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Elyse Casey gently removes a small sapling from a pot. She was one of more than 100 volunteers from Cambridge Associates in Arlington working through Friday afternoon, Sept. 14, planting native trees along the W&OD bike trail at Bon Air Park.

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News



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Arlington County environmental landscape supervisor Patrick Wegeng explains the process of the afternoon tree planting.

Planting Green Corridors

More than 100 volunteers from Cambridge Associates in Arlington worked through Friday afternoon, Sept. 14 planting native trees along the W&OD bike trail at Bon Air Park. The initiative, Green Corridors, aims at restoring and enhancing major thoroughfares in the county trails and parks system.

County staff members spent time earlier in the week clearing

invasive underbrush and vines from the existing trees and removing dead growth.

In addition to beautifying the parks and trails, the new plantings will deepen the riparian buffer and help filter runoff water into the creeks and streams.

For more information on the Green Corridors Initiative contact Patrick Wegeng at 571-220-1374 or pweng@arlingtonva.us.



Steph Miller distributes a little mulch over the base of the young tree.



Sam Kallevig, Chris Cosgrove and James Russo carefully remove the burlap to expose the root ball of the tree before planting.



Suzanne Kleeblait, Sharcus Steen, Graham Wells and Caitlin Fitzmaurice center a dogwood in the newly dug hole and begin to fill it.

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Alice Monet stands inside the planetarium as renovation is about to be completed.

Return of the Planetarium

After years of effort, new digital projector to blast Arlington students into space.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

It looks like something from space, a Neo-Brutal landmark that descended next to Washington-Lee High School. Even today it seems out of place on the outskirts of Clarendon, as if it arrived in a horror movie or an outrageous dream. The 1970 Arlington Education Center paired a curved administration building with a futuristic dome at its entrance facing the intersection of North Quincy Street and 14th Street North.

"This looked like a spaceship had just landed. It was fabulous," said Alice Monet, who was a student at Washington-Lee when the building opened. "The way the Education Center curves over and the planetarium is at its focus, they are wedded to each other. One form reflects the other."

The planetarium has always been a key component of the architectural design. Generations of students and administrators have come and gone from this spot, although trends in architecture have moved toward glass and steel. Meanwhile, student enrollment trends have spiked, and admin-



Built in 1970, the Arlington Education Center looks like it landed from space.

istrators who work inside the administration building became increasingly concerned about the \$400,000 cost of upgrading the equipment at the facility. So they decided to shut it down and convert it to a classroom.

"It was the most unfortunate decision possible," said Monet, an astronomer whose daughter now attends Washington-Lee. "I

was horrified and disappointed and motivated to come talk to the School Board."

THE SPRING OF 2010 could have been the end of the planetarium. Instead it became a turning point. Within a month of Arlington Superintendent Patrick Murphy's decision to scrub the mission of the planetarium, concerned parents formed Friends

of the Planetarium. Their mission — to boldly go where no one has gone before. Members formed a board of directors and began negotiating.

"We came to an agreement with them that over the course of the next year, they would have a chance to raise the money with different points along the way," said Connie Skelton, acting assistant superintendent who was science supervisor at the time. "If they were not successful, we would go ahead with our plan to close the planetarium."

The stakes were sky high, beyond the sky even. So the Friends went to work, making phone calls and holding fundraisers. When the year was over, they raised \$402,800 — a full \$2,000 more than was needed. Members presented a check to the School Board early last year, and the school administration began to renovate the building. Administrators say the planetarium has a "wow factor" that has the power to inspire students in the same way it caught the attention of Alice Monet 30 years ago.

"A lot of our kids don't even see the stars

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'More Seats for More Students'

School board work session discusses process for boundary changes.

BY YUHAN XU
THE CONNECTION

More than 40 people, including School Board members, parents and staff gathered Sept. 12 for the first work session of the "More Seats for More Students" planning process to review the boundary changes as enrollment continues to grow.

"Our discussions tonight are really beginning how we're going to develop a framework of moving forward with boundary and admission policy over the next six weeks," Superintendent of Schools Patrick Murphy said. "Once that framework is developed, then we'll be able to develop a schedule and ultimately reach to a decision."

The boundary policy process will begin with the School Board laying out schedules, listing affected

schools and procedures for engaging community. Then staff will work with communities to list priorities. And the board will evaluate options and make a decision by February 2013. A public hearing will be held before the board takes action.

The goal is to have a transparent and structured process for changing boundaries, to engage and inform the community and to develop boundary and admission policy changes that best meet the needs of students, said Alison Denton, director of facilities planning at APS.

The enrollment of APS has grown by 15 percent since 2006. This year, about 1,000 more students enrolled in APS, compared to last year. More than 2,000 stu-

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Alison Denton, director of facility planning, gives a presentation about the boundary change process.

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PHOTO BY YUHAN XU/THE CONNECTION

Superintendent of Schools Patrick Murphy talks about the boundary change process.

Rearranging Boundaries To Manage Growth

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dents — nine percent of student population — are now having class in 103 relocatable classrooms. Based on enrollment trends, the student population will grow by more than 7,000 students in the next 10 years.

“During the past years, we’ve looked at strategies to increase our capacity in the buildings,” Denton said. “We’ve converted computer labs into classrooms, using every available interspace in the current school buildings for instructional purposes. We’ve added relocatables to accommodate students beyond the space at regular schools. Now we’re moving forward with the plan to build over 1,900 elementary seats in the next five years.”

To increase capacity, an addition and renovation to Ashlawn Elementary School has started the design process, which will bring 225 seats by 2014. A 25-acre new elementary school at Williamsburg Middle School site with a capacity of 600 students will be completed in the fall of 2015. Three more construction projects — two additions to McKinley Elementary School and Arlington Traditional School and a new school at Kenmore Middle School campus — will provide a total of 1,050 seats by 2017.

“I think the process really continues with what we’ve laid out with the ‘More Seats for More Students’ campaign,” said Murphy.

Every two years, APS develops a six-year Capital Improvement Plan to address future facility needs. At the core of CIP is the

“More Seats for More Students” process initiated one year ago, in response to increasing enrollment by adding permanent building capacity and additional seats.

In the next few months, the School Board will make decisions on specific issues such as whether to have pre-school in the new school, whether to move programs and whether to move students that will start fifth grade in 2015 to a different school.

“Boundary changes are difficult,” Denton said. “People love their school and often don’t want to move to a new school. So the challenge is telling the community about the need for making boundary changes and then engaging them in the process and hopefully coming to a satisfactory solution at the end.”

The board will start adjusting boundary and program changes in five elementary schools — Jamestown, Nottingham, Tuckahoe, Glebe and Taylor — that surround the new school at Williamsburg site. The school system will seek feedback through community meetings, PTA, civic associations, online surveys and social media.

“This is a very good process because we have laid out the scope, timing and community engagement process,” said Emma Violand-Sanchez, chair of School Board. “So from that perspective, I think we’re planning ahead.”

More information about APS boundary changes will be available on www.apsva.us. Any questions and concerns will be addressed through email at moreseats@apsva.us.

PEOPLE

Ultimate Frisbee Teams Win in Dublin

Local residents part of medal-winning teams.

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI
THE CONNECTION

The World Junior Ultimate Championships in Dublin, Ireland concluded on Aug. 19, with the U.S. junior boys' team winning the gold medal and the junior girls' team winning the silver medal. Arlington residents Jay Boyle and Jojo Emerson were on the boys' and girls' teams, respectively.

"I think it went really well considering not only the conditions under which we were playing but the amount of time that the team was together," said Emerson, in a phone interview.

The first time that the whole team met was at the training camp in Boston, one week before the tournament. Ben Van Heuvelen, head coach of the USA junior boys team, described it as "team building on steroids" because all of the bonding time and team building between teammates had to be condensed into one week.

"One of the big challenges we have as a team is that we have very little time to work together or practice together," said Kyle Weisbrod, head coach of the



Jay Boyle at the World Junior Ultimate Championships in Dublin, Ireland.



Jojo Emerson at the World Junior Ultimate Championships in Dublin, Ireland.

USA junior girls team, in a phone interview.

Weisbrod said that the Colombian teams had worked together for six months prior to the tournament. Despite this, Weisbrod felt that he and the other coaches were able to sufficiently prepare the players. "We were really proud of what we were able to accomplish in such a limited time," he said.

Boyle said that "it was almost never a goal to win.

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PEOPLE

Ultimate Frisbee Teams Win in Dublin

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I would say that spirit was much more at the forefront of my mind than it has been in the past. I was always conscious about ... what kind of image we were portraying [of the U.S.],” he said.

Boyle, also said that the main thing the coaches emphasized was focusing on the team.

“The coaches, the parents that helped us out, and the USA Ultimate staff created an environment where nothing else mattered but the team,” he said.

“There was no room for anything else.”

Boyle was fine with this because for him “nothing mattered but Ultimate. I slept, breathed, thought, ate, [and] played Ultimate, and that was the only thing that mattered. I can’t think of a situation where I’m ever going to be able to have that experience again.”

“It was the hardest and the greatest thing I’ve ever done concerning Ultimate,” said Emerson. For her, it was interesting to be able to watch, bond with, and play against Ultimate teams from other countries.

“FLOURISHING AFTER 55”

“Flourishing After 55” from Arlington’s Office of Senior Adult Programs for Oct. 1-6.

Arlington senior centers: Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Langston-Brown, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Arlington Mill at Fairlington, 3308 S. Stafford St.; also Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.; TJ Comm. Center, 3501 S. 2nd St.

Senior trips: Historic St. Mary’s City, Md. and lunch, \$52, Tuesday, Oct. 2; Nationals vs Phillies, afternoon, Wednesday, Oct. 3, \$51, Wednesday, Oct. 3; Maryland Renaissance Festival, Md., \$31, Saturday, Oct. 6. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Women’s breast health, Monday, Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, Register, 703-228-0955.

Strength training classes, Mon-

days, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m., TJ Community Center. \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-4745.

Line dancing classes, Monday – Friday, five senior centers, free. Call for days and times, 703-228-4721.

Tips on selling the family home, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Functional fitness class, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Table tennis games, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Drop-in basketball for women, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-4771.

Fall gardening, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

De-cluttering tips, Thursday, Oct. 4, 3 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Levels of care after hospitalization, Thursday, Oct. 4, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Arlington poets to meet Friday, Oct. 5, 3 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

Fast-paced walking group, Fridays, 9 a.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Scrabble games, Fridays, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Details, 703-228-0955.

Seniors hiking trip, Saturday, Oct. 6. For information, 703-228-4745.

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Friends-Funded Planetarium Renovation Nears Completion

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hardly with all the ambient light that we have in Arlington,” said Skelton. “So it’s just an opportunity to take a little time, sit back and realize that there’s a lot more to the world and the universe than just Arlington.”

THE PLANETARIUM is budgeted for about \$180,000 a year. The vast majority of that will come from the county transfer, although the fiscal year 2013 budget assumes that the operation will generate about \$8,500 a year in ticket sales. The school system plans to spend \$72,000 for

salaries, \$46,000 for benefits, \$25,000 for contractual benefits, \$5,000 for supplies and \$2,000 for equipment.

“It really is a partnership between the friends and the school system,” said School Board member Abby Raphael. “This is a resource that can be used by the students and the community, so it’s a partnership that

has worked very well.”

The \$4000,000 from the Friends paid for a new digital projector, new seating and a new interior shell. The county school system picked up the rest of the \$1 million tab, which included removing asbestos and making the building handicapped accessible.



PHOTOS BY LASHAWN AVERY-SIMON/THE CONNECTION



Naturalist and campfire instructor Jennifer Soles talks about fireflies.

Fireflies and S'mores

Families come together to roast marshmallows during a fireflies and s'mores campfire event at the Gulf Branch Nature Center on Sept. 1.

BULLETIN BOARD

ONGOING

Volunteers Needed. AHC Inc. is looking for volunteers to help middle- and high-school students with homework, and to be role models and mentors. Volunteers are needed once a week for about an hour and a half, from 6 -7:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. at six different AHC community centers. Visit AHC's Teen Tutoring Program or call Mary Zambrano at 703-486-0626 ext. 140.

Volunteers Needed. Northern Virginia Family Service seeks volunteers to serve as mentors to low-income seniors, Tuesdays and Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Volunteers will work one-on-one with seniors to help them plan and maintain monthly budgets, enroll in appropriate benefit programs and provide friendly support to lift the spirits of aging clients, among other duties. The position is located at Culpepper Gardens, 4435 North Pershing Dr. To sign up, contact Navara Cannon at volunteer@nvfs.org or call 571-748-2536.

Lifeline Personal Alert System. Virginia Hospital Center Senior Health staff locally manage the personal emergency response system. Help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Monthly cost starts at \$42. Call 703-558-6859 for more information.

EVERY SATURDAY

New Contemplative Worship Service on evenings at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5533 N. 16th St. 5 p.m. Communion will be served each week at the Contemplative Service and participants will be invited to light candles in remembrance of people for whom they are praying. Call 703-536-5600 or visit www.trinityarlington.org.

SATURDAYS

Gentle Pilates. 9-10 a.m. and 11:35-12:35 p.m. A non-traditional mat Pilates class with modifications to suit all abilities. Learn proper form, strengthen core muscles & improve posture. \$78. Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N. George Mason Dr.

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THROUGH SEPT. 26

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

Energy Efficiency Education Volunteer Training. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn hands-on skills in energy efficiency and weatherization. After the program, volunteers will participate in work days to improve energy and water efficiency in low-income apartment buildings. Program requires commitment of 60 service hours per year and participants must be available on Saturdays. Contact the ACE office at energy@arlingtonenvironment.org or 703-228-6406 for an application. Visit www.arlingtonenvironment.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

Recognition Ceremony. 9 a.m. Air Force Sergeants Association and Air Force Memorial Foundation host a POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at Air Force Memorial,

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Alliance for Housing Solutions. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The Housing Study will include a comprehensive analysis of all county housing programs and multi-year strategic options. This forum will gather feedback about a scope of work and study process. Wakefield High School cafeteria, 4901 South Chesterfield Rd.

The Church at Clarendon will open its doors from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to offer water and a place of rest for those visiting Clarendon Day neighborhood festival. This year’s festival is the first since the church re-opened its doors at the Highland Street location in the heart of Clarendon after more than 2 years while the building was rebuilt. 1201 N. Highland St.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Strawberry’s Sermon is the third in a five week series the church has titled “Blunt Questions” in which the church challenges believers and non-believers to wrestle with tough questions of faith. All are welcome. 11 a.m. At the Church at Clarendon, located at 1201 N. Highland St.

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It is certainly worth the trip to see.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments, are a model of spare writing, packing every word and phrase with meaning, anticipating much and providing a framework for future. Here is the text of the Bill of Rights, courtesy of the Library of Congress. I cannot imagine that 500 words anywhere from any era convey so much power. These 500 words are what make democracy work.

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Article IV

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Article VIII

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Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

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EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dominion Power Must Do More

To the Editor:

Virginia is stuck in the past depending almost entirely on dirty, polluting energy sources like coal that make our kids sick, put our communities at risk and cost us millions in health care expenses each year. Dominion Virginia Power, our state's largest utility, is arguably the biggest culprit by failing to develop a single wind farm or large-scale solar project in our state.

Now, Dominion is proposing a woefully small solar program that would do more for its image than for Virginia families. Its 30 MW "Community Solar Program" would allow them to lease rooftops and small pieces of land, most likely in northern Virginia, to install solar panels the company would own and operate. While the Sierra Club strongly supports solar, this unambitious plan would do relatively little to create new jobs, attract new industries, cut harmful air pollution or build a

clean energy future for our kids.

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) will decide at a hearing starting Wednesday, Sept. 19 whether or not to approve the Dominion solar proposal. We hope they will use this opportunity to tell Dominion that Virginia's families deserve better and urge them to develop large-scale solar, wind and energy efficiency to power our homes, schools and businesses.

Dominion's current solar proposal should be the beginning rather than the entirety of its clean energy plan. Unfortunately, this 30 MW of solar represents nearly all of the clean energy it plans to develop. In fact, Dominion's own 15-year energy plan, termed the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), includes just 33 MW of solar compared to 5,075 MW of new dirty energy developments — and no wind power at all. That means Dominion is planning to make less than one percent of new power in our state from clean, renewable energy sources over the next decade and a half — a decision that will cost us jobs, money and our health.

Solar is one of the fastest growing industries in the U.S. employing over 100,000 Americans in over 5,600 businesses. The amount of installed solar capacity in the U.S. is soaring as the cost of solar is steadily decreasing. States like New Jersey are surging ahead with more than 800 MW of solar power in the state including over 100 MW installed in just the past few months. And with this rapid solar growth they're creating new jobs, stronger local economies and reducing the need for dirty power plants.

Virginia could do the same and Dominion has the power to make it happen. Its Community Solar Project is a step in the right direction, but Dominion must do more. With 3,000 MW of clean, renewable energy including solar, wind and energy efficiency, Dominion could meet their renewable energy commitments with Virginian-made clean energy. That's enough to power more than 700,000 Virginia homes and offset the need for new dirty power plants that would pollute our air for decades to come.

Dominion has the opportunity to

make Virginia a clean energy leader by ramping up its solar program, bringing wind power to our state and making energy efficiency a priority for all of their customers. The SCC should use this hearing to send Dominion a clear message that Virginia deserves better than this small step.

Phillip Ellis

Sierra Club Field Organizer
Alexandria

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The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

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PEOPLE

Finishing a bedroom, two volunteers Cathy Jerome and Washington Bullets alumni Bob Dandridge pose for a photo.



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Volunteer Jim Dillon works on loosening the connecting rod to a garment pole in the hallway of the shelter.



Volunteer Joe Dupriest rolls up more paint to finish the wall in a first floor room.



Washington Capitals Hall of Famer Rod Langway works on securing a main shelf in a bookcase at the A-SPAN shelter.

Rebuilding a Winter Shelter

Washington Capitals alumnus and Hall of Fame honoree Rod Langway along with Bullets alumnus Bob Dandridge volunteered to work with the 40-plus staff members of Monumental Sports & Entertainment in helping refurbish a winter shelter for the homeless in Arlington on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Walls were painted, furniture was assembled, clothing racks were

adjusted and affixed to the walls. The Emergency Winter Shelter is operated by Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN) and provides seasonal winter shelter Nov. 1 through March 31. The shelter is located in a county-owned building at 2049 15th Street North (Courthouse area). Other facilities have been designated to handle overflow in the event of extremely severe weather.



Kevin Giambi and Peter Robinson chat about the upcoming sports season before resuming painting the trim at the A-SPAN shelter.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY, FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND ITS SAVE PLAN PURSUANT TO § 56-604 B OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUE-2012-00096

On August 6, 2012, in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, and § 56-604 B of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), a provision of the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan Act ("SAVE Act"), Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the Commission for approval of certain amendments to its SAVE Plan, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2010-00087 ("Approved SAVE Plan"). In its Application for an amended SAVE Plan ("Amended SAVE Plan"), the Company proposes to recover approximately \$191.4 million in anticipated expenditures for replacement of facilities over a five-year period beginning January 1, 2013. As proposed by the Company, the recovery of its anticipated expenditures would be through a rider on customers' bills as required by § 56-604 A of the SAVE Act ("Rider").

The Company projects that the Rider for the Amended SAVE Plan will add \$8.90 to a typical residential customer's bill in 2013, and the charge would be reflected on customers' bills in the line item "All Applicable Riders." In subsequent years, the Rider would be revised annually after review by the Commission Staff ("Staff"), and the revised Rider would become effective at the beginning of the January billing cycle. The Amended SAVE Plan and Rider would remain in effect through December 31, 2017.

WGL states that the infrastructure replacement projects included in the Amended SAVE Plan will expand the scope of WGL's Approved Save Plan to enable the Company to continue accelerated replacement of higher risk pipe based on historical leak rates.

The Company states that it will continue to implement the replacement programs in the Approved SAVE Plan, but proposes to revise the cost estimates for three of the approved programs to reflect actual cost experience to date and to include construction overhead. The Approved SAVE Plan consists of three on-going programs: Program 1 - Bare and/or Unprotected Steel Services; Program 2 - Bare and Unprotected Steel Main; and Program 3 - Vintage Mechanically Coupled Pipe. As part of this Application, the Company requests authority to extend the approval period for Programs 2 and 3 for an additional three years beyond December 31, 2014, to coincide with the five-year approval requested for the three proposed new replacement programs, namely, Program 5 - Targeted Copper Service Segments; Program 6 - Targeted Pre-1975 Plastic Service Segments ("Black Plastic"); and Program 7 - Cast Iron Main. Additionally, the estimated expenditures and timeframe for the proposed new pipe replacement programs are \$11.0 million over five years for Program 5 - Targeted Copper Service Segments; \$4.6 million over five years for Program 6 - Black Plastic; and \$26.2 million over ten years for Program 7 - Cast Iron Main. The Company projects total annual expenditures for the Amended SAVE Plan to be \$40 million in 2013; \$40 million in 2014; \$37.1 million in 2015; \$37.1 million in 2016; and \$37.1 million in 2017.

In its Application, the Company also requests that the Commission eliminate the limitation that individual program allocations may be modified by no more than 10%. The Company asserts that this additional flexibility would enable it to prioritize projects based on their riskiness, as demonstrated by the Company's Distribution Integrity Management Program, rather than on a pre-determined timeline. The Company further states that expenditures for SAVE programs will continue to be capped at 105% of the total SAVE Plan approved amount, and annual expenditures will not exceed 125% of the amount approved for each year, as required by the Commission's Order in Case No. PUE-2010-00087.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained at no charge by requesting a copy of the same from the Company's counsel, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. The Application and related documents shall also be available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before October 19, 2012, interested persons may file written comments on WGL's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so, on or before October 19, 2012, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2012-00096.

On or before October 19, 2012, interested persons may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application by filing a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Requests for hearing must refer to Case No. PUE-2012-00096 and include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

On or before October 19, 2012, any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUE-2012-00096.

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Good Tunes, Good Beer, Good Boy

Pooches welcome at Pups and Pilsners beer festival.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
ARLINGTON CONNECTION

Sunny skies and full bodied Spanish wine welcomed visitors to the Crystal City Taste of Wine and Jazz festival on Sunday, Sept. 16. The event drew crowds of up to 7,000 people, and organizers hope many will return for the next installment of Vintage Crystal.

With a pint in one hand and a leash in the other, craft beer and canine lovers are invited to attend the first dog-oriented beer festival to be held in Crystal City. Pups and Pilsners, set to run on Sunday, Sept. 23, promises to be a doggone good time.

"People love their dogs, and an event like this potentially attracts a new audience," said Angela Fox, president and CEO of the Crystal City BID. "Apartment buildings in Crystal City are already pet friendly, so this event is an acknowledgment of that."

Festivals in Crystal City draw crowds from across the Potomac, and expose many District and

Maryland residents to Arlington's attractions. "This is definitely helping to get D.C. people out, it's good to get them across the river," said Shireen Lackey, a Crystal City resident. "They know how to put on a festival."

The allure of pups and craft beer did not escape Mike Fishburn, a Silver Spring resident, when he heard about the upcoming event at the Taste of Wine and Jazz. "I might have to find someone who owns a dog and rent it for a day," said Fishburn. "I like Arlington, I think it's pretty awesome."

"I might have to find someone who owns a dog and rent it for a day."

— Mike Fishburn

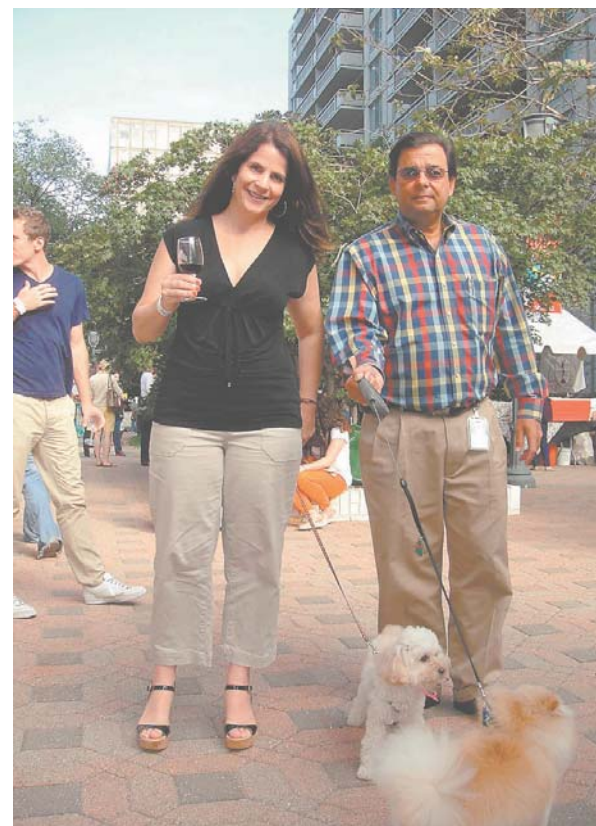
PUPS AND PILSNERS is slated to run from 2-6 p.m. at the entrance of Long Bridge Park in Crystal City. Activities include live music, craft beer samplings and plenty of pets for Fido. Adoption opportunities will also be available through Homeward Trails Animal Rescue. Participating brewers include local favor-

ites Port City Brewery and DC Brau, as well as the well-known doggy brands from Baying Hound Ale Works, Flying Dog Brewery and Laughing Dog Brewery. Devil's Backbone Brewing Company, Estrella Damm, Legend Brewing Co. and Starr Hill will also be on tap.

"It's an outdoor, dog-friendly, craft beer event," said Jim Barker, president and founder of the Washington Wine Academy. "We have every expectation this will be an annual event that keeps getting bigger and better."



Allison Sherry, Jenny Sullivan and Matt Seiler enjoy the Crystal City Taste of Wine and Jazz festival with their pups Laurel and Pilar on Sunday, Sept. 16.



PHOTOS BY MONTIE MARTIN/THE CONNECTION

Gerry Burg and Sandra Aresli show off their canine comrades Pop and Lili at the Crystal City Taste of Wine and Jazz. Dog owners are encouraged to bring their furry loved ones to the Pups and Pilsners beer festival on Sunday, Sept. 23, at Long Bridge Park.

Details

Pups and Pilsners, a bring-your-dog beer festival, will be held Sunday, Sept. 23 from 2-6 p.m. at the entrance of Long Bridge Park in Crystal City. Adoption opportunities will be available through the Homeward Trails Animal Rescue. Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 day of the event. Visit washingtonwineacademy.org.

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

THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

Cosmo Couture Fashion & Interior Design Event. 5-10 p.m. Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Tickets to the event range from \$80-180 and are available online at www.cosmocouture.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

Book Signing. 10:30 a.m. Children's author and illustrator Bob Shea introduces "Dinosaur vs. Santa" during the Mary Riley Styles Library story time with a book-signing at One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Book Discussion. 3:30 p.m. Tom Angleberger promotes The Secret of the Fortune Wookiee: An Origami Yoda Book, the follow up to his breakout bestsellers The Strange Case of Origami Yoda and Darth Paper Strikes Back at One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

Potomac Harmony Chorus. 3 p.m. Tickets now on sale for the matinee show, "Alumnae Reunion: A Musical

Afternoon of Reverie, Revelry and Reveille." At the Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 South Old Glebe Road. \$15/adult, \$12/seniors and children. For tickets, email tickets@potomacharmony.org.

Campfire: Shrews & Voles. 6 p.m. Old-fashioned family fun around the campfire. Roast s'mores and learn all about habits and habitats of these small, shy citizens of the forest. Call 703-228-3403. Meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. \$5 fee due upon registration. Visit www.arlingtonva.us.

Family Fun Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free outdoor family fun at Bluemont Park, 601 North Manchester St. An inflatable obstacle course and sports games are offered. Bring food to grill or pack a picnic lunch. Limited parking, walk or bike ride are encouraged. Call 703-228-6525.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Pups and Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. Free admission, additional fee for beer. This dog-friendly festival features a beer garden with 10 stations - each with a different craft brew, including offerings from local breweries. Crystal City restaurants will serve up food to satisfy appetites. Festival grounds at 1405 Crystal Drive.

Reading Rally Two. 2 p.m. held by the Opera Guild of Northern Virginia. Open to the general public. Free program has authors, including Lesley Lee Francis, poet Robert Frost's granddaughter, discussing 'Please Look After Mom' by Korean

author Kyung-Sook Shin. At the Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy St. Visit www.operaguildnova.org

Haircut Deal for Fundraiser. noon-4 p.m. At Jon David Hair Salons, 6720 Commerce St. and 1800 Wilson Blvd. Suite R2. The salons participate in Annual HopeCuts Fundraiser for Cancer, HIV/AIDS Research at City of Hope Cancer Center. Appointments are limited. Call Samya at 703-924-3835. Visit <http://jondavidssalon.net>.

Model Audition. 2-5 p.m. The CW in Washington, D.C., is looking for male and female models for this year's Fashion, Beauty & Lifestyle Expo. Models will be chosen by Maggy Francois, LLC and Joel Cas Productions. The casting call will be at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City (third floor), 1100 S Hayes St. Visit www.fblcdc.com.

Book Signing. 2 p.m. Cheryl and Peter Barnes will be hosting a book signing at Hooray for Books! Peter is a journalist and broadcaster who reports on public policy issues in Washington, D.C. Cheryl is an illustrator with a background in architecture. They will launch three new books this September: Woodrow, the White House Mouse; House Mouse, Senate Mouse; and Marshall, the Courthouse Mouse. 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 24

Northern Virginia Mineral Club. 7:45 p.m. The Northern Virginia Mineral Club encourages interest in

ONGOING

THURSDAYS

Food Truck Thursdays. In the surface parking lot at the corner of Crystal Drive and 18th Street. Food Trucks that sign up get free reserved parking and patrons get one location with ample options and old favorites. Food Trucks already signed up include: Doug the Food Dude, Hot People Food, Red Hook Lobster and Willie's Po'Boy.

FRIDAY MORNINGS

Line Dancing Class. 10-11 a.m. Line dancing with Barbara Allen. Covers the basic steps, then combines them to music for a gentle aerobic workout. More experienced line dancers are welcome as they can assist newer dancers. At Aurora Hills Senior Center. Call 703-228-5722.

FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Wine in the Water Park. 7-9 p.m. Free admission and snacks, \$5 wine, \$4 beer. Wine in the Water Park brings the mood-setting, ambient music of DJ Adrian Loving, wine and beer selected by the Washington Wine Academy and free snacks from Jaleo to the Crystal City Water Park, across from 1750 Crystal Dr.

THROUGH OCT. 6

'J.B.' by Archibald MacLeish will be performed in a circus ring, this theatrical updating of the biblical story of Job begins when two vendors in a circus take on the roles of Satan and God to examine the meaning of life by observing the travails of J.B., a banker whose life falls apart. Presented by The American Century Theater, at Theatre II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St. Visit www.AmericanCentury.org.

THROUGH OCT. 11

Paintings by Nancy Hannans and Beverly Ryan. Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Marymount's Barry gallery will feature this free exhibit at the marymount Gallery in the Reinsch Library on Marymount's Main Campus, 2807 North Glebe Rd. Call 703-284-1561 or email judy.bass@marymount.edu.

GMU's 2012 Fall for the Book Festival Celebrates with Events Around the Region

The 14th annual Fall for the Book Festival celebrates the 30th anniversary of *The Color Purple* with a visit by novelist Alice Walker and presents four authors — Michael Chabon, Neil Gaiman, Rita Dove, and Katherine Boo — with the festival's 2012 awards. These authors and nearly 125 others will appear Sept. 26-30 at George Mason University and at venues throughout Northern Virginia, D.C., and Maryland.

A full schedule of events is available at www.fallforthebook.org.

Fall for the Book is Northern Virginia's oldest and largest festival of literature and the arts, and in recent years the festival has expanded from its base at George Mason University's Fairfax campus to host events at select venues throughout Northern Virginia, D.C. and Maryland. All events are free and open to the public thanks to the generous support of sponsors including the Fairfax County Public Library, the Association of Writers and Writing Programs, and George Mason University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Office of University Life, in partnership with other business and organizations.

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geology, mineralogy, lapidary arts and related sciences. Meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 Carlin Springs Road. Call 703-228-6535. Visitors welcome.

One More Page Book Club. 4:30 p.m. The Kids Book Club meets to chat about *The Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo at One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

Lecture Series. 3 p.m. The Music Director and Conductor of the Arlington Philharmonic Orchestra, A. Scott Wood, will explain the history, psychology and purpose of the orchestra conductor. Call 703-228-2144.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Author Erika Robuck will discuss and sign *Hemingway's Girl* at One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

'Pat McGee.' 8 p.m. Tickets \$38, Stars price \$34.20. Presented by Strathmore at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda. Visit strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

Festival Events in Arlington

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Ken Budd. 7:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. "I want to live a life that matters." With these eight emotional words, the author of *The Voluntourist: A Six-Country Tale of Love, Loss, Fatherhood, Fate, and Singing Bon Jovi in Bethlehem*, embarks on a quest to help others—from post-Katrina New Orleans to a special needs school in China, from climate change research in Ecuador to projects in Kenya, Costa Rica, and the West Bank.

Martin Ogle. 7:30 p.m. at Founder's Hall, Room 125 George Mason University, 3351 Fairfax Drive. In his book *In the Eye of the Hawk: Reflections Along the Potomac*, Ogle, former chief naturalist at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, draws wisdom from a place that he inhabited for almost three decades. Ogle is the recipient of George Mason University's first Arlington Green Patriot Award, recognizing an individual, business or organization that exemplifies sustainability in Arlington.

Will Lavender. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland Street, #101. The author of *Obedience* reads from his newest puzzle thriller, *Dominance*. Sponsored by One More Page Bookstore.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

Amy Goodman and Denis Moynihan. 7:30 p.m. at Founder's Hall, Room 125 George Mason University, 3351 Fairfax Drive. The co-authors of the syndicated weekly column "Breaking the Sound Barrier" and the minds behind *Democracy Now!*, explore how ordinary people can stand up to corporate and government power—and make a difference—in *The Silenced Majority: Stories of Uprisings, Occupations, Resistance, and Hope*. Sponsored by The Democracy Project at George Mason University.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

Barbara Ehrenreich. 6:30 p.m. at Busboys and Poets, Shirlington 4251 South Campbell Ave. Activist and author Barbara Ehrenreich, whose bestsellers, including *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* (2001), have offered provocative looks at U.S. social, cultural and economic experiences, will speak about her work, including her latest book, *Bright-Sided: How Positive Thinking Is Undermining America* (2010).

SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

Young Adult Authors Panel. 4 p.m. at One More Page Books 2200 N. Westmoreland Street, #101. Kristen-Paige Madonia, author of *Fingerprints of You*; Diana Peterfreund, author of *For Darkness Shows the Stars*; Carmen Rodriguez, author of *34 Pieces of You*; and Timothy Travaglini, Director of Children's Acquisitions at Open Road Integrated Media, discuss the widening demands for Young Adult fiction—with a focus on fiction that might be considered "too dark" for young adult readers.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

Anniversary. 6:30 p.m. Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic celebrates 50 years of making a difference at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, 2800 S. Potomac Ave. Contact Lauren Zapf at lzapf@phoenixhouse.org or call 703-841-0703, ext. 3088 for tickets.

Crystal City Diamond Derby. 4-10 p.m. The event will transform the parking garage at 2345 Crystal Dr. in Crystal City into an urban cycling course. From daredevil cyclists to non-competitive riders, the Derby includes a children's course, a traditional speed race, team relays and a courier-inspired obstacle course. www.diamond-derby.com

Floral Demos. 10:30-2:30 p.m. Rock Spring Garden Club will have in-club floral designers demonstrating how to create floral designs and answer gardening questions at Arlington County's First 55+ Retirement Fair, at the Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpepper Street. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/dpr.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Charity Shumway talks about her debut novel, *Ten Girls to Watch*, a funny story stumbling through the early years of adulthood at One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Explore Arlington Nature: Potomac Heritage Trail. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Half-day hike along Arlington's

Potomac River shoreline. Starting point accessible from Rosslyn Metro; directions will be sent to registered participants. Bring lunch and water in your hands-free bag or backpack. Adults and teens w/adult. Call 703-228-6535. Registration required. \$5.

Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Erin Thomas chats about her book, *Coal in Our Veins: A Personal Journey, a look into the history of coal* at One More Page Books, 2200 Westmoreland St., #101. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or call 703-300-9746.

Youth Fitness & Wellness Expo. 5-9 p.m. Discover a plethora of youth-based fitness offerings at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd Street S. www.arlingtonva.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

Festival Latinoamericano. 1-5 p.m. Head to Kenmore Middle School during Hispanic Heritage Month as dancers and musicians bring the exciting folk traditions of several Latino-American countries to Arlington. Free admission. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/dpr.

Two Master Gardeners Open Houses. AutumnFest, Glencarlyn Library Community Garden, 300 S. Kensington St. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Annual Taste and Tour, Organic Vegetable Garden at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Rd. 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or visit mgnv.org.

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

FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

PARK(ING) DAY 9-5 p.m. Free. At the corner of Wilson Blvd and Lynn St (half a block West of Artisphere). (Artisphere will transform a parking space in Rosslyn (on the corner of Wilson Boulevard and Lynn Street) into a space where people can contribute to a good cause. A monster size shopping cart, made by artist JP Flick, will collect gently used professional clothing that visitors donate throughout the day for Arlington Street People's Assistance Network. Join and help make a difference. Visit www.artisphere.com.

Film: The Apple Pusher. 8 p.m. \$8. Dome Theatre, Artisphere. Visit www.artisphere.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Nicki Bluhm and the Gramblers w/ Sean Rowe will perform at Iota Club & Cafe at 9 p.m. \$12. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

Magic of Music at Kinder Haus Toys. Teacher and musician Robert Eldridge III will introduce your child to the magic of music through an exploration of musical sounds. For ages 3-10. 1220 N. Fillmore. Visit kinderhaus.com or call 703-527-5929.

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Street festival with entertainment on two stages, arts and crafts vendors, food and drink, 10k, 5k and Kid's Dash. At the Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.clarendonday.org.

Pop-up Video Live. 8 p.m. \$10. At Dome Theatre, Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Host and music video historian Andrew Bucket, along with guest comedians and personalities will tell facts and jokes. Visit www.artisphere.com.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Tito Puente Biographer. 2-4 p.m. Free. Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum. RSVP required. Call 202-633-4866.

Music. 9 p.m. Featuring 20 members of the former Tito Puente Orchestra, DJ Nancy Alonso spins at 8 p.m. MLO concert begins at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Visit www.artisphere.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers will perform at the Iota Club & Cafe at 8 p.m. \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

"A Late Summer Musical Romance" Benefit Concert. 7 p.m. Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. \$55 General Admission includes the post concert Champagne Reception. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 888-841-2787.

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Jill Andrews will perform at Iota Club & Cafe at 8:30 p.m. \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 2

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Maya and Hana Kiuuard with their faces painted, at Clarendon Day in 2011.

Cecilia Fosso bounces off a trampoline during the festivities at the 14th annual Clarendon Day on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011.



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Celebrating Clarendon

Clarendon Day 2012 has a bit of everything for everyone. Runners of all ages can participate in the Pacer's 10k/5k/Kids Dash. There will be local entertainment on two stages. More than a dozen local restaurants will offer a wide range of delicious treats, and beer, wine, and other beverages.

There is plenty for kids at Clarendon Day—the KidZone area has new rides and new activities—and old favorites—in the Kinderhaus Tent and on the Clarendon Stage sponsored by the Virginia Hospital Center.

There will also be dozens of arts and crafts exhibitors, as well as local businesses and nonprofits who support the community and want to meet their neighbors.

Clarendon Day is a celebration of the neighborhood, and a showcase for all the people who make it great. Join the festivities at the Clarendon Metro station, from 11 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. Visit www.clarendonday.org.

Virginia Hospital Center Stage

- ❖ 11-11:45 a.m. — Adagio Ballet
- ❖ 11:45-12:30 p.m. — BalletNova
- ❖ 12:30-1:15 p.m. — Robert Aldridge Trio
- ❖ 1:15-2 p.m. — Saffron Dance
- ❖ 2-2:45 p.m. — YoYo Demonstration
- ❖ 2:45-3:30 p.m. — Robert Aldridge Trio
- ❖ 4-4:30 p.m. — Irish Step Dance Team

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- ❖ 11:30 a.m. — The Milkshake Trio (Kid's entertainment)
- ❖ 12:30 p.m. — Margot MacDonald
- ❖ 1:30 p.m. — Hoots & Hellmouth
- ❖ 3 p.m. — Nicki Bluhm & the Gramblers
- ❖ 4:15 p.m. — Bronze Radio Return

Kinder Haus Presents

Near the park between Wilson and Clarendon boulevards: **Strolling Juggler**, Joel Page will show you how, noon-2 p.m. **Yo-Yo Demonstration** at 2- 2:45 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. Buy a yo-yo and join the fun. Learn from a pro, Dick Stohr the Yo-Yo Guy. **Hula Hoop Contest** at 1 p.m. Strolling demo 2-3 p.m. **Storytime near the Park** 11:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-1 p.m. **Facepainting** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Giant Giraffe Raffle** with tickets only \$1 each. Proceeds to the Clarendon Alliance. Winner announced at the end of the day. **Cardboard Bricks.** Take a break and play.

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WEDNESDAYS/OCT. 17-FEBURARY

Yarn Bomb Meet-ups + Stitch Session. 6-9 p.m. Free. Create a yarn bombing temporary public art project in Rosslyn. Meet other knitters at Town Hall, 1901 N. Moore St. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Free. Visit <http://pinklineproject.com>. No meet-ups on Oct. 31; Nov. 7, 21; or Dec. 12, 26.

Chat with the artist at Freedom Park and Waterview Plaza at Le Meridien Hotel. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com. **Live Jazz Thursdays: Origem.** 5:30 p.m. The Brazilian music group Origem plays a variety of Brazilian music styles, such as samba, bossa nova, forro, afexe, and maracatu.

FRIDAY/OCT. 5
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Fly-Rite Boys will perform at Iota Club & Cafe at 9:30 p.m. \$16. 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit iotaclubandcafe.com. **Public Art.** Craig Colorusso will be activating various public spaces around Rosslyn with Sun Boxes, solar powered sound installations that transform outdoor spaces into a walk-through sonic landscape. Chat with the artist at Freedom Park and Waterview Plaza at Le Meridien Hotel. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 6

Forro in the Dark. 8 p.m. At the Ballroom, Artisphere 1101 Wilson Blvd. A blend of country soul and urban funk. \$20. **Craig Colorusso** will be activating various public spaces around Rosslyn with Sun Boxes, solar powered sound installations that transform outdoor spaces into a walk-through sonic landscape. Chat with the artist at Freedom Park + Waterview Plaza at Le Meridien Hotel. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com.

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Teaching Youngsters About Money

Experts offer advice on raising financially savvy children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

"Money comes from my daddy," said Ian, a 7-year-old boy from Arlington, who is missing his front teeth.

"My parents got it from an ATM," said 6-year-old Claire when asked about the origins of the \$10 bill that she was using to buy a scoop of chocolate ice cream.

Financial experts say that as soon as children are aware of the purchasing power of money, parents should start teaching them how to use it wisely. Children who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

"No matter how young a child is, they can always learn good money practices," said Theresia Wansi, an associate professor of finance at Marymount University in Arlington. "What matters in life is not how much money you earn, but how you manage your

finances. We hear stories all the time about people who make millions and end up broke."

Potomac, Md., resident Glen Buco, president of West Financial Services, says many financial advisers in his McLean office are also parents who are passing along penny-wise know-how to their children. "When their children receive money, the parents help them develop a budget using a 'three bucket system,' said Buco. "One bucket is for saving, one is for spending and one for charity."

Experts like Buco say wise shopping is a key component of money smarts: "When children want items like clothing or electronics, help them develop a budget with the money they've saved and then shop around," he said. "One of the mothers in my office helped her 9-year-old daughter shop for shoes online by comparing prices, looking for discounts and free shipping."

Ilham Nasser, an associate professor of early childhood education at George Mason University in Fairfax, says impulse control is often a stumbling block to financial stability. "Parents can teach self-regulation by using techniques like telling their children to count to 10 or take a deep breath or by playing simple games like 'Simon Says' to teach delayed gratification."

Wansi says children should also be taught



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Theresia Wansi, Ph.D., who teaches finance at Marymount University in Arlington, believes that those who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

to keep track of the money that passes through their hands. "Everyone should have a spending diary," she said. "Use a spreadsheet where the child lists what they spend. They might see that they are spending much

more than they thought they were."

Setting financial goals and working toward them is another strategy for managing

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The Yorktown field hockey team lost to Marshall in the third-place game of the Herndon Invitational on Sept. 15.

Katrina Cook is a senior captain for the Washington-Lee field hockey team.

Yorktown Finishes Fourth at Herndon Invite

Washington-Lee wins fifth-place game in overtime.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

A scheduling conflict left the Yorktown field hockey team playing three games instead of four at the Herndon Invitational, but head coach Stephanie DuVall said the Patriots left the two-day event having gained valuable experience.

Yorktown held an early lead against Marshall in the third-place game on Sept. 15, but lost to the Statesmen, 2-1, to finish fourth at Herndon High School.

The Patriots lost their tournament opener to eventual champion Fairfax, 4-0, on Sept. 14. Yorktown and Wakefield were also scheduled to play that night, but DuVall said the game would have put the Patriots over the maximum amount of 16 for the regular season. Instead, Yorktown won a coin flip and was awarded a 1-0 overtime victory against Wakefield.

The following day, Yorktown defeated West Potomac, 2-1, before losing to Marshall. Yorktown senior forwards Carolanne Wilson and Tierney Patton each scored a goal against West Potomac. Patton scored via stroke. Senior captain Jennie Basile, a midfielder, scored the Patriots' lone goal against Marshall.

DuVall said the experience of facing Fairfax County opponents should help Yorktown. However, she's looking for players other than the Patriots' core of Wilson, Patton, Basile and senior captain Sophie Frank, a defender, to perform well.

"It's just been a little frustrating because



The Wakefield field hockey team takes on Battlefield on Sept. 15.

we have a couple girls who are really stepping up during all these games," DuVall said, "and some of the others are new to varsity and haven't gotten the hang of where they should be."

Wilson leads Yorktown with five goals. Patton has three goals and Basile has two. Basile

and Wilson made the all-tournament team.

Yorktown is 5-5, but opened National District play on Sept. 11 with a 1-0 victory against Hayfield. The Patriots travel to face rival Washington-Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20.

WASHINGTON-LEE FINISHES FIFTH

Washington-Lee has reached the National District championship game three of the last four years and captured the district title in

2011. While the Generals fell short of the Herndon Invitational championship game, W-L made the most of its fifth-place opportunity.

W-L junior midfielder Ruby Grace scored in overtime to lift the Generals past West Potomac, 2-1, in the tournament's fifth-place game on Sept. 15 at Herndon High School.

Junior midfielder Rebecca Choate also scored against the Wolverines, helping W-L finish 2-2 during the two-day event and bring its overall record to 6-5.

During first-day action, W-L lost to Marshall, 2-1, in strokes and defeated Battlefield, 3-0. Senior midfielder Katrina Cook scored W-L's lone goal against Marshall. Cook, junior forward Sarah Bauman and senior forward Abigail Boshart each scored against Battlefield.

The following day, the Generals lost to Herndon, 2-0, before beating West Potomac. "I thought we did really well to go to strokes with Marshall. I thought they were a better team," W-L head coach Beth Prange said. "I thought we played a really good first half with Herndon and then we let down in the second. ... Obviously, we'd like to win the district again. I think we can. I don't think there's anyone in the district that necessarily is having any better of a season than we are."

Senior midfielders Cook and Dana Raphael, and senior goalkeeper Maggie Burgos are the W-L captains. Cook made the all-tournament team.

"We lost a lot of players last year," Cook said, "so we're working really hard on just

being really open-minded and positive about the whole thing"

W-L will host rival Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20.

BATTLEFIELD BEATS WAKEFIELD FOR 7TH

Battlefield defeated Wakefield, 1-0, in the seventh-place game on Sept. 15. Wakefield went winless and did not score a goal during the tournament.

FAIRFAX WINS TOURNAMENT TITLE

After the Fairfax field hockey team had captured the Herndon Invitational championship, senior captain Shannon Cosgrove, recipient of the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, was asked if the Rebels' accomplishments — past and present — have placed a target on the team's back.

"Yeah, but we like that," she said. "... I think it puts some good pressure on us."

In 2012, "good" pressure has led to good results for the Rebels.

Fairfax defeated Herndon, 4-0, on Sept. 15 to win the Herndon Invitational and improve to 10-0 on the season. The Rebels, winners of the last three Liberty District championships, defeated West Potomac, Yorktown, Wakefield and the Hornets en route the tournament title, outscoring their opponents 17-0 during the two-day event at Herndon High School. Through 10 games this year, Fairfax outscored its opponents 37-1.

Fairfax is continuing to thrive despite graduation losses that reached double digits.

"It's nice to be playing your best hockey as you head into districts," head coach Amber Beaudoin said. "... We really just need to solidify our defense and really just keep playing at a high level all the time."

Fairfax defeated West Potomac, 5-0, and Yorktown, 4-0, during the first day of the tournament on Sept. 14.

Fairfax beat Wakefield, 4-0, on Sept. 15. Cosgrove scored twice for the Rebels, and senior forward Nikki Strickland and Allen each added a goal.

In the championship game, Freeman scored twice, and Cosgrove and sophomore midfielder Katie Buchen each had a goal.

Teaching Youngsters About Money

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ing urges to spend money frivolously. “Everyone can set short-term, intermediate and long-term financial goals,” said Wansi. “The goals you set have to be realistic and specific in measurable terms. For example, ‘I am going to get a part-time job to save for a \$2,000 car in six months.’”

WHEN IT COMES TO LEARNING to save, experts say to start early. “Even an elementary school student who has \$5 can be taught to save \$2 in a piggy bank,” said Wansi. “When they are old enough to open a savings account, they can save money there.”

Parents can help their children understand expenses and how simple actions can save money by allowing them to see bills, due dates and the amount of money owed.

“If your children leave lights on all over the house and you yell at them, they’re not going to get it. You have to share your bills with your children,” said Wansi, who lives in Herndon. “When my kids were away at college, my bill was around \$100 ... and when they came back [for a school break] it was \$500. I took the bills for them to see and they were

amazed that a bill could be that expensive. Then everybody starting turning off lights without being asked.”

Nassar suggests parents use a show and tell approach: “Part of raising a child is being a role model and showing an ability to manage expenses,” she said. “When you go to the grocery store, take your children and say, ‘We have \$100 today and we need to get these things. Let’s see which are the most important things.’ Help them think about priorities.”

Understanding credit is critical part of financial management, says Wansi: “In the U.S., it is hard to live without good credit. Teach children the advantages and pitfalls of credit. Beginning at middle school, it is important for children to understand the importance of good credit. I’ve talked to high school students who didn’t know that when you use credit cards you have to pay the money back.”

Buco says that debit cards might be a good alternative. “I’ve seen parents use these when their kids go off to college,” he said. “They would put money in the account and the kids can use the debit card. Several parents in my office who have 12- and 13-year-olds have set up debit cards with zero balances. When the kids find something they want to buy, [they can] move money out of savings into checking.”

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Applying to Private Schools: Starting the Process

As the application period gets underway, local independent school officials offer suggestions.

START SURFING. “I would encourage parents to visit a variety of school websites to get a feel for the wide range of fabulous independent school options available. A comprehensive directory of schools with website information [can be found at <http://www.independenteducation.org>].” Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School, Bethesda, Md.

WATCH AND RUMINATE. “Observe your child and think about the learning style that’s best for him or her. What are the values of your family? What are your hopes for your child’s education?” Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

AVOID FOLLOWING THE PACK. “Don’t be swayed by popular opinion or reputation. Instead, visit every school you’re considering, talk to current or alumni parents and students, and then decide whether that school may fit your child’s interests, personality and needs.” Tim Simpson, director of admission, Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND START SLEUTHING. “Create a list of five or 10 things that are important to you and your child. Check the athletic schedules and the theatrical and fine arts performance schedules, which are posted on the websites of [independent schools]. You should come to those events ... because the more time you spend on a campus, particularly at an event that is not run by an admissions office, you’re going to get a much better sense of what that [school’s] community is like. For example, do you see students there who you could see yourself being friends with? Do you like the way that the adults are interacting with the students in

the community?” asked Ann Miller, director of admission, Madeira School, McLean.

MAKE A LIST AND CHECK IT. “List out the schools you think you may want to apply to and check on their application processes and deadline dates. Many schools have parts of the application that are extremely time sensitive, such as signing up for admission testing as well as filing for financial assistance.” Pat Harden, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Md.

DEAL WITH STICKER SHOCK. “Don’t eliminate a school from your search because of the cost of tuition without looking into financial aid [or] merit and scholarship awards that may help reduce the cost.” Scott Conklin, director of admissions, Episcopal High School of Virginia, Arlington.

FIND A CLEAR PICTURE. “When considering schools, take a moment to actually visit the campus and ask the tough questions. A school’s website may or may not be the full picture. The question for the parent is, how real is the image they are seeing online? A few conversations with parents and teachers go a lot farther in this regard. Ask admissions officers what their schools’ mission is, how it is different from that of other schools and how they implement the mission.” Rich Moss, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac.

GET ORGANIZED. “Finally, once you have decided that you will be applying to a school for your child, get out that calendar again and write down all deadline information – application deadline, financial aid deadlines, supporting documents and testing deadlines.” Mimi Mulligan, Norwood School, Bethesda, Md.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

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BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

A local homebuilder was honored recently for his efforts to reduce his carbon footprint. Andrew Moore, president of Arlington Designer Homes, says his company received its second Gold-level Green Building Certification in Arlington from the National Association of Home Builders Research Center for a custom-built home in Arlington.

The 4,000-square-foot, five bedroom, four-and-a-half bath structure, located at 2615 North Nottingham St. in Arlington, is one of only 12 homes in Virginia, including two in Arlington, to be certified at the Gold level. Moore says the honor underscores his work to protect the environment.

“If you look at all of the resources that we use in our daily lives, a major part of that is our homes,” said Moore. “Something we felt that we could effect a large change on was building efficient homes that people like to live in. We can’t do a lot about other things, but we can do a lot about the houses that we build.”

Certified green homes incorporate green practices in lot and site development, resource efficiency, energy efficiency, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality and homeowner education.

According to Moore, the home includes energy-saving features such as Energy Star appliances; energy-efficient Jeld-Wen windows and doors; an advanced insulation package with Agribalance spray-foam insulation; a two-zone, high-efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system; low volatile organic compounds (VOC) paints and low-maintenance Hardiplank siding with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) trim exterior.

“With this home, we’re approaching a 50-percent energy savings,” he said.

Local real estate experts say that demand for such energy efficient homes is on the rise in Arlington:



The kitchen of this Arlington home incorporates cutting-edge, energy-saving technology, including Energy Star appliances.

“In the last five years, we’ve seen a lot more interest in energy-efficient homes. With some of the niche markets in Arlington and some of the higher end homes, you’re starting to see a high demand,” said Brian Blackburn of McEneaney Associates. “As a real estate agent, I’ve seen people asking more and more for some of these green features, especially with the economy the way that it is. People are seeing a lot more returns on their energy bills.”

A report released earlier this year at the NAHB National Green Building Conference and Expo shows that construction of green homes is expected to rise 29 to 38 percent by 2016.

“When builders are able to offer homes that not only are green, but also offer the combination of higher quality and better value, they have a major competitive edge over those building traditional homes,” Harvey Bernstein, vice president of industry insights and alliances at McGraw-Hill Construction, said in a statement. (McGraw-Hill conducted the study.)

Moore added that the North Nottingham Street home has also been certified under both the new, more stringent Energy Star guidelines and the Arlington Green Home Choice Program.

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Message of Hope for Those with Brain Injuries

Martha Shmokler: Don't give up.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
THE CONNECTION

Life-long Arlington resident Martha Shmokler has battled brain injuries for more than a decade. She said she has had professionals tell her there are limits to what she can do, but she has never listened.

She said she has big goals, but her most important goal is to advocate for other people who suffer from her disability. From speaking engagements to book writing, Shmokler seeks to spread awareness about her condition.

On Aug. 25, Shmokler addressed an audience of more than 100 people at her Celebration of Life event at the Congregation Etz Hayim synagogue.

Shmokler, who was diagnosed with aphasia after suffering three strokes between 2001 and 2011, chanted a prayer before the Torah and afterward addressed the congregation about her life with a brain disorder.

"With my D'var Torah, all will see that there is hope for people like me who have had their lives shattered by a stroke," Shmokler said in her speech. "I have aphasia ... the inability to use or understand language, written or spoken. I have Wernicke's/receptive aphasia which impacts language comprehension and the production of meaningful language."

The message of her address was that people with brain disorders should maintain hope and be unafraid to seek out help as soon as they need it.

She said she invited President Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran to the event. Although they weren't in attendance, she said it remains her goal to meet with them and speak to them about brain injuries.

One would never guess anything was different about Shmokler just by looking at her. She can cook, she can drive, and she can type. She does her own banking.

Shmokler, however, said she has always struggled with learning disabilities. It was the three strokes in her adulthood that compounded these difficulties. She said aphasia has stripped her of the ability to process information normally.

"I don't have the ability to recall information, and words slip out that I didn't mean to say," Shmokler said.

She added that other symptoms include pronoun confusion, problems with recall, and trouble counting.



Laurie Goss, Paul DiBenedetto, Martha Shmokler, Elizabeth Ashley and Principal Robert Hindman of Taylor Elementary School. Shmokler credits their support in battling her stroke-induced brain injuries.

"It's like I'm playing charades all the time and it's really hard because when I don't understand people, they don't understand me," Shmokler said.

Still, this has not stopped her from pursuing her goals and advocating for other people who struggle with brain deficiencies.

"I'm persistent and I don't let up," Shmokler said. "I don't stop."

Shmokler said she works with teachers and a slew of health professionals to improve her learning and communication skills.

"I went to all the teachers [at my daughters' school,] Shmokler said. "I didn't want to hear 'no.'"

One teacher who aids Shmokler is Paul DiBenedetto, a third grade teacher at Taylor Elementary School. The two connected because DiBenedetto taught all three of Shmokler's daughters.

DiBenedetto said Shmokler's problems lay in "understanding speech and comprehension."

To aid her improvement in these areas, DiBenedetto provides Shmokler with packages of work sheets and learning exercises to help her relearn certain skills.

"Paul has helped me with comprehension," Shmokler said. "He gave me books and he'd have me give book reports. He gives me packages of word searches and all kind of things to relearn."

DiBenedetto said Shmokler first approached him through the Worry Bear he has in his classroom. Students and parents can write to the Worry Bear, and

DiBenedetto responds on behalf of the beloved stuffed bear.

Shmokler "felt uncomfortable coming to me, so she started writing to the Worry Bear pot," DiBenedetto said. "That's how we communicated until she felt comfortable coming forward for help."

She said what drives her is her ongoing goal to help people with brain injuries.

"I'm speaking for the people who don't have an obvious injury," Shmokler said. "I'm not discounting the people who have serious physical injuries, but what about people who suffer from brain injuries?"

DiBenedetto said he has watched Shmokler battle her injury with courage and humor.

"She wants people to see the other side, through her eyes," DiBenedetto said. "It's a silent disease so she wants people to be advocates for themselves for the services they need. You can get help but you can't give up."

In addition to other efforts, Shmokler has even written a book, entitled "The Bear Said What?," which promotes her message. She said she hopes to get it published in the near future.

"It might not be a best seller, but I think it would be good," Shmokler said. "The message: ask for help."

Shmokler said she is working on a second book, but her goals do not stop there.

"I'm starting small with awareness, but I'd like to go big," Shmokler said. "I want to get on 'Oprah' and 'Ellen' and talk to Obama."

Sequoia building, 2100 Washington Blvd., in the auditorium. To RSVP e-mail ArlAAA@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-1733. John Leland Theological Seminary will host the 40th Annual Faculties' Convocation of the Washington Theological Consortium on the topic of Theology in the Public Square. 3:30-7:30 p.m. 1201 N. Highland St.

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Healthcare Meeting. 7 p.m. The Arlington Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a meeting on the Affordable Health Care Act. Joanne Grossi, Region III Director, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will give a briefing on this important and timely topic. At Little Theater at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 North Stafford St. Free and open to public.

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Helen Clara Clohan, 87, of Ashby Ponds, Ashburn, Va. passed away on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at her home.

Born April 28, 1925 in Weidhofen, Austria, she was the daughter of the late Georg and Maria Grabenschweiger Steinbach. In addition to her parents she was also predeceased by her brother Friedel Steinbach and her beloved sister, Hermine (Mini) Steinbach Kornherr (husband Otto). She and her family moved to the United States and she was educated at Chicago, IL. She and her husband lived briefly in Martinsburg with her late mother-in-law, Pauline (Speck) Clohan and after that at Silver Spring, MD and then McLean, VA.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, Paul Speck Clohan, Sr.; children, Paul S. Clohan, Jr. (wife, Pat) and Gary Clohan (wife, Chris Olsen); grandchildren, Tracy Katherine Clohan, Christopher Paul Clohan, Daley Clohan, and Mitchell Alexander (Mac) Clohan; great-grandchild, Ashleigh Nichole Brown; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, Walter Kornherr, Guinithilde (Kornherr) Sopjer, and Ulrike (Kornherr) Baltzer; and grandnieces and nephews, Bern Kornherr, Nina Kornherr, Martin Sojer, Miriam Baltzer, and Martina Baltzer.

Helen was homemaker, an adventurous cook and superb gardener. She loved bridge and snow skiing in the western US and Canada. She enjoyed traveling and made friends everywhere she went, and she loved visiting her family abroad. She was intellectual up to her time of passing and before her recent illness enjoyed attending concerts, plays and all the various museums in the Washington DC area.

Interment prayers were said on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 11a.m. at Pleasant View Memory Gardens, Martinsburg, WV.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 21, 2012 at Ashley Ponds in Ashburn, Va. Arrangements by Brown Funeral Home, Martinsburg, WV.

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