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One of the spheres at Dark Star Park is seen reflected into a pool. Once a year, on Aug. 1 at 9:32 a.m., the shadows cast by two of the spheres and their four adjacent poles align with shadow patterns outlined on the ground. The date commemorates the day in 1860 when William Ross bought the land that is today Rosslyn.

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News Northern Virginia in Neutral

Income growth in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax lags behind state and national averages.

> By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

aycheck growth in Fairfax County, the city of Alexandria and Arlington County are lagging behind the state and the nation, according to data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. A look at per capita personal income from the last five years shows Northern Virginia struggling to keep up as everybody else recovers from the recession.

Fairfax County had the lowest rate of growth, only 2 percent. Alexandria isn't much better, showing a 3 percent growth in per capita personal income. Arlington has the highest per capita personal income, although its growth is just under the state and national average. The only bright spot in Northern Virginia is Loudoun County, which has seen a 15 percent rate of growth from 2008 to 2012 (the most recent year available). For the most part, Northern Virginia is stuck.

"The region has stopped growing," said Stephen Fuller, director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University. "High wage jobs and most new jobs are paying below the average for all jobs."

jurisdiction	year 2008	year 2009	year 2010	year 2011	year 2012	% change
Loudoun	\$51,950	\$51,469	\$54,301	\$58,953	59,683	15%
Virginia	\$44,900	\$44,063	\$44,854	\$47,126	48,377	8%
U.S.	\$40,873	\$39,357	\$40,163	\$42,298	43,735	7%
Prince William	\$44,230	\$44,227	\$44,995	\$46,719	47,309	7%
Arlington	\$78,031	\$76,941	\$78,340	\$82,075	83,242	7%
Alexandria	\$78,375	\$75,598	\$76,643	\$79,713	80,952	3%
Fairfax	\$70,145	\$67,010	\$67,776	\$70,371	71,607	2%

Part of the explanation is that the typical American household is getting poorer, according to a new study by the Russell Sage Foundation that shows the inflation-adjusted net worth for the typical American household has dropped 36 percent from 2003 to last year. Another part of the explanation is that the region is emerging from the recession with a serious hangover. Stimulus spending was drying up just as Northern Virginia is facing a series of troubles related to a dysfunctional federal government.

"This area is highly dependent upon the federal government," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership. "Sequesters, shutdowns and freezing Department of Defense and domestic appropriations can be very disruptive."

THE GREAT RECESSION came on the heels of one of the worst business cycles on record in terms of job creation, a phenomenon that's true for per capita personal income as well as household income. By 2009. when the bottom fell out of the global financial system, the typical working-age American household was earning about \$5,000 less than it did in 2000. Since 2009, when the recovery officially began, household income has fallen even more.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

"It's depressing," said Richard Fry, a senior researcher at the Pew Research Center. "Household income is down, and even during the years it was supposed to be recovering it has actually continued to fall further.'

Here in Northern Virginia, demographic changes are at the root of why per capita personal income has remained flat. As development and redevelopment moves forward, low-income families are being priced out of Arlington and Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, the older housing in Fairfax County and Alexandria are drawing lower income families.

"The older apartments were designed for singles, but they are now occupied mostly by families with children," said David Versel, senior research associate at the Center for Regional Analysis. "If you look down Route 1, all the apartments near Fort Belvoir were built for singles and young couples. Now they have predominantly immigrant families."

THE ONE bright spot in Northern Virginia is the fast growing exurbs of Loudoun County, where per capita person income increased from \$52,000 in 2008 to \$60,000 in 2012. Researchers who study the shifting demographic patterns of Northern Virginia say part of the explanation for this is the different kind of people who are now moving to Loudoun County, which is growing at the fastest rate in Northern Virginia. The county's population has doubled in the last 15 years, and so has the county's demographic profile.

"One of the things that is really changing in Loudoun is having more younger people going out there, and families without children going out there," said Hamilton Lombard, research specialist for the Demographics Research Group at the University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. "And that's just kind of a transformation from being a bedroom community into actually having lots of job centers there and having lots of younger people going there before they start families."

Part of the change for Loudoun is the kind of construction that's been happening in recent years. The county has seen a number of new mixed-use developments that include residences, shopping and offices. The Village at Leesburg, for example, was one of the first of its kind in the area. That was followed by One Loudoun in Ashburn and Crescent Place, a trend that is slowly making Loudoun more friendly for millennials.

"We're not seeing as many mansions or large single-family houses being built, and we are seeing more smaller units, which means smaller households with fewer children," said Versel. "That means for each new household that moves in, there are fewer dependents and thus the per-capita income will be higher."

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Biking for a Cause Phoenix Bikes on the rise.

By Michael McMorrow The Connection

ears from now, you will be able to say 'I rode in the very first event.' Your contribution to this wonderful organization is something to remember, always."

With these words, Libby Garvey started the first wave of riders in the inaugural Kennan Garvey Memorial Ride. They would pedal 100 miles round-trip between Arlington and Purcellville, the entire length of the Washington & Old Dominion Bike Trail. Others choose abbreviated distances of 32 and 60 miles.

Garvey, a member of the Arlington County Board, is an avid cyclist. So was her now deceased husband, Kennan, for whom the ride is a memorial. Years ago, the couple followed the same trail, only not in a single day; they spent overnight in Purcellville.

Garvey clearly recalls the trek because it was the weekend U. S. Sen. (and Yorktown High School graduate) Paul Wellstone (Minn.) died in an airplane crash. Her memories mix the bitter and the sweet.

When asked, Garvey explained that she 2 ♦ Arlington Connection ♦ August 6-12, 2014



From left: Ever Franco, Libby Garvey, Agustin Argueta.

could not participate in this very special event due to an injury recently suffered in - a bike accident. The Memorial Ride has two objectives: Draw attention to the Phoe-



From left: Constance O'Hearn, Jessica Mott, Keith Oberg.

expanded facility to serve more youngsters. The organization sees the bicycyle as an additional kind of vehicle - a means of pro-



Clash in Arlington Heights over School Site

Residents oppose school officials' plans to construct school in park.

> By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

rlington County Public Schools desperately needs space for the crush of new students that are coming to the county, especially after the development boom now taking place along Columbia Pike. But neighborhoods up and down the pike say that development boom is creating another problem, a dwindling amount of open space as developers try to maximize profits by filling every available square

foot of density allowed. That's creating a clash in Arlington Heights, where school leaders want to build a new elementary school on land that's currently a county park. Neighborhood groups are fiercely opposed. "Why am I being forced

to give up park land for schools?" said Scott Sklar, president of the Ashton Heights Civic Association. "It's ridiculous. It's not in the long-term in-

terest of the county or the kids to do that."

County Board members have shelved plans to intrude on the park land temporarily, creating a working group to study the

"Why am I being forced to give up park land for schools?" — Scott Sklar, president

of the Ashton Heights **Civic Association**

feasibility of constructing a

new elementary school on the site. Members of the working group will examine the issue for about five months, then issue a recommendations early next year. The first meeting is set for September, and the group is expected to issue recommendation by January.

"Our county is desirable and growing, and more stu-

dents are entering our school system," said Arlington County Board Chair Jay Fisette.

"This working group will bring together community members, schools and county staff for a robust consideration of whether to use a portion of the Thomas Jefferson site for a new elementary school."

ONE OF THE GOALS members of the County Board have given the working group is to retain the current wooded eastern end of "T.J. Park," the open space along the western portion of South Irving Street. Some have interpreted this direction as a move to guide the School Board as it considers four different scenarios for where the school should be constructed. Two scenarios would build the school in the western parking lot. One of the scenarios would construct the

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Children of PLANET members help plant perennials on the Arlington National Cemetery grounds on July 28.

'Renewal & Remembrance'

undreds of lawn care and landscape professionals donated time and services on Monday July 28, to care for the grounds and trees of the historic Arlington Cemetery. Organized by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), the national trade association for the landscape and lawn care industry, "Renewal & Remembrance" involved more than 400 volunteer professionals from around the country. Entering its 18th year, "Renewal & Remembrance" is the largest landscape indus-

try day of service in the country. More than 162 acres of the 624-acre cemetery were worked on.

Volunteer services included mulching, pruning, aerating, planting, liming and applying gypsum. Irrigation experts worked throughout the cemetery performing audits, and inspecting and repairing irrigation systems as needed. Tree care experts installed lightning protection on five of the cemetery's historic trees and, with cabling, provided support for seven others.



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Arlington Celebrates Public Art

esidents gathered with county officials and staff for the aligning of the shadows at Dark Star Park in Rosslyn on Friday morning. The sculpture in Dark Star Park was designed by environmental artist Nancy Holt and completed in

1984. It was the first major public art project commissioned by Arlington County. Dark Star Park, which replaced a gas station and warehouse, consists of five spheres, two pools, four steel poles, a stairway, a large tunnel for passage and a small tunnel for viewing and plantings. Once a year on Aug. 1 at 9:32 a.m., the shadows cast by two of the spheres and their four adjacent poles align with shadow patterns outlined on the ground.

The date commemorates the day in 1860 when William Ross bought the land that is today Rosslyn. The shadows did not appear on Friday as the sun remained hidden behind the clouds all morning.





Avery peeks through one of the holes in a sphere at Dark Star Park.

Close-in McLean

Arlington County public art administrator Angela Adams describes to those gathered what they would have seen at Dark Star Park if the sun came out from behind the clouds at 9:32 a.m. last Friday morning.

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U.S. Rep. Jim Moran joins residents and county officials and staff gathering at Dark Star Park for the alignment of the shadows last Friday morning.



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OPINION Brightening Outlook for End of Summer

Local pleasures to offset discouraging news.

he news here has been a bit discouraging, and that's without considering the human tragedy and disaster of several different international situations.

The unsettling narrative rolling out from the Richmond trial of former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen Editorial would hopefully result in action on campaign finance reform in Virginia.

Up until the news about "gifts" to family members of Gov. Bob McDonnell, almost all elected officials would defend Virginia's notoriously unregulated system of allowing candidates and elected officials to take unlimited amounts of money and unlimited gifts from anyone or any company at all. Because Virginia has such strict disclosure requirements, elected officials seem to think that it's OK to be awash in all that money. Voters can look up who is giving money and draw their own conclusions. How could it hurt if the details are all out in the open?

It isn't just disclosure of gifts to family members that needs reform here.

ignature Theatre held its

annual open house on

Saturday, Aug. 2, on the

plaza and in the theatre in Shirlington. Volunteers guided

children in making hats, color-

ing postcards, jumping on the

moonbounce and more. The

Plaza Stage featured performances by the Junkyard Saints,

Levi Stephens, The Bitter Dose

Combo and the Grand Finale -

Broadway on the Plaza. Inside,

the theatre performances con-

tinued throughout the festival

in the Max and the Ark The-

atres. There was cabaret perfor-

mances in the Mead Lobby as

well as acting and workshops and sing-a-longs in The Shen.

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Discovering that the system is entirely selfregulated with no independent auditor, no ethics commission and no penalties for failing to report gifts or contributions should give voters some pause. Consider that only four states, including Virginia, have no limits on contributions. Most states have limits; for example, in Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle. We've already had one session

of the General Assembly without a meaningful reform effort.

The current stubborn road block to extending health coverage to at least

200,000 very poor Virginians, including another unsettling narrative about Democrats losing control of the Virginia Senate because of the resignation of one senator who was apparently offered a great job and a judgeship for his daughter, is dispiriting.

The failure in Fairfax County of a proposal to allow the building of affordable studio apartments to house working poor people is discouraging on several fronts. The proposal was many years in the making. Why did this proposal come forward without support from members of the Board of Supervisors? Even if it was approved, it appeared to lack commercial viability. Back to the drawing board? (There is some good news pending about more federal for a list of vendors.

Open House at Signature Theatre

money for affordable housing in the county.) So here are a few end-of-summer activities that can serve as antidote.

In Arlington, go to the Marine Corps Sunset Parade and Concert, last chance this summer, Tuesday Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m. in August. Iwo Jima Memorial. Visit www.barracks.marines.mil.

Or catch the Arlington County Fair, through Aug. 10 at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Shop for arts and crafts, watch pigs race and enjoy rides and entertainment. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us.

Go to the farmers markets and enjoy the local bounty. The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St, Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert. Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m, through Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com



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Theatre for the afternoon Signature Sea-



Gladys Salana and Isabel Carrero join in the dancing to the music on the plaza.

"Flourishing After 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, Aug. 17-22.

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

Senior trips: Sunday, Aug. 17, Nationals vs Pirates baseball game, D.C., \$57; Friday, Aug. 22, tour Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, D.C. \$17; Saturday, Aug. 23, Colonial Beach, Va., \$7.Call Arlington County

55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required. Artist Paul Gauguin's works,

Monday, Aug. 18, 1 p.m., Lee, free. Reg-ister, 703-228-0555. Nutritional needs for vegetar-

ians, Monday, Aug. 18, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Stargazing, Tuesday, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955

Rubber Stamp workshop, Tuesday, Aug. 19, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Registration open for Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, www.nvso.us. \$12 covers multiple events. Details, 703-228-4721.

Seniors-only weight room **hours**, Langston-Brown, Madison. \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-4745. Arlington Mill Trail Trekkers, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Arlington Neighborhood Villages, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722

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

ences, Thursday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m., Lee.

Advanced line dancing, Thurs-703-228-0555

Donating bodies to medical science, Friday, Aug. 22, 11 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Ballroom Dance, Friday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369

music, Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

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Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

days, 1:30 p.m., Lee. Details,

Coffee and Culture Café, classical

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

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the school in the wooded area near Route 50. "It's clear they don't want that fourth scenario where we would be building on truly green space as opposed to just open space," said Greg Greeley, who lives in nearby Douglas Park. "The county has already come out and said this is not where we would let the school system build."

Later this week, School Board members will consider a series of alternatives for the site.

The alternatives will add more detail to the tradeoffs associated with locating a school at this site compared to other sites.

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• 13,553+/- sf

For example, if school administrators were not able to build at the Thomas Jefferson site, where would they construct other expansions?

"Essentially, wherever the schools build we are going to lose open space," said Greeley. "If it's a park versus a hypothetical, people will say they don't want to build on the park until you find out that someplace else might not be where you want to build either."

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ONGOING

- Free Outdoor Movie Series. Through Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m. "The Loop," Market Common Clarendor 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Market Common Clarendon presents "Now Playing on The Loop," a series of free outdoor movies on the first Thursdays of August and September. Movies include The Princess Bride on Aug. 7 and Top Gun on Sept. 4. Admission is free, as well as popcorn, snacks and water. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.market ndon.com Visual Art and Sound. Through
- Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Artisphere 1101 Wilson Blvd. Fermata, a celebration of sound, mixes visual art and sound. Special events throughout exhibit. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-1100
- LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays starting Aug. 5. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey's "Bar A" Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. IOTA Club & Cafe has designated every Tuesday LGBT & Straight Friends Social Night for those 21 years and older. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com
- **Marine Corps Sunset Parade and Concerts**. Tuesdays through Aug. 12. 7 p.m. in May, June, July, 6:30 p.m. in August. Iwo Jima Memorial. Sunset parade by the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Team. Visit www.barracks.marines.mil.
- "An Evening with Danny Kaye." Through Saturday, Aug. 16 at Gunston Theatre Two, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 South Lang St The American Century Theater presents "An Evening with Danny Kaye," featuring Brian Childers. \$32-\$40. Visit americancentury.org or call 703-998-4555.
- Gallery Underground. Through Saturday, Aug. 23 at Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal Drive. "Making Their Mark: Art Brut" art gallery. Free. Email info@galleryunder ground.org for more.
- Cool Off. Through Labor Day. Several locations and various times. Bring the kids out to have a blast at Arlington's spraygrounds. Visit http://parks.arlingtonva.us/ facilities/sprayground
- **REPRISE: 40 to the Fore.** Through Oct. 5 at Arlington Arts Center. 3550 Wilson Blvd. REPRISE: 40 to the Fore rethinks, remixes, and represents exhibitions that Arlingtor Arts Center (AAC) created over the past 40 years. Free admission. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/ reprise for more.
- Organic Tales. Through Oct. 5, Wednesdays-Fridays. 1-7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Alice Whealin and Si Jae Byun present a two-person exhibition called "Organic Tales." Free Admission, Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.
- Color Landscape Photography. Through Oct. 6., Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 1-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. See "Yosemite and Beyond," Call 703-228-6330.
- Yappy Hour. Fridays through Oct. 1, 6-8 p.m. at the Le Meridien, 1121 N 19th St. Le Meridien hotel, along with the Rosslyn BID, is
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hosting a Yappy Hour every Friday. This event will be held on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse will be serving specialty cocktails and appetizers for pet owners as well as a few treats for dogs. Free Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/yappy hour#sthash.tuQQKjco.dpuf.

- Historic Home Tours at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington County opens for the season with ree tours and refreshments. The house is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Visit
- www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org Children's Music. 10:30 a.m on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market mon Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommon
- clarendon.com for more. Sparket: A Creative Market nesdays, through Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive An electric and colorful shopping experience. Free admission; \$30 to be a vendor. Visit http://
- crystalcity.org/do/sparket. Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8 10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 ash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com Arlington for more.
- Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to eep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit https:// registration.arlingtonva.us, Free.
- no registration required. Comedy. Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can eniov ComedySportz for Kidz \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFF.
- Comedy. Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("adult"), both at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd, \$15 each.
- Visit www.comedvindc.com or 703-294-LAFF Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free.
- Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340. Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit vww.iotaclubandcafe.com or call
- 703-522-8340. Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-
- 525-8646. Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at llow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilsoi Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.
- Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder 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. Glencarlyn 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.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

- Fitness Classes. Summer Boot camp classes in Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Classes for all levels use high-intensity interval training. Classes run through Aug. 16 and meet Mondays and Wednesday 6-7 p.m, and Saturdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$25. Visit www.rosslvnva.org/ feature/rosslyn-boot-camp.
- aturalists Training. Sept. 8 through Dec. 8. Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Applications due Monday, Aug. 18. Learn more about the natural world and local natural resources. \$175. Visit www.armn.org. Junior Jam for Teens. The Junior
- Jam drop-in program is for teens 11-16 who want to enjoy field trips, special events, sports, swimming, music, arts, cooking projects, group games and tournaments and more. Sign up for all eight weeks for a one-time registration fee of \$46 for Arlington residents. Extra cost for trips; there is the possibility of a fee reduction. Visit http://
- parks.arlingtonva.us/junior-jam-3. mmer Enjoy Arlington Classes. Registration is now oper for these county classes, a variety of programs for all ages and abilities including fitness and sports, crafts and more. Programs have fees but there is the possibility of a fee reduction. Visit https://registration.arlingtonva.us,
- wsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html. Theatre Classes. Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini camps for children in grades K-8 at on Saturdays at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road and Tuesdays and Wednesdays after-school at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four
- Mile Run Drive. Visit www.encorestageva.org for a list of classes.

Summer Art Camps. Summer camps for children and teens meet daily in several sessions

throughout the summer at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Classes range from portfolio development to drawing, acrylic painting, and contemporary landscapes with oil paint. Members receive 10-15 percent off class tuition. Visit

www.arlingtonartscenter.org/ aacsummercamps. Original art classes for all ages and all skill levels are offered year-round.

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Gallery Underground. Through Saturday, Aug. 23 at Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal Drive. "Making Their Mark: Art Brut" art gallery. Free. Email info@galleryunder ground.org for more.

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National Root Beer Float Day. 11 a.m.-Midnight at Capitol City Brewing Company, 4011 Campbel Ave. Get a root beer float, made with homemade root beer for \$5. Visit www.capcitybrew.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 7

"Now Playing on The Loop." 7:30-9:30 p.m. Market Common

Celebrate Arlington

rom Aug. 6-10, the Arlington County Fair will be in full gear featuring live performances, competitions, carni val rides and more. The free event, which has been going on for more than 35 years, has a mission to "showcase the best of Arlington."

Amy Doane, chairperson of the fair board, is excited for the coming week.

> "The biggest reason to come to the fair is to celebrate Arlington," Doane said. "It's one of the biggest free events on the east coast. We really make an effort to have local talent and local groups involved. There's a lot to offer and it's neat to see what's in your own backyard."

Entertainment at the fair ranges from racing piglets to outdoor movie showings to dance group performances. A full schedule of indoor and outdoor entertainment is available at http://arlingtoncountyfair.us. One way that Doane believes the Arlington County Fair is different than a "typical" county fair is its urban vibe.

"Arlington is a very urban environment and the fair reflects that," Doane said. "There's no

typical 4-H livestock, and this year we have a dairy cow exhibit and that's the only livestock we have."

The only aspects of the fair which cost money are the carnival rides and pony rides. Admission is free as well as all the entertainment and activities.

Doane suggested that, if attendees are able, to use public transportation rather than driving to the fair. Parking is limited and the fair has four different shuttles to help with the commute. Information about transportation is also available on the website. The fair is open from 5-10 p.m. on Aug. 6-7, from 2-11 p.m. on Aug. 8, from 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on Aug. 9 and from 11 a.m.-10

Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd The Princess Bride will be playing at Market Common Clarendon Rain date for the show will be Aug. 14. Call 703-476-9377 or visit nonclarendon.com www.marketco for more. more

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A discussion on

Kaitlyn gets her face

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Denney at the 2013

Arlington County Fair.

- Jefferson Community Center. A performance by the Potomac Harmony Chorus. Free. Visit
- www.PotomacHarmony.org at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses. crazy co-workers, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine.Visit www.rosslynva.org/ events.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

Arlington Career Center, 816 S Walter Reed Drive. Packet pickup will be held at the Fair, 3501 2nd St. South on Friday, Aug. 8 from 1-9 p.m. Adults :\$25; Kids: \$10. Visit www.arlingtoncountyfair.us/5k for

- Summer Safari. 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. A chance to explore the frog pond and vernal pool with a naturalist. Equipment will be provided. Free. Call 703-528-5406 o make a reservation
- The Magic Flute Family Preview. 2 p.m. The Woman's Club of Arlington, 700 S. Buchanan St. Children are free, suggested donations from parents, \$10, and seniors, \$5. Call the Opera Nova Office at 703-536-7557 or email mcdm1@verizon.net for more. Summer Concert. 7 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcev Road. Join in on an evening of pop and Americana
- music, performed by The Taters. Picnics are welcome. No alcoh Free, \$5 donation requested. Call 703-528-5406 to make a reservation.

SUNDAY/AUG. 10

Mother-Daughter Book Club. 3 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200

Fair

p.m. on Aug. 10. Visit the website for a detailed schedule of events "We are just really proud of our schedule this year, it's jampacked," Doane said. Follow the fair on Twitter @arlingtoncofair to keep up with

all the happenings.

N. Westmoreland St. A discussion on "The Great Wall of Lucy Wu" by Wendy Wan-Long Shang. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more

MONDAY/AUG. 11

- Laughter Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Use breathing clapping and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. Free. Contact alingtonlaughteryoga@
- Nonfiction Book Club. 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A discussion "Orange is the New Black" by Piper Kerman Free Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 12

vahoo.com for more

Author Event. 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 . Quincy St. Elizabeth Drew will be presenting on "Nixon and Watergate 40 Years Later." Free Call 703-228-6321

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

- YA Book Club. 5 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N.
- www.ConnectionNewspapers.com www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Daytime Book Club. 7 p.m. One Live Music. 8 p.m. at Thomas

"The Son" by Philipp Meyer. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com

Film: Empire Records. 8-10 p.m.

5K Walk/Run. 8 a.m. starting at the



Chanda Causer and her daughter Nylah Brown glide down a gigantic slide at the 2013 Arlington County

— Alexis Hosticka

Westmoreland St. Young adult book club meeting. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

Exhibit Reception. 6-8 p.m. at the Arlington Historical Museum, Hume School. An opening reception for a new exhibit. Meet Dr. Mark Benbow and Garrett

- Peck. Free. Visit www.arlington historicalsociety.org for more. Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at Lubber
- Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Brazilian musician Rose Moraes. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228 1850 or visit
- www.arlingtonarts.org Film: Miss Congeniality. 8-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn
- Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses. crazy co-workers, 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.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16 Ride and Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at

Maserati of Arlington, 2710 S. Glebe Rd. Drivers 25 and over with a valid license can register for test drives and will automatically be entered to win a selection of Maserati gear. There will also be refreshments, provided by Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and Fresh Foodie. Free admission. Call 571 723-4081 for more.

- Summer Safari. 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Search the water in Donaldson Run Creek for cravfish aquatic insects and fish. Dress to get wet. Free. Call 703-528-5406 o make a reservation.
- AGLA Brunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Freddie's Beach Bar & Restaurant. 555 23rd St. S. Arlington Gav & Lesbian Alliance board member TJ Flavell will be there to greet you and introduce you to others. Freddie's has reserved the patio. Visit http://agla.org/brunch/ for
- Outdoor Concert. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Andrew Acosta, acoustic Americana. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit
- www.arlingtonarts.org for more Launch Party. 6 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. A launch party
- for Jessica Spotswood's new book "Sisters' Fate." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com
- Bat Festival. 6-9 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Learn about the life of a bat with walks, games, crafts and more. \$8. Visit http:// parks.arlingtonva.us/events/bat-
- estival/ for more. AGLA Barbeque. 1-5 p.m., Virginia Highlands Park, 1600 S Hayes St. Arlington Gay & Lesbian Alliance and the Gay Men's Health Collaborative will provide almost everything needed for a total summer cookout experience, (i.e grill, charcoal, buns, condiments, chips, beverages, utensils, plates). Those attending bring whatever they would like to see thrown on the grill. Side dishes or tasty treats to share potluck-style welcome. Free. Register at

www.eventbrite.com/e/summer cookout-tickets-12293804099.

SUNDAY/AUG. 17

- Outdoor Concert. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Rico Amero, hip hop jazz. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or
- visit www.arlingtonarts.org. Live Music and BBQ. 7-9 p.m. at Stetson's Garden, 1610 U St. NW Washington DC. A music and food event, hosted by Arlington Arts Center. All proceeds go the the art center. \$50 per person. Visit http:/ /www.eventbrite.com/ to purchase tickets.

MONDAY/AUG. 18

- Summer Hummer. 7-9:30 p.m. ay Signature Theater, 4200 Campbel Ave., Arlington. More than 60 actors from the Washington area will sing, dance, and strip to support "Taking Care of Our Own. \$35 for general admission, \$75 for prime reserved seating. Visit http:/ Laughter Yoga. 7:30-8:30 p.m. St George's Episcopal Church, 915
- Oakland St. Use breathing clapping and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. \$3. Contact alingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com

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Last Saturday, the Northern Virginia Swim League concluded its 2014 competitions with the Individual All Stars Meet at Annandale Swim & Tennis Club. NVSL has 17 divisions, each with six teams, and swimmers are divided by age and by stroke. At regular season's end, those recording the fastest times are invited to participate as "an individual all star."

Region's Income Growth Lags Behind State and National Averages

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ACROSS AMERICA, the poor are getting poorer. A new study by the Russell Sage Foundation concludes that households at the bottom of the wealth distribution lost the largest share of their total wealth, and researchers who conducted the study believe the slow recovery will continue to gen-

erate increased wealth inequality in the coming years. The study also concluded that the Great Recession caused an unprecedented decline in wealth holdings among American households. Inflation-adjusted net worth for the typical household in America dropped 36 percent from \$88,000 in 2003 to \$56,000 last year, and most of that drop came in the wake of the Great



Recession. Ultimately, the researchers concluded, the data show very few signs of significant recovery from the losses in wealth experienced by American families during the Great Recession.

"The housing bubble basically hid a trend of declining financial wealth at the median that began in 2001," wrote Fabian Pfeffer, one of the study's authors.





BULLETIN BOARD

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

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

Anniversary Celebration. Boy Scout Troop 111 will celebrate 75 years. In support of this, the Troop is soliciting historical memories about the troop. its leaders and past activities. Email Troop111History@yahoo.com or visit www.Troop111.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 10

Lecture. 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. Lecture by Dr. Lawrence Kaplan,

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army historian and editor of John C. Tidball, The Artillery Service in the War of the Rebellion. Free. Visit http://library.arlingtonva.us/ for

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

NOVA Registration Closes. Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's 16-week fall semester and the first 8-week term closes. Classes begin Aug. 20. Visit www.nvcc.edu or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun. Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 1 Become an Officer. Applications accepted, online, until Sept. 1 to

Leckey Forum. 2-4:30 p.m. at NRECA

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Auxiliary Police Unit offers an exciting chance to learn new skills

sites.arlingtonva.us/policejobs/

apply.

for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

Auxiliary Police Officer. Joining the

and serve a critical need. Visit http://

auxiliary-police/ for responsibilities

and requirements, as well as how to

Planning Commision. County Board

Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. A public

hearing to consider the update to the

Stormwater Master Plan. Followed by

County Board meeting Sept. 20. Visit

http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases

Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd #803, Arlington. A forum on affordable housing, followed by a wine reception. Free. RSVP to StephanieBAhs@gmail.com. Visit www.AllianceForHousingSolutions.org for more.

PUBLIC INPUT WANTED

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Survey. In conjunction with public meetings, a survey is available for community input is regarding a farmers' market at Fairlington Community Center. Access the survey at www.arlingtonva.us/dpr.

NOVA SENIOR OLYMPICS

Registration for the senior olympics is currently open for the 10 day of competition from Sept. 13-24. Events include track and field,

tennis, handball, dominoes and more. Registration is \$12 which covers multiple events. Participants must be 50 by Dec. 31, 2014. Online registration opens July 1 at www.nvso.us. Call 703-228-4721 for more.

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TICK SEASON

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There are four types of ticks common to Virginia. Two are potential carriers of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and the deer tick is a potential carrier of Lyme Disease. Anyone who suspects a ticktransmitted disease should consult with a physician. Remove ticks with tweezers or by wrapping the tick in tissue paper and pulling out slowly with fingers. Wash the wound with See Bulletin, Page 14

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Graph 2: Per Capita Personal Income

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

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In June 2014, 286 Arlington homes sold between \$2,518,420-\$125,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$779,000-\$520,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Home Sales

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Sports WGCC Lightning Wins League Championship

he WGCC Lightning swimmers have just completed one of the most successful seasons in the team's history. They had an undefeated dual meet season, won Divisional Relays, and emerged victorious at the Division-A Championships. But, after losing by the absolute slimmest of margins at last year's league championships; the team was looking for redemption and the Lightning swimmers came through.

On July 28-29, the 15 teams of the Country Club Swimming and Diving Association met at Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington for the CCSDA league championships. Each team sent its top two swimmers to compete in each event. The preliminaries were held on Monday and the top16 finishers in each event returned on Tuesday for finals. While the other local swim leagues culminate in individual All Stars - the CCSDA "Champs" meet is ultimately a team event and determines the top team for the entire league.

After a 51-year drought, WGCC won Champs in 2009 and, over the past several years, the title has gone back-and-forth between WGCC and Kenwood. In last year's match-up, the Lightning lost by a half a point to their rivals Kenwood — the closest match-up in the league's history.

The Lightning's rallying cry this year has been "taking care of business." The team led the meet from the first event and they never looked back. Many of the swimmers posted season-best times - and a number of these times bested previous team and league records. By the meet's end, WGCC held more than a 100-point lead over the second place finishers.

WGCC had two double winners - Ryan Baker and Jack Carman — and both won with record setting times. Ryan Baker won the Boys Senior IM in a time of 57.89, breaking the Champs meet record and the Army-Navy pool record. This time also broke the WGCC team record set by Tom Dolan in 1994 (Dolan later won gold in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics). Baker also won the Boys 18U backstroke in a time of 25.61, breaking a CCSDA, meet, pool, and team record (he broke his own team record set earlier in the summer). Jack Carman won the Boys 10U breaststroke. His preliminary time of



Cate Barrett swims backstroke at Champs.

18.16 set a new pool record and it also broke the WGCC team record set by Tom Dolan in 1986. Carman also won the Boys 10U butterfly.

Single winners for the Lightning were: Jillian Johnson (setting a new pool record of 1:11.83 in the Girls 12U IM); Lucas Zidlicky (setting a pool record of 15.46 in the Boys 8U free); Sean Curran (Boys 8U back); Sophie Yoder (Girls 10U back); Sydney-Cate Thornett (Girls 10U breast); and David DiMeglio and Richard Gentry (with a tie for first place in the Boys 14U breast).

Swimmers finishing in the top three for WGCC included: Avery Nassetta (2nd in Girls 10U free with a WGCC team record of 14.14, breaking a 34-year old record set by Christine Smith; 3rd in Girls 10U back); Alex Gerlach (2nd in both Boys 10U free & back); Chris Outlaw (2nd in both Boys 18U free, with a time of 24.03 that broke his own team record set earlier this season, and 18U fly); Johnson (2nd in Girls 12U back her time of 32.88 broke her own team record); Zander Zidlicky (2nd in both 14U back & fly, besting his own team record in fly with a time of 28.07); Grace Maria (2nd in Girls 8U breast); Conner McCarthy (2nd in both Boys 8U breast & fly, and breaking teammate Richard Gentry's team record in fly set in 2009 with a time of 17.83); Yoder (2nd in Girls 10U fly); Caroline Otteni (2nd in Girls 12U fly); Mike Poppalardo (3rd in Boys 18U free); Palmer McTague (3rd in Boys 10U breast); Angus Ricks (3rd in Boys 12U breast); Jack Burke (3rd in 8U Boys fly), and Petie Nassetta (3rd in Girls 14U fly).



Jack Carman dives in for one of his two 1st-place finishes.

at the Championship meet were 8U swimmers Caroline Klauder, Elice Lebedev, Pearson Shay, Will Walters and Emme Yoder; 10U swimmers Cab Fooshe, Paddy McCarthy, Helen Otteni and Pamela Grace von Seelen; 12U swimmers Kate Burke, Merrick Carey, Amanda DiMeglio, Sarah DiMeglio, Brian McCarthy, Charlotte Thomson and Tucker Wall ; 14U swimmers Cate Barrett, Lindsay Lukehart, Thomas Outlaw, G.G. Richmond and Carson Wood; and 18U swimmers George Cranwell, Kirby Nassetta, Sydney Nassetta, Alston Offutt, Faith Palmer, Wilson Ricks and Kate Rita.

The Lightning have had great success all season in the relay events and this meet was no different. Of the six relay events, WGCC won four of them and finished no lower than 3rd place out of all the teams. The Boys Junior Medley relay team of Z. Zidlicky, Ricks, Carman, L. Zidlicky won and set a new pool and team record, with a time of 1:03.91. The Boys Graduated 200-meter Free relay team of L. Zidlicky, Gerlach, Ricks, Z. Zidlicky and Baker set a new CCSDA, meet, pool, and team record of 1:49.00.

The Girls Junior Medley Relay team of Other swimmers earning points for WGCC Johnson, Thornett, P. Nassetta, and Shay



Breaststroker George Cranwell.

and the Boys Senior Medley Relay team of Baker, Gentry, P. McCarthy, and Gerlach also won their events. Although the Girls Graduated Free Relay team of Shay, A. Nassetta, Johnson, P. Nassetta and K. Nassetta were edged out in their event, their time of 1:59.44 broke a 37-year old WGCC team record.

The final scores were: WGCC - 1324, Kenwood - 1193, Army Navy - 1114, Congressional - 821, Chevy Chase - 573.5; Bethesda - 519, Manor - 498, Edgemoor -468.5, Columbia - 467.5, Norbeck - 427, Montgomery - 366, Argyle - 294, Belle Haven - 266.5, Avenel - 234 and Lakewood -64.



8U Boys Conner McCarthy, Sean Curran and Lucas Zidlicky, all swam for WGCC at Champs.





Ryan Baker in his breaststroke leg of IM



Sisters Kirby, Avery and Petie Nassetta all earned numerous points towards WGCC's Champs victory.

Wellbeing

Preventing Sports Injuries

By Marilyn Campbell The Connection

s students prepare to return to school, one activity many look for ward to is sports. While the benefits of athletic activities are numerous, however, so are injuries.

Statistics released by Safe Kids Worldwide, an organization dedicated to preventing injuries in children, show that more than 38 million U.S. children and adolescents ages 19 and under participate in sports each year. More than 2.6 million of those children were seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to sports and recreation.

"I believe the benefits of sports participation far outweigh the risks. Injuries will never be 100 percent preventable and are part of sports. However, many youth sports injuries are preventable with some common sense," said Shane V. Caswell, Ph.D., professor and Athletic Training Education Program executive director at the Sports Medicine Assessment, Research & Testing (SMART) Laboratory at George Mason University in Fairfax.

The most common sports-related issues are sprains (mostly ankle), muscle strains, bone or growth plate injuries, repetitive motion injuries and heat-related illnesses.

"Children's bones are more pliable than adults', and injuries that might just cause a sprain in an adult could cause a fracture in a child," said Dr. Derek Ochiai, Hip Arthroscopy & Sports Medicine at the Nirschl Orthopaedic Center in Arlington. "If the child refuses to bend their wrist or elbow or cannot put weight on their leg, then this should be urgently seen by a physician, whether in the emergency room or in the doctor's office, within a day of the injury."

Ochiai said sports are ideal for developing a child's coordination and helping them learn teamwork and perseverance. However, he continued, all sports carry a risk of injury. "The most common sports associated with injuries include football, basketball, baseball/softball and soccer," he said. "Any sport that involves colliding with another player does increase the risk of injury."

PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARETAK-ERS can take active roles in helping to pre-

vent injuries, said Caswell. "To help ensure that their children are safe, parents need to take ownership of their child's safety," he said. "We can begin with the first question parents should ask when choosing a youth league or sports association: Who in the organization is responsible for league safety and what is the plan?"

Youth sports organizations should take precautions to ensure safety, continued Caswell. "It need not be someone with medical knowledge, but it should be a concerned parent or volunteer who makes safety the number one priority."

Parents should then ask to see the league's youth safety policies and procedures manual and emergency action plans specific to all venues where the children will practice and compete, he said

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- Shane V. Caswell, Ph.D., **George Mason University**

"Unfortunately, we have seen too many instances where an emergency situation occurs and no one knows what to do," Caswell said. "Youth sports organizations should have these policies in place, require that coaches be educated on them and make parents aware that they exist. They should be reviewed annually and practiced regularly so that when an emergency occurs everyone is prepared."

STRETCHING TO MAINTAIN muscle flexibility is also important to prevent sports injuries in children, said Skye Donovan, Ph.D., associate professor of physical therapy at Marymount University in Arlington.

"As children go through growth spurts, their muscles are at an increased risk of becoming tight and limiting their range of motion, which





Photo Courtesy of Nirschl Orthopaedic Center Dr. Derek Ochiai treats a young patient at the Nirschl Orthopaedic Center in Arlington. More than 2.6 million children sustain sports-related injuries that require emergency care each year.

can pose a problem during sports," she said. "Strength training is a great way to help children resist injuries. It doesn't have to be the typical 'go to the weight room' type of strength training; children can do sports-specific activities that use their own body weight or resistance bands to help target underdeveloped muscles that might otherwise lead to injuries. Agility training is also helpful to improve sports related skills like coordination, cutting, changing directions and high speed movements."

Ochiai underscores the importance of using protective gear, including helmets. "Listen to coaches and instructions on technique, and use proper techniques at all times, including with tackling in football," he said. "Make sure the young athletes stay hydrated, and have access to water frequently. Even at young ages, include appropriate warm up drills prior to starting the activity."







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The Arlington Community Foundation's initiative NextGenNow awarded its inaugural grant of \$5,000 to The Reading **Connection's summer reading** program for under-privileged children, "We are Readers." The check was presented to Dan Vivarelli (center), a member of The Reading Connection's Board, by NextGenNow co-chairs Kevin Shooshan of The Shooshan Company and Susan Anderson of the **County Treasurer's Office at a** NextGenNow happy hour event at Whitlow's on Wilson on June 24. NextGenNow is a group of young professionals who combine their resources to help the community. To join NextGenNow, visit www.NGNArlington.org or email NGNArlington@gmail.com.

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an antiseptic. Kill the tick in rubbing alcohol and preserve it in a vial for a few months in case disease symptoms develop. Volunteers at the Fairlington Help Desk can help identify ticks as well as other insects from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. They can be reached by email at mgarlalex@gmail.com and by phone at 703-228-6414.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I've felt that my attitude toward being diagnosed with stage IV ("terminal") non-small cell lung cancer at age 54-andone-half was ever to be considered as model behavior, but I do believe, after the initial shock wore off, eventually I assimilated its effects into my routine reasonably well. Not without a million bumps and bruises along the way, however, both physically and emotionally; nevertheless, though time has not healed all that has preceded this column, I've managed to find and maintain an extremely delicate balance between "joie de vivre" and "c'est la vie."

And speaking specifically about the column which preceded this one, published in our July 30, 2014 editions, entitled "CanSir," framing my approach - and emotional reaction to – being diagnosed with cancer and my method of coping, if you will, as an approach wherein I've tried to be respectful and courteous of the disease and never, ever arrogant, presumptuous or particularly overconfident about any unexpectedly good results (lab work, diagnostic scans, physical examinations, etc.), or terribly negative about the disappointing results - I would like to expound upon my approach a bit more. I've tried to...wait for it...take it in stride, both the good and the bad. (Although, as you might imagine, the good is much easier to take than the bad; however, taking the bad just as well as one takes the good might actually be more important in the short, middle and long term. Certainly the jury is still out, but so far, after five years and nearly six months, I'm still alive to dispute any notions to the contrary). And you'll never hear any complaints from me about any of it, good, bad or indifferent, but...

That's my point, sort of. This column is not espousing a methodology to the madness that cancer patients (or any other patients diagnosed as "terminal" by their doctors) should follow. It's simply an admission by yours truly of some very personal reflections on how, not why, I've survived my original "13-month to two-year prognosis." At the initial Team Lourie (my wife, Dina and my brother, Richard) meeting with my oncologist, he laid bare my diagnosis/prognosis/abbreviated life expectancy with the following advisory: "I can treat you. But I can't cure you." In response to our instinctive, how-could-cancer-happen-to-me question - considering both my parents lived into their mid-eighties WITH NO history of cancer and I had NEVER smoked cigarettes my doctor's concern was about moving/ treating me forward, not discussing the past, and so we've always looked ahead, not behind. Now whether or not the previous treatment protocols for my diagnosis/prognosis were indeed prologue, I was determined, eventually, to not let them be my epilogue, so a journey began which enabled me to live my life in a way most suitable to who I am without making me crazy, nervous, anxious, miserable and stressed out worrying all the time. It wasn't easy. It's not easy. Thankfully, amazingly, life has gone on.

What I've intended to do, mostly without fail, (although I've had my moments, to be sure, as you regular readers have read), is to walk quietly, write regularly, joke way more than I cry and not presume too many facts not in evidence, and try to be positive and believe there are exceptions to every rule. And with respect to medicine and its treatment of patients, stories abound of "exceptional" patients. I may not be "exceptional" yet, but I'm sure happy to still be writing these columns, if you know what I mean.

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