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NATURE

The Broad-winged Hawks Are Coming

Migration brings
“a river of raptors.”

BY DONALD SWEIG

Every autumn, in addition to literally billions of songbirds, a million or more avian raptors (hawks, eagles and falcons) migrate from their nesting and breeding areas all over North America to their winter homes, mostly in Central and South America. Raptor enthusiasts and hawk counters often head for mountain ridges and other concentration points in hopes of seeing some of the birds fly by.

But, one doesn't necessarily have to do this to see migrating hawks.

Broad-winged hawks often migrate in large groups and very large numbers. At the right time, with the right weather, it is possible to see lots of them almost anywhere. Peak migration for Broad-winged hawks in the mid-Atlantic states is usually between Sept. 12 and 22.

Sept. 18-19 are often the big days in the Washington area.

It is helpful to understand a little about how Broad-winged hawks migrate.

“Broadwings,” like some other raptors, don't fly well over long distances.

So they utilize “thermals,” rising columns of hot air off the land, to help them gain altitude for migration.

When a migrating Broadwing, for example, starts out in the morning from a place like the wooded hills along the Potomac River near Great Falls, it will flap a few times to get out of the trees and then it begins to look for a thermal.

When it finds one, it sort of sits in the column of rising air and often makes little circles to stay in the thermal as it rises with the air, something like an elevator. If a second Broadwing sees the first one, it may well take off, flap a bit, and join the same thermal as the first bird; and so forth. Soon there may be five or 10, or more (often many more) birds in the same thermal.

Eventually, the hawks will reach the top of the thermal and just mill around in it before gliding off to look for another thermal. When one sees a number of Broadwings together in a thermal, it is called a “kettle.”

LOOK AT THE SKY, especially clouds, and preferably with binoculars anytime you can in mid-September. If you see a bunch of birds swirling around together in a cloud, or in the clear sky, you probably have a “kettle” of Broadwings. And, one really can see them almost anywhere. It's a serendipitous happening.

There are also avian pathways that the birds often use, like perhaps a highway, as they migrate south.

There is nothing definite or conclusive about such pathways.

It's just matter of where one has in the past most often seen the migrating Broad-winged hawks. There seems to be such a migration pathway crossing the Potomac River



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Adult Broad-winged hawk over Great Falls. Notice the wide, white band in the tail and the black edge at the back of the wing. The annual migration of Broad-winged Hawks passes through our area approximately Sept. 12-22.

PHOTO BY DONALD SWEIG

from somewhere between the American Legion Bridge and Chain Bridge, upriver to at least Violette's Lock on the C&O Canal.

In past years, I have seen very large concentrations of Broad-winged hawks even over congested Northern Virginia: over the Tysons Mall, over the Fairfax County Government center, over the Town of Vienna.

Three years ago, several birding friends and I were just finishing some early morning birding in the meadow at Riverbend Park in Great Falls, when someone looked up and said, “Look!”

We all did and saw a big kettle of Broad-winged hawks. As they started to “stream out,” we saw another kettle coming in. We stood there for perhaps 20 to 30 minutes and watched at least 2,000 Broad-winged hawks migrate by.

It was a veritable “river of raptors.” It was the most I had ever seen. The next morning, at the same place, I saw none at all.

It was pure serendipity.

THE BEST TIMES to look for migrating Broad-winged hawks is between Sept. 12-22 in the morning from between about 9 and 10, when they get up to start flying, and in the late afternoon, after 5, when they often come down for the night.

I often have good luck at places like the Great Falls National Park, especially on the Maryland side. The many trees there are attractive to Broadwings for overnight roosting.

But one can see them almost anywhere, even in your own neighborhood, as I have in mine in Northern Virginia.

One doesn't always see them when you look. But, if you do, it is a memorable experience.

Broad-winged hawk and other raptor migration is an integral part of the annual flow of natural happenings.

Keep your eyes on the sky. You may be well rewarded.



Dan Hughes with his 1937 Dodge 2-door touring sedan. Hughes purchased the car in 1982 and spent a year restoring it.



Detail from Dan Hughes' 1937 Dodge 2-door touring sedan.

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Knights of Columbus Hosts Car Show

Beneath the green canopy of trees, chrome glistened in the afternoon sun at the annual Knights of Columbus #2473 Car Show. Fifty-four cars and trucks were displayed on the front lawns of the Arlington Council on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6. The winner of the Grand Knight's Pick at the Car Show was the 1973 VW Dune Buggy. All proceeds from the show benefit the Honor Flight Network. During May and June of this year Knights volunteered and hosted six dinners for more than 500 visiting veterans through the Honor Flight Network.



Nasser Almasary talks with other Corvette owners at the car show on Saturday afternoon.



Bob Lord recalls that the '49 Ford was popular as a transport vehicle for moonshiners.



Joe Smith displays his 1970 Chevy Nova at the car show.



John Liebermann's 1955 Ford Fairlane Sunliner Convertible.



Keith Colton's 1956 Chevy Corvette.



Knights of Columbus Guard Tom Gavin noted that this year's car show featured 54 cars and trucks.



Bob Lord's 1949 Ford Sedan.

Zero-Sum Game

Trading open space for a new school.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Which Columbia Pike neighborhood should lose open space for a new elementary school? That's a question now before school leaders as they consider their options, a zero-sum game that is pitting neighborhood groups against school officials in a conflict about managing growth in Arlington.

At issue is a recommendation from school administrators to construct a new elementary school on land that is currently Thomas Jefferson Park, a place known as T.J. Park by neighbors in Arlington Heights. School officials say they would be able to get the most bang for the buck here because they could add 725 seats for \$50 million. Other potential locations under consideration are near Peyton Randolph Elementary School in Douglas Park and Barcroft Elementary School in the Barcroft neighborhood.

“If they want to build on the open parking lot, and put parking underneath, there may be enough support in the community to do that. If they don't, I think there will be a lot of fights about it.”

— Scott Sklar, president, Ashton Heights Civic Association

“The pro is that the Thomas Jefferson site is the most cost effective,” said Greg Greeley, a member of a working group considering the options. “The con is that neighborhood residents feel they've done their duty to the community because that area already has a middle school, and elementary school, a career center and a library.”

The county will have a student body of 15,000 in the next decade. But Arlington County Schools has only 13,000 seats. That means the county school system will be well over capacity unless action is taken now, creating a sense of urgency at the school administration headquarters. County leaders are also feeling the heat, which is why they created a working group back in July. “Our county is desirable and growing, and

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Trading Open Space for a New School

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more students are entering our school system,” said Arlington County Board Chair Jay Fiset. “This working group will bring together community members, schools and county staff for a robust consideration of whether to use a portion of the Thomas Jefferson site for a new elementary school.”

THE WORKING GROUP will hold its first meeting on Sept. 20 at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School. It will begin with coffee at 8:15 a.m., followed by the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Since members of the working group were appointed to find a solution, some behind-the-scenes negotiating has already taken place, and some neighborhood leaders say compromise is possible.

“We want the parkland unimpinged,” said Scott Sklar, president of the Ashton Heights Civic Association. “If they want to build on the open parking lot, and put parking underneath, there may be enough support in the community to do that. If they don’t, I think there will be a lot of fights about it.”

One of the goals County Board members have given the working group is to retain the current wooded eastern end of T.J. Park, the open space along the western portion of South Irving Street. Some have interpreted this direction as a move to guide the School Board as it considers four different scenarios for where the school



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should be constructed. Two scenarios would build the school in the western parking lot. One of the scenarios would construct the

school in the southern parking lot, which also has tennis courts. Only one scenario would have located the school in the wooded area near

Route 50, and it may now be off the table.

“I’m not sure the working group could even consider it,” said

Greeley. “That option appears to be off the table because of the County Board’s charge to the working group.”

Bonefish Grill Opens Its Doors

Now open in Pentagon Row.

Located next to the outdoor ice rink in Pentagon Row, Bonefish Grill opened at the end of last month to the public. Cutting the ribbon on opening day were Arlington Chamber President Kate Roche, Arlington County Board member Walter Tejada, Bonefish Grill Managing Partner Jason Steenrod, Bonefish Grill Joint Venture Partner Debra Peterson and Bonefish Grill staff.

“Opening Bonefish Grill in Arlington has been an incredibly rewarding experience,” said Jason Steenrod, managing partner of the new restaurant in a prepared statement. “We have had the opportunity to work with a group of dedicated community members throughout our opening process, and we look forward to welcoming all of Arlington through our doors in the coming weeks. I’m proud to bring fresh seafood and excellent service to this area.”

The 5,280 square-foot Pentagon Row addition features a new modern interior design that includes golden hardwood accents, natural materials, and hand-blown glass light fixtures. A special highlight in the bar area includes low bar counter space and lower tables for accessible seating.

Patrons can enjoy signature appetizers like Bonefish Grill’s Bang Bang Shrimp, and new menu additions like the Spicy Tuna Bowl, Rib-Eye Steak served with sauces like the Asian Peppercorn Demi-Glace and White Truffle Butter, and dishes like the Lobster Grilled Cheese.

Bonefish Grill is located at 1101 South Joyce St., to the right of Sur La Table. See www.bonefishgrill.com/Arlington.

— VERONICA BRUNO



Local dignitaries helped celebrate the opening of the Arlington Bonefish Grill with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, Aug. 18. From left: Kareem Fleming; Liz Schindler; Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board; Debra Peterson, joint venture partner, Bonefish Grill; Jason Steenrod, managing partner, Bonefish Grill; Jeff Heath, regional vice president, Bonefish Grill; Kate Roche, Arlington Chamber of Commerce; Mike Rosenow, Arlington Chamber of Commerce, flanked by Bonefish Grill staff.



"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, Sept. 21-27.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Sunday, Sept. 21, Occoquan tour, \$7; Tuesday, Sept. 23, Winterthur, Del., \$31; Wednesday, Sept. 24, Toby's Dinner Theatre, "Memphis," \$58; Saturday, Sept. 27, Oktoberfest, Lovettsville, Va., \$8. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Total body stretching techniques, Monday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m., T.J. Free. Register 703-28-4403.

Traditional Hatha Yoga classes begin, Monday, Sept. 22, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. \$55/10. Register, 703-228-6300.

Senior Olympics competition, Monday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m., T.J. Open to the public. Details, 703-228-4721.

Firehouse Jam, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-7369.

How estate sales work, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Arlington Mill Trail Trekkers, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Table tennis, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m., -12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Three-part DVDs, "My Pop Culture," Wednesday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Mobile Technology Day, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

Women's intramural 3v3 basketball, Wednesday, Sept. 24, Langton-Brown. \$100/10 games. Register, 703-228-4771.

Planning for retirement, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Duplicate bridge, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. -10 p.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$5. Register, 703-228-5722.

Arlington Walking Club, Wednesdays, 9 a.m., \$4. Register, 703-228-4403.

Appraisal roadshow, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. One item free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Psychology of spending, Thursday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Financial scams and hoaxes, Thursday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.



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Snapshot

**As the sunflower turns on her love when he sets,
The same look which she turned when he rose.**

— FROM AN IRISH BALLAD

Ballroom Dance, Friday, Sept. 26, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Details, 703-228-7369.

Robust walking demo, Friday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Fall prevention clinic, Friday, Sept. 26, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Senior arts and crafts exhibit, Friday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 703-228-6300.

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Change Is Coming, Right?

Legislators on changing the culture of cash and gifts in Virginia: Crickets.

With former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen facing what could be decades in prison after their convictions for corruption, a reasonable person might reasonably expect that members of the General Assembly would be gearing up to make some big changes.

Under Virginia law, there was no barrier to the McDonnells taking tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from a single donor in search of help.

In addition to the gifts, the tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to campaign funds were not part of the corruption trial, but they were certainly part of seeking influence.

Virginia needs real change, but there is silence from members of the General Assembly on any real change.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and gifts is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as the recent news demonstrates. It would be better for most businesses to have limits as well so as not to be subject to the expectation

of making huge donations.

The National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org summarizes how the 50 states regulate contributions: “States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees (PACs) and political parties. Just four states — Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas — have minimal contribution limits. These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, but leave contributions from all other sources unlimited. In the remaining 39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright.”

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total, cumulatively to all candidates in a four-year election cycle. (These limits increase to \$6,000 and

\$24,000 in 2015.) In Maryland, corporations and CEOs are not giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle.

Do we really want to be a state where the rules are so lax, that what barely raises an eyebrow here can send a former governor and his wife to prison for a long time?

The silence is bipartisan. The silence unites NoVa (Northern Virginia) and RoVa (the rest of Virginia). Every incumbent in Virginia thinks they are benefiting from the ability to collect so much cash.

They all know that they would not engage in the kind unseemly behavior that was recently on display in the McDonnell trial. They seem to think that the McDonnells were just an aberration.

Having our legislative process, locally and at the state level, awash in cash and gifts from people with business before the legislative bodies is not good for any of us.

It's time for some real limits and some disclosure requirements with teeth.

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

Film All Police Conduct Inquiries

Especially when police fatally shoot citizens.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW

“Police in D.C. will test body cameras” “Interrogation policies often lacking in Va.” These headlines, spread across a current page of the Washington Post, serve as a stepping off point in a slightly different direction.

Police officers wearing cameras to record daily interactions with the public is a growing trend. Advocacy groups say the cameras will improve accountability. Some

number of police organizations are supportive in the belief that the number of complaints from the public drop if interactions are captured on video. A least one big-city “police review board” also supports use of body cameras. Proponents are aware of public reaction and do not want to make law-abiding people uncomfortable. However, they do want to record arrests, criminal activity witnessed by officers and officer misconduct.

Students and a professor at the University of Virginia’s law school studied interrogation practices across the Commonwealth. The short summary of their recent effort is that police policies are in

disarray across Virginia. Some jurisdictions have no policies, others give detectives discretion over recording and yet others have policies that neither encourage nor discourage interrogations. Several benefits from overhauling interrogation policies have been identified: safeguarding evidence; proving that police have nothing to hide; and reducing wrongful conviction based on false confession. The respected International Association of Chiefs of Police supports interrogation recording because it “protects everyone in the room” and “raises the level of transparency of the department.”

To all appearances, officer cameras and recorded interrogations of suspects (and even witnesses) are good and will serve police department, police officer, alleged criminal and public-at-large.

Why cannot the same to be said of recording all aspects of inquiries over alleged use-of-force by Virginia police officers, especially when an officer fatally shoots a citizen? Over the years, this newspaper has chronicled — and criticized — the blanket of total secrecy thrown over police shooting incidents. Discretion exists (“may”) with respect to exemptions from disclosure under Virginia’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Police departments

never exercise that discretion, and the result is that no information about such regrettable events ever is disclosed — even to the family of the one killed. Official records of what happened do exist because the public is told the police department itself conducted an “internal investigation” of one of its own. But that is all the public is told. Then the records are sealed — no doubt with ribbons and wax — and the sole copy is rolled into the walk-in safe behind the chief’s desk, never to be seen again.

What of the benefits found in the context of officer cameras and recorded interrogations?

Are they not to be found in cases of police shootings and other uses of force against citizens? What happens to universally accepted concepts of accountability, exposing officer misconduct, safeguarding evidence, proving police have nothing to hide and transparency?

Once created, police departments can be expected to treat recordings of internal investigations the same as paper files are now treated: Stamped “Secret” and protected behind some provision of the FOIA whose discretionary waiver has atrophied through non-use. But that is a fight left for another day. Right now, the goal should be to create the recordings. It will be a start.

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CRIME

The following incidents were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

ARMED ROBBERY, 4800 block of S. Columbia Pike. At 1 a.m. on Aug. 30, a 36-year-old male victim was allegedly robbed at knifepoint by two suspects. Suspect one is described as a Hispanic male between 25-30 years of age, approximately 5'10" tall and 190 lbs. He had a pony tail and was wearing a white shirt and blue jeans at the time of the incident. Suspect two is described as a Hispanic male between 25-30 years of age, approximately 5'11" tall and 190 lbs. He was wearing a white shirt and blue shorts at the time of the incident.

ATTEMPTED MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 2200 block of N. Fairfax Drive. At 11:40 p.m. on Aug. 30, an altercation between two females escalated and a knife was brandished. As the suspect approached the victim, witnesses intervened and police were called. A 25-year-old Arlington woman was arrested and charged with attempted malicious wounding. She was held without bond.

ATTEMPTED MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 900 block of N. Stuart Street. At 1:45 p.m. on Sept. 2, a subject threatened a male victim with a knife at a bus stop in Ballston following a dispute. A 51-year-old Takoma Park, Md., man was arrested and charged with attempted malicious wounding. He was held without bond.

INDECENT EXPOSURE, 5500 block of S. Columbia Pike. At 9 a.m. on Sept. 2, a male subject masturbated in front of a female victim in the laundry room area of an apartment building. Following the incident, the suspect grabbed the victim and attempted to pay her with cash to not report the incident. Warrants for indecent exposure and assault & battery were issued for a 34-year-old Arlington man.

STOLEN VEHICLES

Aug. 27: VA 821903, 2009 Honda CBR600RR, 3800 block of Columbia Pike

Aug. 30: VA WZD-9361, 2007 Lexus RX350, silver, 1400 block of N. Fillmore Street

OTHER INCIDENTS

Sept. 2:

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, 1200 block

of N. Quinn Street

BREAKING & ENTERING, 1300 block of S. Jefferson Davis Highway

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 5300 block of S. 5th Street

GRAND LARCENY, 1700 block of S. Hayes Street

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 2100 block of S. Glebe Road

SHOPLIFTING, 2800 block of S. Columbia Pike

LARCENY FROM AUTO, 600 block of N. Glebe Road

EMBEZZLEMENT, 2700 block of N. Washington Boulevard

Sept. 1:

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 1600 block of N. Lynn Street

GRAND LARCENY, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

HARASSMENT, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

DISPUTE, 4000 block of N. 17th Street

PETIT LARCENY, 1100 block of S. Hayes Street

PETIT LARCENY, 5000 block of S. Columbia Pike

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 5100 block of S. Columbia Pike

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 800 block of N. Lebanon Street

Aug. 31:

ASSAULT & BATTERY, 3800 block of S. Columbia Pike

LARCENY FROM AUTO, 1800 block of N. Patrick Henry Drive

Correction

In "REEPING What It Sows" (Arlington Connection, Aug. 20), the article should have noted that the ACCESS Curriculum outline and sample units are available for free online at www.apsva.us/reep. The courses are tuition-based and taught in person.

ENTERTAINMENT



Actor Ro Boddie plays the role of Floyd in "Seven Guitars" at Signature Theatre.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY TERESA WOOD



Actors Aaron Moreland (Red Carter), Bonita Brisker (Louise), Ro Boddie (Floyd) and Joniece Abbott-Pratt (Vera) rehearse for "Seven Guitars" at Signature Theatre.

Bluesy 'Seven Guitars'

Michele Shay tackles August Wilson drama.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

No Rules Theatre Co. opens their new season with "Seven Guitars" written by August Wilson and directed by Tony Award nominated actress Michele Shay, Sept. 10-28, at Signature Theatre.

Set in Pittsburgh's center of African-American life called the Hill District in 1948, "Seven Guitars" takes place in Louise's backyard, a gathering place for blues singer Floyd "Schoolboy" Barton and his friends. Floyd is released from jail and asked to sign a record deal after a song he recorded becomes an unexpected hit. After a year of tribulations, Floyd is ready to right his past wrongs and return to Chicago with a new understanding of what's important in life.

"Seven Guitars" won the 1996 New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play and was nominated for the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 1996 Tony Award for Best Play.

Director Michele Shay appeared in the 1996 Broadway premiere after being handpicked by Wilson to play the role of Louise. She received a Tony Award nomination as Best Featured Actress in a Play for her performance.

Shay also worked with "Seven Guitars" at the Eugene O'Neill Playwright's Center in Waterford, CT, where she participated in every version of it both as an actor and since then as director, and also spent eight years contributing to the development of new plays.

"Every time I visit the play, I notice something new and different," she said. "I never tire of doing August Wilson for that reason. And working on August Wilson makes me very happy because he's so deep." Shay has appeared in three August Wilson productions and directed seven productions by the playwright.

She adds, "I think that one of the most important things about being in the shoes of August Wilson's characters is we start to recognize that there was always dignity in spite of what any situation a hu-

man being is going through."

She said the play has three exquisite women offering three unique aspects of femininity, and four macho men struggling with how to actualize their manhood in a world that constantly throws up obstacles to that.

"And they manage those obstacles in many interesting ways that provide entertainment and also break your heart," said Shay, who was born in Tuskegee, Ala., and has a BFA from Carnegie-Mellon University and an honorary MFA from ACT San Francisco. "But most of all, it will make you laugh a lot."

The cast features Ro Boddie as Floyd; Joniece Abbott-Pratt as Vera; Wayne Bennett as Canewell; Bonita Brisker as Louise; Alexis Cash as Ruby; Ron Dortch as Hedley; and Aaron Moreland as Red Carter.

Actor Ro Boddie said, "Floyd is the leader of a band that has just released a hit record that has made them local celebrities." He said Floyd is trying to overcome every obstacle that's keeping him from getting what he deserves, what's been promised to him and what he's worked so hard for.

He adds, "August Wilson gives you a peep hole into black culture that audiences don't get a chance to see often. The love and the hunger. The dreams and ambition. The relationships and community. The everyday struggle to stay afloat."

Bonita Brisker plays Louise, the nurturing landlord of the tenement, who can be sharp and opinionated. "My biggest challenge was meeting the expectations of our director Michele Shay, who originated the role of Louise on Broadway. Geez... was I nervous," she said.

Actress Alexis Cash plays the vibrant role of Ruby, a woman in touch with her sensuality and femininity who draws in men in a powerful way. "She's curious and a lot smarter and savvy than those around her give her credit for," she said.

As a final note, Shay said, "If you don't know August Wilson, don't miss this opportunity. You'll be entertained, moved, hear some good music and have a lot of good laughter."

"Seven Guitars" runs Sept. 10-28 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Tickets are \$22.20 to \$59.85. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or the Signature Box Office at 703-820-9771. Visit www.signature-theatre.org.

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

Applicants Wanted for "Arlington's Got Talent." Leadership Arlington is seeking talent applications from Arlington and the greater DC metropolitan region for its third annual "Arlington's Got Talent" event. Talent submission applications are due by 5 p.m. \$500 cash prize for first place winner. Talent applications and more information online at www.leadershiparlington.org/agt. **Movie.** 7:30 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center Plaza, 909 S Dinwiddie St. Watch "Avatar." Visit www.columbia-pike.org/events/.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive. Combines sips and sounds to create an outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and music in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. Visit crystalcity.org. **Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. The United States Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants, with a pre-concert demonstration by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team at 7:15 p.m. Free; tickets are not required. Concert subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

DogFest Walk 'N Roll. 9 a.m.-noon at 1201 South Joyce St. Canine Companions for Independence, a national non-profit organization dedicated to the raising and training of service dogs for people with disabilities, will host a community dog walk. DogFest Walk 'N Roll is open to all people and dogs alike. There will be a walk accompanied with live music and rows of booths with activities for participants and their pets. Visit cci.org/dogfestwashingtondc.

Central Arlington History Tour. Meet at 9 a.m. at Clarendon Metro Center. Visit sites including log cabins, historic library and springs, and more. Walk 1-12 miles. Bring lunch and water. Leisurely walk with many stops. \$2. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org.

Acting Class. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Michele Shay will use both monologues and scenes from August Wilson to challenge actors. Visit www.signature-theatre.org/ for tickets and information.

Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-noon at the Carlin Hall Recreation Center, 5711 S. 4th Street. Antiques and jewelry appraisal event as a fundraiser for the Ball-Sellers House with Todd Peenstra, president of Peenstra Antiques and Steve Gouterman, a nationally known antiques and art appraiser and co-owner of NovaGold. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Church Bazaar. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, 3412 South 22nd St. and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 3500 South 19th St.

In addition to the many vendors there will be games, face painting and other fun activities. There will also be opportunities to speak with community and county leaders. Admission is \$5 for children (age 12 and under) and \$13 for adults (age 13 and over). Call Macedonia Baptist Church at 703-521-7663.

Migration Madness. 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Learn how a

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"Sunday in the Park With George." Through Sunday, Sept. 21 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., in the MAX Theater. Tickets start at \$40. Single tickets are available in person at the Signature Box Office, by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT, or online at www.signature-theatre.org.

Art Exhibit. Focus Gallery presents "Left Out" juried show through Sept. 26. Each work in the show will include a short statement by the artist on the original inspiration and how it evolved as the work progressed. Located in Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Visit www.galleryunderground.org. **Art Exhibit.** See the August Members Show through Sept. 26. Features sculpture, glass, mixed media and more. Located in Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Visit www.galleryunderground.org.

REPRISE: 40 to the Fore. Through Oct. 5 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. REPRISE: 40 to the Fore rethinks, remixes, and re-presents exhibitions that Arlington Arts Center (AAC) created over the past 40 years. Free admission. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/reprise.

Organic Tales. Through Oct. 5, Wednesdays-Fridays. 1-7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Alice Whealin and Si Jae Byun present a two-person exhibition called "Organic Tales." Free Admission. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

Color Landscape Photography. Through Oct. 6., Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 1-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. See "Yosemite and Beyond." Call 703-228-6330.

Children's Music. 10:30 a.m. on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com.

Sparket: A Creative Market. Wednesdays, through Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. An electric and colorful shopping experience. Free admission; \$30 to be a vendor. Visit <http://crystalcity.org/do/sparket>.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit <https://registration.arlingtonva.us>. Free, no registration required.

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call

variety of animals prepare for winter and about those who migrate south. Free. Call 703-528-5406 to make a reservation.

Music Performance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Lily & The Parlour Tricks will perform. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com.

SATURDAY/WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 13-24

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration open. Various venues around Northern Virginia. Events include badminton, volleyball, cycling, a 5k road race, and many more. \$12 per person. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Acting Class. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Michele Shay will use both monologues and scenes from August Wilson to challenge actors. Visit www.signature-theatre.org/ for tickets and information.

A Tour and Taste of the Garden. 1-4 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Join master gardener volunteers for a late summer tour of the demonstration organic garden. Free. Call 703-528-5406.

Vintage Crystal: Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. 220 20th St. Sip and Salsa brings wines from Spain, Portugal and Argentina together with tastes from restaurants in Crystal City and the region. Live Latin jazz and salsa dancing and lessons round out the action for an afternoon outdoors. Tickets cost \$20 and include wine and food tastes. \$10 designated driver tickets are available and

include food tastes. Visit crystalcity.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 15

Regional Author Night. 6:30 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. #101. Featuring local science fiction author Bill Gourgey and celebrating the release of the third book in his "Glide" trilogy. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Laughter Yoga. 7:30-8:30 p.m. St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 Oakland St. Use breathing clapping, and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. \$3. Contact alingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

Mini Golf Tournament. 3:30-7 p.m. at Upton Hill Regional Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd. The Arlington Chamber of Commerce is presenting its 9th Annual Scholar's Cup Tournament, a family-friendly event. This event is a fundraiser for the Rich Doud Arlington Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship Fund. Registration is \$80 for a group of four, \$25 for individuals ages 16 and older, \$15 for individuals ages 15 and under, and \$15 for the BBQ dinner only. Register online at www.arlingtonchamber.org/events or call 703-525-2400.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive. Combines sips and sounds to create an outdoor event featuring interesting wine varietals and music

FOOD & DRINK

California Tortilla is teaming up with Share Our Strength to support **Dine Out for No Kid Hungry**. From Sunday Sept. 7-Saturday, Sept. 13, California Tortilla will donate \$1 for every "Fresh Deal" they sell: all customers need to do is upgrade their meal to a "Fresh Deal," which typically sells for \$2.99 and includes a drink and any side or dessert with their entrée. California Tortilla has worked with No Kid Hungry for several years, donating more than \$100,000 since their partnership began. To learn more about Share our Strength and this campaign visit www.nokidhungry.org/.

In celebration of **Talk Like a Pirate Day** on Friday, Sept. 19, Heavy Seas Alehouse Arlington, 1501 Wilson Blvd., will offer promotions throughout the day leading up to the Alehouse taking part in breaking the Guinness Book of World Records' record for largest number of casks tapped at the same time. To break the world record, Heavy Seas, along with several other alehouses around the country, will tap Loose Cannon IPA, a first time release cask ale with grapefruit zest. All casks will tap at 6 p.m. sharp. Doors open at 11 a.m. Visit heavyseasalehouse.com/arlington.

in the neighborhood's signature Crystal City Water Park. Visit crystalcity.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 19-NOV 30

Art Exhibit. Opening reception is Friday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. at Terrace Gallery. Artist talk is Saturday, Sept. 20, 2 p.m. at Terrace Gallery. Artsphere, Terrace Gallery, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 932. Think With Your Hands: Illustrated Journals Come to Life Through Augmented Reality. Free Admission. Visit www.artsphere.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Book Event. 1-3 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Book Launch for "D.C. Daniel - Washington Superhero" picture book, ages 4-9. Author Sue Pyatt and illustrator Dana Saxerud will sign. Daniel will read. Call 703-527-5929.

Stories at the Museum. 1:30-3 p.m. at Hume School, 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. A reading of "Hindenburg." Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/.

Outdoor Performance. 6:30 p.m. at

Penrose Square, 2597 Columbia Pike. Jane Franklin Dance celebrates this public space and pets by sparking a connection with those who share the common interest of community. Cute Animals is a performance project with dogs. Stop, Drop & Roll is a performance for two groups in an opposing structure of athletic-inspired movement. Free, open to the public. Visit www.janefranklin.com.

SATURDAYS/SEPT. 20-OCT. 11

Migration Mornings. 8 a.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Explore the park and see what bird species are arriving and leaving during the migration season. Meet at the Nature Center. Free. Call 703-528-5406 to make a reservation.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. 1201 S Eads St #400. Fly solo or bring Fido to the Pups and Pilsners outdoor beer festival. This dog-friendly festival features a beer garden with multiple stations. Visit washingtonwineacademy.org.

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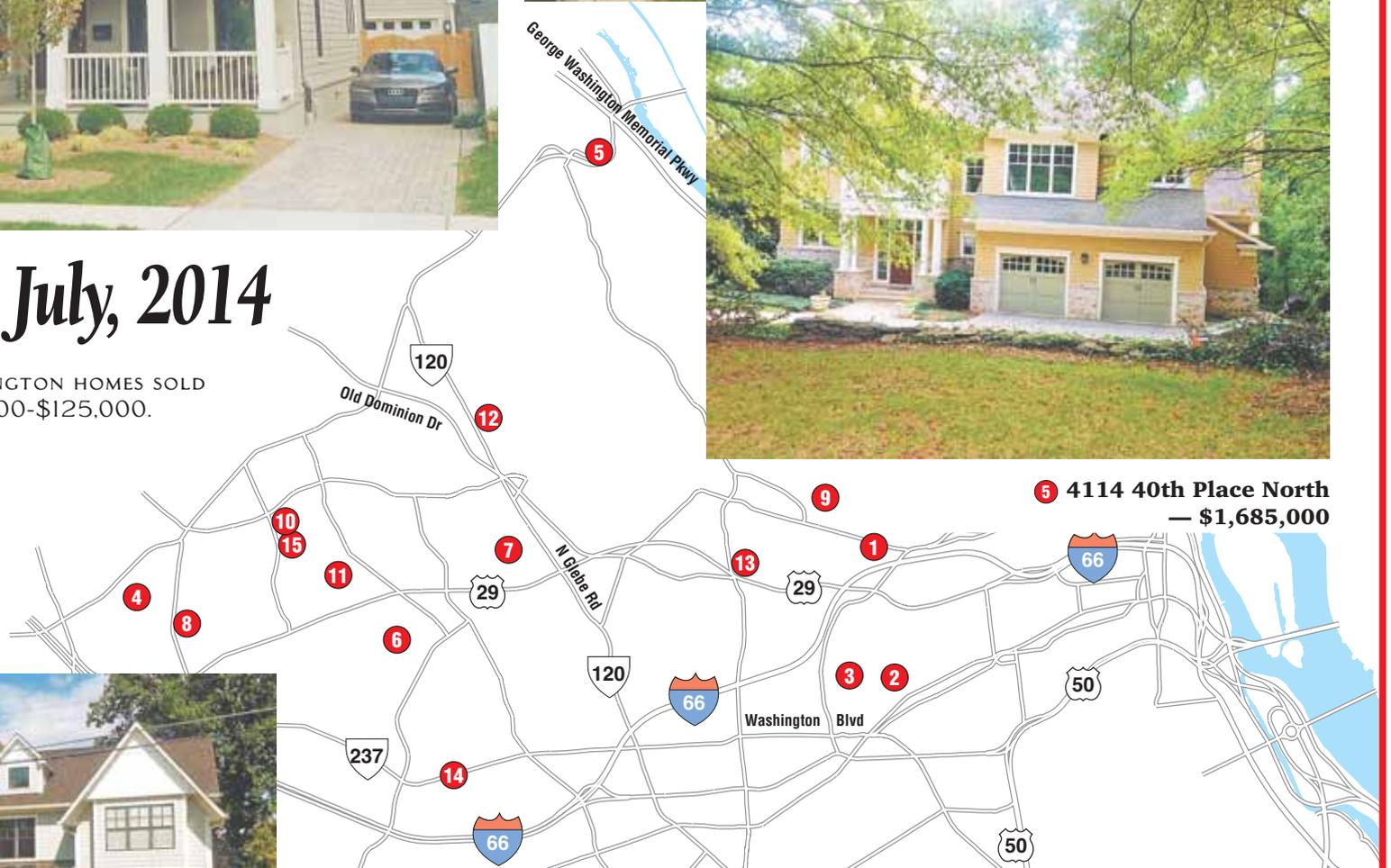
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Panelists (from left) at the 2014 NVAR Economic Summit: Mitchel Kider, Dr. Michael Frantoni, James Dinegar and David Versal.

‘Recession Ripple Persists’

Private sector job growth key to strengthening regional economy, housing demand.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

“There’s no question the primary economic driver of this region has always been Uncle Sam,” said David Versal, senior research associate at the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis. “That said, we’re not Detroit.”

That was a year ago, when Versal addressed members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors at their economic summit held in George Mason University’s Mason Inn.

At this year’s summit, his past remarks came back to haunt him, if not the whole room. “In 2013, job growth ground to a halt,” he said at the event last Thursday. “July [2013] to July [2014], net was about 20,000 jobs in our region. Who do we come closest to?”

The stunned conference hall full of Realtors, seeing his slide, answered in unison: “Detroit.”

Versal was back again for 2014, along with discussion moderator Kenneth Harney, author of the syndicated column “The Nation’s Housing.”

New panelists included: James Dinegar, president and CEO for the Greater Washington Board of Trade; Dr. Michael Frantoni, chief economist and senior vice

president of research and industry technology for the Mortgage Bankers Association, and Mitchel Kider, chairman and managing partner for Weiner Brodsky Kider PC.

THE THEME of this year’s summit was “Housing Hangover: Recession Ripple Persists in 2014: Jobs, Confidence, Mortgages (+ Aspirin) Fuel Recovery.”

Each panelist brought a different perspective to the central concept that no, the recession is not over, growth is slow and home sales are flat; but yes, the recovery is on and as long as home buyers, sellers and Realtors alike keep in front of the economic and regulatory changes taking place, things are looking up. We’re all still here.

Versal echoed his callout from last year, that since 2010 government spending cuts have decimated the Washington D.C. metro area. “We lost over \$11 billion in federal procurement,” he said, referencing the massive contracting industry, “just in 3 years; \$11 billion that was in our economy in 2010 that is no longer. This is on top of the 20,000 jobs we’ve removed.”

One true gainer in jobs over the same period, he said, has been hospitality — specifically restaurant jobs. However even though those jobs help pad the not-Detroit figure, they don’t exactly help a housing market that’s light on top-end inventory and lacking any semblance of a middle.

“Ask yourselves as Realtors: Are people buying \$6-7-800,000 houses in this region people who work in restaurants? Unless they own the restaurant probably not,”

said Versal.

According to Versal, Northern Virginia isn’t creat
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“The economy has been bad. Yet in spite of all of this, we’re all still here,” said David Versal, senior research associate at the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis.

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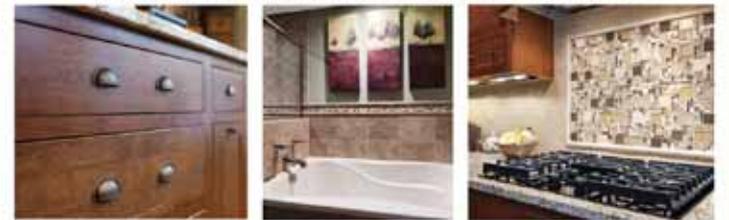
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W-L Girls' XC Produces Best Finish at Monroe Parker

Generals place fourth with four girls in top 25.

The Washington-Lee girls' cross country team continued its run of strong performances with a fourth-place finish at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Burke Lake Park.

The Generals concluded the 2013 season with their best finish in program history, placing runner-up at the VHSL 6A state race at Great Meadow. On Saturday, W-L placed fourth at the Monroe Parker Invitational with a score of 178. Madison won the event with a score of 78, followed by Lake Braddock (99) and Patriot (140). The Generals had four harriers finish in the top 25.

"This was our best girls' team finish ever at Monroe Parker," W-L head coach Matt Przydzial wrote in an email. "... We have some girls stepping into new roles in our 5-10 positions and I think by the end of the season, they will be in good position to really help us as a team."

Jordan Grimaldi was the Generals' top finisher, placing 13th with a time of 19 minutes, 19 seconds.

"Jordan Grimaldi ran a very gutsy race in extremely humid conditions," Przydzial wrote. "I feel like she was moving up in the second half of the race, where other girls were suffering from the heat. This year, I think any of our top four could run No. 1 for us on any given day. Hopefully when one of them isn't having the best day, the other three can pick up the slack. All four of them are battle-tested, having been part of some high stakes races in cross country



Washington-Lee's Jordan Grimaldi placed 13th at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Burke Lake Park.

and track and I think it shows in the way they race."

Donia Nichols finished 19th with a time of 19:27, Kathryn Eng came in 23rd (19:29) and Alice Naland finished 113th (21:59).

Eng, Grimaldi, Nichols and Laura Ramirez return from last year's state runner-up team.

"Over the last four years, with some district and conference championships helping us out, we've been steadily increasing our team size," Przydzial wrote. "We have 60 girls running for us this season and the culture on our girls' side has certainly changed from one or two strong runners to a team that takes training seriously beginning in July and expects to be in the top half in a challenging 6A North. Our goal is to take as many girls as possible to the state meet, whether it be a number of individuals or to qualify as a team again."

The W-L boys' team placed eighth.

"The boys finished eighth, which is our best Monroe Parker finish in over a decade," Przydzial wrote. "That being said, our goal is to finish in the top 6 at regionals and make the state meet as a team. So we know we're close, but we have some work to do the next few months."

Christopher Mutty was W-L's top finisher, placing 13th with a time of 16:07.

"We told Chris to focus on place, rather than time since we knew the heat would take a toll on everyone," Przydzial wrote. "We're definitely counting on Chris to be our No. 1 this season after his breakthrough track season last spring — we've made him one of our captains. Hopefully, we've surrounded him with six or seven other guys to make us a team contender, which we've had trouble with on our boys' side the last few years."

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— JON ROETMAN

Football Roundup

The Yorktown football team opened the 2014 season with a 45-13 victory over Langley on Sept. 5. The Patriots (1-0) will host H.D. Woodson of Washington, D.C. at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12.

Wakefield defeated Marshall 40-6 on Friday. Leon Young totaled 144 yards of offense and four touchdowns for the Warriors. Wakefield (1-0) will travel to face George Mason at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Washington-Lee dropped its opener to McLean, 35-29, on Friday. The Generals (0-1) will travel to face South Lakes on Friday.

Bishop O'Connell improved to 2-0 with a 54-28 victory over Bishop O'Connell on Saturday. The Knights have surpassed 50 points in each of their first two games. O'Connell (2-0) will host St. Christopher's at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

The following Virginia Tech students were honored at the spring commencement ceremony: **James Malone** received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering degree cum laude in industrial and systems engineering from the College of Engineering. **Gregory Ullrich** received a Bachelor of Science degree in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business. **David Kogan** received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in mathematics from the College of Science. **Doreen Ng-Sui-Hing** received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree magna cum laude in civil engineering from the College of Engineering. **Matthew Murray** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business. **Ward Bonnefond** received a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the College of Engineering. **John Bardo** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in environmental policy and planning from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. **Valerie McDonald** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum

laude in biological sciences from the College of Science. **Devin O'Connor** received a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude in biological sciences from the College of Science. **Roy Powell** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree cum laude in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business. **Benjamin Cutter** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business. **James Boisture** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree cum laude in economics, business from the Pamplin College of Business. **James Boisture** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree cum laude in finance from the Pamplin College of Business. **Eric Carver** received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree cum laude in electrical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Warren Denning** received a Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering degree in materials science and engineering from the College of Engineering. **Nicholas Friedman** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in finance from the Pamplin College of Business. **David Hernandez** received a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from

the College of Engineering. **David Hernandez** received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from the College of Science. **Stephanie Hitchcock** received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science. **Justin Manchester** received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering. **Victoria Mellin** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in animal and poultry sciences from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. **Benjamin Names** received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering degree in aerospace engineering from the College of Engineering. **William Ryan** received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the College of Science. **Olivia Shipley** received a Bachelor of Science degree in human development from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. **Thomas Yu** received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering degree cum laude in computer engineering from the College of Engineering. **Erica Wiles** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree cum laude in marketing management from the Pamplin College of Business.

Erik Wagner has graduated from

Randolph-Macon Academy Middle School. He received the Pre-Algebra Outstanding Mastery Award. The son of Karl Wagner of Arlington, he also received the Outstanding Dorm Citizen Award, the Lincoln Award and the Community Service Award.

Jason Ravencroft, majoring in information technology, was named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Lowell for the spring 2014 semester.

Anthony Taylor is a member of the Ashland University football team. He is the son of Anthony Taylor and Robin Barbour. Taylor is a 2011 graduate of Washington and Lee High School. Taylor, a senior, is a running back for the Eagles, majoring in business management. The Ashland University, in Ashland, Ohio, football team competes in NCAA Division II in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Dr. Alice Monet, president of Friends of Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium, presented the David M. Brown Memorial Scholarship to **Marisela Lara** during a ceremony at Kenmore Middle School. Marisela is a 2014 graduate of Washington-Lee High School, and plans to attend the University of Rochester, in Rochester, N.Y., this fall.

'Recession Ripple Persists'

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ing enough jobs paying in the \$40- to \$70,000 range to stimulate growth in the market's midsection.

But that's not all: Another factor — and a continuation from 2013's remarks — keeping the market from balancing out is the lack of adequate housing construction.

Or rather, construction of homes for purchase. Versal said half of what's being built is rental property, which doesn't produce sales and doesn't help the sagging middle.

But the regional analyst did point out a few bright spots, looking forward. In the next three to four years, Versal predicts, the D.C. metro region will be creating 50-60,000 jobs again, like it was 10 years ago — which should drive demand for housing. However this growth, he stressed, will be borne by the private sector, not the federal government.

James Dinegar of the Greater Washington Board of Trade took that optimism and ran with it, giving a speech that hyped the many "cool factors" of the D.C. metro region.

He cited Forbes magazine recently voting that area "America's Coolest City."

He cited things like Bao Bao the infant panda at the National Zoo, Robert Griffin III, Maryland joining the Big Ten major college football conference (and more importantly the Big Ten Network) and capital bike-sharing program that leads the nation in users per capita.

He cited things like numerous top tier universities, the juggernaut of cyber job-creating — NSA at Fort Meade — and being the hospitality capital of the world.

Things that, presumably, should be drawing young, family-oriented and financially stable professionals to the area, or keeping them here.

"You have to get your head around the Big Ten," Dinegar gave an example. "The BTN reaches 52 million households. We're not exposed to the Midwest the way we have been in the ACC. We're on radar screens now we haven't ever been on."

According to Dr. Michael Frantoni of the Mortgage Bankers Association, having a greater overall pull would be helpful to attract fresh capital to the nation's capital. The national trend, he said, is decreased mobility: Recent census data shows that aside from family-related moves, people are staying put more than they used to.

"Moving to a better neighborhood? If anything, people are moving to save money. But they're not aspirational movers," he said.

Or maybe they are aspirational movers, but are saving money by living with their parents. That group



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Members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors met at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel in Falls Church for their 2014 Economic Summit.

would be the mercurial, hard to put a finger on, mid-20s to mid-30s bracket referred to as "millennials." And they're a key group, being well situated with academic and professional experience to fill the \$40-\$70,000 a year private sector jobs Versal said should be driving the regional economy going forward.

However, said Frantoni, "They're different in all kinds of ways. They get married later, have children later, come home later. Everything is later. We don't know why."

A MILLENNIALS' HESITANCY to buy property probably doesn't have much to do with the projected rise in interest rates from 4.3 percent for a 30-year fixed mortgage rate in 2013 up to 5 percent in 2015. But it may have something to do with the fact that student loan debt has ballooned in the last decade from \$200 billion to over \$1 trillion, according to Frantoni.

None of the panelists expects dramatic changes in the next several years. We're off the roller coaster, they all concurred. We're still here.

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Time Sensitive



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I don't want to be cognizant of date, time and place, relative to February 27, 2009 when Team Lourie first received the stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis on yours truly, I am (a terminal diagnosis will do that to you). Moreover, as often as I write about the need to live forward, rather than die backward (if you know what I mean), I still struggle with the application. Not that I want to be preoccupied with it, but every day, every date presents opportunities, shall we say: anniversaries, birthdays, ages I thought I'd never be, appointments, scans, pills; constant reminders I am not in Kansas any more (in fact, I'm in Indiana as I write this column). Unfortunately, out of town doesn't put cancer out of mind. Though it may obfuscate its effect a little bit, I kind of feel like Al Pacino – as Michael Corleone in "Godfather III" (1990) – when frustrated by his attempts to legitimize the family business, he said: "Just when I thought I was out...they pull me back in again." And it's not as if I'm ever very far from my cancer reality anyway. The prospect of getting out (finding a cure) is probably less likely than the Corleone family going legit. Nevertheless, as I'm fond of admitting: it sure beats the alternative. So far, so good. Five and a half years and still counting.

Thankfully, life goes on and still I hope. And beholden to that hope is the recognition of the underlying facts: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer is, as my oncologist said, "a terminal disease;" he could "treat me but he couldn't cure me." Meaning, at least to me, at that time: that a normal life expectancy had just left the building, especially since the prognosis I received from him was "13 months to two years." Now let me ask you this: how does one bury that statement of presumptive medical fact and go about your business/life as if everything is hunky dory? You don't, and as often and as consistently as I have attempted to bury that lead, the reality is, there are circumstances at nearly every turn, backwards and forwards, up and down, which make it nearly impossible to live as if I'm cancer-free. As much as I'd like to forget and live life as if the world were my oyster and that I had everything to gain and nothing to lose, the truth is, it's much easier said and written than actually done. And just like "Gold Hat" (portrayed by Alfonso Bedoya) didn't "need no stinkin' badges" in the 1948 film "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre," neither do I need any reminders, "stinkin'" or otherwise, that I have cancer.

Most of the time, I can overcome them. Sometimes I can't, though. No one said this cancer experience was going to be easy; in fact a close friend and fellow cancer survivor told me quite the opposite: that this would be the hardest thing I've ever done, and of course, she was 100-percent correct; and I'm reminded of that reality every single day, whether I want to be or not.

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Fire Department History. 7 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St. The The Arlington Historical Society's fall programming will kick off with Chief James Schwartz of the Arlington County Fire Department, who will provide an historical overview of the ACFD beginning with the formation of the first volunteer fire company in 1898 through the hiring of its first career staff in 1940. A question-and-answer session will follow. The program is free and open to the public.

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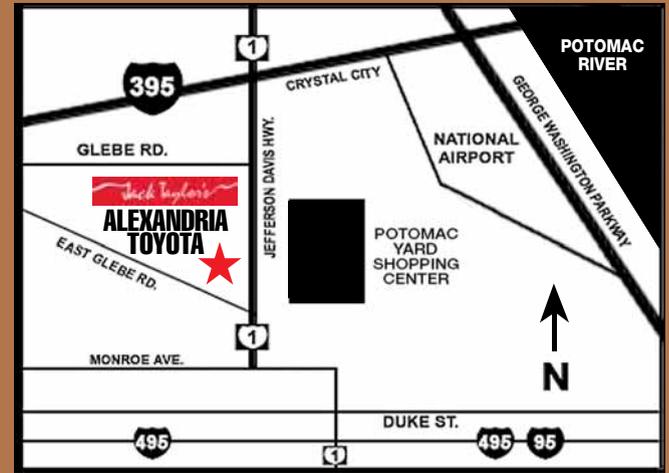
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