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Chilly Pasternak greets visitors to Wags 'n Whiskers on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 25, in Shirlington Village.

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Democrat has detailed agenda for Richmond while his opponents haven't outlined much.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION



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Malkin



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Voters in next week's special election will be faced with a choice between the familiar and the unknown in the Sept. 4 special election. On one end of the spectrum is Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka, who enjoys name recognition and has a slate of legislative proposals largely aligned with his work on the Alexandria City Council. At the other end of the spectrum are Republican Tim McGhee and Libertarian Justin Malkin, neither of whom have much to say about what bills they would introduce as freshmen legislators.

"I don't know what bills I would introduce," said McGhee, a web developer who ran an unsuccessful campaign for the Virginia state Senate last year. "There are a lot of people in the world who believe that character of person is more important than exact policy specifics of what is going to be in every paragraph of every bill."

"I can't say that I have a particular agenda in mind as of day one," said Malkin, a credit analyst and first-time candidate. "I think I've kind of got to get my feet wet before I can really figure out exactly what I can accomplish."

Krupicka, on the other hand, has a long list of legislation he's interested in proposing if he wins the special election. If elected, Krupicka said, he would like to focus attention on early childhood education. That's been an ongoing theme of his years in politics over the last decade, although one in four children in Alexandria remain without a quality pre-Kindergarten experience. Krupicka also said he would work to give the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission more revenue authority, reducing the role of the Virginia Department of Transportation. That could mean that the commission would be able to create new taxes, although Krupicka would not endorse any specific proposal.

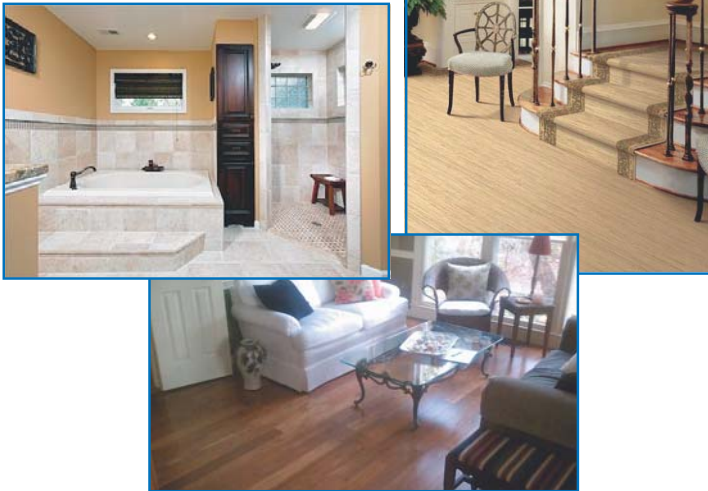
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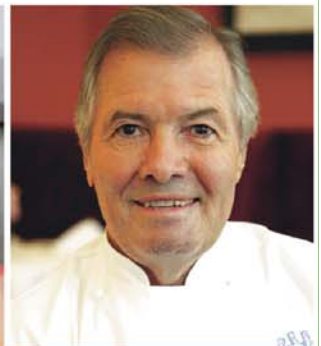
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Enjoying Wags n' Whiskers



Cinnamon and Silk snuggle up on Donna Henry's lap as they don't like sitting or standing on the bricks without their shoes.

The streets were blocked off in Shirlington Village for Wags 'n Whiskers on Saturday, Aug. 25. More than 35 exhibitors set up tents and booths offering information on pet services, adoptions, accessories, tasty treats and more. Hundreds of dogs and their handlers browsed the tents listening to live music and entertainment.

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Artist Glen Kessler finishes up a painting at the fair. Kessler works out of the Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo Park, Md. and offers fall and winter classes.

Aquatics Center On the Ballot

State-of-the-art facility to be considered by voters this fall.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

When they head to the polls this November, voters may be thinking of Ryan Lochte and Michael Phelps.

That's because the Arlington County ballot will include a \$42.5 million bond initiative to create an aquatics and fitness center at Long Bridge Park — the largest dollar amount of any capital-improvement project on the ballot this year. Voters will also determine the fate of a \$2.5 million interchange to help handle the additional traffic to the park. The efforts are part of a second phase of construction at the north edge of Crystal City, replacing an old industrial area with a new public space along Roaches Run.

"It will be a state-of-the art aquatics center," said Kurt Louis, park service manager of Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation. "Fairfax County has a number of these, but Arlington does not have competitive swimming pools other than the ones at the high schools."

Last November, the first phase of Long Bridge Park opened to the public. It included three synthetic fields, a half-mile esplanade and a dramatic Wave Arbor featuring kinetic wings that undulate in the breeze. Now phase two is in the designing stages. When it's all said and done, the complex is expected to include an aquatics, health and fitness center featuring a competition pool, teaching pool, family leisure pool, therapy pool, wet classrooms and party rooms. The facility will also have an indoor fitness area for cardiovascular equipment and weight training, fitness classes and community space.

"We would be able to host local and regional swim events," said Erik Beach, county planner. "It could host water polo and diving as well as college events."

PLANNING FOR Long Bridge Park began in 2001, and the County Board adopted a master plan in 2004. The site was originally known as "North Tract," but was renamed "Long Bridge" in

2008 to honor the bridge erected by the Washington Bridge Company in 1809. County officials knew the site would be ideal for a park because the site features sweeping views of the Washington Monument and the Jefferson Memorial as well as the Pentagon, the Air Force Memorial and Crystal City. Although it sounds exciting, don't hold your breath for Arlington County to host the Olympics — or even the Olympic trials.

"Olympic events are difficult because they are looking for a lot more seating that we are putting in this facility," said Beach. "They are looking for 30,000 seats for the trials, and we are only going to have 700 because obviously our first market is Arlington residents."

Back in 2005, voters approved the first round of funding for the first phase. Now, voters will once again be asked to borrow money again to create a massive new aquatics and fitness center. County officials say the downturn in the economy creates an ideal circumstance to finance and construct the facility, taking advantage of low interest rates while providing an economic stimulus to the local economy at the same time.

"This project is well-planned, well-designed and overdue," said County Board member Jay Fissette when the project was originally approved in 2009.

THE HISTORY of the area formerly known as the North Tract dates back to colonial times, when it was used for farming, hunting and fish camps. Shortly after the area became incorporated into the original District of Columbia, the Long Bridge was constructed to bring people from Alexandria to the capital and back. When the British attacked Washington in 1814, they burned the D.C. end of the bridge while the Americans burned the Virginia side. The Civil War also took its toll on Long Bridge.

"The heavy traffic for Army purposes over the Long Bridge soon made it necessary to rebuild the entire wooden structure and draws," wrote Arlington historian Cornelia Rose. "This was done in

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SCHOOLS

Students Riding Buses To Use Vouchers Superintendent Responds to Bus Concerns

Overcrowding spotlights problem with "walk backs."

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI
THE CONNECTION

In a letter sent out to parents in July, Superintendent of Schools Patrick Murphy said that elementary students who live more than one mile from school and middle and high school students who live 1 and a half miles from school will still receive bus transportation. What will be changing is that students who ride the bus will receive a voucher that they will show to get on the bus.

Murphy said in the letter that after hearing complaints from parents about the bus system, he "initiated a bus transportation evaluation by an outside consultant who specializes in that area."

"After reviewing the consultant's evaluation report and sharing it with the School Board and community last fall, the Office of Transportation initiated a plan of action to address many of the concerns that have been shared with our principals, transportation staff, and me. Implementing such a

plan will position us for the future and at the same time ensure that our APS transportation system operates safely to best serve our students and families," said Murphy.

According to Frank Bellavia, a public relations specialist for Arlington Public Schools, some students who live within walking distance of their designated school would walk a few blocks to take the nearest bus, which has led to overcrowding on some of the buses.

The voucher will "be able to let the bus driver know who's allowed on the bus and who isn't," said Bellavia. He also said that if the parents of students who can walk to school have a special reason as to why their children should ride the bus, they would need to get special permission from the Office of Transportation.

However, a group of parents whose children attend Taylor Elementary School are concerned about the plan. In an email, Tracie Dougherty, a Taylor parent, said that her neighborhood and her friends' neighborhoods might lose bus service this year.

"While we don't yet have official notification from the county, my conversations with APS Transportation Services leave me quite convinced that the county, in its attempt to overhaul bus services, has either

inadvertently or deliberately taken action that will remove bus service for any home that is less than a mile from Taylor Elementary School," said Dougherty, in the email. "This change is despite the decades old practice of providing bus service to many of us who live across busy streets such as Military Road/Nellie Custis."

Pam Girardo, another Taylor parent, said in an email interview that many "children are now designated as 'walkers,' having previously been designated as 'bus riders.'" She also said that these "children were not 'illegally' hopping on the bus to avoid walking to school."

In a letter sent to Taylor Elementary School parents by Rob Hindman, the principal of the school, he wrote that there will be a crossing guard at Military Road, one of the busy roads that has parents such as Dougherty concerned. He also said that he would be happy to work with the families who are affected by this change to look at ways "we can support our walkers with Walking School Buses, drop off areas around the school, or other strategies."

"I want to assure all Taylor families that I will work with you to help facilitate this transition as we prepare for the beginning of a new year," said Hindman, in the letter to parents.

The following letter by Superintendent of Schools Patrick K. Murphy was addressed to Arlington Public School families.

I want to acknowledge that as we have been preparing for the start of school, all of us – School Board members, staff and I – have heard from many families with their concerns about the transition in our Transportation Services.

I regret the confusion some families have experienced and want to assure you that we are working to address and respond quickly to the many questions and concerns that have been raised. As many of you are aware, we have found a few errors in our route planning. I want to assure you that we are working to correct any errors through the appeals process as quickly as possible. Families affected by these changes are also being notified.

As noted in my July 9 letter to APS families, a critical step in our Transportation plan is serving students who are eligible for bus service in accordance with School Board policy. I recognize that notifying you re

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Special Election Next Week

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“That would have to be part of a package,” said Krupicka. “I want to move away from VDOT determining our destiny.”

ON THE ISSUES, the three candidates offer variety for voters even if their legislative agenda lacks clarity. Krupicka approaches the campaign from the left, supporting health-care reform and gun control while opposing limitations on abortion. McGhee approaches issues from the right, supporting limitations on abortion while opposing health-care reform and gun control. Malkin approaches the campaign from a Libertarian perspective, opposing health-care reform, gun control and limitations on abortion.

“My campaign is aimed at voters who are socially tolerant and fiscally responsible,” said Malkin. “That’s what would guide my decision-making in Richmond.”

McGhee, on the other hand offers a much more traditional Republican campaign. When asked about the hot-button social issues considered in the most recent General Assembly session, McGhee agreed with every major initiative of the new conservative majority. For example, he supports requiring a transvaginal ultrasound procedure before women can receive an abortion. And he supports the

effort to create strict new regulatory standards for abortion clinics, holding them responsible for hospital construction standards.

“Despite what you may hear from the other side on this issue, this industry does have a track record of creating some very dangerous and deadly situations for women,” said McGhee. “We need to make sure that as long as we continue to allow this procedure that we provide as much care for those involved.”

KRUPICKA OFFERS voters the most familiar face. First elected to the Alexandria City Council at the age of 32, he spent many years as the youngest elected official in Alexandria. Now he finds himself as the oldest candidate in the race, and the one with the most experience as an elected official.

He also has an existing campaign team from his failed bid for the Democratic nomination to fill the seat vacated last year by state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), a hotly contested race with Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49). If elected, Krupicka says he would stand up to what he calls “the war on women” in Richmond.

“This should be an easy win for the Democrat,” said Toni-Michelle Travis, professor at George Mason University. “The only way Krupicka is in trouble is if voters are outraged by something he did on City Council or he makes some kind of major gaffe, neither of which seem likely.”

Aquatics

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the fall of 1861 by the Quartermaster Department.”

After the war, this area became home to a brick factory that was used to build Fort Myer and rebuild war-torn Alexandria. When the Pentagon was constructed, the area where the park is now located was used as a staging area. It remained an uninviting industrial area for many decades until 1993, when Arlington County reached an agreement with RF&P Railroad, the owner of a parcel known as North Tract. Now that phase one of the Long Bridge Park has opened, many feel that it will help Crystal City transform into a vibrant community.

“We are bullish and primed for a turnaround,” said Angie Fox, president of the Crystal City Business Improvement District. “Adding a world class aquatics center to Long Bridge Park is a phenomenal step forward for this area, and we are all really excited about it.”

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Attending Back to School Night and making contact with teachers is one of the most important things parents can do to set up the

school year for success. Back to School Nights begin the first week of September. Find the date for yours:

Fairfax County <http://www.fcps.edu/news/backtoschool/>

In Arlington, Elementary Back-to-School Night is Sept. 19; Middle School Back-to-School Night is Sept. 24 and High School Back-to-School Night is Oct. 1, with H-B Woodlawn's being Oct. 2. More at <http://www.apsva.us/aps>

City of Alexandria Back-to-School dates are available at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/news/good-news/gn2012071801.php>

This school year will be the last for Superintendent for Fairfax County Public Schools Jack

Dale, who has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2013.

The School Board will spend much of the coming months in the search and selection of the new superintendent.

In Fairfax County, students will be encouraged to BYOD. That's "bring your own device." With written parental permission, students will be allowed to connect to school wireless with their smart phones, tablets and laptops. Students and parents should remember that school officials will be able to examine those devices and discipline students for content and activities that are in violation of conduct rules and act accordingly. More at <http://www.fcps.edu/it/byod>

EDITORIALS

Reminder: Check Voter Status

While Northern Virginia has remarkable rates of voter registration, many changes to polling places, political district boundaries and rules for voting in Virginia, make it worth double checking your status now. Virginia's front seat role at the Republican National Convention serves as a reminder that every Virginia vote cast will count in November.

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to your local elections office address.

Every Virginia voter should expect a new voter identification card in the mail at the beginning of October, very close to the Oct. 15 deadline, so better to check now.

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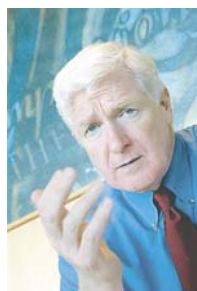
Correction: Last week's Newcomers and Community Guide omitted the name of an independent candidate, Mark T. Gibson, running for U.S. House of Representatives in the 11th District. The same paragraph also mistakenly referred to that district by the wrong district number in a second reference. The correction have been made in our online and PDF editions.

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Our Health Depends on the Air We Breathe

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COMMENTARY

For too many Americans and Virginians, simply breathing the air can be dangerous. That's especially the case for the 306,000 Virginia children and 96,000 adults who battle asthma, the 1.1 million with cardiovascular disease, the 154,000 with chronic bronchitis and the estimated 411,000 who live in poverty. But it is true for all of us and it's that way because of soot in our air.

Soot, or fine particulate matter (PM2.5), is composed of a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets, usually made up of several different types of harmful chemicals. It's easy to recognize as it contributes significantly to the haze that blankets many cities and national parks. Smokestacks and tailpipes churn out soot and we breathe it in, every day.

The body reacts to it in much the same manner as it does to tobacco smoke. Smaller than a grain of sand and only visible with a microscope, tiny soot particles travel deep into the

lungs when inhaled and swiftly penetrate the bloodstream, immediately increasing the risk of severe respiratory distress, heart attacks and strokes.

Soot kills; leads to hospitalizations; triggers asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes; and has been linked to causing permanent lung tissue and airway damage, reproductive complications and cancer.

For decades, the Clean Air Act has helped protect the air we breathe by letting us know and track what pollutants make it into our air and allowing us to set targets, make plans, and have accountability for reducing those pollutants over time. And perhaps most importantly, it requires that we review those standards as science helps us understand new risks.

That's happening now with soot. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reviewing the current standard for soot, last set in 1997. Since then, more than 10,000 studies have demonstrated that soot is a public health

threat and that we must ensure that fewer smaller particles are able to get into the air and into our lungs.

Earlier this summer, the EPA proposed a new stronger standard for soot and is accepting public comments on these standards until the end of August. What are the potential benefits of enacting the strongest standard? By cleaning up soot, we can prevent 35,700 deaths, 23,290 visits to the hospital and emergency room, 2,350 heart attacks, 1.4 million cases of aggravated asthma and 29,800 cases of acute bronchitis every year. An estimated 2.7 million days of missed work and school due to air pollution-caused ailments would be avoided annually.

It's August in Washington and the humidity makes it hard enough to breathe for even the most healthy among us. While we see the haze of air pollution on really bad days, we do not see the particles within it. And those particles are a threat to our health and the health of our families and neighbors. I hope all Virginians and Americans will join me in asking the EPA to stand strong for a strong soot standard. We'll all breathe a bit easier when you do.

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SCHOOLS

Superintendent Responds to Parents' Bus Concerns

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cently of specific changes for your child's eligibility for the bus service has been disruptive to some families.

The primary focus of this transition has been to ensure the safety of our students. This means we need to know who is on the bus, and to ensure that our buses are not overcrowded, especially in the face of our growing enrollment needs. We also need to focus on improving on-time service to and from schools.

For the first time ever, this year we have been able to provide each school with a list of each student's bus route and arrival times. This is information we were not able to provide in the past because we did not know which students were riding on each bus. Now, if there are bus delays, we can contact just the families of the students who ride a particular bus. This new system will also ensure that we avoid having too many or too few students assigned to a bus.

SCOPE OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENTS

Many families have asked about the extent of the changes being undertaken. I think it would be helpful to provide some background information on the scope of this project and our transportation program.

APS has 1,783 bus stops each morning across the county plus approximately 450 additional stops for students with special

needs. This year, approximately 14,000 students (about 60 percent) are eligible for bus transportation. We also have approximately 9,000 students (about 40 percent) who reside within their school walk zone. Factoring in our continuing growth in enrollment, these numbers reflect the same breakdown of "riders" and "walkers" as in previous years.

In total, we have removed 12 bus stops that were located within the walk zone area at five schools. This change is an issue for approximately 250 students. Also, on some routes we have condensed two or three bus stops into one to limit the numbers of times a bus has to stop along a route to improve students' on-time arrival at schools. In other areas, we have added stops to decrease the number of students waiting at a stop.

What are the standards and how are decisions made?

Our policy standards have not changed. The School Board's Transportation Policy has always said that, "Safe transportation to school will be provided at public expense to transport students Pre-K through Grade 12 living beyond a one mile walking distance from elementary schools and a one and one-half mile walking distance from middle and high schools (property line to property line)."

APS has and continues to use the following standards for walk zones:

- ❖ For elementary students who live in

their school's "walk zone" who may need to cross a road at some point with help, crossing guards will continue to be provided. In some cases, students must walk part of the way to reach the crossing guard location where they can receive appropriate supervision to cross and continue their walk to school.

- ❖ For secondary students living in "walk zones," we look to see if crosswalks, traffic and crossing lights, or other pedestrian supports are available along those routes.

ELIMINATION OF "WALK BACKS"

It has become apparent that some families were not aware that their student lived within the "walk zone" and were actually "walking back" to get on a bus. We estimate that approximately 1,000-1,500 students "walked back" to get on a bus, resulting in overcrowded buses with students sometimes standing in the aisles.

With our growing enrollment, this practice has caused continued overcrowding on many buses. More importantly, this meant that we did not have an accurate list of the students riding buses, which has been a serious safety concern. Consequently, we can no longer accommodate "walk back" students on our buses.

WALK ZONE MAPS

The walking maps previously displayed online had been developed by the County

in 1997 and 1998. While they were intended as aids in planning routes to school, they did not accurately depict the boundaries of the official "school walk zones." In addition, some of them did not reflect other traffic changes for their communities. We have been working to update the maps to reflect individual communities more accurately. We will re-post them as soon as they have been revised.

PROCESS FOR APPEALS

As with any transition, there are details to be ironed out, and we are working through that process now. We have received approximately 100 appeals as of today. While some appeals are focused on bus stops that were moved or eliminated, the majority of appeals are due to the elimination of "walk backs." As we receive the appeals, we are immediately processing them and following up with the families as soon as possible. For walkers, this includes close examination of the student routes and distances to walk to school. It is our goal to resolve as many of these as possible prior to the start of the school year.

In addition, as we work through the appeal and discover that an error has been made, we scan that neighborhood area to see if there are other students who may have been similarly affected and we are reaching out to those families, even if they have not made an appeal.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'

Musical comedy is running through Oct. 7 at Signature.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

It was known as The Chicken Ranch, a century-old "business" in La Grange, Texas, that earned its nickname for accepting chickens as payment for services rendered. But when a crusading TV reporter makes the brothel the subject of an expose, the legendary house of ill repute is forced to close, providing the basis for "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," a boot-scooting musical now playing at Signature Theatre in Arlington.

Originally staged on Broadway in 1978 (followed by the movie starring Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds), "Whorehouse" stars the incomparable Sherri L. Edelen as Miss Mona, the proprietor of the Chicken Ranch. Edelen brings a sultry sexiness to the role, exuding charisma and charm in a range of songs from "A Lil' Ole Bitty Pissant Country Place" to the poignant closing strains of "A Friend to Me."

In addition to Edelen, the exceptional cast includes Thomas Adrian Simpson, who turns in a stellar performance as Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd, a hot-tempered good-old-boy with a tender spot for Miss Mona. Simpson delivers his many expletive laden monologues with conviction and flair, while his rich vocals shine in "Good Old Girl."

Nova Y. Payton returns to Signature as Jewel, Miss Mona's trusted assistant who, along with the ensemble of "working girls," brings down the house with a rocking rendition of "Twenty-Fours of Lovin'."

With relentless energy and humor, Christopher Bloch commands the stage as the pompous and pious Melvin P. Thorpe, the TV reporter hell bent on shuttering the whorehouse, while Dan Manning is the Texas governor who comically sidesteps his political dilemma.

The entire ensemble is equally impressive, with the male Aggie Boys especially memorable in the sizzling, athletic routines that literally bare all save for the strategic placement of a few 10-gallon Stetsons.

Music and lyrics are by Carol Hall and book by Larry L. King and Peter Masterson.



Sherri L. Edelen (as Miss Mona, center) leads the cast of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" in the production's toe-tapping finale. The musical comedy "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" plays at Virginia's Signature Theatre through Oct. 7, 2012. Visit www.signature-theatre.org.



The Aggie Boys (from left to right: Davis Hastly, Benjamin Horen, Vincent Kempinski, Stephen Gregory Smith) celebrate their football victory before they leave for a night at the Chicken Ranch.



Jewel (Nova Y. Payton, center) shows the girls at the Chicken Ranch just how "Twenty Four Hours of Lovin'" are done.

Gabriele Mangiante provides the musical direction of the seven-piece orchestra with choreography by Karma Camp.

The original Chicken Ranch may have ceased operating in 1973, but under the

masterful eye of Signature's Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer, the legacy of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" lives on in one of the most entertaining, toe-tapping productions of the year.

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" is playing now through Oct. 7 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. For tickets or more information, call 703-820-9771 or visit www.signature-theatre.org.

CALENDAR

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is noon the Thursday before publication. Photos are welcome.

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

American Soldiers in Civil, Revolutionary, and World Wars Lecture. 7 p.m. Comparison lecture by George Mason University professor, Christopher Hamner. Book sale and signing at 6:30 p.m. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

Celtic Aire, the United States Air Force Band is having a Summer Concert Series at the Air Force Memorial. It starts at 8 p.m. and is free to the public, tickets are not required. Air Force Memorial is located at One Air Force Memorial Drive.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

Book Club. 7 p.m. Discuss Hell or High Water by Joy Castro. At One More

Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Body language expert and author Janine Driver discusses You Can't Lie to Me: The Revolutionary Program to Supercharge Your Inner Lie Detector and Get to the Truth. At One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call

703-300-9746.

THURSDAY/ SEPT. 6

Leukemia/Lymphoma. 7:30 p.m. Make a difference in the fight against blood cancer. Team In Training will hold a free information session at Marymount University's Lee Center to discuss upcoming races, registration and training tips. Visit www.teamintraining.org/nca/ or on Facebook www.facebook.com/TNTNCA.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Stephanie Lucianovic will discuss her book,

Suffering Succotash: The Picky Eater's Quest to Understand Why We Hate the Foods We Hate, at One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

Paintings by Nancy Hannans and Beverly Ryan. 5-7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the opening reception of this exhibit at Marymount's Barry Gallery, in the Reinsch Library on Marymount's

Main Campus, 2807 North Glebe Rd.
Call 703-284-1561 or email
judy.bass@marymount.edu.

Canning and Food Preservation Class. Noon-4 p.m. The class will feature a hands-on preparation of a pressure canning recipe — succotash. \$20 (cash/check made out to Arlington Extension Fund). Bring aprons and dish towels and/or cloth bags. RSVP by Wednesday/Sept. 5 Fairlington Community Center Kitchen, 3308 S Stafford St. To register contact Jennifer Abel: jabel@vt.edu or call 703-228-6417.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8
Ice Show. 4 p.m. Figure skater Michael Weiss, of McLean, a three-time U.S. National Figure Skating Champion and two-time Olympian, will host the 8th Annual Michael Weiss Foundation "Ice Champions LIVE!" at The Kettler Capitals Iceplex, featuring three aspiring local skaters to participate: Elise Romola, and dance team of Gigi Becker and Luca Becker. At 627 North Glebe Rd. \$20-50. Tickets are available at www.MichaelWeiss.org and www.Ticketweb.com or 866-468-7630.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Second Annual Freedom Walk. 8 a.m. - noon. Walk alongside veterans, servicemembers and their families to express gratitude for their service. At Arlington National Cemetery. Suggested donation of \$10/person or contact Cyndi.Lucas@operationhomefront.net.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Join master storyteller and pizza-maker

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Join master storyteller and pizza-maker

Dave DiGrazie for a night of fiction, food and wine as he chats about his latest novel, See John Play, and brings samples of his pizza. At One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

Decorate and Donate. 5-9 p.m. Purchase a flip flop and let your creativity shine. All flip-flop donations will go to Arlington Free Clinic. Clare and Don's Beach Shack, 130 N. Washington St. Call 703-862-4214.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 13

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Steve Piacente discusses and signs his new novel, Bootlicker, about a racist U.S. senator and the candidate poised to become South Carolina's first black congressman since the Civil War. At One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 14

One More Page Book Club. 11 a.m. Meet to discuss The Submission by Amy Waldman. At One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

Latin American Harp Festival. 7:30 p.m. Teatro de la Luna presents 'Arpas de America', presenting Rene Devia of Colombia, Julio Gonzalez of Mexico and Lorenzo Gonzalez and Julie Crystal Pena of Paraguay, four masters of the Latin American harp, at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater, 1611 N. Kent St. Tickets at www.teatrodelaLuna.org, TICKETplace.org, and Goldstar.com.

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Barbershop Chorus Show. 2 p.m. The Arlington Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society with the Arlingtones Barbershop Chorus Chapter Quartets present The Wearing O' the Green and the Blue and the Gray, ACME Chord Company featured. Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 3501 S. 2nd St. \$15. Call 703-521-9331 or visit www.theArlingtones.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

A Taste of Wine and Jazz. 2-6 p.m. \$20 food and wine, \$10 food only. Enjoy sips of wine from Spain and South America provided by Jaleo and tempting tapas from local restaurants. Free salsa dancing lessons from The Salsa Room, Latin jazz from Trio Caliente and wine tasting classes from the Washington Wine Academy. Tickets available day of event. Courtyard at 220 20th St.

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Resident artist Beth Baldwin is teaching a plushie demonstration class to Arlington residents at Artisphere, Sunday, Aug. 19.



James Iveson is stitching together his animal print with his father during a plushie making demonstration lead by artist Beth Baldwin at Artisphere, Sunday, Aug. 19.

PHOTOS BY LASHAWN AVERY-SIMON/THE CONNECTION

Plushies at Artisphere

Artisphere selected local artist Beth Baldwin for a six month artist-in-residency through November 2012. Baldwin will create her one-of-a-kind animals and houses made from recycled materials in full view of the public eye. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to walk through her studio, watch her work, and ask questions during her residency hours: Wednesdays-Fridays from 6-10 p.m. and Saturdays noon-6 p.m. Artisphere is located at 1101 Wilson Boulevard.

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

THURSDAY/AUG. 30

50 Man Machine will be performing reggae/ska music at Whitlow's Bar & Grill at 2854 Wilson Blvd. 9:30 p.m. Visit whitlows.com/music.html

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

Flow in the Dark will be performing rock/hip hop/party music at Whitlow's Bar & Grill at 2854 Wilson Blvd. 10 p.m. Visit whitlows.com/music.html

AUG. 24 TO NOV. 4

Beyond the Parking Lot: The Change and Re-Assessment of Our Modern Landscape. Free. Exhibiting artists include Amanda Burnham (Baltimore); Maya Ciarrocchi (New York); Julia Christensen (Oberlin, Ohio); Richard Crozier (Charlottesville); Frank Hallam Day (Washington, D.C.); Gregory Euclide (Le Sueur, Minn.); Alex Lukas (Philadelphia); Rachel Sitkin (Baltimore); and Trevor Young (Washington, D.C.). At the Terrace Gallery at the Artisphere.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

The Sweater Set w/ Star FK Radium w/ Addieville to perform at Iota Club & Cafe. 8 p.m. \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

Justin Trawick Group w/ Buster Brown to perform at Iota Club & Cafe. 9 p.m. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Derek Evry and His Misanthropes to perform at Iota Club & Cafe for his CD release show, along with The Weathervanes and Norman Rockwell. 9 p.m. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

UrbanArias: Photo-Op. 8 p.m. UrbanArias presents *Photo-Op* by Conrad Cummings and James Siena, a 60-minute opera about the absurdity of modern presidential politics. Two singers deliver stump speeches, walk rope lines, debate, and utter sound bites set to Cummings' hard-hitting but harmonious minimalist-influenced score. \$22. In the Black Box Theatre of the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Visit artisphere.com.

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Iota Club and Cafe. 8 p.m. Admission \$10. Chamber pop singer-songwriter Jann Klose will be performing and is available for interviews before the show. Also on the bill is Meg Wilkinson, singer and actress. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-822-8340.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 13

Lake Street Dive will perform at Iota Club & Cafe at 8:30 p.m. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

The Old Ceremony w/ Goodnight Texas will perform at Iota Club & Cafe at 9 p.m. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Nicki Bluhm and the Gramblers w/ Sean Rowe will perform at Iota Club & Cafe at 9 p.m. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com. **Magic of Music at Kinder Haus Toys.** For ages 3-10. 1220 N. Fillmore. Visit kinderhaus.com or call 703-527-5929.



Music for Lunch

The Robert Jospe' band perform a lunch time concert on Wilson Blvd. in Rosslyn, Thursday, Aug. 23.

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Molnar Leads Yorktown Volleyball Past South County

Junior tallies 20 kills in five-game, season-opening victory.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Middle hitter Hayley Molnar did most of her damage at the net during the Yorktown volleyball team's season opener against South County, but it was the junior's jump serve that provided an electric end to an energetic Patriots' effort in the deciding fifth game.

Molnar elevated near the end line and smashed an ace, putting the finishing touch on a 3-2 (25-23, 25-17, 18-25, 20-25, 15-4) victory at Yorktown High School. The Patriots won the first two games, but South County battled back to force a fifth. Yorktown came out energized, scoring the first four points and seven of the first eight. The Stallions cut their deficit to 7-3, but the Patriots scored eight of the final nine points to close the match.

"It was really exciting," Yorktown setter Reilly Burlingame said. "I was ready for it to end. I was tired."

Molnar obliged. In the fifth set, she tallied five kills, one block and the match-winning ace. She finished with 20 kills, six blocks, six digs and two aces.

"Playing four games is really tough," Molnar said, "but you have to push [in the fifth game] and energy is a big component — and also spirit, because we really wanted to win our first real [match] of the season."

Molnar's 20 kills led an otherwise balanced Yorktown offense. Junior outside hitters Brooke Maloney and Jane Townshend each had six kills, and Burlingame and junior middle Annabel Hungate each had five.

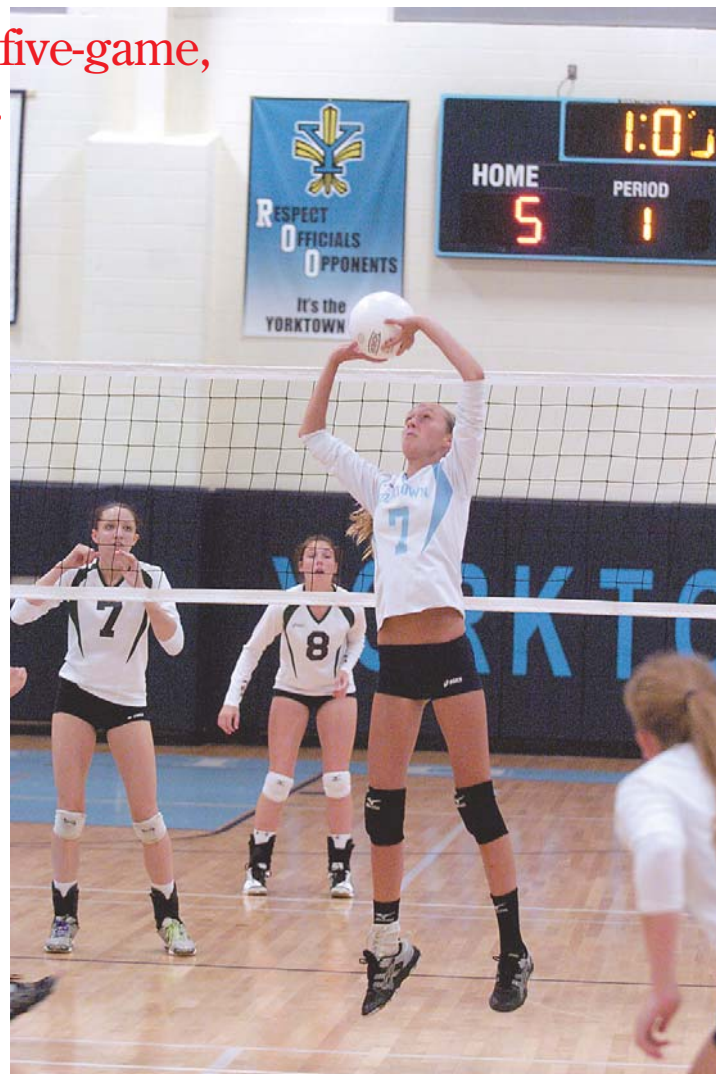
Burlingame, who took over the setter position from her graduated sister, Kaley Burlingame, totaled 35 assists. Molnar and Burlingame play club ball together, as well.

"They're a good two-some," Yorktown head coach Brittanie Behar said. "They play together in club, too, so I think that really helps their consistency. They're both just really aggressive, excited players and I think you can tell that when you watch them play."

Maloney recorded three aces and Burlingame had two. Senior libero Ashley Meredith and Townshend each totaled 15 digs. Maloney finished with nine digs and Burlingame had eight.

Monday's victory marked the third time in the last two seasons Yorktown defeated South County in five games, including the 2011 season opener and the teams' meeting in the regional quarterfinals. The Patriots reached advanced to the semifinals where they lost to Stone Bridge, finishing one win shy of the state tournament. Yorktown also won its first National District title since 2008.

The Patriots will travel to face Oakton at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4.



Yorktown setter Reilly Burlingame dished 35 assists during the Patriots' five-game victory against South County on Aug. 27.



Yorktown junior Jane Townshend had six kills against South County on Aug. 27.

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Yorktown junior Hayley Molnar tallied 20 kills in the Patriots' season-opening victory against South County on Aug. 27.

SPORTS BRIEF Football Openers

The Wakefield football team will open its 2012 season on the road against T.C. Williams at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. The Warriors lost to TC, 51-7, in last year's opener, en route to their third straight 1-9 finish. Wakefield is looking for its first winning season since 1983.

Later that night, Washington-Lee will host McLean at 7:30 p.m. The Generals have lost their last three season-openers to the Highlanders, including last year's 7-6 defeat. The Generals are looking to improve on last year's 2-8 record.

On Friday, Aug. 31, Yorktown and Bishop O'Connell will each open their respective seasons.

O'Connell will host Bishop Ireton at 3 p.m. The Knights lost last year's opener to the Cardinals, 14-7, and finished the season with a 1-9 record.

Yorktown will host Bowie (Md.) at 7:30 p.m. The Patriots had their first undefeated regular season in school history last year and reached the Division 5 Northern Region final, where they lost to South County.

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“The job is all about the people.”

— Kenwyn Schaffner, principal, Jamestown Elementary School

First-Year Principals Note Challenges, Accomplishments

Arlington principals share experiences after one year on the job.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE CONNECTION

At the end of the last school year, Bridget Loft and Kenwyn Schaffner reflected on their time as principals one year on the job.

From playing the drums to acting on stage, these first-year principals engaged their respective school communities. There were challenges to be met over the course of the year, yet both Schaffner at Jamestown Elementary School and Loft at Swanson Middle School consider their initial year a remarkable success.

“I’m blessed and fortunate to work in a community I know,” said Loft. “Swanson has a rich service to the community, my job is to continue that stewardship.”

Loft has spent the bulk of her career in Arlington County, and was previously assistant principal at Swanson for four years. According to Loft, the change of position has given her more flexibility to implement a vision of greater accountability.

“About 50-percent of my time as assistant



Bridget Loft, principal at Swanson Middle School, has been on the job for one year.

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Kenwyn Schaffner, principal of Jamestown Elementary School, with students.

principal was devoted to student discipline. As a principal I don’t participate with discipline, it’s broader, setting the vision and then implementing the strategies to bring staff around to that vision,” said Loft.

A signature accomplishment under Loft’s stewardship was a data wall of assessment scores associated with individual teachers. Although student names were redacted, the public nature of laying out scores for all to see is a major change. “It’s scary to make yourself vulnerable with peers. Part of my job was to bring up the idea, and also to be cheerleader,” said Loft.

Not all of Loft’s proposals were successful, however, as her vision for block classes ran into hurdles posed by active and concerned parents.

“An ongoing challenge in my leadership has been moving faster than my constituencies are ready for,” said Loft. “As a school

community we have been working with the idea of implementing block scheduling in middle schools. The parental response has been very mixed, but I’m so grateful that they are coming to the table. The fact that they know their voices are going to be heard and are active in the process makes me excited and grateful to be working in this county.”

At the elementary school level, Schaffner notes the success of technological achievements at Jamestown Elementary School. In February Jamestown became an Apple Distinguished Program certified school, one of 49 in the country.

In addition to her background as tech coordinator and computer resources instructor, Schaffner brings a wealth of experience to Jamestown’s top administrator role. She has classroom experience at every grade level, from kindergarten to 12th,

as well as a familiarity with special education and English as a Second Language. Her know-how also includes six years as an assistant principal at Jamestown.

“All of the experiences I’ve had have come together in this position,” said Schaffner. “The principal sets the tone of the school. It’s about caring, competent collaboration, to form relationships with colleagues, students and parents. The job is all about the people.”

As Schaffner noted, however, being socializer-in-chief has drawbacks in the form of logistics. “I’m in the classrooms, walking the halls and have recess duty during the day, then from 4-8 p.m. it’s paperwork. The big challenge is time management. How do you know what are the most important things? How can you meet diverse needs?”

To meet those hurdles and increase coordination and collaboration among faculty, Schaffner employed the principles in Tom Rath’s “Strengths-Based Leadership.” By identifying individual strengths and matching faculty accordingly, Schaffner instituted a policy that streamlined the teamwork building process.

“Principals have more power than they realize. They set policy and procedure,” said Schaffner. “It’s important to respect the culture at the school and to understand the community. The first year is to get an appreciation for what’s there.”

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Diagnosed But Not Sick



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Or so I tell myself – and others, as often as the opportunity presents itself. It's a distinction with which I can live, a distinction with which I'm comfortable, and a distinction which enables me to live my life as normally as possible; which when one considers my diagnosis: NSCLC (non-small cell lung cancer) and the original, terminal prognosis – received back in Feb. 2009: "13 months to two years," and my age when all this stuff hit the figurative fan: 54, it's no wonder I assimilate such delusions and don't give them a second thought. (The first thought: premature death, is bad enough.)

But it does take a little convincing. And it's not to say that having cancer isn't an excuse/explanation for me acting a certain way and/or requiring certain things (not exactly accommodations). Because it is. As much as I don't want having cancer to seep into my thoughts and/or actions, it is impossible to prevent it from doing so (and you regular readers know how much I try). Its reality has a life of its own, whereby it almost creates new instincts in how I think and feel and react, instincts that I am aware of when they happen, but not quite predisposed to prevent their appearance/occurrence. Being diagnosed with a terminal disease at age 54 and a half tends to narrow your vision and unleash – occasionally – the beast which resides within, a beast with which you're likely well acquainted but not particularly proud.

As much as I'm able to minimize the damage, collateral or otherwise, from these cancer-driven behaviors (see how easy it is to place blame), I still maintain that these behaviors are not because I'm sick, but rather because I'm diagnosed. My feeling is, once I start using/invoking sickness as an explanation, it might become a slippery slope. And once I've begun using and in turn becoming increasingly comfortable with the cause of, and description for, my inappropriate and selfish words and deeds, then the cancer has indeed won; and as a direct result, sooner rather than later these columns will cease as I will have permanently desisted.

I imagine these words probably sound like mind games, and too little too late at that. However, it's been my experience that being diagnosed with a terminal disease leads to an awful lot of self doubt, recrimination, insecurity, fear, anxiety, stress and non-stop introspection and deals you don't ever want to make with the devil. Ergo, any little thing I can do – or think, or tell myself – repeatedly, is what I have to do. I suppose it's a bastardized version of the power of positive thinking, or the act of a desperate man. Either way, I'm still alive and rationalizing my behavior.

If my not calling a spade a spade enables me to deal the cards with which I've been dealt a little bit longer, and I'm not cheating anybody but death in the process, then I will continue to do so. Having/being diagnosed with cancer/a terminal disease is neither fun nor funny; however, unless I find some humor or wishful thinking in how I approach this situation, I don't suppose I'll be approaching it much longer. To me, it's always been mind over matter, and even though these matters are rather serious, I still don't mind.

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