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How Will West Rosslyn Be Won?

Neighborhood finds itself at center of conflicting interests.

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

eighbors want open space. A developer wants density. Arlington County wants a new fire station. School officials want a new facility. And nonprofit leaders want affordable housing. And all this will happen on about six acres of highly prized land hugging the western edge of Rosslyn, an increasingly urban part of the county that some have taken to calling "Manhattan on the Potomac."

"We all know this is a prime piece of land," said County Board Chairman Jay Fisette. "It's also a limited and bounded property."

Neighborhood residents say they are concerned about the community use of the area, which includes a park, basketball court and playground next to a property Arlington County Public Schools wants to redevelop. Rosslyn resident Paul Mulligan appeared before County Board members last weekend to detail the heavy use the area receives. On one recent afternoon, Mulligan told elected officials, 18 children and parents were on the playground while 10 young people were engaged in a game on the court

while five more were waiting to play and three other young people watching the action.

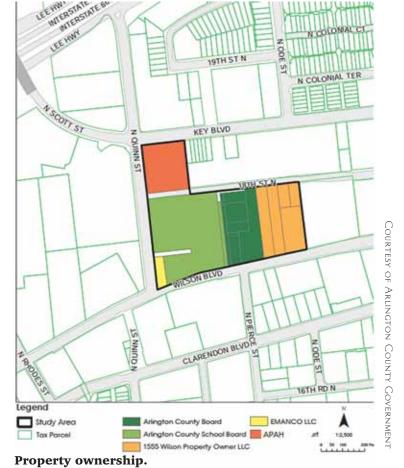
That count may be a little wrong because tots, "when they are having fun, are hard to count," said Mulligan. "Please be mindful of the green space."

IN THE COMING months, Arlington County government officials must find a way to be mindful of a dizzying array of conflicting interests and influences. At issue is six acres known as the Western Rosslyn Area Planning Study area, where a working group has already been meeting for more than a year to help draft a conceptual plan to guide development.

"This is a rare opportunity to meet community goals in a dense part of the county with little available land," said Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan in a written statement last year. "I am excited about the prospects of the possibilities of future public/private development and look forward to working with the community over the next year."

Now county leaders are on the verge of making some difficult choices as they hear from competing interests in the neighborhood. One is the Washington-based Penzance Group, a developer hoping to score enough density in the zoning process to finance a deal. Then there's the county government, which wants to demolish Fire Station 10 and build a new facility. The area is also home to the old Wilson School, built in 1910. School officials initially wanted

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Patchwork of Approaches to Affordable Housing

Northern Virginia jurisdictions use a variety of strategies to prevent homelessness.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

drian Pineda is worried. Scribbling on an empty sheet of paper with an orange crayon, the first grade student at William Ramsay Elementary School said he does not want to lose all his friends. He's lived in Alexandria all his life, and he doesn't want to move. But his parents have warned him over and over again that they may not be able to afford to stay in Alexandria, where the city government recently approved a zoning change that will open the door to a developer demolishing their apartment complex and replace it with high-end housing his parents will not be able to afford.

"I don't understand," said Adrian, who is 7 years old. "Why do we have to move?"

"The main answer is money, but the money flows from the priorities of the leadership and the vision of the leaders."

> — Michelle Krocker, executive director of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance

His father is a cook at a restaurant, and his mother is a housekeeper. Together they earn about \$34,000 a year in a city where the median household income is \$84,000. That's about 40 percent of the area median income, which means his family might be able to qualify for one of the 800 units of dedicated affordable housing members of the City Council included in the zoning change allowing the developer to move forward. But because the sprawling series of apartments that will be demolished have 2,500 market-rate affordable housing units, his parents feel the elected officials sold them out.

"They don't care about us," said Hector Pineda, a native of El Salvador who helped organize his neighbors in an unsuccessful effort to oppose the zoning change in 2012. "We work hard, and we make money for this city. But they don't care."

AFFORDABLE HOUSING means different things to different people at different times. For government officials, it's a phrase that means that a family spends no more than



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE CONNECTION

Adrian Pineda, center, is a first-grade student at William Ramsay Elementary School who is worried his parents may not be able to afford living in Alexandria when the apartment where his family lives is demolished.

30 percent of its income on housing costs, including rent or mortgage as well as taxes and utilities. Sometimes that's a function of the free market, such as the rent paid by the Pineda family. Other times, residents live in dedicated affordable housing units that local governments set aside for limited periods of time to help offset the displacement created by gentrification and development. However affordable housing is calculated, it's clearly been vanishing from the region for some time - leading to a growing concern that the Northern Virginia is increasingly becoming an exclusive enclave for the wealthy. The Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance estimates that 25,000 rental units are in areas slated for revitalization, which puts more than 11,000 lowcost units at risk.

"When you look at the communities that are getting pushed out, it's the communities of the most vulnerable," said Ross Kane, associate rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, who is trying to organize a faith-based response to the affordable housing crisis in Northern Virginia. "That affects the most marginalized people in society the most, and so to me that makes it a moral issue from a Christian perspective."

ARLINGTON COUNTY has been the most successful in creating dedicated affordable housing units over the last decade, increasing the stock by 30 percent over the last decade. Arlington now has almost 7,000 dedicated units, which represents 7 percent of the households in the county. By contrast,

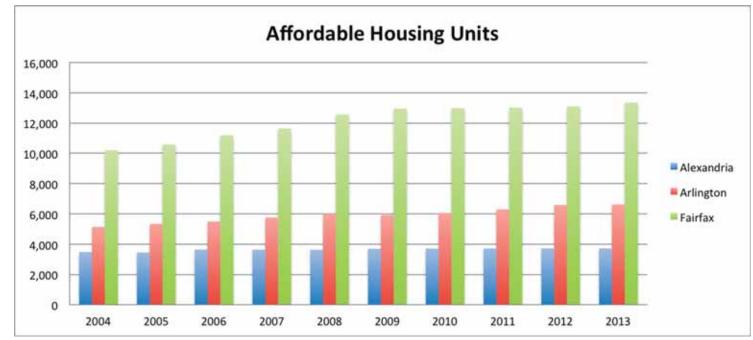
Alexandria has increased its stock of affordable housing units by only 7 percent over the last decade. That represents about 6 percent of households in the city. Although Fairfax County has increased its housing stock more than 30 percent over the last decade, the county's dedicated affordable housing units represents less than 4 percent of households in the county.

"Fairfax County does have both their affordable dwelling unit ordinance and what's called their workforce policy ordinance, which says that if you are redeveloping there's a requirement that you develop housing for the workforce," said Michelle Krocker, executive director of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance. "The weakness I see in that is that these workforce units serve people from 80 percent to 120 percent of area median income, and that's a high level of income to be serving. We really need to be serving people at 60 percent of area median income."

Getting a dedicated unit is not easy, and local governments are struggling to deal with increasing demand as low-income residents find themselves living in an area where the cost of living is rising faster than their incomes. The lingering effects of the recession also make it difficult for those at the bottom end of the economic spectrum. In Fairfax County, for example, so many people have applied for federal Housing Choice vouchers administered by the public housing authority that the waiting list closed on March 1, 2007. It's been closed ever since, and more than 3,000 families are still waiting for help paying for housing.

"When an applicant's name comes to the top of the list, approved applicants receive a voucher which entitles them to look for housing in the private market," said Thomas Fleeetwood, associate director of the

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At Center of Conflicting Interests

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to sell the property to Penzance, but pulled back when they realized the county might not share all the profits. In April school officials and county leaders announced they would be working together to craft a new plan for the property.

"As we develop our 2015-24 Capital Improvement Plan, we will explore options to construct a 1,300 seat secondary school on the site," said School Board Chair Abby Raphael in an April 23 written statement. "This decision demonstrates the continued priority both boards place on using our limited public land to meet the school division's future capital needs and to provide open space for the community."

WESTERN ROSSLYN has a storied past, one that bears little resemblance to its dense urban workaday modern incarnation. After the Civil War, Rosslyn was home to drinking halls, gambling dens, unmitigated vice and unchecked crime. By the 1930s, an influx of government workers increased demand for housing and developers began constructing an array of garden apartments. At the end of the 1950s, Rosslyn had become a hodgepodge of pawn shops, lumber yards, oil storage tanks and vacant lots.

County officials responded with a series of planning documents.

First there was the General Land Use Plan and site approval procedure for Rosslyn redevelopment in 1961. Then there was the Rosslyn Transit Area Study in 1977. That was followed by the Rosslyn Station Area Plan Addendum in 1992. In the last 20 years,

redevelopment of major projects from the 1960s and 1970s have added residences, hotel, offices and a new vibrancy to most of Rosslyn. But the western edge of the neighborhood remains stuck in the past.

"Open space is clearly at a premium in that area," said County Board member Walter Tejada. "Areas where people can hang out or toss around a Frisbee or play ball — all of these are very important elements for us."

Study area boundary.

THE PLANNING study process has been on hold for months, partly because the school system changed direction about the future of the Wilson School site. Now that school officials have decided to use the property for a potential future school, the Western Rosslyn Area Planning process is expected to be conducted concurrently with the Rosslyn Sector Plan Update. The study area is bounded by 18th Street

North, Wilson Boulevard, North Quinn Street and Key Boulevard.

"With the schools' change of heart about the use of that property, their need for space also has to be cranked into this whole understanding," said County Board mem-

ber Mary Hynes. "But I think we all agree that this is a place where open space and public recreational opportunities are going to need to be an important part of the mix."

"We all know this is a prime piece of land. It's also a limited and bounded property." — County Board Chairman Jay Fisette



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At the Columbia Pike Blues Festival

he Blues returned to the Pike on Saturday afternoon, June 14. For the 19th year, Walter Reed Drive north of Columbia Pike was closed to traffic and opened to pedestrians to enjoy the annual blues festival. Saturday's lineup included: Steve McWilliams and the Spectacles – A tribute to Chris Polk, Duffy Kane, Memphis Gold, Billy Thomson and headliner Ana Popovic.

Sponsors of the festival included: Washington Forrest Foundation, Yuengling, Columbia Pike/Pike Ride, Arlington's Car-Free Diet, Dorchester Apartments and Towers, Oakland Apartments and

Blues musician Chris Polk was remembered in tribute at the festival on Saturday. Polk performed a set with his band at last year's festival. Polk was well known for his mix of Memphis, Chicago and **Texas Blues** with a soul

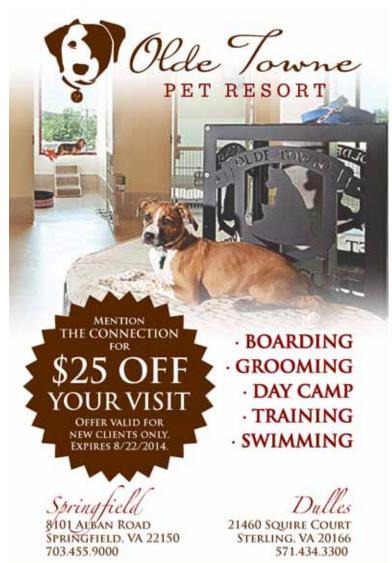


twist. He died unexpectedly on Dec. 8, 2013. Westmont Garden Apartments.

Friends of the festival include: Silverwood Companies, Sheraton Pentagon City, Arlington Animal Hospital, Twisted Vines, Giant Winking Fish, StreetCarNow.org and B.M. Smith.



Jesse Freeman (back) and his wife Beth talk with festival headliner Ana Popovic (left) on Saturday evening.



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Mutliple Strategies Address Homelessness

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Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development. "Homeless families referred for vouchers do not have to be on the waiting list prior to receiving assistance."

BACK IN 2004, when the housing market was exploding and home values were skyrocketing, affordable housing was vanishing from Northern Virginia. Tenants were facing eviction as apartments were converted to condominiums and low-income people were being pushed out to the exurbs. Many people feared a sea change that would change the face of Northern Virginia forever. That's why the Arlington County Board started requiring developers to set aside at least 10 percent of their floor space for affordable housing. Developers sued, and the program was declared unconstitutional.

"The way Northern Virginia jurisdictions have gotten around this is by creating conditions for redevelopment," said Krocker. "So if you come in for a rezoning, there are expectations that you will address certain community benefits, affordable housing being one of them."

The boom and bust of the housing market set the stage for the patchwork of approaches taken by jurisdictions in Northern Virginia, where elected officials and government leaders have taken a variety of strategies to work against losing its racial and ethnic diversity.

Nowhere has the shift been more dramatic than Fairfax County. At the height of the bubble in 2005, members of the Board of Supervisors created a dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing — one penny out of the tax rate, essentially setting aside about \$20 million every year. But when the market came crashing down, they slashed the program in half to balance the budget.

Critics say elected officials in Fairfax chose to prioritize redeveloping Tysons Corner over preserving affordable housing.

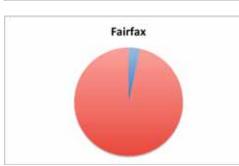
"The politics is huge," said Mel Jones, research associate at the Virginia Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech. "If you can't get the politics behind doing this stuff, it's not going to happen."

DEDICATED SOURCES of revenue have been a controversial tool for raising money to preserve affordable housing. In May 2005, members of the Alexandria City Council passed an ordinance dedicating one cent of the property tax value to develop and preserve afford-

Patchwork of Approaches

❖ The City of Alexandria has the Housing Opportunities Fund, which was created in 1992 and is administered by the Office of Housing. Most of the fund comes from developer contributions, although it also includes some money from the city's general fund as well as federal funds from the HOME Investment Partnership Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. City officials estimate that the fund will receive \$3.1 million in developer contributions over the next three years, which is expected to create or preserve about 25 units of affordable housing each year. In addition to money in the fund, the City Council also dedicates six-tenths of one cent of the tax rate for affordable housing. That produces about \$2.1 million a year, most of which is used to pay for debt service bonds. The remaining funds generate about 10 units each year.

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able housing in the city. Since that time, the political will to maintain that funding has been steadily diminishing. Council members voted to reduce the dedicated source of funding to 0.7 cents in 2008, and then sliced it again to 0.6 cents in 2009. Last year, City Manager Rashad Young removed it altogether when the budget was adopted although several council members later said they didn't know that was part of the final budget agreement.

"It was not an accidental thing in my opinion," said Smedberg, who has argued against using a dedicated source of funding. "People need to start paying attention and listening."

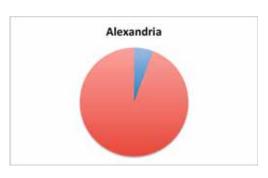
Council members later went back and added the dedicated source of funding back, restoring the 0.6 cents out of the tax rate for affordable housing. A few months later, the city manager found himself in the midst of yet another firestorm over affordable housing, this time when he waived a \$1 million contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to lure the National Science Foundation from Arlington. City Council members later said they didn't know the incentive was part of the package until it was too late.

"It was my oversight," said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks. "I take full responsibility."

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY for affordable housing has been a risky proposition in recent years. Since the global economic crisis brought home values crashing down in most of Northern Virginia, the political will to fund affordable housing programs has steadily diminished.

Arlington has the Affordable Housing Investment Fund, which was created in 1988 and is administered by the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. The fund is made up of local and federal money as well as loan repayments and developer contributions, all of which totaled about \$20 million in 2013. Since it was created, the fund has produced about 6,500 affordable rental units and more than \$200 million in loans have been granted. In conjunction with the county's Affordable Housing Ordinance, the revolving loan fund provides incentives for developers through low-interest, secondary loans for new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable housing. For every \$1 of public funds, \$3 in private funds are invested.

* Fairfax County has the Penny for Affordable Housing Fund, created in 2005 to replace the Housing



dedicated affordable housing units

market-rate households

When budgets got tight in Fairfax and Alexandria, leaders in both communities cut back on their dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing. And some elected officials in Alexandria are still calling for an end to setting aside any portion of the tax rate for affordable housing or any other priority. Advocates for affordable housing say that would undermine the concept of having a trust fund in the first place.

"If we commit an ongoing revenue source, then we can be creative and consistent in addressing those needs and it just fits better with how development happens," said Mary Brooks, director of the Center for Community Change. "And to have a consistent and reliable source of revenue enables the development community to be smarter about how they invest that."

Many affordable housing advocates in Northern Virginia see Arlington as a model that other local governments should emulate. Despite that fact that Arlington does not have a dedicated source of revenue for affordable housing, elected leaders there have shown a consistent willingness to invest in the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. Last week, County Manager Barbara Donnellan identified several county-owned parcels that could be considered for future affordable housing and public school developments within the next several years.

"Their political leadership has identified that as a strong priority just like the leadership in Alexandria has identified building a Metro station at Potomac Yard as a strong priority," said Krocker. "The main answer is money, but the money flows from the priorities of the leadership and the vision of the leaders."

Flexibility Fund, which was created in 1990. The fund, which is administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, is composed of county contributions, developer contributions and federal funding. In 2005, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a budget that dedicated one penny of the real estate tax to preserving existing affordable housing, which produced about \$20 million a year. The fund raised \$80 million and preserved 2,500 units of affordable housing until 2009. When the global economic crisis created a scramble for money, the Board of Supervisors voted to reduce funding to the program by 50 percent. Since that time, the fund has provided \$154 million for affordable housing in Fairfax County. On average, for every \$1 of Housing Trust Fund money, \$7 is leveraged from outside sources to create and preserve affordable housing.

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ART bus fares will increase beginning July 1.

rlington residents who ride the Arlington Transit (ART) buses will be paying a little bit more for transportation starting July 1.

The bus fare will increase by 25 cents per trip for adults and 10 cents per trip for teens, senior citizens, and people with disabilities.

"Our services have been increasing, and will continue to increase," said Steven Yaffe, transit services

manager for ART and STAR. "On July 7, we're adding night service to 45. We're adding a new bus route this fall. We're still in a growth spurt." Yaffe said that the fare increase will help offset operating expenses.

The increase is the first

for the ART bus line since 2010. Ridership has increased by 70 percent during that four-year time span, according to reports from the SmarTrip system which tracks when people board the buses.

Columbia Pike resident Mark Redding only uses the ART buses when traveling to shopping and dining areas, and he feels that 25 extra cents won't hurt his wallet. "For the quality of the service, and the convenience, it's not egregious," he said. "The buses are clean, the drivers are friendly and timely. It's acceptable to me.'

For commuters who take the buses to and from work every day, the increase will be a little more noticeable. At \$1.75 per trip, twice a day, that adds up to \$17.50 in bus fares alone per person during a five-day work week.

"You'd like to think that public transportation is there for the common person, but \$1.75 per trip is pricy," said Kate Dubrowski. Dubrowski uses the buses twice a day for commuting purposes, but her residence pays for her bus fares. "It's unfortunate. But the cost of transportation keeps going up, so I

guess it has to."

Jay Fisette, chair of the Arlington County Board, said that the board approved the fare increase in April as part of the county's operating budget for fiscal year 2015. "We can't spend more than we have," Fisette

said. "The Feds can, but locals cannot."

Fisette also said that each ride is subsidized by the county at an estimated \$1.72 per ride.

STAR (Specialized Transit for Arlington Residents) Zone 1 trips will increase by 50 cents beginning July 1, going from \$3 to \$3.50 per trip. STAR Zone 2 and Zone 3 trips will remain the same. STAR is the local alternative for people with disabilities, and is the Arlington County equivalent of Metro Access.

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- 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 atGulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at atLong Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit https://registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.
- Comedy. Every Saturday at3 p.m. at atComedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.
- Comedy. Every Friday at8 p.m. at and Saturday at7:30 p.m. at is ComedySportz ("clean") and at10 p.m. at on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("adult"), both atComedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.
- Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. at second Sunday of the month atIOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclub andcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.
- Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at every Wednesday atIOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. at and 10 p.m. at Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. at Visit www.iotaclub andcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.
- **Karaoke.** 8 p.m. at on the first Sunday every month atGalaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxy hut.com or call 703-525-8646.
- Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. at every Sunday atWhitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-
- Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at atKinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.
- **Lego Club.** Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. at atGlencarlyn Branch Library, 300 South Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

THROUGH JULY 6

Theater Performance. Signature
Theatre finishes the season with
"Cloak and Dagger (Or the Case of
the Golden Venus)," a new musical
comedy. Signature's performance is a
world premiere with four actors
playing nearly 20 roles. Runs through
July 6 atthe Signature Theater, 4200
Campbell Ave. Tickets are \$36+.
Visit www.signature-theatre.org or
call 703 820 9771.

THROUGH JULY 13

World Cup Specials Celebratory
Cocktails and Dishes. ThursdaysSundays atCapitol City Brewing
Company, The Village atShirlington,
4001 Campbell Avenue. Capitol City
Brewing Company presents themed
cocktails and dishes in honor of the
2014 FIFA World Cup. Specials will
feature food and drink from countries
competing in the Cup. Visit
www.capcitybrew.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19 Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at atLubber



Erin Driscoll stars in Signature Theatre's "Cloak and Dagger."

'Cloak and Dagger'

Signature Theatre finishes the season with "Cloak and Dagger (Or the Case of the Golden Venus)," a new musical comedy. Signature's performance is a world premiere with four actors playing nearly 20 roles. Runs through July 6 at the Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Tickets start at \$36. Visit www.signature-theatre.org or call 703-820-9771.

Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. The Arlingtones. Arlington's champions of the barbershop choral tradition. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more.

Free Movie. 3 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 South Walter Reed Drive. Watch, "Saving Private Ryan," rated R. Call 703-228-5710.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

- Wine Tasting. 6:30 p.m. at atOne More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Tasting of summer wines. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.
- Sing-A-Long Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at atLong Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Activities, stories, games, a campfire and smores. \$5. Call 703-228-6535.
- Film: Thank You For Smoking. 8-10 p.m. at atGateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses, crazy co-worker, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine. Visit www.rosslynva.org/events for more.
- Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at atLubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. The Army Blues, the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Army. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org.
- Air Force Band. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. The U.S. Air Force Band-Air Force Strings perform. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21 TreeStewards Informational

Walks. 10 a.m. at and 12:30 p.m. at atBon Air Park, 850 N. Lexington St., atthe intersection of Wilson Blvd. TreeStewards will be leading walks and answering questions about treeshow to identify them, ideas for your yard, maintenance tips and much more. The walks are part of the celebration of Master Gardeners and Extension Office's 75th Anniversary. Visit www.treestewards.org or contact info@TreeStewards.org or 703-351-1273.

Shade Demonstration Garden 25th Anniversary Celebration.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at atArlington's Bon Air Memorial Rose Garden, 850 N. Lexington St. VCE Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Shade Demonstration Garden with special activities for children as well as exhibits and presentations by local organizations. Visit www.mgnv.org/events or call 703-228-6414.

Summer Solstice Hike. 1 p.m. at atPotomac Overlook Regional Park,

- Summer Solstice Hike. 1 p.m. at atPotomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. This hike through the park will highlight the changes coming for the summer. Learn whatplants will be in bloom, how animal behavior changes, and whatwildlife is out and about in the park. Call 703-528-5406 for reservations. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook for more.
- Book Signing. 1-3 p.m. at atKinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. "New York Times" bestselling author Audrey Penn will sign and read "The Kissing Hand." Call 703-527-5929.
- Fort Barnard Playground Ribbon Cutting. 2 p.m. at atFort Barnard Park, 2101 S. Pollard St., Arlington. Join the County Board and members of the community to celebrate the newly reconstructed playground atFort Barnard Park. Free admission. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us for more.
- **'Fabulous' Fundraiser.** 5-9 p.m. at atClarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. Erica Paul 'Fabulous' Event with

- the Chris4Life Colon Cancer Foundation. Cocktails, food, music, women's fashion dress up bar and men's style bar. 5-6 p.m. at happy hour, 6-9 event. \$30 in advance, \$40 atthe door. Visit www.chris4life.org/ fabulous.
- Outdoor Concert. 7 p.m. at atPotomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Tom Teasley, Stream and the Blue Dragons, percussion. Free, donations requested. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook.
- Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at atLubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. King Teddy with 'swing for the modern age.' Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org.
- Long Legs Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at atLong Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Hear campfire tales about Arlington's long-legged creatures. \$5. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

- Bon Air Memorial Rose Garden Rose Rooting Demonstration. 9-11 a.m. at at850 Wilson Blvd. Join Arlington Rosarians for an outdoor hands-on demonstration of rooting roses.
- Outdoor Concert. 6 p.m. at atLubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Halau O'Aulani and the Aloha Boys. Native Hawaiian music and dance. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more..
- "Bridegroom." 6-8 p.m. at atBethel United Church of Christ, 4347 Arlington Blvd. A screening of the documentary movie "Bridegroom," followed by a panel discussion with religious, lay, and gay rights leaders. Call 703-528-0937.

MONDAY/JUNE 23

Annual Arlington Volunteer Celebration. 6-7:30 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St. Join in in showing our appreciation for our Volunteer Arlington team. Vist http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/arlington-mill-community-center for more.

Book Club. 7 p.m. at atOne More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Holistic Health & Wellness Book Club debriefs "The Creation of Health" by Caroline Myss. Visit www.onemorepage books.com or call 703-300-9746.

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

Book Club. 7 p.m. at atOne More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Spiritual & Philosophical Book Group meets. Visit www.onemorepage books.com or call 703-300-

Author Series. 7 p.m. at atArlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Author Barry Lyga. Part of "Shut Up and Write!" series for aspiring writers of YA literature. Visit www.onemore pagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Author Event. 7 p.m. at atOne More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Dave Berg, author of "Behind the Curtain: An Insider's View of Jay Leno's Tonight Show." Visit www.onemorepage books.com or call 703-300-9746.

Chorus Open House. 7:30 p.m. at atGunston Middle School, room 145, 2700 S Lang St. The Arlingtones, a mens a cappella chorus singing in the barbershop style, is hosting an open house. Meet the new Music Director, Chantel Pomerville, and join in singing All are welcome to attend. Visit www.harmonize.com/arlingtones for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Operation Rescue Ready. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. Teens are invited to participate in an emergency response scenario alongside Arlington's public safety and emergency response teams and the American Red Cross. Partake in a real-time disaster drill, hands only CPR training, and info sessions. Free admission. Visit http://parks.arlingtonva.us/2014/05/safety-day/ for more.

Free Movie. 3 p.m. at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 South Walter Reed Drive. Watch, "The Big Red One," rated R. Call 703-228-5710 for more

Fermata: On/Off. 7 p.m. at atthe Black Box Theatre atArtisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. A onenight experiential event featuring three connected performances, featuring Peals, Christine Sun Kim, and Transmissions. \$12. Part of Celebration of Sound exhibit, through Aug. 10. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Wonderful Worms Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Learn about worms around the campfire. \$5. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at atOne More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Lauren Francis-Sharma, author of "Til the Well Runs Dry." Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. The United States Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants perform. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

Film: Two Weeks Notice. 8-10 p.m. at atGateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses, crazy co-worker, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine. Visit www.rosslynva.org/events for more.

Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at atLubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Margot MacDonald, a classically trained soprano and pianist with modern music. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more.

Debo Band atArtisphere. 8 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. The Artisphere presents a concert by Ethiopian pop music band Debo Band and special guests Feedel Band and DJ Underdog. \$15 in advance and \$18 day of. Visit www.artisphere.com/ for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Arlington Artist Alliance Display. Noon-4 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Three artists display their art suitable for decorating a child's room. Call 703-527-5929.

decorating a child's room. Call 703-527-5929. **Summer Safari: River Hike.** 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Join naturalist staff for a hike to the Potomac River. Explore along the way. Call 703-528-5406 for reservations. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/potomac_overlook.

Reading Series. 7 p.m. at atOne More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Waterbear Reading Series returns for the summer with four area authors and poets: Dan Brady, Justin Sirois, Meg Ronan and Joseph Young. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-0746

Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at atLubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Bowen McCauley Dance contemporary dance ensemble. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Cool Creek Critters. 4-5 p.m. at Lubber Run Park. Ages 6-10, dress to get wet and spend time exploring waterfalls and looking atcreek creatures. \$5. Call 703-228-3403 for more.

Outdoor Concert. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run
Amphitheater. Arlington Philharmonic will
perform their first-ever Pops for Pet concert to
celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Animal
Welfare League of Arlington. The public is
invited to bring a picnic and their wellmannered dogs. Alcohol prohibited. Free
admission. Visit www,arlingtonarts.org for
more.





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OPINION

More Affordable Housing Needed

Anticipated job growth to exacerbate problem.

n Northern Virginia, affordable housing means more than human services or helping those who are less fortunate. It means more than housing the chronically homeless, although that is not optional.

In Northern Virginia, having enough affordable housing is critical to economic vice, health, based on housing the workers needed at a variety of income levels. It is also critical to traffic management. If workers on the lower end of the income scale can't afford to work near their jobs, those workers will have to drive longer distances, cre-

ating gridlock and air pollution.

Consider that in the Washington Metropolitan Region, the established median rent for a two-bedroom apartment, according to HUD, is \$1,589 monthly. To afford that rent, paying no more than 30 percent of gross income, requires an income of about \$60,000 annually. And it is obvious that rents in Northern Virginia are more expensive that the region.

Consider for example, that right now in Alexandria, there are more than 8,300 workers in the accommodations and food

service industry who earn on average \$470 weekly, or less than \$25,000 a year. (Employment statistics from Virginia Employment Commission.)

In Arlington, there are more than 15,400 workers in accommodations and food service, with an average weekly wage of \$491, or \$25,500 annually.

In Fairfax County, in food service and accommodations, there are more than 48,400 workers with an average wage of \$426 weekly or an annual income of just over \$22,000.

These are people working full time in jobs that are important to our economy who cannot afford market rate rents, and rents are climbing.

The George Mason University School of Public Policy Center for Regional Analysis forecasts that, based on predicted job growth, over the next 20 years this region will need an additional 344,624 single-family units and 203,674 multi-family units.

From the report:

"The region's new housing must be priced so that it is affordable to these new workers. Based on the housing need forecasts, 44.1 percent of rental units will need to have rents of less than \$1,250 a month, while only 2.4 percent of the rental demand will be for units priced at \$2,250 a month or more. About 16.4 percent of the owner-occupied units forecasted need to be valued at less than \$200,000 and only 13.5 percent at over \$600,000."

For example, the report predicts adding more than 71,000 health services workers with a median income of \$39,500; more than 45,000 hospitality workers with a median income of \$18,300; and 17,700 retail workers with a median income of \$22,500.

The units to house the current and future workforce will not materialize on their own. It will require a variety of incentives and interventions to make sure those units are part of new development.

As the Silver Line opens, it's important to remember that the coming years will bring the last great boom in building in Fairfax County. No matter what the immediate impediments, the local economy cannot thrive unless developing affordable housing is built into all of those development plans, current and future.

—Mary Kimm

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Call for Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 23, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16. Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans. Please tell us a little bit about your pet, identify everyone in the photo, give a brief description what is happening in the photo, and include address and phone number (we will not publish your address or phone number, just your town name). We welcome short stories about how you got your pet, a noteworthy talent or anecdote about your pet, explanations of the bonds between your family and your pet, plus drawings, paintings or other artwork of your pet by children or adults. Email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

LETTER

Hunger? Here?

To the Editor:

I was walking in a section of Clarendon marked by high-end shops and restaurants when a young man asked me to sign a petition to end childhood hunger in the state of Virginia.

"Of course!" I said ... but I also couldn't help but ask: "but isn't Arlington one of the wealthiest counties in the nation? And isn't Virginia generally pretty wealthy?" I assumed that surely the state government was sufficiently well-funded to address such a fundamental public health challenge.

However, even in a state which in 2013 ranked 10th among all states in average per capita income, over 300,000 children arrive at school hungry in the morning. The Virginia Fair Share Education Fund petitioner explained that parents feel too stigmatized to apply for the free breakfasts for which their children qualify. Standing there in the street — as people bustled past with fancy shopping bags, eating the finest in frozen yogurt next to gently splashing water fountains - I smelled and felt the school cafeteria as it was in the mornings during the late 1960s in Warren, Ohio. My dad had left our family of six children; we had qualified for food stamps and also participated in the free breakfast program. I remembered how those meals took away that hollow, early morning gnawing; that food did help us concentrate and study. It's painful to realize the persistence of this issue. I urge readers to find ways to help with this simple cause right here in our state: reaching those children who, stunningly, are sitting at their desks in a wealthy, First World country, distracted by a gnawing pain in their stomach from hunger.

> **Dolores Byrnes**, Ph.D. Arlington



Tommy De La Torre of AllGreen Landscape Co. in Falls Church answers questions about incorporating environmentally friendly materials and structures in the landscape designs of both Energy Houses.



Energy House 7 at 4033 N. 22nd Street in Arlington has 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, and nearly 5,000 square feet of living space, with estimated monthly energy costs at \$64.

Demonstrating Energy Efficient Homes

More that 200 people attended Energy House Showcases highlighting energy efficiency at 4033 N. 22nd Street and 2200 N. Military Road. The tours featured building professionals who provided information on the house design, construction and energy efficient features. Some of the features included in the house are: advanced Energy Star framing; ZIP system roof and wall system; enhanced insulation including foam, cellulose, and fiberglass; hybrid geothermal mini split with six separate zones; Energy Star appliances, doors, and Anderson windows; LED lighting; SMART technologies; internet accessible, HVAC censored, programmable thermostats; photovoltaic ready; energy modeling and monitoring built into the home automation and wiring for networking, audio/video, and security.

Homebuilder and president of Arlington Designer Homes, Inc. Andrew Moore describes the choices available in o



available in designing energy efficient homes.

Fisette Praises Senior Volunteers

t the 10th annual Senior Leadership Recognition luncheon, on Thursday, June 12 at The Jefferson Retirement Community, County Board chairman Jay Fisette praised the contribution of senior volunteers and recognized their "effectiveness in advocating for senior issues" and "supporting Arlington's renowned senior adult programs." The luncheon was sponsored by Arlington County's Department of Parks and Recreation and Office of Senior Adult Programs.

Fisette also reflected on the array of programs offered daily at senior centers that include fitness, travel, arts, education, sports and wellness.

Jane Rudolph, director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, highlighted the importance of Arlington's Senior Adult Council. She installed the 2014-15 officers of the Council who are Cindy Miller, chair; Vera Libeau, co-chair; Christine Werner, secretary and John Gunning, treasurer.

Cheryl Johnson, manager of the Office of Senior Adult Programs, presented "outstanding volunteer" awards to Carmen Shippy, program instructor; Ron Musselwhite, advocate for quality programs and Randy Randall, travel leader. Johnson also recognized the senior adult advisory committees at each senior center including



2014-15 officers of the Senior Adult Council installed by Jane Rudolph (center), director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, from left, are John Gunning, treasurer; Christine Werner, secretary; Cindy Miller, chair, and Vera Lebeau, co-chair.

Arlington Mill, Aurora Hills, Culpepper Garden, Langston-Brown, Lee and Walter Reed plus the sports and fitness, travel and peer transitions committees. For more information about the Office of Senior Adult Programs and senior center programs, call 703-228-4744 or check the website at www.arlingtonva.us, click on 55+ Guide.

"Flourishing After 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for June 30 - July 3.

Senior centers will be closed Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Senior trip: Tuesday, July 1, Kutztown (Pa.) Festival, celebrate Pennsylvania Dutch culture, \$19. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Demonstration of at home balance exercises, Monday, June 30, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register early, 703-228-4403.

Chess club, Mondays, 9:30 a.m., Madison Community Center. Free. Details, 703-534-6232. **Ice skating**, Mondays, 8:10 – 9:20 a.m., Kettler

Capital Iceplex, Ballston Mall, \$1. Register, 703-228-4745.

Tennis, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon, Bluemont Courts, Free. Details, 703-228-4745.

Arlington Mill Trail Trekkers, Tuesday, July 1, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

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

Low impact aerobics, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., \$60/15 sessions, Aurora Hills. Register, 703-228-

Foreign language conversation groups, daily, Langston-Brown. Free. Registration 703-228-

Summer scams exposed, Wednesday, July 2, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-

Arlington Walking Club, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., \$4, Lee Senior Center. Register, 703-228-

Music and Movement sessions, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

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

Red, White and Blue indoor picnic, Thursday, July 3, noon, \$6, Culpepper garden. Register, 703-229-4403

Advanced line dancing, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.





Sports



Washington-Lee senior Rommel Romano, right, defended T.C. Williams junior Eryk Williamson for much of the 6A state championship match on June 15 at Robinson Secondary School.

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- W-L boys' soccer coach

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T.C. Williams senior Wilson Miezan, right, helped keep Washington-Lee sophomore Maycol Nunez and the rest of the Generals off the scoreboard during the 6A state championship match at Robinson Secondary School.

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W-L Soccer Falls Short Against TC in State Final

Generals finish season with 18-2-3 record.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

.C. Williams forward Eryk Williamson torched the Wash ington-Lee boys' soccer team for four goals in the 6A North region championship match on June 5.

Ten days later, the two teams met for a rematch in the state final. This time, W-L changed its strategy in an effort to make life difficult for TC's talented striker.

Generals head coach Jimmy Carrasquillo assigned senior Rommel Romano to manmark Williamson. On a hot June afternoon in Fairfax, Romano followed Williamson on the turf field at Robinson Secondary School, barely allowing him room to breathe. After

a scoreless first half, Williamson finally busted loose, scoring a goal in the 52nd minute.

Thanks to a strong defensive effort led by senior Wilson Miezan, Williamson's goal was enough to ensure the Titans made history.

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team captured the program's first state championship on June 15, beating Washington-Lee 2-

0. The Titans entered the season with hopes of getting past the regional quarterfinals. As it turned out, they would accomplish much more.

Sunday's victory brought TC's final record

to 19-2. The Titans won the Conference 7 championship, the 6A north region title, and finished off a memorable season by capturing the program's first state championship.

"It feels amazing," Williamson said. "It's not every day you can be a state champion. It's a really great feeling. We worked really hard and I think all the hard work finally paid off."

Washington-Lee assured Williamson's hard work would continue Sunday if he wanted to help the Titans take home the title. Romano defended Williamson closely, limiting his opportunities.

"We changed some things around," Carrasquillo said. "We're not used to manmarking somebody and then playing with one striker. It was definitely different for

us. I think we handled the change fairly well.

"... Rommel's fast and he's tough. He's a hard kid. Eryk didn't do anything pretty much the whole game. He's getting behind us, but that's because the back line was afraid of playing too far back [or] too far up."

Neither team scored during the first half, but Romano received a yellow card in the

37th minute after he was called for a foul against Williamson, who ended up on the ground. Carrasquillo disagreed with the referee's call, and referenced two fouls from the previous night that went in Williamson's

favor during the Titans' semifinal match against C.D. Hylton. Williamson finished with three goals and the Titans won, 6-2.

"To his credit, [Williamson is] a great player, but he's been flopping all year," Carrasquillo said. "The last couple games, he's caused the keeper to get a red card [and] he's caused two penalty kicks."

Williamson kept working and eventually struck pay dirt. He scored in the 52nd minute with an assist from Abdurazak Abdulla, giving the Titans a 1-0 advantage.

"The fact that I finally scored, it just felt amazing," Williamson said. "The whole game, [Romano] did not give me an inch of space. It was just really hard to play

against. He's a really great defender. Finally getting the goal was just a relief that just came off our shoulders."

Ashenafi Desta added an insurance goal for TC in the 74th minute. The goal came moments after Titans goalkeeper Edgar Martinez made a save at the opposite end.

While the Generals focused on stopping Williamson, TC head coach Martin Nickley once again used Miezan, the Titans' second-leading goal-scorer, to man-mark W-L forward Maycol Nunez, who entered the contest with 37 goals. Miezan defended Nunez during TC's 5-2 victory in the region championship game, holding the sophomore sensation scoreless. Nunez received a red card for throwing an elbow during the second half of the June 5 match and sat out of the Generals' 1-0 win over Grassfield in the state semifinals on June 14.

"We were trying to approach it the same way we approached it last time, just trying to shut [down] Maycol," Miezan said. "We knew he was going to come for us, maybe try to get revenge from the region final."

The Titans succeeded holding Nunez — and the rest of the Generals — scoreless. "[The Generals] were working hard de-

fensively," Nickley said. "I thought Eryk handled it really well. He kept working at it and kept his composure. They were doing a great job of defending and we felt the same way [about our defense] — we had a player that we were defending of theirs as well."

The Generals, who won the Conference 6 championship, finished the season with an 18-2-3

record, with their only losses coming against T.C. Williams in the region and state championship matches.

"It's been a fantastic run," Carrasquillo said. "... It's always fun when you're winning and get this far, and then you lose ... two games to the same team, it's tough. It's a hard pill to swallow, but what can you do?"

While Washington-Lee produced a memorable season, it was T.C. Williams that captured the state championship.

"They just kept believing and bonding together closer and closer and working harder and harder," Nickley said. "It's just one of those things that they came every day to train hard and they were serious about what they were doing. I feel so proud that they've been able to receive a reward like that."

After Graduation: Dorm Room Set-Up

Local organizers show how to maximize storage in small spaces. dents.

> BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

fter graduation comes off-to-college season. Often this means parents making design choices for their children or parents and their soon-to-be-college freshmen searching for supplies that will serve dual purposes, particularly when it comes to storage.

For those who find themselves in a dorm about what they will actually need and room design conundrum, local organizers offer tips and tools for creating stylish yet space-saving designs for new college stu-

"Most kids will have a roommate or roommates," said professional organizer Paula Lettice, owner of Gal Friday Associates in Mount Vernon. "The first thing to do is to contact your roommate to find out what you can share. You don't want to show up with duplicates. You can cut down on the amount of space and the cost of things that have to be purchased."

"First of all, when packing for college, since there is in most cases very limited space, students should really think seriously only take those items," said Susan Unger of ClutterSOS, LLC in Vienna. "However, there are items and things to consider to maximize the space when arranging the

Lettice also suggests taking only the essentials and leaving everything else at home. "Only take what you absolutely think you need for two months, not for the entire school year, and then figure out what you can live with or can't live without," she said.

Because space is limited in dorm rooms, organizers say to bring items that serve multiple purposes: "Choose something that can be used as a table, but can also be used as a storage space," said

Organizers also advise being creative when it comes to finding storage. "Behind the desk [put] a multi-function message board that is cork to tack things up, dry erase to write notes, magnetic or ribbon to display photos," said Arlingtonbased professional organizer Jody Al-Saigh of Picture Perfect Organizing.

Unger suggests thinking vertically rather than horizontally: "Buy a taller laundry basket rather than a short wide one," she said. "Consider the backs of doors as useable

"Only take what you absolutely think you need for two months, not nine months, and figure out whether or not you can live with those items."

-Paula Lettice

storage areas. Over-the-door hanging shoe organizers can be used not only for shoes, but for toiletries, school supplies or snacks."

"Use [an] over-the-door shoe bag for things other than shoes [like] scarves, electronic devices, school supplies, dry goods/



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Under-bed storage is a great solution for extra linens and out of season clothing.

packaged snacks," Al-Saigh said.

Also use the storage space under the bed. "Putting the bed up on risers, if that is allowed, is the best way to maximize storage space," Al-Saigh said.

Unger said, "Bed risers also allow for deeper storage bins to be put under the bed for items such as extra linens and off-season clothing that don't need to be accessed on a daily basis."

Unger also advises using "a double hanging closet rod that can give you twice the amount of hanging space."

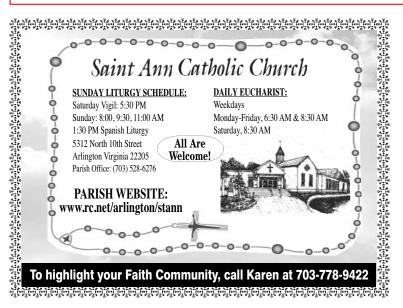
When buying supplies, downsize as much as possible. "Consider a small steamer instead of an ironing board and iron," said Unger. "Magnetic storage bins can be placed on the refrigerator for pens, pencils and other office supplies.

"A shower caddy can house all your bathing products in one place when sharing a bathroom with others," Unger continued. "A clip-on bed lamp will not take up any table space and should also not interfere with your roommate's sleep."



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A Dream Come True, Sort Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

(Not a cancer column, by the way.) Growing up in the 60s, if you loved sports, as I did/still do, you spent hours listening to games on a transistor radio. There certainly wasn't "Cable" television back then; heck, there wasn't even color television, let alone "HD," "interactive," or whatever else television technology has evolved into. And of course, there were no "big screen" television sets either. We had a 19" Zenith black and white television and we received three channels: 4, 5 and 7 (in Boston), and as much as sports was/is important in Boston/New England, viewing options, given the limited VHF/UHF band frequencies, meant listening to games on radio - AM radio. Games were regularly televised on weekends, more so if the home team was playing on the road.

As the decades have passed, so too have transistor radios, black and white televisions and limited viewing on only three channels. Between "Cable," computers, and more recently, the introduction of hand-held devices, access to and familiarity with sports has grown exponentially. Add in the explosion of sports-talk radio and the abundance of sports-themed content on television (regardless of whether the games are at home or on the road) and one could be in his "man cave" for hours on end "channeling" his - or her - passion, for any team, in any city, at almost any time.

I don't have a "man cave," but I do have a passion. Annually, I buy the MLB Baseball package so I can watch my beloved Boston red Sox whenever and wherever they play. It is not the bane of my existence, it is quite the opposite; it is my raison d'être, if truth be told. And instinctively, whenever I'm in the car driving somewhere, if the Orioles or Nationals are playing, I am listening to them on radio, as a long-time habit. It conjures images, memories and dreams of a lifetime (adolescence, really) stretching back over 50 years: Curt Gowdy, Ned Martin and Ken Coleman on radio for the Red Sox, the legendary Johnny Most for the Celtics and Fred Cusick and Bob Wilson for the Bruins. I hung on their every word nightly during the week, and afternoons on weekends; typically when their games were played. What I heard affected my life - to this day. As a result (partially), I am a "sports" guy. Not a "tool" guy. Not a "car" guy. Not a "do-it-yourself/fixer-upper" guy. Nor am I any other category of "guy" you know of or can think of. "I yam what I yam." Though I've never been a sailor man,

And as a "sports" guy, my dream was to play in the Major Leagues for the Boston Red Sox. As much as I practiced, it didn't happen (although I did play for the Little League Red Sox from 1964–67, ages 9– 12). But through the staying power of radio - and the frequency of baseball games (162-game schedule) – I have realized my dream of playing in the Major Leagues, or at least hearing my last name called during Major League games.

There is a player for the Toronto Blue Jays named Brett Lawrie, an infielder, third baseman, mostly. When the announcers call his last name, it sounds nearly identical to mine, Lourie. And when I hear his name called on radio by Oriole's radio voices, Joe Angel and Jim Hunter (the Blue Jays were in town this past weekend for a four-game series), it almost brings a tear to my eyes. Obviously it's not me they're "calling," but it sure sounds like it. And for that moment, my dream seems like a reality.

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