALLSTON PARK |
| 4127 FOUR MILE RUN DR S #302 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$375,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22204 | WEST VGE AT SHIRLINGTON |
| 1530 KEY BLVD #211 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$375,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22209 | ATRIUM CONDO |
| 5906 ARLINGTON BLVD | 3 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$373,000 | Detached | 0.16 | 22204 | SPY HILL BLVD MANOR |
| 4193 FOUR MILE RUN DR S #202 | 2 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$370,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22204 | WEST VILLAGE |
| 851 GLEBE RD N #PH07 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$369,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22203 | CONTINENTAL |
| 4137 36TH ST S | 1 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$368,500 | Townhouse | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON GLEN |
| 2115 EDISON ST | 2 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$366,000 | Detached | 0.17 | 22207 | HIGHVIEW PARK |
| 3113 HIGH ST S | 2 | 1 | 1 | ARLINGTON | \$365,400 | Duplex | 0.07 | 22202 | OAKCREST |
| 2918 BUCHANAN ST S #A1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$365,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22206 | FAIRLINGTON VIL |
| 3650 GLEBE RD S #664 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ARLINGTON | \$360,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | 22202 | ECLIPSE ON CENTER PARK |

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"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for Sept. 26-Sept. 30.

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.; Arlington Mill at Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St.; also Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Senior trips: Historic Staunton, Va., Monday, Sept. 26, \$77; VMI, Lexington, Va., Wednesday, Sept. 28, \$46; Newseum, D.C., Thursday, Sept. 29, \$20; Saturday, Oct. 1, Kent County (Md.), Historic House Tour and lunch, \$45. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Painting classes begin, Monday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m., \$36/6 sessions, Lee or Thursday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m., \$42/7, Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0555 (Lee); 703-28-0955 (WR).

Pickleball competition, Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, Monday, Sept. 26, Tuesday, Sept. 27, Wednesday,

Sept. 28, 9 a.m., TJ. Free; open to the public. Details, 703-228-4721.

Strategies for relieving stress, Monday, Sept. 26, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Indoor walking program, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-6300.

Low impact aerobics, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m., Aurora Hills. \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-5722.

Piano lessons, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 12 p.m., Culpepper Garden. \$15 per half hour. Call for appt., 703-228-4403.

Refresher Tai Chi course begins Wednesday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m., Langston-Brown. \$16/4 sessions. Register 703-228-6300.

Weather phenomena lecture, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden.

Balance workshop for women, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Butterflies program, Thursday, Sept. 29, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

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'The Country Girl'

TACT cast mesmerizes in Odet play.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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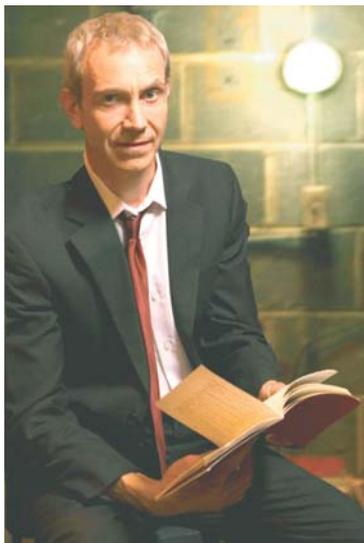
For lovers of American theater, Clifford Odet's "The Country Girl" is hauntingly familiar. The critically acclaimed Broadway play became an Oscar-winning vehicle in 1955 for Grace Kelly and William Holden as devoted Georgie Elgin and her alcoholic husband Frank, a washed-up thespian given one last chance at stardom by the celebrated and youthful director Bernie Dodd.

Rarely performed as a play, The

American Century Theatre has revived the complex drama about a troubled marriage complicated by the stresses of show business with a stellar cast to bring to life one of Odet's finest works.

"Every director has a list of shows that he is dying to do," said director Steven Scott Mazzola after the opening night performance Sept. 9. "It's just a question of finding the right actors at the right time and we did that with this show."

Contrary to the play's title, "The Country Girl" centers around Frank Elgin, a once-celebrated ac-



"The Country Girl" stars Brian Crane as Frank Elgin.



PHOTO BY DENNIS DELORIA

Kelsey Acers as Nancy, Kevin O'Reilly as Director Bernie Dodd, and Vanessa Bradchulis as Georgie Elgin in "The Country Girl."

tor whose talents have been overshadowed by his alcoholism. Offered the starring role in a Broadway-bound play by renowned director Bernie Dodd, Frank's drinking threatens both his comeback and his marriage to the long-suffering Georgie.

Brian Crane returns to the TACT stage as Frank Elgin, with Vanessa Bradchulis as his wife Georgie. Kevin O'Reilly plays director Bernie Dodd and Steve Lebens returns for his third TACT show in 2011 as producer Phil Cook. Making their debuts at TACT are Kelsey Acers as Nancy, Christopher Holbert as playwright Paul Unger and Arturo Tolentino in the role of Larry.

"We are lucky to have such incredible actors in this play," said Mazzola, who is directing his 10th show for TACT. "It is a great show for our company."

Crane is mesmerizing as Frank, who uses an easy-going air to

mask the self-destructing cunning perfected from years of hiding his insecurity and despair.

In contrast is the unshakable Bernie Dodd, played masterfully by Kevin O'Reilly, who brings out the unexpected vulnerability of the ambitious director.

As Georgie, Bradchulis is mannered and deliberate in her determination to protect her husband despite her own unhappiness and co-dependency on him. As Georgie and Bernie clash over how to keep Frank from derailing the production, the chemistry between Bradchulis and O'Reilly grows, adding a poignant and quietly moving dimension to their performances.

Mazzola has masterfully unleashed the talents of the entire cast, including Lebens, Acers, Holbert and Tolentino in supporting but no less exceptional roles.

Sets designed by Patrick Lord

are sparse yet rich with detail. Gloomy walls of a shabby apartment transform into the transient backstage residence of a dressing room, all choked with cigarette smoke. Lighting design is by Marianne Meadows with costumes by Dennis Kitmore.

As a conflicted Georgie ponders her future, the unmistakable warmth between her and Frank determines the melancholy outcome of this haunting play that is brilliantly brought to life by the talented cast and crew of TACT.

"This really is life imitating art," Mazzola said at the opening night cast party. "It's been a great night and we are looking forward to a successful run over the next four weeks."

The Country Girl runs through Oct. 8 at Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. For tickets or more information, visit www.americancentury.org.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE CONNECTION

Cast members Vanessa Bradchulis, Director Steven Scott Mazzola, Steve Lebens, Brian Crane, Kelsey Acers, Artistic Director Jack Marshall, Kevin O'Reilly and Arturo Tolentino celebrate at the opening night cast party for "The Country Girl" at The American Century Theater in Arlington.

'Savage In Limbo'

MetroStage puts on Shanley play.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

You may not recognize the name, but you no doubt recognize the works of John Patrick Shanley, the Bronx-born playwright who won an Academy Award for the 1987 film "Moonstruck" and a Pulitzer Prize for Drama and a Tony Award for the 2005 play "Doubt." "Savage In Limbo: A Concert Play" is one of Shanley's contemporary classic works, now playing at MetroStage in Alexandria.

Making its debut 25 years ago, the play — no, this is not a musical — peers into the very disparate and often desperate lives of a

group of 30-somethings who frequent a seedy Bronx bar.

The "savage" of the play is 32-year-old virgin Denise Savage, played by Helen Hayes Award-winning actress Natascia Diaz. Limbo is the run down Bronx bar where she gets reacquainted with Catholic grade schoolmate Linda Rotunda, played to N'Yawk perfection by Veronica del Cerro. Together, the disillusioned duo makes plans to change course from the dreary routine of their lives.

Swept along in their alternating friend/enemy alliance is the bartender Murk, played with straightforward precision by Sasha Olinick. Jenna Sokolowski is the waifish



Cast members celebrate following the Sept. 12 performance. Clockwise from back left: Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin, Michael Kevin Darnell, Director Lise Bruneau, Jenna Sokolowski, Sasha Olinick, Natascia Diaz, Veronica del Cerro and Jennifer Mendenhall.

barfly April White, a mixture of comic tragedy and vulnerability.

Rounding out the cast is Michael Kevin Darnell as Linda's friends with benefits commitment-phobe beau Tony Aronica.

Shanley's dialogue alternates between hysterically energetic and poignant and as the characters struggle with loneliness and the disillusion-

ment of lost dreams.

Masterfully paced by director Lise Bruneau, the execution of the dark comedy is astonishing at times and the brilliant acting of the ensemble cast is not to be missed.

"Savage In Limbo: A Concert Play" is playing now through Oct. 16 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria. For tickets or more



Veronica del Cerro, left, is congratulated by actress Jennifer Mendenhall following the Sept. 12 performance of "Savage In Limbo" at MetroStage.

information, call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

SCHOOLS

The **Yorktown High School Crew** has scheduled its fall car washes for the following Saturdays: Sept. 17, 24, and Oct. 1. Athletes will be washing cars from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a new location - Thirsty Bernie at Glebe Road and Lee Highway. The 100-plus team is raising funds to purchase indoor rowing machines.

Anthony Taylor of Arlington is a member of the Ashland University football team. Taylor, the son of Anthony Taylor and Robin Barbour of Arlington, is a 2011 graduate of Washington and Lee High School.

Molly Patrician of Arlington, a music education major, and Steven Sloan of Arlington, a theory/composition major, have been placed on Westminster Choir College of Rider University's dean's list for the fall of 2010 semester

Julian Harris of Arlington received the Ohio Wesleyan University Schubert Honors Scholarship. Harris is a senior at Yorktown High School.

Nicholas McCulloch of Arlington received the Ohio Wesleyan University Schubert Honors Scholarship. McCulloch is a senior at Yorktown High School.

Micah Smith, a resident of Arlington, has earned a Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College.

Michelle Christine Wiles of Arlington was named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Wiles is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac and is enrolled in the University's Olin Business School.



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SATURDAYS, SEPT. 24 TO NOV. 19

Art Brains Creative Camp for Kids (Ages 7-11). Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. \$270 by Sept. 17. Children will be led through lands of imagination and memory in nine art making Saturday afternoon sessions led by artist Marissa Long. At the Education Lab at Artisphere.

WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Lunchtime Concert Series. 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. The Thursday Lunchtime Concerts Series, which will be held from now through Oct. 20 at Wilson Boulevard and N. Oak Street, will entertain Rosslyn Farmers Market visitors as they shop. The Wednesday Lunchtime Concert series will run from now through Aug. 31 at the CentralSpace to CentralPlace plaza located at Wilson Boulevard and N. Moore Street. Local performers will provide music from a variety of genres including jazz, blues, funk, pop, folk and more.

SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 11:01

11:01 Saturday Nights. Starts at 11:01 p.m. Late-night dance party. Tickets are \$15/\$12 students. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

DANCE WEDNESDAYS

Dance Wednesdays. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance classes; 8:30 to 11 p.m. dancing. Tickets are \$15/\$12 at door. On Wednesdays, dance the night away at Artisphere to zydeco, cajun, rock, R&B and swing. The new center features a 3,000 square foot dance floor, one of the best in the area. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

SALSA TUESDAYS

Salsa Tuesdays. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance class; 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. dancing. At the Ballroom @ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 24

Mantra Samplers. Opening reception is Thursday, Aug. 11 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Artist Maribeth Egan incorporates overheard dialogue into art. At the Artisphere.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 25

"Happy Days" by the Washington Shakespeare Company. In Happy Days, Beckett pursues his relentless search for the meaning of existence, probing the tenuous relationships that bind one person to another, and each to the universe, to time past and time present. Thursdays \$25 at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays \$30 at 7:30 p.m.; Pay what you can 2 p.m.; Saturdays \$35 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee \$30 at 2 p.m.; Sunday \$25 at 7:30 p.m. At the Black Box Theatre at Artisphere.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Park(ing) Day 2011. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Artisphere has partnered with Apartment Zero, Dance Exchange and the Rosslyn Business Improvement District to bring this event to Rosslyn and transform two parking spaces in front of Artisphere into a tranquil lounge space to relax and enjoy from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dance Exchange will perform a site-specific version of their dance work, Hammock, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. At the Artisphere in Arlington. Visit www.parkingday.org.



WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Squeeze Bayou. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. dance class; 8:30 p.m. dancing \$12. Squeeze Bayou Cajun Band plays traditional Cajun and Zydeco dance music from Southwestern Louisiana. At the Artisphere Ballroom in Arlington.



TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Contra Sonic. 8 p.m. Contra dancing is American folk dance with roots in square dancing, but when you add free glow sticks, a DJ and laser display you get Contra Sonic. At the Ballroom at Artisphere.

SEPT. 17 TO OCT. 2

"Lithuanian Trilogy." The Lithuanian Trilogy depicts one Lithuanian-American son's journey of imagination back to the old world. Written and Directed by Paul Rajeckas and George Cheffet. At the Black Box Theater at Artisphere.

Part I: Notes to the Motherland, Friday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18 at 3 p.m.

Part II: Love Cures Cancer, The Musical, Friday, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m.

Part III: Lithuanian Sweetheart, Friday, Sept. 30 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m.

Rosslyn Farmers Market

Every Thursday, Through Oct. 20. Located across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture. Fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees, gourmet baked goods, and marinades and sauces. Monday Properties returns as a Rosslyn Farmers Market sponsor.

Clarendon Farmers' Market

Year-round Clarendon Farmer's Market has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Held Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Arlington Farmers Market @ Courthouse

The Arlington Farmers' Market is located adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Rd. and N. 14th St. in Arlington. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. The market is opened Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, year round. No dogs are allowed in the market.

Arlington Urban Village

The Antiques and Collectibles Market at Court House is an open air market that has been going on since December 2002. Free parking at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Featuring furniture, art, China, silver, jewelry, books, photographs, vintage clothing, linens, lamps, chandeliers, antique tools and other treasures. Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located on North 15th Street, next to the Courthouse Parking Lot. Sundays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located at Courthouse Parking Lot.

Ballston Farmers Market

The Ballston Farmers Market returns to Welburn Square every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. from now until October. Returning market favorites are Great Harvest Bread Company, Two Belle's Southern Pound Cakes and Gonzales Produce. Newcomers are Pleasant Pops and Milk Crate Bakery. Featuring live music every Thursday.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

The Red Party. 10 p.m. Cost is \$15/advance; \$20/door. Wear something red for this "hot" evening that will feature special dance performances. Co-hosted by Eileen Torres and Salsa Fuego. At the Ballroom at Artisphere.



ENTERTAINMENT

Know of something missing from our community entertainment Calendar? Send it to *The Arlington Connection*, e-mail it to 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.

FRIDAY MORNINGS

Line Dancing Class. 10 to 11 a.m. Line dancing with Barbara Allen. Covers the basic steps, then combines them to music for a gentle, social, aerobic workout. More experienced line dancers are welcome as they can assist the newer dancers. At Aurora Hills Senior Center. Call 703-228-5722.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Mikey Wax. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Healthy Eating Guidelines. NARFE Chapter to present Healthy Eating Guidelines. Social hour begins at 12:30 p.m., followed by presentation by Cathy Turner, director of Health Promotion and senior health at Virginia Hospital Center. At Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Dr., Arlington. Call Bill Braswell 703-241-5530.

Pizza and Perspectives - Sex, Lies, and Politicians: Examining a Wave of Sex Scandals in Politics. 6-7:15 p.m. George Mason University Arlington Campus, Founders Hall Room 126, 3351 Fairfax Drive. RSVP to Toni Andrews at 703-993-9817 or tandrew7@gmu.edu

SEPT. 14, 21, 28, OCT. 5

Resurrection Lutheran. 7:30 p.m. A DVD-based series on science and religion. The series will include participant guides and cover material presented in the following books, *The Language of God* by Francis Collins; *Whatever Happened to the Soul?* Scientific and Theological Portraits of Human Nature by Warren Brown; *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis; *The Message of Creation: Encountering the Lord of the Universe* by David Wilkinson; and *Pascal's Fire: Scientific Faith and Religious Understanding* by Keith Ward. At Resurrection Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 6201 Washington Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-532-5991 or visit <http://www.relcarlington.org>.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

Memories of Washington-Lee High School



Jonathan Richard Cring and Janet Clazzy

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

Clazzy and Cring. 7:30 p.m. Musician Janet Clazzy with humorist Jonathan Richard Cring. An evening of music and monologue, including readings from Mr. Cring's book *Digging for Gold* with original musical tunes performed by Ms. Clazzy on the oboe and WX-5 Wind Machine. At Calvary United Methodist Church, 2315th South Grant St., Arlington. Call 703-892-5185.

Through the Decades. 7 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society and the Washington-Lee High School Alumni Association. At the Arlington Central Library auditorium.

Create Your Own Tasting. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$15/door. Explore the art exhibits while creating your own tasting with an exciting selection of wines and cheese pairings. At Arlington arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-248-6800.

Vandaveer. 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. With Sean Rowe. Will perform from his new album, *Dig Down Deep*. At the IOTA Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

Happy Hour at Arlington Arts Center: Create Your Own Tasting. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at www.arlingtonartscenter.org/september-happy-hour, by phone 703-248-6800, or in person at AAC.

Beginner Pilates Class. 6:15 to 7:05 p.m. Free. Discover the wonders of Pilates at Studio Body Logic, now celebrating its 15th birthday! New students only and reservations required. Contact studiobodylogic@earthlink.net to have your mat waiting for you. Studio Body Logic — Ballston, 4001 N. 9th Street, #108, Arlington. www.studiobodylogic.com

Memories of Washington-Lee High School. 7 p.m. An evening of reflections co-sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society and the Washington-Lee High School Alumni Association. At the Arlington Central Library auditorium.

Holistic Moms Network Arlington/Alexandria Chapter Meeting. 7 to 9 p.m. Traditional Diets (Weston A. Price) Presentation by Real Food blogger, Kimberly Hartke. At 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. Visit <http://holisticmomsarlex.blogspot.com>. Contact: HolisticMomsArlex@gmail.com or call Jessica at 703-824-6167

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Wine in the Water Park. 7 to 10 p.m. \$5 wine and \$4 beer, music by DJ Adrian Loving, free snacks from Jaleo. At the Crystal City Water Park, across from 1750 Crystal Drive, Arlington.

Grow Eat Learn: Building Sustainability with Community Gardening and Edible Schoolyards. Panel sessions 9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Room #100, Fairlington Community Center room 100, 3308 S Stafford St. Cost: \$5.

SEPT. 16 AND 17

Latin American Harp Festival (Arpas de America). 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/\$25. With Hildo Aguirre of Colombia, Pedro Gaona of Paraguay, and Angel Tolosa of Venezuela. At the Gunston Arts Center, Theater One, 2700 S. Lang St. Arlington. Call 703-548-3092; www.teatrodalaluna.org.

Comedian Pauly Shore. 7:30 p.m. and 9:55 p.m. Tickets are \$25. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Visit <http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Yorktown Crew Car Wash. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the members of Yorktown Crew to help purchase indoor rowing machines. At Thirsty Bernie, corner of Glebe Road and Lee Highway. Contact David Haun, at 703-538-6782.

Central Arlington History Tour. 9 a.m. Cost is \$2. Tour historic locations dating from colonial times to the early 20th century. Meet at Clarendon Metro Station (top of escalator), corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Highland St. Call Bernie Berne at 703-243-0179.

"The Blind Side" Film. 8 p.m. Part of *Movies Under the Stars* at Penrose Square, Penrose Square, Columbia Pike and S. Barton Streets, Arlington.

"Laugh it Up, Funny Girl" with Gia Mora and Charlie Barnett. Tickets are \$20. Part of the Fourth Wall Cabaret Series presented by Creative Cauldron. At 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church. Visit www.creativecauldron.org.

Movies Under the Stars. 8:30 p.m. At St. John's Episcopal Church, 415 South Lexington St., Arlington. Contact: Carrey Harbin at cdharbin@hotmail.com.

Country Western Dance. The Northern



SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Potomac Harmony Chorus. 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$12/children. *Melodies, Memories & Magic: Many Voices, One Heart*, celebrating 35 years of harmony, will feature a variety of popular songs, all sung a cappella in four-part barbershop style. At Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington. To order tickets, email tickets@potomacharmony.org or 703-764-3896.

Virginia Country Western Dance Association's smoke-free, alcohol-free dance at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Eileen Scott will teach the "Hooked On Country" and "Matador" line dances beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Country Steppers will teach "The Cotton-eyed Joe/Schottische" specialty dance beginning at 8 p.m. Open dancing is from 8:30-11 p.m. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5; PSDC members \$10. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

"North by Northwest" Film (1959). 4:30 p.m. Part of the films of Alfred Hitchcock. At the Shirlington Library in Arlington.

Bilingual Concert for Kids. 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. An interactive musical experience. With Jose-Luis Orozco. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington.

Vintage Crystal: A Taste of Wine and Jazz. 2 to 6 p.m. Wine sips and tapas \$20. Food-only tickets are \$10. Wine sips from Spain and South America, delectable bites from 20 local restaurants, dance moves and music. Hosted by Crystal City Business Improvement District. At 220 20th St., Arlington. Visit <http://www.crystalcity.org/artful/vintage>.

SEPT. 19, 26

Meditation and Buddhism Class. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$12. How to Solve Our Human Problems: The Four Noble Truths. In this series, learn how to identify and solve real problems, and how to develop a peaceful,

happy mind even in the face of difficult situations. Class includes teaching, guided meditation, and Q&A. Class taught by lay Buddhist Teacher, Chris Jamison. Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Arlington Branch Location — The Griffin Center 3800 Fairfax Dr., Suite 5, Arlington VA. Call 202-986-2257 www.meditation-dc.org

MONDAY/SEPT. 19

Arlington Reunion History Program: "Queen City." 10 a.m. Community discussion on "Queen City," where many African Americans settled after Freedman's Village closed. Queen City disappeared when the Pentagon was built in the early 1940s and residents were forced to leave. At the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

"If I Want to Whistle, I Whistle" [2010] Film. 6:30 p.m. At the Shirlington Branch Library in Arlington.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the band, Blue Sky 5. At Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

Author Event: "Reasons to Kill: Why Americans Choose War." 7 p.m. George Mason University professor Richard E. Rubenstein will discuss America's history and reflex to go to war. At the Shirlington Branch Library in Arlington, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington.

Fall for the Book Festival

The 13th annual Fall for the Book Festival (www.fallforthebook.org) brings nearly 150 authors to the region over its six-day run, Sept. 18-23.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 4 p.m.

Young Adult Authors Panel
One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St., #101, Arlington.

Pam Bachorz, Sarah Collins Honenberger, Val Patterson, Jon Skovron, and Amy Brecount White discuss the market for young adult fiction.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Political Scholar Lawrence Lessig
Founders Hall, Room 125, George Mason University, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington.
Lawrence Lessig, Harvard professor of law and ethics, discusses "Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress — and a Plan to Stop It."

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m.

Immigration Expert Debra Lattanzi Shutika
Founders Hall, George Mason University,

3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington.

Mason professor Debra Lattanzi Shutika looks at the challenges of immigrants in her book "Beyond the Borderlands: Migration and Belonging in the United States and Mexico."

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Poet R. Dwayne Betts
Busboys & Poets at Shirlington Village, 4251 South Campbell Avenue, Arlington.

R. Dwayne Betts, author of the memoir "A Question of Freedom" samples his poetry collection, "Shahid Reads His Own Palm."

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.

Political Scholar Richard Rubenstein
Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave, Arlington.

Richard Rubenstein, a professor in Mason's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, shares insights from his recent book "Reasons to Kill: Why Americans Choose War."

All events are free and open to the public. For updates on ticketing plans or information on the entire festival, see www.fallforthebook.org.

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OBITUARY
Arsalan Hakimi, 67. On September 8, 2011, our be-
loved departed this life suddenly and flew to his final destina-
tion. A devoted father, a loving husband, a gentle grandfa-
ther, a caring brother and a loyal friend, Arsalan brightened
our daily lives with his kindness, optimism and tender smile.
Arsalan was born in Iran. He graduated from the Iran Bank-
ing Institute and became a divisional director at the Central
Bank of Iran. Arsalan had a profound love for adventure, and
spent much of his time leading hiking and skiing expeditions
throughout Iran's rocky mountains. He enjoyed coaching chil-
dren's tennis, Persian poetry, and entertaining loved ones
with his guitar and his serene voice. Love of humanity was
the tenet by which Arsalan lived his life. He was a true role
model, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all.
Arsalan will forever live in the hearts of his loving wife Sho-
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Hurricane Irene Grazes Arlington County

Preparations key in response.

By DENISE LEW
THE CONNECTION

Hurricane Irene did not hit Arlington County as badly as a number of other locations in the D.C. metropolitan area. Both the Arlington County government and residents were well prepared for the hurricane that battered much of the Northeast coast.

"This is a community effort," said Jack Brown, director of the County's Office of Emergency Management. "Yes, government has responsibilities, and we are fulfilling those responsibilities. But families, individuals and businesses need to be prepared — prepared with enough food, water and medical supplies to survive for three days, if necessary, and prepared to help their neighbors."

Arlington County workers took major steps to secure infrastructure, equipment and buildings in Arlington County. "The county took advantage of advanced warning about Hurricane Irene to thoroughly prepare. Relevant departments [particularly Dept. of Environmental Services and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources] prepared plans and took steps to 'batten down' for the storm," said Mary Curtius, manager of media relations at Arlington's main communications office.

A few days before the storm hit, the county's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department cleared out picnic areas, cleaned drains in parks, rimmed tree branches, moved play and other equipment from low-lying areas to higher ground, and took other precautions to lessen damage to



A downed tree at Arlington Forest United Methodist.

county parks, trees and recreation facilities.

The Department of Environmental Services cleaned out gutters and culverts to prevent flooding on county streets. The county also prepared communications for residents, stockpiled supplies, and contacted homeless persons sleeping outside, informing them about the hurricane coming and telling them emergency shelters were being opened (two shelters, 80 beds).

On Friday, Aug. 26, Arlington County declared a local emergency for Hurricane Irene.

Arlington's Emergency Operations Center stayed open until Sunday evening and kept the public informed through an variety of channels, including Arlington Alert, social media such as Facebook and Twitter, the county website, the county's cable channel and media updates.

According to the Arlington County gov-

ernment, 14,000 homes were without power early Sunday morning but that number decreased to 7,848 homes a few hours later as Dominion Power worked to restore electricity. There were at least 75 reports of downed trees and 35 streets were blocked completely or partially by trees; 11 of those involved power lines. A few roads were closed as crews worked to clear trees, including N. 18th Street and N. Quantico, N. Wakefield and Rockspring and the 100 block of N. Liberty. Arlington crews collected more than 94 tons of brush debris to be processed for wood mulch.

"We had no reported injuries. Our Emergency Communications Center received many calls in the immediate aftermath of the storm, most to report downed trees, trees blocking roads, power outages. We opened roads, cleaned up downed trees Monday and Tuesday," said Curtius.

No Arlington schools were closed due to damaged buildings or lack of power. "As a precautionary measure, we announced Friday afternoon that we were cancelling all weekend activities and closing our buildings. Crews assessed our buildings and found no damage resulting from the rain or winds from Hurricane Irene," said Frank Bellavia, public relations specialist for Arlington Public Schools. There were also no flooding issues.

Residents had various reactions to the storm. Brian Kalish, a young working professional and resident of Arlington said, "I personally did not do much to prepare for the storm. I monitored the forecasts every couple hours and rightly assumed that D.C. would not be hit that hard. My Archstone Ballston building however was very proactive. They sent a detailed notice to all residents for 'hurricane prep' and removed all the outdoor patio furniture. I actually went out during the storm but it was not that bad. And when the wind picked up, I came home. However, my parents on Long Island got hit hard. They still have no power and no restoration time and my grandmother, also on Long Island, lost part of her roof," Kalish said.

Other Arlingtonians found that the storm was the perfect excuse to stay in and relax. "Being from Wisconsin, I wasn't sure exactly what to expect. I think there was a part of everyone that was expecting more, but I am genuinely grateful that it was pretty low key. Great night to stay in with my roomie, eat good food, light candles, and watch chick flicks," said Kelsey Wolff, a resident of Arlington.

The estimated damage from Hurricane Irene to Arlington County is \$300,000 for county property and \$450,000 for private property, according to Arlington's Office of Emergency Management.

Rethinking Penn Place

FROM PAGE 5

for 12th Street as a fully activated retail and transit-oriented corridor," according to the draft guidelines. "The streetscapes along 12th Street should be designed to complement proposed county transit improvements for the Pentagon City-Crystal City area."

County planning staff estimates that development increased about 313 percent between 1970 and 2005 in Crystal City and Pentagon City. Yet despite that pace of growth, traffic volumes have decreased from 12,800 vehicle trips per day

in 1975 along Arlington Ridge Road to 11,600 trips per day in 2011. At their most recent meeting, members of the long-range planning committee considered different development scenarios that included various building heights and the potential for high-security office space that could be leased to the Department of Defense.

"Any secure office facility should be designed to minimize negative impacts on pedestrians," the draft guidelines stipulate. "Building heights, including for any secure office facility, should be compatible with the surrounding development fabric, including other new proposed buildings."



Penn Place is between Crystal City and Pentagon Centre.

NEWS

An LLS Honored Hero

FROM PAGE 5

Currently one million people are battling leukemia and lymphoma in the U.S. A new case is diagnosed every four minutes, and someone loses the battle every 10 minutes, according to Lisa Pogona, marketing director for the Northern Virginia chapter of LLS.

"We've come a long way since the 1970s, when less than 10 percent of diagnosed cases survived," said Pogona. "Today we have a 90 percent survival rate for the most common forms."

Light the Night walks help raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, as participants typically contribute \$100 or more. LLS distributed \$76 million last year towards research grants, treatments and First Connection programs at hospitals.

"When I was told I had cancer I thought I was dead meat," said Hunt. "LLS helped me know what to expect. The organization helps financially as well, because chemotherapy treatment can cost as much as \$3,000 for one pill."

Battling for Congressional funding is another challenge. "The frustration is that we understand the economic climate, but there are still a large number of fighters who rely on the government for treatment and finding a cure," said LLS spokesman Patrick Dyer. "Finding the funding is the greatest chance for them to live."

As an Honored Hero, Hunt continues to offer his inspirational message for those battling leukemia and lymphoma in the capital area. "The walks are a good chance to let people have hope, come and celebrate life with us."



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Sophomore Stewart Ignites Lopsided Yorktown Victory

Seven Patriots score at least one touchdown against Wakefield.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Yorktown running back M.J. Stewart carried the ball on a sweep left during the Patriots' opening possession against Wakefield on Sept. 9 when he appeared to suffer an injury.

The sophomore reached toward his legs as if something was wrong, but didn't give up on the play. In fact, he turned up field, navigated his way through the Wakefield defense and reached the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown.

Stewart's run gave Yorktown a 7-0 lead, but was the standout transfer from Bishop O'Connell hurt?

"These pants are a little too big," Stewart later said. "I was trying to run, but then my pants were falling so I had to pull them up. I didn't want to look like I was jogging, but



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

I was just trying to pull them up."

An equipment issue didn't stop Stewart from crossing the goal line. The Wakefield football team didn't fare much better against No. 6 and his Patriot teammates.

Yorktown throttled Wakefield, 68-0, in both teams' National District opener at

SEE PATRIOTS, PAGE 23

Sophomore running back M.J. Stewart, who transferred from Bishop O'Connell to Yorktown after his freshman season, scored two touchdowns against Wakefield on Sept. 9.



Yorktown quarterback Jordan Smith threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score during the Patriots' 68-0 victory against Wakefield on Sept. 9.

W-L Sophomore QB Appel Shows Promise in Defeat

Generals can't overcome 24-point halftime deficit.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Washington-Lee sophomore quarterback Sam Appel entered his first varsity home game feeling like a rookie. For the first three quarters of the Sept. 10 contest against Fairfax, he also played like one.

During the fourth quarter, however, Appel showed why he earned the starring quarterback position and gave the Generals hope for the future.

Fairfax defeated W-L, 45-32, on Saturday afternoon at War Memorial Stadium, giving the Generals a 0-2 start for the fourth time in the last five seasons. W-L trailed 24-0 at halftime and 24-6 entering the fourth quarter of a game originally scheduled for Sept. 9, but was pushed back a day due to problems stemming from inclement weather.

Through three quarters, Appel was 0 for 5 with an interception.

His first pass of the fourth quarter was dropped by a wide-open receiver. From that point, however, Appel completed 8 of 9 attempts for 175 yards and three touchdowns, providing a silver lining.

"It was my first varsity home game and seeing everyone I knew in the crowd [made me] pretty nervous the first half," Appel said. "I was making bad throws. ... The second half, I just realized I've got nothing to lose."

W-L trailed 24-12 early in the fourth quarter when a wide-open receiver dropped a potential touchdown pass from Appel. Fairfax responded with a pair of touchdowns — the second resulting from Appel's second lost fumble of the day — to take a 38-12 lead. From there, Appel completed eight of his final nine attempts, including touchdown tosses of 47 and 67 yards to Da'Vohn Lyons and a 21-yard scoring pass to Seth Whitmore.

"He's out there in the belly of the beast as a barely-15-year-old kid," W-L head coach Josh Shapiro said

about Appel. "He's taking a lot of heat and I'm sure the game is just coming by him 100 mph. The expectations are to get it done and it's a tough position to begin with when you've had experience, let alone [for] a kid that just played one year of freshman ball and now he's playing varsity. His second half performance will certainly help gain him confidence."

After the game, Appel spoke of his success like a veteran. "We still lost, that's the thing," he said. "... I'm walking through and everyone's telling me good game, but really I had an all right fourth quarter and I struggled [during] the first three. I don't deserve all the credit."

W-L is still trying to figure out its new spread offense. Shapiro voiced displeasure with the unit's ground game and lack of brisk tempo. Seven Generals carried a combined 38 times for 135 yards — an average of 3.6 yards per attempt — and two touchdowns. Senior running back Jevonne Watson led the way with 86 yards in 14 carries.

"The second half, I just realized I've got nothing to lose."

W-L sophomore quarterback Sam Appel



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Washington-Lee head football coach Josh Shapiro talks on the sideline during the Generals' 45-32 loss to Fairfax on Sept. 10.

"We're a school that I feel needs to continually redefine what we do offensively," Shapiro said. "We cannot, unfortunately, just find a system that, 'Hey: year in, year out, these are our players.' For three years, we've had a real good athlete. We featured him either at quarterback or tailback. Now, we have a quarterback that can throw the ball pretty well and we have two receivers who can catch the ball. We're still looking for a running game."

"If you can't run the ball, I don't see how you can win. I'm just not a coach that's going to [throw the

ball] 50 times a game. I'm not into that."

Seniors Devin Parker and Tony Gomez each scored a rushing touchdown.

W-L will open National District play at home against Edison at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.

"We played really well [against Fairfax], we just weren't intense in the first half," W-L senior lineman Roderic Gibson said. "We came out in the second half ready to play. ... The intensity is there, but it has to be there the whole game. If we have it there the whole game, we'll have a good season."

SPORTS

Patriots Share Touchdown Roles

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Greenbrier Stadium. The Patriots pulled many of their offensive starters in the second quarter and led 55-0 at halftime against the overmatched Warriors. Yorktown reached the end zone on offense, defense and special teams, and seven Patriots scored at least one touchdown.

Along with his early touchdown run, Stewart scored on a 28-yard reception from senior quarterback Jordan Smith.

"He fits in pretty good," Yorktown head coach Bruce Hanson said about Stewart. "Every time he touches the ball he scores. He's a big-time player. We've got some other good players. ... Putting him in there makes everybody that much better."

Not every time, Coach, but close. Stewart had a 5-yard run that didn't wind up in the end zone. He also returned a punt inside the Wakefield 10-yard line, but the Patriots were flagged for a penalty during the play.

Stewart said Yorktown coaches and players have supported him during his transition from O'Connell. Listed at 5 feet 9, 172 pounds, Stewart is an athletic addition to a Patriots team that finished 9-2 last season and won the National District championship.

"We grew up with M.J., he just went to a different school," Smith said. "We played football with him in youth league. Just adding him on to the team [will help]."

He picked up the offense real fast, he's a really good player, he brings a lot of speed to the team and he helps us out a lot."

Smith completed 3 of 7 passes for 74 yards and

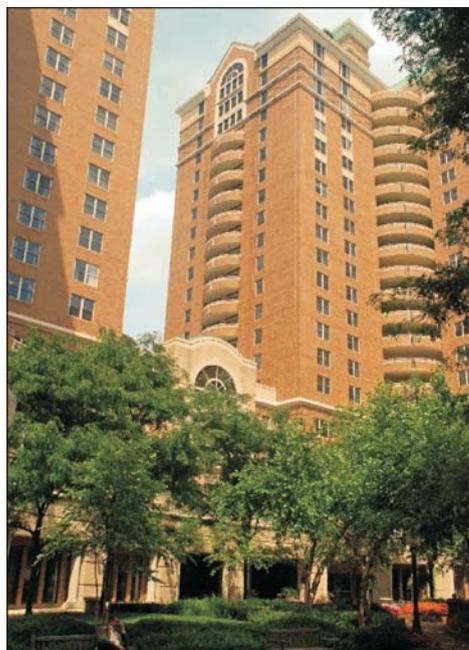


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Micah Gregory and the Yorktown football team improved to 2-0 with a win against Wakefield on Sept. 9.

two touchdowns, and ran for a 30-yard score against Wakefield. Senior Allen Green scored on a 13-yard run, returned a fumble for a touchdown and returned the second-half kickoff 90 yards for a score. Junior receiver Nick Yore caught a touchdown pass and senior Austin Browne and sophomore quarterback William Roebuck each scored touchdowns on the ground.

Yorktown improved to 2-0, including a 48-13 victory against Wilson (Washington, D.C.) to open the season on Sept. 1. The Patriots will travel to face Herndon of the Concorde District at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16. Wakefield, which dropped to 0-2, will host Thomas Jefferson.



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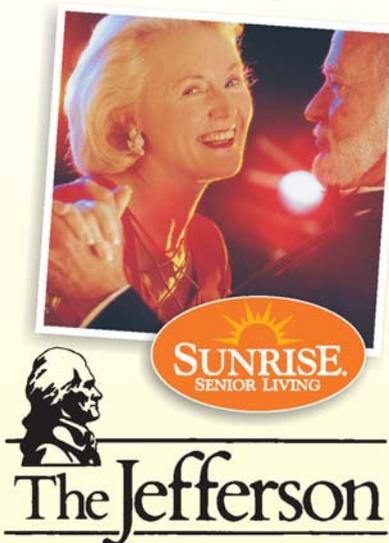
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