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The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Light the Bar Crawl raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Oct. 18 Light the Night DC Walk.

# Doing Good and Having Fun

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) hit the bars early on Saturday, Aug. 16, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Light the Bar Crawl. This year the bar crawl was in Clarendon and organized by Global Printing. Superheroes was the event theme, year the group raised \$8,000.

ozens of supporters and friends of the though costumes were optional. Four local bars: Sobe, American Tap Room, Bracket Room and Whitlows offered drink and food specials to the participants. Whitlow's pledged 15 percent of group sales to be donated back to the LLS. Last



**Rachel Shearer collects** ticket stubs at the entrance to Sobe's on Saturday afternoon.



**Duc Nguyen and Keller Patterson** 



**David Cashwell and Paul Bailey** 



Nui Dhepyaswuan, Jenica Patterson and Nikki Hogan enjoy light beverages on the outside patio at Sobe's.



Sobe's on Clarendon **Boulevard opened early** for the Light the Bar Crawl and offered special prices on beverages.

# School Board Barely Has Quorum

At the end of this week, Arlington School Board will be down to three members.

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- Nancy Van Doren

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

oah Simon has already resigned from the Arlington School Board, explaining that he needs to spend time with his family after the death of his wife. And Sally Baird will make a recess appointment as

officially step down at the end of this week, a decision she said is for personal and professional reasons. That means that the Arlington School Board will be down to three members, the lowest on Nov. 4." number of members in recent memory.

"We have received

Ms. Baird's resignation with sin- Linda Lindberg, registrar of voters cere regret," said School Board in Arlington. "That's why I think Chairman James Lander. "The they would be compelled to apboard will reconsider making an point somebody in the interim. appointment to fill the seat previ-

ously held by Noah Simon."

Filling those seats will take two separate elections, a general election for Baird's seat and a special election for Simon's seat. Both have been scheduled for the general election date on Nov. 4. But School Board members could

> early as Sept. 4, a scenario that looks increasingly likely considering the dwindling number of policymakers for the Arlington Public Schools as the fall semester proaches.

"If somebody is sick, they can't have a quorum," said

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# What's on Ballot In Arlington?

November general election to feature two special elections.

> By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

oters in Arlington are facing an unprecedented number of special elections this fall, aside from the House of Delegates seat filled this week. This November, voters will make selections in two separate special elections that will be on the same ballot as the regular general election. One will be for the position of treasurer, which was vacated by Frank O'Leary this summer; his deputy has taken the position in the interim in advance of the election. The other will be for the School Board seat vacated by one County Board election and Noah Simon, who resigned to be two School Board elections, alwith his family after the death of though it's possible that Nancy Van his wife.

"It is a little unusual," said Linda Lindberg, registrar of voters for

Arlington County. "But it's the most expedient thing to do in this case because of when the vacancies occurred."

The Senate race will be at the top of the ticket, pitting incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Warner against Republican Ed Gillespie. Voters will also choose a new member of Congress to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who announced his retirement earlier this year. Voters will also consider a constitutional amendment dealing with surviving spouses of those killed in military action as well as four county bond referendum questions. The ballots will have Doren will get a recess appointment on Sept. 4.

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Customers at Lebanese Taverna in Arlington on July 28, marking its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary



The early days of Lebanese Taverna in Westover.

# Lebanese Taverna Celebrates 35 Years

Family business grows to serve Arlington and beyond.

By Ross Sylvestri The Connection

lmost 40 years ago, the Abi-Najm family left their native land of Lebanon and came to the U.S. with almost nothing. This year, they celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lebanese Taverna, which started out as a restaurant in Arlington's Westover neighborhood. Since that first restaurant, the Lebanese Taverna Group has grown to five other restaurants, including another Arlington location at Pentagon Row, four cafes, a market, and a catering service throughout the Washington metropolitan area. Cooking classes are also offered on how to make Lebanese food.

Before immigrating to the U.S., Tanios Abi-Najm worked as a customs officer at a port in Lebanon. In 1975, a civil war broke out in the country. Two of his children were conscripted into a militia and were only 13 and 14 at the time. Not wanting any of his children to fight in a war, especially at such a young age, he decided in 1976 to leave for the U.S. with his wife Marie and their five children.

"He put us all on a cargo ship and we left in the middle of the night with just what we could carry," said Grace Shea, the youngest child in the family. She was only one and a half at the time.

When the family arrived to America, they stayed with family until they were able to save enough money to rent a house in Arlington. Shea said that everyone in the family did odd jobs to make ends meet. Her brothers had a newspaper route and mowed lawns, Marie was a preschool teacher's as-

Business partner Henrik Suhr, far right, with Dany, Dory, and Gladys Abi-Najm and Grace Shea at the Lebanese Taverna location in Baltimore around 2007.

Photos courtesy of Gladys Abi-Najm



sistant, and Tanios did painting.

Later, the Abi-Najms pulled their resources together to buy a Greek restaurant in Westover called Athenian Taverna in 1979 and renamed it Lebanese Taverna. However, Shea said that the first year and a half was slow.

The staff consisted of her parents and her other four siblings. The children would work in the restaurant when they were not in school.

Things began to change when customers saw the family eating traditional Lebanese food, such as kabobs and hummus, for dinner at the restaurant. The customers wanted

to try something different besides the usual pizza and subs that was being served and most people at the time had never tried Lebanese food, Shea said. As a result, the menu was expanded. Also, reviews from publications such as The Washington Post Magazine in the early 1980s helped to spread the word about Lebanese Taverna. The restaurant became so popular that the Abi-Najms expanded it in 1983.

The family opened up a second location in Washington, D.C. Many notable figures in the area have been customers there, such as journalists Helen Thomas and George Stephanopoulos as well as members of Congress such as Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA) and Sen. Ted Kennedy. Kennedy, according to Shea, had his marriage to his second wife, Vicki, at the restaurant.

In the early 1990s, Shea said, "It was great to be in D.C. and have all these people be just our customers. Half the time we didn't know who they were."

On July 9 of this year, Moran spoke on the floor of Congress to give remarks on the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abj-Najm's business.

"Lebanese Taverna has come to symbolize the realization of dreams and the rewards of dedication ... This family embodies the very best ideals of the American dream; hard work and a strong commitment to family and community," said Moran.

Shea said she and her family were flattered to be recognized by Moran.

"It was an honor for our family, especially being immigrants, on the floor Congress to be appreciated and recognized for what we've done," said Shea.

**THESE DAYS**, Lebanese Taverna is being run by the five Abi-Najm children; their parents stopped being involved in the early 2000s. However, Shea said that her mother has "come out of retirement" and each week she visits the kitchens of the restaurants and spends times with the employees.

Each of the children has their own special set of skills that help in the running of the business. Dany Abi-Najm is the president and does much of the planning, David Abi-Najm is in charge of finances and facilities management, Dory Abi-Najm is responsible for community and customer relations, Gladys Abi-Najmdoes does all of the graphic design and printing, and Grace Shea is the vice president.

For the children, the taking over the business from their parents was any easy one because they have been working there since the beginning.

"We've always been here. None of us have worked anywhere else or held other jobs after we opened up the restaurant," said Shea.

# New Day in Old Dominion

# Gay couples eagerly anticipate same-sex marriage in Virginia.

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

wayne and Rodney Byrum will be at the Fairfax County Courthouse long before it opens this Thursday on a civic mission decades in the making — to become one of the first same-sex couples to receive a marriage license in Virginia. The couple has already been married on reality television, appearing in the pilot episode of the TLC show "Wedding Island." The marriage took place on Dec. 12, 2012 at 12:12 p.m. in Vieques, Puerto Rico.

That was reality television. This week, the marriage license will become a real-life reality.

"We're bouncing off the walls happy," said Dwayne Byrum, a native of Lumberton, N.C., who lives in Groveton. "It's come along a lot faster than we ever dreamed than it would."

Just a few short years ago, voters in Virginia approved a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Since that time, a dramatic shift has happened as public opinion polls have flipped. That has allowed elected officials more latitude to take actions that would have been unthinkable a few short years ago. Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring, for example, voted in favor of the amendment as a member of the General Assembly. But now that he's the commonwealth's chief law-enforcement officer, he says it's unconstitutional. Now the Virginia courts have struck down that law, and same-sex marriage could become legal in the commonwealth as early as this week unless the U.S. Supreme Court intervenes.

"This is especially exciting because Virginia had to be dragged kicking and screaming into marriage equality for races," said Liane Rozzell, an Arlington resident whose D.C. marriage to her longtime partner could become legal this week. "So I think it's really exciting to have Virginia be one of the states where marriage equality will be happening and it won't be the last one."

**LAST WEEK**, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals declined to issue a stay of its ruling affirming that Virginia's marriage ban is unconstitutional. Unless the U.S. Supreme Court issues its own stay, which it has done in nearly identical pending cases, Virginia's marriage ban will end on Aug. 20.

In a written statement outlining his action, the attorney general said he believes the case will prove compelling for the court because of the "stringent, discriminatory nature of Virginia's marriage ban." He



Liane Rozzell, left, and Linda Kaufman exchange wedding vows in a 2010 District of Columbia service.

also drew attention to Virginia's previous ban on interracial marriage, a legal precedent known as the Loving case.

"Virginia got that case wrong," said Herring. "Now we have a chance to get it right and to help extend to all Americans the right to marry the person they love."

Civil rights advocates across the commonwealth cheered the attorney general's decision.

"There is no doubt that Virginia is ready for the freedom to marry," said James Parrish, executive director of Equality Virginia in a written statement. "Marriage validates the commitment couples make to one another and, if the Supreme Court doesn't intervene, achieving marriage equality in Virginia will be a tremendous step forward."

**FOR THOSE** who have been fighting for marriage equality for years, recent events seem like a headlong rush into the future. Back in 2006, many advocates for civil rights believed they could beat back the push toward adding a new amendment to the Virginia Constitution excluding a gays and lesbians from the institution of marriage. But advocates for the Marshal-Newman amendment won a decisive victory, winning with 57 percent of the vote.

"It was shocking," said Kelly Young, a native of the Philippines who has lived in Ballston since 2001. "I was very surprised. It was much more decisive than I expected it would be."

Herring is the first state attorney general to argue successfully at the federal district and appeals levels that a state marriage ban should be struck down. Virginia had supported a previous request for a stay because of the uncertainty that families could face if marriages proceed in Virginia and neighboring states and the Supreme Court ultimately rules against marriage equality.

"Throughout this process, we have fought for the principle of equality, moving the case forward in a swift and orderly way," said Herring. "That is why I have asked the Supreme Court to review the case to quickly and definitively resolve the issue for the Commonwealth and all the states."

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## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

**Featured Speaker.** Noon. The Knights of Roundtable charitable organization will host John Foust, Dranesville District Supervisor at

their weekly luncheon. Foust is currently the Democratic candidate for the US 10th Congressional District seat. He will speak for 20-40 min. and answer questions. Members are encouraged to attend with guests. Email Walt Fetterer wfett100@aol.com for more.

## 4-H Volunteer Training and

**Orientation.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St, Arlington. Introductory training to learn more about the 4-H program and how you can contribute to the development of

Arlington County youth. Email emilyr@vt.edu or call 703-228-6404.

#### WEDNESDAYMONDAY/AUG.27-SEPT 1 2014 Feldenkrais Method

Conference. Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, 2800 South Potomac Ave. The Annual Feldenkrais Method Conference has occurred every year since 1978, and brings together experts in the fields of physical therapy, movement

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# News

# Understanding the 'Bosnian Spring'

# Speaker discusses recent protests in Bosnia.

By Ross Sylvestri The Connection

hen a group of people at the Central Library were asked on July 21 if they were familiar about Bosnia or the conflict that took place there in the 1990s, almost everyone in the room rose their hand. However, when the same people were asked if they had heard of the "Bosnian Spring," very few did so.

Jacquie Greiff, the co-founder and co-director of FREE (Friendship Respect Enrichment Engagement), an organization based in Germany and the U.S. that primarily works in "central Bosnia on youth programming focused on civic engagement and youth empowerment," and the then-executive director of the Center for Peacemaking Practice at George Mason University, said that to understand the latter, which began in the country as a small number of protests in February of this year that eventually spread throughout the rest of the country, understanding what led to the protests is necessary

When the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords ended the war in Bosnia (officially known as Bosnia and Herzegovina), the country was divided into two separate entities based on ethnic groups: The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Bosniaks and the Croats and the Replublika Srspska for the Serbs. Furthermore, the Federation is divided into 10 local units of government called cantons, each with its own government. The country as a whole has a three-person presidency with a representative from each of the three main ethnic groups and the members rotate as chairman.

Greiff said that one of the major issues facing the country is an official unemployment rate that is between 40 and 50 percent nationwide and at 70 percent in some parts. There's also government corruption.

"Massive of amounts of dollars that have disappeared from programs that have come in for things like identifying bodies from mass graves, de-mining, helping to rebuild infrastructure and industry — a lot of this money has just somehow disappeared without much accountability," she said.

Another source of frustration has been the transition from a socialist economy to a market-based one. Many companies after the war and in early 2000s that used to be owned by the government were privatized and, in many cases, instead of trying to make the companies more efficient and profitable, the assets were sold off and the companies declared bankruptcy.

In February 2013, several cantonal governments were having disputes about the registration system for citizen identification numbers. Due to the gridlock, "the system expired and anyone born after February of 2013 was not assigned an identification number," said Greiff. There were some infants born afterwards with medical conditions that needed

treatment outside of the country, but could not leave because they did not "have the identification number to get travel documents." As a result, some of these children died because they could not get the treatment that they needed.

This led to protests in June 2013 which was called the "Baby Revolution" where an estimated tens of thousands of people were in the streets protesting the ineffectiveness of the government, said Greiff.

The starting point of the "Bosnian Spring" was in the city of Tuzla on Feb. 4 of this year when 10,000 workers from a furniture factory and detergent factory were laid off. Clashes began the following day. On Feb. 6, the protests spread throughout to cities throughout the country, including Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital and largest city. On Feb. 7, more than 130 people were injured in Tuzla in clashes with authorities. Protesters set fire to government buildings and the national archives in Sarajevo. Two protesters were charged with "terrorist acts" for setting fire to the presidency house in Sarajevo.

**ACCORDING TO** a Feb. 13, poll from the Slovenian-based marketing firm Valicon, 90 percent of Bosnians are dissatisfied with the situation in their country and 60 percent think protesters are rebelling against the overall situation in the country.

A variety of groups from different segments of society participated in the protests. One of those groups was Horde Zla (Hordes of Evil), a "hooligan group" that started out as a Sarajevo soccer fan club in the late 1980s. They have been known to engage in various acts, especially during soccer games. The two arsonists who set fire to the presidency in Sarajevo were members of the group, she said. The members of Horde Zla "are in some ways maybe turning the key that brought on some of the initial violence," according to Greiff.

She added that Horde Zla was motivated to join protests after the death one of its members, Vedran Pulji, who was fatally shot in 2009 during a clash at a soccer game. His death was never investigated because of the indifferent attitudes of the police towards "hooligan groups," she said.

Jacquie Greiff, co-founder and co-director of FREE (Friendship Respect Enrichment Engagement)

Greiff also noted that Horde Zla was able to come together with more peaceful groups such as Revolt, a civic organization that grew out of the "Baby Revolution," and Bosnian Spring, a group that came together to lead the protests.

As the protests went on, citizens gathered at local forums across the country to come up with a list of demands and deliver them to the government, but no politicians or political party representatives were allowed to attend. The Sarajevo plenum, for example, demanded that the federal and cantonal

governments resign.

In Tuzla, where the protests had started, the plenum there established a list of 37 demands and was described by Greiff as the "most extreme." The demands included free health care, a decrease in politicians' salaries, addressing youth unemployment, an independent anticorruption commission, a ban on nationalist and religious parties, and the abolition of cantonal governments and federation entities.

According to Greiff, although the protests did make some tangible gains, such as the resignation of several cantonal leaders, there are at least two obstacles two achieving the demands of the plenums. One of obstacles is that the plenums may have to cooperate with elected officials in order to achieve their demands, especially since Bosnia will be holding elections this October for the federal legislature and three-person presidency. The Sarajevo plenum is now allowing candidates running for office to come and be questioned by audience members. Also, much of these activities have slowed due to flooding in May and early August that have resulted in landslides, people displaced from their homes, and crop failures. She said that the government announced that 1 million people are without clean drinking water due to contamination in a country of almost 4 mil-

"This in some ways is spurring a lot of the issues that have been brought up, but in other ways it's stalling them ... [There are more] immediate humanitarian needs that are taking precedent at this point. It'll be probably several months before we start to see again any of the effects and continuation" of these protests, said Greiff.

## SCHOOL NOTES -

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The following students graduated from Bates College: **Evelyn Hartz**, a sociology and English major; and **Caroline Hinkle**, a neuroscience major.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Anabel Montano} was named to the honors list at Mary Baldwin College. \end{tabular}$ 

**Thomas Kim**, a senior at Randolph-Macon Academy during the 2013-14 school year, received the President's Award for Academic Achievement, presented during a ceremony held at the Academy on May 19.

**Charles Toth** graduated magna cum laude from Lake Forest College with a bachelor of arts degree in history with a minor in politics. Toth is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha.

# What's on the Ballot in Arlington?

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"To ensure that decisions by the Arlington School Board continue to be representative of the community, our goal is to see that those decisions made by the board during this period of transition reflect support by at least three members of the five-member body," said School Board Chairman James Lander in a written statement.

# **Arlington November Ballot**

U.S. Senate

Ed W. Gillespie (R) Mark R. Warner (D), incumbent

Robert C. Sarvis (L) **House of Representatives, 8th District** 

Micah K. Edmond (R)
Donald S. Beyer, Jr. (D)
Jeffrey S. Carson (L)
Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III (IG)
Gwendolyn J. Beck (I)

#### **Proposed Constitutional Amendment**

Question: Shall Section 6-A of Article X (Taxation and Finance) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

**Treasurer** (Special Election to fill unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2015)

Carla F. De la Pava (D), incumbent – appointed until special election is held(

**County Board** 

Alan E. Howze (D) John E. Vihstadt (I), incumbent

**School Board** 

Audrey R. Clement (I) Barbara J. Kanninen (I)

**School Board** (Special Election to fill unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2016)

Nancy Van Doren (I)

**County Bond Referendum Ouestions** 

\* Metro and Transportation Question: Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$60,240,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transport Authority and other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects?

Local Parks and Recreation Question:
Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$13,070,000 to finance, along with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for local parks & recreation, and land acquisition for parks and open spaces?

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# School Board Down to Quorum

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Because it makes it a little hard to do business when you only have three members and three is a quorum."

**MEANWHILE, THE DEADLINE** for candidates to enter the special election to fill the seat vacancy created by Simon's departure has come and gone. Only one candidate entered the race, Nancy Van Doren. Earlier this year, she was one of three candidates seeking the Democratic nomination to replace Baird. She

# "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, Sept. 2-6.

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

Arlington senior centers will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 in observance of Labor Day.

**Senior trips:** Wednesday, Sept. 3, Queenstown (Md.) Outlets, \$10; Thursday, Sept. 4, British Pantry Tea, Aldie, Va., \$42; Friday, Sept. 5,

Maryland Live! Casino, Hanover, Md., \$9; Saturday, Sept. 6, Maryland Seafood Festival, Arnold, Md., \$19. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel,

703-228-4748. Registration required.

**Encore Chorale** semester begins, Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2 p.m., Langston-Brown. Details, 1-301-261-5747.

came in second in that race, although she is now a candidate in a race with no opposition.

"I tend to be superstitious," said Van Doren this week. "So I'll take the congratulations on Nov. 4."

She may not have to wait that long. With the new school year approaching and major capital-spending plans now underway, School Board members may decide to take action on Sept. 4 to fill the seat for the remained of the unexpired term. That would put Van Doren on the board just in time for her to wade into two

ongoing debates, how to add capacity for a new elementary school at Thomas Jefferson Community center and where to expand capacity for the growing middle school student population.

"I would like the best options to be looked at so that we are making a choice of several options as opposed to one," said Van Doren. "I think with the elementary school, they have a couple of different options on the table and I think with the middle school I think they have two or three. I'd like to look at those."

**Foreign language conversation groups**, Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday, Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-6300.

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

Table tennis, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m., -12

**Table tennis**, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m., -12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955. **New Yarn Circle**, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sun-

days, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955. **Duplicate bridge**, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. -10 p.m.,

Aurora Hills. Cost \$5. Register, 703-228-5722.

Music and Movement, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.,

Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Arlington Walking Club, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.,

\$4. Register, 703-228-4403.

Selling a home in today's market, Thursday,
Sept. 4, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-2280955

**Cross stitch circle**, Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

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

**Lee Woodcarvers**, Thursdays, 1 p.m. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

Appraisal roadshow, Friday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free (one item). Register, 703-228-5722.

Scrabble, Fridays, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-4403.

Lee Walkers, Fridays, 10 a.m., \$3. Register, 703-

**Fast-paced walking group**, Fridays, 8 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

**Computer instruction**, Fridays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Encore Learning courses preview**, Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., George Masons Founders Hall, 3351 N. Fairfax Drive. Details, 703-228-2144.

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#### **ONGOING**

#### **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. Visitwww.iotaclubandcafe.com/ for more information.

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

and.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/parksfacilities/ spravgrounds/ for more.

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

artscenter.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 for more.

Historic Home Tours at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington County opens for the season with free 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 Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com.

**Sparket: A Creative Market.** Vednesdays, 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 for more.

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

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

registration required. Comedy, Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy 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 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.comedyindc.com or 703-294-

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.iotaclub andcafe.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 www.iotaclub andcafe.com or call 703-522-8340 **Karaoke.** 8 p.m. on the first Sunday

every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646. **Pub Ouiz.** 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow'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 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 Kensingtor 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.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

Synetic Theater. Synetic Studio, 2155 Crystal City Plaza Arcade T-19, Arlington. Synetic offers an introduction to the world of physical theater, acting and dance through energetic and athletic feats that inspire students to creativity. Classes include programs for elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults. Discounted packages and payment plans are available. Visit www.synetictheater.org/studio or call 703-824-8060.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. The Airmen of Note present Tiempo Latino! A Celebration of Latin Jazz." Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

Film: Anchorman. 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 for more.

Live Music. 9 p.m. at IOTA Club, 3832 Wilson Blvd. Air Traffic Controller and The Tragic Thrills perform. \$12. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 23

# Signature 'Sunday'

Signature stages 24th Sondheim show, "Sunday in the Park with George" through Sept. 21.

> By Steve Hibbard The Connection

ignature Theatre is staging the colorful "Sunday in the Park with George" through Sept. 21. Directed by Matthew Gardiner ("The Threepenny Opera" and "Dreamgirls"), this is the first production of Signature's 25th anniversary and 30 years since the original play.

With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine, it won the 1985 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The Broadway show, starring Mandy Patinkin and Bernadette Peters, earned two Tony Awards. The play was inspired by Georges full of subtle meaning that Seurat's painting, A Sunday Afternoon on it truly feels like we're the Island of La Grande Jatte. The music unpeeling the layers of an includes the classic songs, "Putting It To- onion for the audience evgether" and "Move On."

"Sunday in the Park with George' is the perfect start to our 25th anniversary sea- to him while growing up son," said Signature's Artistic Director Eric because it is about creating Schaeffer.

"In a season that will celebrate the many great artists we have collaborated with over is, that it is something you the years, Stephen Sondheim tops the list," have poured yourself into he said, adding that Signature has done 23 productions of Sondheim's works.

"[The play] is about the need in all our want to be extraordinary." lives for connection. To connect to one's surrounding, to the people, and to art," said dual lead roles of Dot/Marie Gardiner. "Through the lens of George and understudied Jenna Seurat's A Sunday Afternoon on the Island Russell in the 2008 Broad-

dual lead roles of the painter Georges Marie in 2008." Seurat/George, said, "It's always difficult



own take on it."

He said, "The script is so ery night.'

The show meant so much something great, he said. "No matter what that thing until you and the thing are a seamless pair. It made me

Brynn O'Malley plays the

of La Grande Jatte, the musical explores way revival. "Your job as an understudy the disorder of life and the mediums we (typically) is to honor the performance you use in an attempt to understand it all. It's cover and try to recreate it as best you can about the search for balance and harmony." without doing an 'impression'," said Actor Claybourne Elder, who plays the O'Malley. "So I really learned Jenna's Dot/

She said it was helpful because it "reset when approaching an established piece of her brain" after growing up on the PBS theatre to put away what you know about recording of the 1984 production, "I had the piece and look at it with new eyes. Luck- Bernadette Peters burned into my memory, ily, we were given the time to really ex- so immersing myself in Jenna's (completely plore the material and come up with our different) performance broadened my the hands the way I did every other choice www.signature-theatre.org.

fresh. I studied. I analyzed. I experimented. I tried to find my own way of doing it." What she hopes audi-

ences will take away from the production, O'Malley said, is to make decisions without regrets. "You face choices at times in your life without knowing what the consequences may be, and it's easy to get caught up in the paralyzing what-ifs... You can't live in the past, wallowing in regret. And you can't freeze yourself in place, afraid of the fu-

spectrum of possibilities and gave me a ture. You have to live in the present moment. And then you have to move on from that moment," she said.

Signature Theatre will present "Sunday in the Park With George" through Sept. 21 in the MAX Theater. Tickets start at \$40. Single torting most of my body to give Marie an tickets are available in person at the Signa-'older' shape," she said. "The hands, I dis-ture Box Office at 4200 Campbell Ave., in Shirlington, or by calling Ticketmaster at woman's age by her hands... I approached 703-573-SEAT, and online at

covered, are key. You can really tell a

## MONDAY/AUG. 25

"Ranking the Presidents" Lecture. 3-4:30 p.m. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. "Ranking the Presidents: Ten Rules to Judge a President" presented by Dr. Richard Norton Smith, currently George Mason University's Scholar in Residence in History and Art History.

All are invited. Call Encore Learning at 703-228-2144.

Health & Wellness Book Club. 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Book club meeting. Free. Visit www.onemorepage

books.com for more. **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 for

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 26

**Spiritual & Philosophical Book** Club. 7 p.m. One More Page Books, meeting. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for

#### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

Blues and Brews. 5-8 p.m. 2121 Crystal Drive. Come to Blues & Brews and enjoy beverages from the Beer Garden, not to mention drinks hand selected by experts at Crystal City's Washington Wine Academy and Crystal City Wine Shop. The last Blues and Brews of the season will take place on Sept. 24. Visit crystalcity.org

#### FRIDAY/AUG. 29

**Live Music.** 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memoria Drive. The U.S. Air Force Band and SInging Sergeants present for the summer concert series. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil for more

## SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Energerium. 11 a.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Join a guided tour of the Energerium. Learn about energy and its impact of everything and how to be more energy efficient. Free. Call 703-528-5406 to make a reservation Summer Concert. 7 p.m. at Potomac

Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. A Performance by Four Star Combo, a country rock band. Free, \$5 donation requested. Picnics are welcome. No Alcohol. Call 703-528-

# WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 3

Encore Chorale. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesdays, for 15 weeks. Locations in northern Virginia. For singers 55 and older. There are no auditions, new singers are welcome, and singers may be seated for rehearsals and performances. Visit encorecreativity.org, or call 301-261-5747 for more.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Brown Bag Thursday. 1 p.m. in the Mead Lobby at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Claybourne Elder, starring in Signature's "Sundays in the Park with George," no stranger to Sondheim, having played Hollis in the original Off-Broadway production of "Road Show," the wolf in "Into the Woods' and performing in City Center's Sondheim 80th Birthday Celebration Stop by to hear about his career and ask questions. Free, no reservation required. Visit www.signature-

"Now Playing on The Loop." 7:30-9:30 p.m. Market Common Clarendon, 2700 Clarendon Blvd. Top Gun will be playing at Market Common Clarendon. Rain date for the show will be Sept. 11. Call 703-476-9377 or visit www.marketcommon clarendon.com for more.

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Wags 'n Whiskers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Village of Shirlington, 2700 S Now in its 7th year, Wa 'n Whiskers is a community event for animal loving shoppers of all ages. Exhibits range from pet services and accessories merchants to on-site adoptions, \$5 pet portraits, demonstrations, giveaways, merchant specials and family friendly activities. There will be live musical

performances by Dan Haas (10 a.m.noon). Taylor Carson Duo (noon-2 (2-4 p.m.). Visit

villageatshirlington.com for more. Stories at the Museum. 1:30-3 p.m. at Hume School, 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. A reading of "Steam. Smoke, and Steel," Free, Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/ for more.

Animal Feeding. 3 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey and explore the raptor feeding habits. Meet in the nature center. \$5 Call

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Brynn O'Malley (Dot) and Claybourne Elder (George) star in

"Sunday in the Park with George" at Signature Theatre.

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which was set 100 years later, without the

"In addition to 'aging' my voice, I'm con-

aid of old-age makeup.

She also had the challenge of playing a

choreographers, fight choreographers, stage managers, light, costume and production will be Teen Hamlet, in the spring of 2015. To reserve an education@synetictheater.org. Visit www.synetictheater.org for more.

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# REEPing What It Sows Arlington Education and Employment Program begins its August session.

By Senitra T. McCombs
The Connection

he Arlington Education and Employment Program (REEP) started as a 90-day program to help Indo-Chinese refugees living in Arlington improve their English language skills and find employment opportunities.

Today, REEP has become the largest English language program in Arlington and provides both intensive and non-intensive programs at multiple sites around the county.

REEP is gearing up for its August cycle or semester (Aug. 25- Nov. 13) and will be offering placement exams for the term on Aug. 25 at 5 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington

For those who live and work in Arlington, tuition is \$200 and those who do not live or work in Arlington can attend courses for \$350. Scholarships are also available.

The Intensive English program is a 12-week cycle (10-15 hours per week) with courses offered in the morning, afternoon and evening at the Syphax Education Center (SEC) and Arlington Mill Community Center (AMCC).

They offer 10 levels of instruction — eight beginning to intermediate courses in life skills and two advanced in content-based courses.

In addition, they also offer the Access Program (500 and 550) along with advance level courses which allows students to refine their English language skills in a cultural context.

"Some of our students know the fundamentals of English but they don't have any knowledge about American culture and history. So, we have created the Access Curriculum to go along with our advance level courses that will teach students about Students
develop
computer
skills during
an intensive
English class
as part of
the Arlington Education and
Employment
Program.



American culture and the American workplace," said Michele Cona, REEP's instructional technology coordinator.

Some of the subjects include American civil rights and history, workplace, education, food, environmental issues and current events. These courses are free and available online and they rotate topics each session.

In conjunction with their beginning level Intensive courses, they also offer a literacy pull out program where they teach basic literacy skills to help individuals who are not literate in English or were not literate in their first language.

Beyond the Intensive program, REEP also offers conversation classes, on-site work-place and contract English and community outreach ESL at three locations: Arlington Mill Community Center, Gates of Ballston and Harvey Hall.

Currently, REEP's staff and teachers are working on ways to increase digital technology in the classroom.

"We are trying to develop a way that students can access course material on their Smartphones," Cona said.

Students have access to an open computer lab, technology-enhanced classroom in-

struction, and digital literacy skills development programs.

REEP also has a Facebook and Twitter page to reach out and communicate with current and prospective students in Arlington County and throughout Northern Virginia.

Cona also acknowledged that REEP's staff and teachers' dedication and passion for REEP's mission and ensuring that their students' excel and reach their educational goals helps to make it a special working and learning environment.

"Our teachers here are committed to raising the industry bar for adult ESL programs. They attend professional development workshops and conferences to stay current on the latest adult ESL curriculum techniques and improve their skills," she said.

Through their learner-centered instructional approach where they take into account their students' educational and personal background, REEP has developed a classroom setting where students are "stakeholders" in the learning process and form a "community of learners."

Sabine Klinkhammer Daly is one such success story from that "community of learners."

The REEP program helped Daly become fluent in English and obtained her GED despite having only emigrated to the U.S. from Germany less than a year ago.

"There were so many people together from dierent countries and they all had dierent stories. It was really interesting and moving to hear so many stories, Ó Daly said.

After learning about the GED's role in U.S. educational system from her REEP instructor Jane Tuckerman, Daly decided to investigate it. Now she is on her way to becoming a full-time student at Northern Virginia Community College.

Through partnerships with outside organizations such as Arlington Public Schools and AmeriCorps, REEP has expanded its educational programs and employment services

In December 2013, REEP's annual Economic Survey found the number of students without at least some employment was 32 percent which is significantly above the overall unemployment rate of 3.2 percent for Arlington.

In response, its Arlington Works! Program, the Arlington Education and Employment Program partnership with Arlington Public Schools/REEP, Edu-Futuro, the Arlington Employment Center and seven AmeriCorps members has provided REEP students with a pilot job interview skills module that has helped in the development of cultural aptitude in interviews for advance level students and beginning level students to develop the language skills necessary for a basic interview.

Since 1978-79, REEP continues to expand services to fit its students' needs while remaining true to their original mission of meeting the education and employment related needs of limited English proficient adults who live and work in Arlington.

For more information on REEP, visit call 703-228-4200 or visit http://www.apsva.us/reep.



# 'Around the 8th in 80 Days' Campaign

Former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer kicked off the last 80 days of his campaign for Virginia's 8th congressional seat on Saturday, Aug. 16, at Arlington's Quincy Park. Beyer announced the events, policy forums and meet-and-greets the campaign has planned on the road to Nov. 4, beginning with a Sept. 17 forum on women's economic issues.



# **Benefit Concert**

Alexandria band Fuse Box played in the Pentagon's five-acre, central courtyard in a benefit concert on Aug. 13 for Feds Feed Families, the federal government charity that has collected 25 million pounds of food to fight hunger. Fuse Box headlined Feds Feed Families' "Cover the Map" rally; the Pentagon's 30,000 employees contributed nonperishable food items to support the Capital Area Food Bank.



# Removing Barriers to College Local services help students complete college paperwork, remove barriers.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

aQuita King relocated across the state from Chesapeake, Va., to Alexandria in the summer of 2013, moving into an apartment with her aunt and three cousins. King had just graduated from high school and was looking forward to taking classes at Northern Virginia Community College. So far, that hasn't happened.

"There were a lot of financial aid forms that I needed to fill out," said King, who is one of six children in her family and the first to finish high school. "Everything is online and if you make one mistake you have to start over. There were a ton of registration forms that I had to fill out. It just got to be too much."

Finally, King got a job, although she still hopes to attend college one day. Her plight, say college officials, is not uncommon. In fact, the amount of paperwork that students must complete can overwhelm some students, particularly those with limited financial means and who might be the first in their families to seek higher education. A recent study by researchers at Stanford University showed that the stacks of forms that students must complete in order to enroll in college deter students from lower and working class backgrounds.

"Paperwork can sometimes hinder some students from attending because they may not know how to follow up in regards to

what documents to submit, or may be afraid to do it and get discouraged if they do not have someone to help them figure out how to complete paperwork and requirements," said Laydy

Reyes, program coordinator, Early Identification Program in George Mason

able to help them," said Jennifer Gonzalez

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Parents and students attend a college readiness presentation at Westover Public Library in Arlington. While completing the necessary paperwork to attend college can overwhelm some, local educators say there are community resources to help.

of the Public Information Office at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). "There are some students who don't know how to fill out forms and our counselors have a full range of tools to help those stu-

For example, NOVA's College Pathway Initiatives is a set of four programs that provides support and service to students from underrepresented populations. The initiatives help remove some barriers to higher education while helping increase the number of students who succeed in and graduate from college.

> **REYES HAS SEEN** FIRSTHAND how a simple bit of assistance can mean the difference between attending college and not. "[There is] a Mason student

who comes from a

single parent household. ... The student was granted a scholarship through the Early Identification Program and Mason's financial aid services that has helped to pay for the student's college education," she said. "The student is currently a senior working on a degree in bioengineering."

Mason's Early Identification Program (EIP) has a long record of helping first generation students from low-income families cross some of the hurdles to a higher education. "Mason's Admissions Office plays an instrumental role of support in collaborating with EIP regarding the college application process so that it is more simple, and that our students receive advice and resources to complete the application and successfully transition to Mason," said Reyes.

Some of the services that George Mason University offers are college essay and resume workshops where students have access to a computer lab and assistance completing college entrance essays. Mason also has no-cost Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops where students and their families meet in a computer lab and get assistance completing financial aid forms.

Reyes points to other programs on campus that are available to assist students:

- ❖ College Prep For three weeks during the summer, students are introduced to financial aid advisors, academic advisors, and others who could be a resource to students once they are in college.
- During Mason's Early Identification Program annual Summer Academy at the

Fairfax and Prince William campuses, they begin to work on the Mason admissions application so that it is ready to submit in

During their senior year of high school, Mason officials work to make sure students in the Early Identification Program submit the online application and required documents such as the essay, recommendation letters, secondary school report, SAT/ACT

AT MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY in Arlington, newly accepted students receive an acceptance package with detailed instructions on completing forms. The university hosts campus visit days where students can learn about the school and get assistance completing necessary paperwork. Financial aid officers are also available to help students identify available scholarships and ensure that all financial aid paperwork is complete. Services offered by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, including the Catholic Charities Education Program, can also assist students who might experience difficulty cutting through the college paperwork red tape.

"Christian Area Network and Hogar Immigrant Services are two programs that can help students complete paperwork necessary for college," said Maria Drule of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington.

Arlington County Public Libraries can also be a source of assistance. Local school counselors and other counseling professionals offer free or low-cost assistance.

"I ... am available for one-on-one assistance with an appointment," said Kathryn Oberg of Arlington County Public Libraries. "For quick help, patrons are encouraged to approach a professional librarian at any of our branch libraries for assistance finding information."

Meanwhile, King has a full-time job and is not sure when she will resume her efforts to get a college education. She is pleased to know that there are services in the City of Alexandria, as well as Arlington and Fairfax counties that can guide students through the maze of paperwork and lead them to a college classroom, and hopes to use them soon.

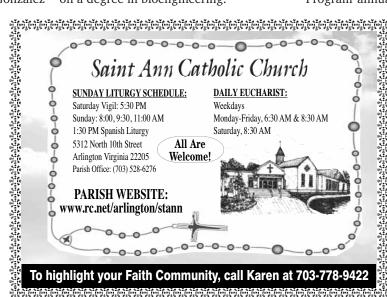
# Where to Go for Help **Arlington County**

Catholic Charities, www.ccda.net Arlington County Public Library, http:// library.arlingtonva.us/programs/education-pro-

grams/college/ ❖ Marymount University, www.marymount.edu/ parents

University's Division of University Life.

However, programs, on college campuses and in the community can assist students. "There are counselors and programs avail-





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# Sports

# Wakefield's Wilson Working Toward Playing College Football

# Senior quarterback entering second season with Warriors.

iley Wilson wanted to play college football and he believed playing the quarterback position presented the best opportunity for him to get there. So Wilson took a chance following his sophomore year, transferring from Yorktown to Wakefield for an opportunity to be the Warriors' starting signal caller.

While the move offered opportunity, it also presented challenges. Wilson left a Yorktown program that had reached back-

to-back region championship games for a Wakefield program that had not won more than two games in a season since 2008. As a junior, Wilson and first-year Wakefield head coach Wayne Hogwood, who spent seven seasons as a Yorktown assistant, led

the Warriors to a 3-7 record in 2013.

Now a senior, Wilson has his sights set on committing to a college football program and helping Wakefield improve in 2014. Wilson recently participated in a Q&A via

# Q: Are you interested in playing college football?

Wilson: Yes, I am very interested in playing college football at the highest level possible, whether D-III or D-I.

## Q: Are you committed anywhere?

Wilson: No, I am not committed anywhere yet, although I have a handful of colleges that keep in contact with me regularly and I hope to commit somewhere by the end of the season.

#### Q: You transferred from Yorktown to Wakefield after your sophomore year to get more playing time, correct? You're entering your second season with the Warriors. Do you feel you made the right choice?

Wilson: I transferred to Wakefield because I have been told by many coaches and football evaluators that I have the size, strength and athleticism to play quarterback at a high level. I thought quarterback was my bestsuited position to showcase myself. At Yorktown there was a QB a year ahead of me and QB my age, and because I am able to be effective in other positions like WR and LB, I was told that I would not be given an opportunity to play QB because the depth chart was already filled. Even though recently I have been talking to multiple schools about being recruited as a linebacker/safety and wide receiver (positions I would've played at Yorktown), I am happy with transferring and having my starting QB role because it allows me to take charge of the team and get myself noticed by colleges and the football community.



Quarterback Riley Wilson transferred from Yorktown to Wakefield prior to his junior year.

#### Q: How do you feel now compared to when you first transferred to Wakefield?

Wilson: I am a lot more comfortable in my environment at Wakefield now. At first I had no idea who anyone was on the football team, and whether I would get along with anybody or not, but now the team and I have jelled together closely and we are hungry to aim for county champs and really be competitive this year.

#### Q: What was the most difficult part of transferring to a struggling program after playing for a perennial winner?

Wilson: Working with teammates who were very inexperienced and who haven't been groomed to be disciplined football players was the main struggle and point of frustration for me. As a sophomore, I was used to be being pushed hard in football since eighth grade, but the start of the junior season, I had to take the role of doing the pushing and trying to encourage and motivate my teammates to be successful. That message has definitely made its mark and has lingered into this year. The general vibe and confidence this year has been great and I am excited to see what this season makes of it.

# Q: What was the most difficult non-football part of changing

Wilson: The environment at Wakefield is very different than at Yorktown, and the drive is decently far away for a 17-year-old's morning commute, but in order to be successful I knew I had to make many sacrifices, such as leaving my friends of 10-plus years behind and to be more committed to my school and football obligations. All in all, nothing was difficult to adjust to, I just had to be willing to make the change.

## Q: Last season, Wakefield won

# three games for the first time since 2008. What are the expectations entering this season?

Wilson: We are returning a large majority of players this season, both offensively and defensively. We have put forth a lot of effort in the offseason, whether it's working on skill game or lifting weights, and we have been blessed with a beautiful new facility and top-of-the-line helmets, shoulder pads and jerseys. Last year, we went from virtually having no confidence into having a little bit of confidence, and that's what made all the difference. Because our team is working with the same coaches, and has grown more familiar with our football plays and strategies, it should allow us to focus on playing as aggressively and competitively as we possibly can, and that's all I can ask for. Expectations are set high this year because it's important that we keep building on top of last year's progress, and ultimately turn the Wakefield Warrior football program into something that will be recognized with respect around the region.

# Q: What was your favorite part about playing football at Wakefield as a junior?

Wilson: I liked the feeling that I contributed to the team and made a large impact on the general attitude toward Warrior Football. I really enjoyed meeting kids who like doing the same things as I do, such as playing football, and having fun playing it with them. I had a lot of pressure on my shoulders, especially playing against and in front of my friends and peers at Yorktown, but knowing that Wakefield had a successful season gives me a great feeling of accomplishment.

# Q: Do you play any other sports at Wakefield?

Wilson: Varsity basketball, but knee troubles kept me out the whole season.

# Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Wilson: "Saving Private Ryan," because it has many themes to it like brotherhood, violence, history, humor, but also gives me adrenaline, like being in a real combat zone.

# **Q:** What is your favorite hobby outside of football?

Wilson: I work at a local sports bar called Thirsty Bernie's, which takes up two days of my week, but I also find myself a lot of times playing Xbox and napping after a long day of working out or being on my feet.

# Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Wilson: Trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, for a wedding

# Q: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?

Wilson: Washington Redskins and Wizards. Strictly a hometown fan.

# Q: Do you have a favorite pro athlete(s)?

Wilson: I'm a Russell Wilson fan, not because of the same initials and last name, but because I admire his ability to be such a threat in the NFL at his size. Being 5 feet 10 is a huge disadvantage at QB, when the average NFL lineman is over 6 feet 3.

— Jon Roetman

## - School Notes

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**Carson Funkhouser** graduated from a semester-long National Outdoor Leadership School course.

**Evan Seklecki** completed a semester-long wilderness expedition traveling in the Rocky Mountains with the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Virginia Tech awarded **Mishu Barua** and **Richard Matthew Tan** the Pamplin Leadership Award offered through University Honors for the 2014-15 academic year.

**Shelby Leigh Tarkenton** was named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. **Joseph Crawford** was named to the dean's ist at Wittenberg University.

Yuanmin Ren, Gunther Poth, Kyra Klontz and Andrew Graykowski were named to the deans list at Miami University.

Kathy Melendez-Osorio, Masud Haque, Melanie Ewell, Toyam Khatri and Tafat Zurita received the 2014 Mary Marshall Memorial Scholarship. Each student will receives the scholarship, from a fund established by the County Board, to attend Northern Virginia Community College.

**Timothy Martin** graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with an Associate in Applied Science degree in applied computer technology from RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

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# All Write For Now



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And so it goes, every three months or so; a CT Scan, a week or so of waiting, and then a face-to-face appointment with my oncologist to learn/discuss the results. Thankfully, the results continue to be amazing. My doctor has told me that I'm his third miracle; stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer patients generally don't live beyond two years. I'm in year six. And though this CT cycle never gets easy, it does get familiar, and with that familiarity comes a certain predictability that creates its own peculiar sort of calm (it probably helps that I've been asymptomatic most of the time). Still, from the initial diagnosis/prognosis ("cancer," "13 months to two years") given to me in late February, 2009, I've been characterized as "terminal." As my oncologist said to me at that very first Team Lourie meeting: "I can treat you but I can't cure you." Unsettling and surreal doesn't begin to describe my/our reaction to his words. However, five and a half years later, I've become accustomed to the precarious and indeterminate nature of my future.

It's somewhere (and I'm happy to be anywhere, rather than you know where) between a rock and hard place. Nevertheless, receiving encouraging CT Scan results ("diminution," "stable, "no change") feels like a reprieve on the one hand and a reward for good behavior on the other. Certainly nothing is guaranteed going forward, other than my eventual demise that is, but since nothing else is new, no problem. And though I'm not exactly counting deceased chickens before they've hatched (or after for that matter), I am assessing and considering the unexpected survival of a terminal patient (yours truly) who has far outlived his original prognosis. Ergo my ongoing dilemma: Am I closer to the end of my life or simply further from the beginning?

As much as I don't want to focus (you'll note I didn't say obsess) on my disease and my presumptive, abbreviated life expectancy, given the change in my lifestyle as well as my daily anti-cancer routine (pills, smoothies, alkaline water, apple cider vinegar, etc.), the best I can do is compartmentalize. Put it in the vault, to invoke a Seinfeld reference. And usually, I can manage it. However, "vaulting" it gets a bit more challenging and complicated – and more difficult to ignore/pretend/deny when you're rolling in and out of a CT Scan and being told to "hold your breath," and "breathe out" as the tomography scans your lungs looking for potential trouble.

In spite of it all, my life is going on. My next scan is in three months. For the next two and a half months, I can sort of relax and bask in the glow of these most recent results. A few weeks before the next scan, anxiety will return, however, as the cancer reasserts its figurative control and starts to break down my emotional barriers. It's inevitable but it's nothing I haven't experienced before. No complaints though, just observations and admissions. I may be compromised, but I'm still living and breathing – and lucky as hell.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers

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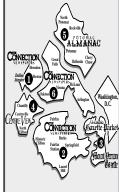
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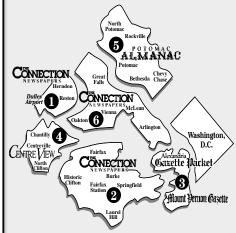
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#### MONDAY/SEPT. 1

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#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

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#### MONDAY/SEPT. 8

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

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

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

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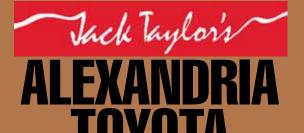
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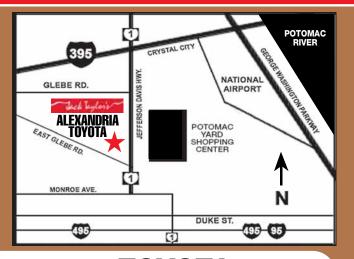
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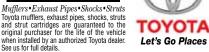
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