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So Others May Eat

Volunteers assemble packaged meals for Stop Hunger Now.



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Clayton Crooch carries a box of packaged meals to the next station for weighing and sealing.



Volunteers pack 30,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now at the Sydenstricker United Methodist Church on Saturday.



Volunteers from several area churches help to pack 30,000 meals for the organization, Stop Hunger Now at the Sydenstricker United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 17.



A volunteer pours some grain into a packaged meal.



Jamie Spalding, Sarah Spalding and Dave Sume help to prepare the right combination of ingredients for over 30,000 packaged meals that will be sent to a country with the greatest need of food by Stop Hunger Now.

73-Year Sentence for Cabbie's Murder

Killer of cab driver from Springfield sentenced to 73 years in prison.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

The night of his second wedding anniversary, Pervez Ahmed, a taxi driver from Springfield, was murdered by a customer he picked up at the King Street Metro Station in Alexandria on June 11, 2006.

Ahmed was not able to take his wife out for the dinner he promised her.

Father's Day was four days later, and Ahmed's daughter placed the Father's Day card she made at school in his casket.

"His murder has shat-



POLICE PHOTO

Ahmed Izzelden Osman

tered my life and our daughter's and the lives of both our families and friends," Faiqa Ahmed wrote in a victim impact statement to the judge.

"I still play his answering machine to hear his voice; feeling that the door will open and he will come home soon."

Judge Stanley P. Klein sentenced Ahmed Izzelden Osman to 73 years in prison, 40 years for first-degree murder,

30 for robbery, and three years for use of a firearm during the commission of a felony. A Fairfax jury recommended the sentence after convicting Osman during a five-day trial in March.

"A very just and appropriate sentence," Klein said, at the conclusion of Osman's sentencing hearing on Friday, May 16, in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

"He killed him for no good reason except greed."

— John R. Murphy, assistant commonwealth's attorney

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Turning Foreclosures Into Affordable Housing?

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors could take a large step to intervene in the region's housing crisis next month.

The board intends to vote June 30 on a plan that would assist 100 families in purchasing foreclosed properties in the county. The program would also focus on providing counseling to those who might be on the cusp of foreclosure and those who need money to fix up their properties.

Fairfax County has seen a spike in foreclosures which staff said will only get worse. In a four-month period extending from Nov. 30, 2007 to Feb. 15, 2008, the county saw 4,724 foreclosures. During 2005, there were only 198 foreclosures, according to a county report.

The county's foreclosures are concentrated in Centreville, Herndon, Springfield and the Route 1 corridor and could impact the housing stock and value of entire neighborhoods. Most of those homes foreclosed upon are in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 price range.

According to studies cited by the county, a foreclosed home impacts the value of all homes within one-eighth of a mile, and can affect as many as 65 adjacent homes. Staff speculates that Fairfax County may have lost \$1.12 billion in property value due to foreclosures.

If they proceed with the program, Fairfax County would use approximately \$8.7 million in existing funds, including \$6.5 million from the county's affordable housing funding pool, to launch the initiative. Most of the money would be used as leverage to help families purchase homes but the county also plans to purchase up to 10 properties outright.

According to a draft plan of the program, Fairfax would purchase properties that were "abandoned, deteriorated or otherwise considered a blight on the neighborhood." The county would then rehab the properties and sell them to first-time homebuyers and non-profit organizations or rent them through the Fairfax County Rental program.

Staff anticipates the homes, which would be purchased through the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, would about cost \$3.2 million in total.

County staff has placed some restrictions on the program. Financial help would be limited to those purchasing a single-family detached home or townhouse and with the purchase price not to exceed \$385,000.

Only those living or working in the county and earning less than Fairfax's median income, approximately \$99,000 for a family of four, would be eligible.

The program would initially target the 660 households currently approved and on the county's first-time homebuyer waiting list and then be opened up to county employees, including those who work for the school system, according to county documents.

Most supervisors seemed receptive to the program but the two Republican members of the board had reservations.

Sully District supervisor Michael Frey (R) said several of the homes that had been foreclosed upon seemed to be in a higher price range than what he would consider affordable. Springfield District supervisor Patrick Herrity (R) added that he didn't think the county should be purchasing and reselling property.

"I think that is the job of the private sector," Herrity said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

County Staff Error Results in Oversized Home

Despite several complaints from neighbors and the local supervisor's office, county staff failed to stop a large 14-bedroom home with two main entrances from being constructed on a site that previously held a modest, one-story brick rambler in Springfield.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay (D) said he raised questions with officials in the county's department of planning and zoning

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Calling All Spartans

New group hopes community will support West Springfield's football team.

The West Springfield Spartans football team is hoping a little Ancient Greece-inspired community spirit will help keep them in Gatorade, pre-game meals and mouth guards.

A new branch of the school's Boosters program, the 300 Club, is styled after the movie "300," a history-inspired tale of Spartan warriors who refused to back down from defending their homes despite being vastly outnumbered by their enemies.

"We were initially cautious about showing the movie to my 16-year-old son, but then we found out the team has been using some of the things from the movie to get themselves geared up before games," said Jack Pelgar, one of the founders of the 300 Club.

The basic premise for the club is simple: Anyone who donates \$300 for the football team will receive a replica jersey with any name and number they would like, along with tickets for each home game during the season, their name listed in the weekly game programs and other items as a thanks for supporting the team, Pelgar said.

He admitted that many people in the community are having a tough time financially, but he hopes members of the community that enjoy attending football games on fall weekends will find a way to support the team, even if they cannot give the full \$300.

"Parents are already asked to pay for practice clothes, mouth guards, sweatshirts, it all adds up," Pelgar said. "But West Springfield went to the regional finals last year, but not every game was a full house. We know there's support for the team, we'd just like to see more."

AS AN ADDITIONAL incentive to give, the 300 Club is a nonprofit organization, so part of the donation is tax-deductible, Pelgar said.

Money raised by the 300 Club will also go toward providing pre-game and post-practice meals for the players, plus bottles of water after home games for the opposing team, said Sandy MacRae, vice president for fund raising for the 300 Club.

MacRae has a son currently on the varsity team and another son who has managed 17 sports at West Springfield, including the football, which he has managed since seventh grade. He knows the pain of being a sports parent, but hopes members of the community will look to the team as their young men.

"This is all for the kids," MacRae said. "All of the money we raise is for them."

He points to the progress the football team makes every year, getting better and acting as good ambassadors for their school.

"It doesn't matter what their win-loss record is, it's what happens to the boys as they become members of a team through their senior year. I've seen tremendous growth in the guys on the team, they are respectful of their parents, their teachers and they are accountable for each other on and off the field," MacRae said.

WITH THE help of the Boosters Club, and now the 300 Club, the football team will continue to accept all qualified athletes, regardless of ability to pay, he said.

Jim McDonnell, another early member of the 300 Club, said he had four children pass through West Springfield High School. None of them played football, but they were all active in other sports and activities. Now that he is able, McDonnell wants to give back to the community that gave him and his family so much.

"I used to be president of the Springfield Youth Club, I've always been an advocate for youth sports," he said.

"In this case, the school was great to my kids, I'm still in the community, and I like to give back."

Randy McMahon had one child already graduate from West Springfield and has another son playing football currently. His wife is also a West Springfield graduate, so supporting the school has become a family affair.

"This is a great opportunity for the community at large to help, as individuals," McMahon said. "If you go to a West Springfield football game, you'll see a lot of older people whose sons graduated a long time ago. They still go to the game and they're still excited to be there. We want to let them know we haven't forgotten about them either."

In fact, if someone who joins the 300 Club wants to have their son's name and old number on a jersey, they can do so, McMahon said.

As a member of the 300 Club's Board of Directors, McMahon knows his team would like to see a digital scoreboard in their stadium, to go along with their new artificial turf field. Despite not having the money for a new screen now, he hopes the 300 Club will help them purchase one in the future.

"There are lots of different odds and ends we do for the team and we want to capture and take advantage of the team doing well to support them more," he said.

Like Pelgar, he knows \$300 is a lot of money to ask from individual donors, but he believes the end result will be worth the investment.

"When you look at all you get, including a certificate signed by the coach thanking them for their contribution, it's a pretty special deal," he said.

"We know there's support for the team, we'd just like to see more."

— Jack Pelgar

Get Involved

For more information about the 300 Club, e-mail Sandy MacRae at sandy@macrae_cpa.com or call 703-691-1290, or Jack Pelgar via e-mail at John.Pelgar@americansystems.com.

Strike Force Targets Overcrowding

Lee District continues to face brunt of illegal boarding houses, strike force work.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Lee Komich knows change takes time, but sometimes it is hard to be patient.

Komich, president of the North Franconia Civic Association, said he has seen a decrease in illegal boarding homes in his neighborhood. But, he still feels too many single-family homes are crowded with multiple tenants and wishes that the Fairfax County Code Enforcement Strike Force could work faster.

"We've seen [what looked like] used car lots disappear off front lawns, garbage disappear, car parts disappear, there are collateral problems that come from illegal boarding houses," he said.

Komich is quick to applaud Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and his predecessor, Dana Kauffman, for their dedication to the strike force and their support of its work.

"It's just not enough, in my opinion," Komich said.

In an effort to boost the power and ability of the strike force, the Board of Supervi-

sors approved an additional \$1.25 million in funding for the strike force, bringing its operational budget for fiscal year 2009 to \$3.25 million.

The money was allocated for a third strike team, McKay said, but it was not clear how exactly the money would be used in terms of hiring more personnel.

"This is not a pay-for-performance kind of group, but I know many of the strike team members feel they are rewarded for their good work," McKay said.

THE LEE DISTRICT faces more building and zoning code violations than any other magisterial district in the county, McKay said, with 62 of the county's 186 open cases in the Springfield area. The Mount Vernon and the Mason districts come in close behind, with 25 and 51 cases respectively.

McKay said he has dedicated one part-time staffer to handling strike force calls, with residents calling in to report what they feel is a house with too many tenants or other unapproved operations taking place inside.

McKay understands residents want to see

all their concerns wiped away immediately, but hopes the progress being made will serve as evidence that help is on the way. "Each day it gets a little better," he said.

The problem with illegal boarding houses is not restricted to one area of Springfield or the Lee District, nor is it confined to one area of the county.

"We get complaints from Kingstowne and we get calls from North Springfield alike," McKay said. "We hear from affluent areas and the garden-style apartments. There's not an area in the district that is immune."

Neighborhoods with Neighborhood Watch programs tend to fare better in terms of reporting homes containing too many residents, McKay said, thanks to observant and diligent neighbors who are comfortable reporting what they feel is illegal activity.

Komich said he has seen photographs of a home investigated for zoning code violations by the strike force and he was offended by what was inside.

"This is unacceptable by American standards," he said, with the photos showing blocked doors and fencing throughout a house. "It would be great if we could double, triple or even quadruple the strike force to deal with these problems."

Tawny Hammond, president of the North

Springfield Civic Association, said her neighborhood has seen "a big difference" since the strike force began about a year ago.

"Before, people did whatever they wanted to do because no one was stopping them," she said. "There was a lot of fear and confusion. Now, we still see some of that but things have gotten better."

"As more people find out about us, we get more referrals to other houses."

— Jeff Blackford

Hammond said the problems are complex and will require the teamwork of the strike force and residents to solve, but patience is an important attribute as well.

"People who aren't paying attention and don't know how the strike force operates are quick to point fingers and demand the houses be raided, looking for passports or birth certificates to determine who's related to

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PEOPLE

Getting To Know ...

Christine Morin, parent and education activist.

As the mother of three, Christine Morin has more than a passing interest in what Fairfax County Public Schools has to offer. Since moving to the area in 2004, she has become involved in the ongoing effort to build a South County Middle School. Here, she shares a little about her past and what motivated her to become an education activist.

Number of years in the community. I grew up in Springfield and attended Bush Hill and Garfield Elementary, Key Middle School, and Lee High School. After graduating from college, I spent four years in Charlotte, N.C. then moved back to Burke and then Laurel Hill in 2004. I'm a native and I love it here.

Family. My husband, Topher, and I met at Virginia Tech and have been married for 14 years. We have three boys who attend Silverbrook Elementary Alex, 8; Ben, 6; and Chase, 6. My mom also still lives in Springfield.

Education. I attended the business school at Virginia Tech and graduated with a B.S. in business management and minor in international studies.

Your first job. I started working at our Greek family restaurant in Old Town Alexandria when I was 8. I went in early with my mom and my dad would pick me up on his way home from work. I answered phones, ran the carryout window, chatted with customers and helped wherever I was needed. I spent every summer working there until my mom sold the restaurant in 1986. It was a great experience that taught me the importance of a strong work ethic and customer service.

Activities/interest/hobbies. I love to

cook, read, ride bikes with my kids, walk, travel, spend time with our friends and go to concerts. I'm a foodie at heart, but don't have a lot of free time to eat out. We are huge Virginia Tech football fans and try to visit Blacksburg often during football season. Also, over the last few years, I've become an education activist and have been involved in several local school issues. I have served as the South County Federation Education chair for the last three years.

Favorite local restaurants. Our go-to restaurant is Mike's American Grill. Closer to home, Five Guys has the best burgers, Pane e Vino and Dixie Bones are also very good.

Community concerns. Silverbrook Road used to be a quiet two-lane road surrounded by trees; now it's a bustling Main Street. The growth has brought families, businesses and traffic to the area. The biggest concern for me is completing the South County school pyramid and building a middle school. Safety is also a concern and a police substation is needed for our area since we are currently served by three different police precincts. Local roads are sometimes a problem and need to be maintained; it would also be very beneficial if Silverbrook Road were widened.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? I always wanted to be a marketing or business executive. I also thought about becoming



Christine Morin

PHOTO BY AMBER HEAVY/THE CONNECTION

ing a writer or restaurant owner.

Community "hidden treasure" you think more people should know about. One of my favorite places to spend time at is Burke Lake. I grew up fishing there with my dad, riding the train and carousel and buying goodies from the candy store, which is no longer there. The park has so much to offer — bike trails, fishing, picnic and camping areas, paths, kid's programs, putt-putt and several fond memories.

Personal goals. My family is the most important thing in my life and I hope to guide our children to become good people and citizens with compassion, faith and respect. Some day soon, I'd also like to get back to the gym and get my M.B.A.

How did you get involved with the South County middle school group? When we bought our new home in 2003, we were shown a neighborhood map that

had an elementary, middle and high school on it with dates. I was not familiar with the School Board, CIP, or the budget process and assumed the schools would be ready and built as promised. I learned quickly that was not the case and became involved with the group during the first boundary process in 2005. I started attending meetings that summer and have been going non-stop ever since.

It has been a long road, but we are making tremendous progress and I'm cautiously optimistic that a South County Middle School will become a reality. The middle school group is comprised of a phenomenal group of people who are passionate about this issue and doing what's right for our kids and the community — it has been a privilege and very fun getting to know all the "activists" from all over South County.

What should people know about this effort? The South County community is strong and committed to having a stand-alone middle school built, and although we have made great progress over the last few years, our work is not done. The community has come out many times in support of this effort but until the first shovel of dirt is moved, we need to continue to persevere with all levels of government and county staff. Please visit our Web site [www.southcountymiddleschool.org] and get involved.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

VIEWPOINTS

What price do you think a gallon of gas will hit at its peak this summer?



"I believe it will get to \$4.50, but not above five dollars because there would be a public backlash."
Colin Hood, Springfield



"It will go up to \$4.30 for Premium."
Ligia Altayi, Springfield



"I think somewhere between \$4.45-\$4.50, because of people traveling."
Jerome Dendy, Springfield



"Highest it will get is \$4.25."
Mnt Mack, Falls Church
— WADE RICE

MILITARY NOTES

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U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Christo-

pher M. Counts, son of Mary J. and Kenneth L. Counts of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and

mentally.

U.S. Navy Lt. j. g. Matthew P. Crawford, son of retired U.S. Navy Capt. Mary P. Crawford of Fairfax, was recently designated a Naval aviator

while serving with Helicopter Training Squadron Eight in Milton, Fla. Crawford was presented with the "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training. He is a 2000 graduate of West Springfield High School.

Huiatt Completes Basic Training



Air Force Airman Matthew W. Huiatt has graduated from basic military training at

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Huiatt earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Debbie Huiatt of Portree Court, Springfield, and Will Glynn of Larkview Lane, Fairfax Station. The airman is a 2005 graduate of West Springfield High School.

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and department of public works for two and half months before anyone admitted mistakes in the case.

In early May, after the house was on its way to being completed, staff determined that the house's setback from Backlick Road, approximately 10 feet, was inadequate, said McKay. They have issued a stop work order at the house, which also abuts Highland Street and Amherst Avenue.

McKay said the incident has hurt the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' credibility in an area where residents had already grown skeptical of county government. He added that, upon seeing the house, any person with common sense would have been able to tell something had gone wrong.

"Sometimes board offices and neighbors do know best when something just does not seem right," said McKay.

The residential area surrounding the large

home has struggled with overcrowding and illegal boarding houses in recent years. The county only recently started to address these issues through a zoning enforcement team called the "strike force" established last year.

Supervisors chair Gerry Connolly (D) said he was concerned that staff appeared to

have ignored residents, especially those who feel the county has neglected them.

"There were months of reports from the community and supervisor's office that

seem to have been discounted," he said.

Other supervisors worried about what would happen to the large home and others like it around the county.

Several of these structures were designed and built to be boarding houses, not single-family homes, and some had gone into foreclosure after the strike force crack-down on overcrowding.

"What happens now? You have a structure with 14 bedrooms. What is its future?" said Mason District supervisor Penny Gross.

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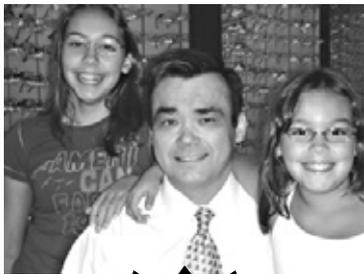
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Lee District Leads in Strike Force Cases

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whom," Hammond said. "But you have to sit back and ask them if they would want that to happen to their family. Chances are, they want their due process, and everyone should have that."

Jeff Blackford, operating chief of the code enforcement strike team, said the team is a combination of five county agencies, each looking for code violations to protect the health, safety and lives of residents.

"When we go into a house, we're looking for violations of zoning codes, building

"We hear from affluent areas and the garden-style apartments."

— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

codes, anything that puts the health of the people inside at risk," Blackford said.

With a background in planning code enforcement, Blackford said he was eager to get to work when he took his position on the strike force a few months ago.

"I had been part of the team when the

strike force was first brought together," he said.

However, he was still stunned when he went into his first house.

"There is no photographic or verbal description that adequately presents what you find in some of these houses," Blackford said.

The five agencies involved on the strike force are the county's departments of health, zoning, property maintenance, building codes and fire marshals offices, he said. Each group has rules and regulations that may overlap, so the strike team members have made a composite handbook they

use when examining a house.

When the strike force enters a house, it is with the intention of saving lives from the hazards of improperly wired electrical systems, blocked fire exits, poor ventilation and other problems, Blackford said. The goal is not necessarily to split up families living together or to force tenants out of a house.

Currently, the strike force has 175 open cases across the county and has faced a total of 319 cases in the past year.

"We're plugging away," Blackford said. "As more people find out about us, we get more referrals to other houses. That's encouraging to us."

Judge Sentences Osman to 73 years for Murder

FROM PAGE 3

"THIS VICTIM was just trying to make a living," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney John R. Murphy.

Ahmed, 46, recently began work as a taxi-cab driver the night of June 11, 2006, when he lined his cab up fourth in the queue at King Street Metro Station in Alexandria.

Osman approached the first driver in the line, an experienced cab driver, around 9:30 p.m. But Osman, 23, wouldn't tell the driver a precise location where he wanted to be driven.

"No, I'm not going to take you anywhere," the cab driver told Osman, Murphy said during Osman's trial.

Two other drivers also turned down the fare.

"Last thing they see is [the defendant] hop into the fourth cab, the new cab driver who doesn't know the right questions to ask," Murphy said.

Approximately 20 minutes later, Fairfax County Police found the Alexandria Yellow Cab driver lying next to his cab in the 3300 block of Arnold Lane. Ahmed had been shot twice, fatally through his back and heart and once in the hand, which blew off part of his finger.

Emergency personnel transported Ahmed to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"Just thinking of the night ... makes me

want to cry my heart out," Faiqa Ahmed wrote in her impact statement. "How much pain he must have endured when the bullets pierced through his body. I'm left with wondering questions; what were his last words? Did he call for help?"

Osman, formerly of Lorton, took Ahmed's American Express Card, which Osman used the day after the murder to buy Lacoste and Prada sunglasses and sports sneakers among other things.

"He killed him for no good reason except greed," said Murphy.

Osman tried to trade the murder weapon to an undercover police officer the day after the murder.

"I would simply suggest to the court, that

as much as the jury heard, they didn't hear the half of it," Murphy said, during the 10-minute hearing on Friday. "And if they had heard everything that happened with that firearm ... and if they knew the defendant had no remorse, that might have been the difference between the sentence he received and a life sentence."

Osman was convicted, and sentenced in January 2007 for other charges in a different case, including maiming and receiving a stolen firearm.

Judge Klein asked Osman, who plans to appeal his conviction, if he had anything he wished to say to the court or victim before he was sentenced.

"No, sir," Osman said.

Congressional Candidates Address Rising Oil Prices

11th District hopefuls share their view on what to do to temper fuel costs.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

With the price for regular fuel approaching \$4 per gallon at the pump, the federal government is looking for ways to mitigate the impact of skyrocketing costs.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Congress voted to temporarily suspend the purchase and shipment of oil to the country's emergency oil reserve in an effort to free up more gasoline on the open market and bring costs down. Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and John McCain also floated the idea of a "gas tax holiday," in which gasoline taxes would be suspended during the summer months to try and lower costs.

The five candidates running to replace U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) in Virginia's 11th Congressional District have their own ideas about what to do over the rising cost of fuel.

The Democrats — Lori Alexander, Leslie Byrne, Gerry Connolly and Doug Denny — will face each other in a primary June 10. The primary winner will compete

against Republican Keith Fimian in the November general election.

Alexander, a Mount Vernon resident and physical therapist, considers herself an environmentalist.

She would promote a higher gas tax so that people do not have to rely so much on oil. Alexander said she is also in favor of using more alternative energy sources like switchgrass, which grows wild in some parts of Virginia.

"The federal government needs to provide more funds for transit, especially to Dulles airport and Tysons Corner," said Alexander. The candidate added the federal government, which employs several Fairfax County residents, needs to allow more people to work from home to help the local air quality and road congestion.

Byrne supports a "windfall profits tax" — taxing oil companies at higher rate on the large profits they have made in recent months. She said money generated from the higher tax should be used to fund a tax credit for low income families, who are struggling with the rising price of gas and

its direct impact on the cost of food.

The former congresswoman said the federal government should also set up a scientific-based think tank to come up with the best ways to make the country energy independent and more environmentally friendly. The new organization could be paid for if the federal government charged oil companies more for the extraction they do from federal land, she said.

CONNOLLY said the federal government should develop a program for energy efficiency similar to the 1960s effort to put a man on the moon.

"They said let's put a person on the moon. Let's get together the best and brightest minds. ... That was the stuff of science fiction at the time," he said.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman is particularly interested in offering companies an incentive or prize for creating the first car or truck engine that can get 100 miles per gallon. He said the county needs to look at a "comprehensive approach" to energy efficiency and explore other ways of bring the cost down as well.

Denny said he would not be in favor of drilling in restrict parts of Alaska or increasing off-shore drilling in areas like Virginia

Beach.

The Iraq War veteran said he would want to eliminate the federal subsidies of oil companies before looking at a "windfall profits tax."

"Let's stop giving federal dollars directly to oil companies. It is more of a common-sense approach instead of the knee-jerk reaction that we are just going to tax the oil companies," said Denny.

The candidate would devote the money used to subsidize oil companies to developing alternative and renewable forms of energy. If removing the subsidies had no impact, he would consider a "windfall profits tax."

FIMIAN, a local businessman, said the federal government needs to look more closely at tapping all of its domestic oil reserves, including lifting current restrictions on areas in Alaska and off the shore of the country. He added that oil extraction in these domestic areas should be done in an environmentally friendly way.

"If we had access [to these United States deposits], gas would be \$1.50 per gallon. We just have to make sure that precautions are taken so that the opportunity for a problem is minimized" he said.

CRIME

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through May 19.

ARMED ROBBERY

9700 block of Hagel Circle. Two Lorton men were robbed at gunpoint on Wednesday, May 14, in the 9700 block of Hagel Circle. The victims, 18 and 20 years old, were walking from a friend's house around 11 p.m. when the two suspects pointed guns at them. The suspects ordered the victims to the ground and stole several items. The 18-year-old victim was struck with the gun by one suspect. Both victims ran away. There were no injuries. The suspects were described as black, in their 20s. They were about 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighed 180 pounds. Both suspects wore black, hooded sweat shirts covering their faces and blue jeans.

ASSAULT/ARREST

3400 block of Campbell Drive. Police are investigating a reported assault that occurred on Wednesday, May 14 around 1 p.m. at Cameron Elementary School, 3434 Campbell Drive in Alexandria. A 12-year-old student was allegedly assaulted by his teacher, Maria Waugh, while in class. There appeared to be some discussion about the student's behavior that led to the alleged assault. The student was not injured. He went home and reported the incident to his parents, who called police. On Thursday, May 15, Waugh, 42, of the 6200 block of Quander Road in Alexandria, was issued a summons for assault. She was served with the warrant at the Franconia District Police Station and

was released on her signature.

POSSESSION OF METH/DISTRIBUTION/ARREST

Bostwick Drive/Montgomery Street. Police arrested a 32-year-old Sterling woman after she attempted to purchase methamphetamine. On Thursday, May 8 around 11:30 p.m., officers observed the woman inside a vehicle parked near Bostwick Drive and Montgomery Street in the Annandale area. An investigation revealed the woman was allegedly attempting to purchase methamphetamine. Additional methamphetamine was also in her possession. Officers arrested Rachel Smith of the 47100 block of Brasswood Place in Sterling. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with possession of methamphetamine. Smith is employed by Fairfax County Public Schools.

LARCENIES

5800 block of Apsley House Court. GPS stolen from vehicle.
5600 block of Bloomfield Drive. Stereo stolen from vehicle.
5900 block of Clames Drive. Purse and wallet stolen from vehicle.
6500 block of Edsall Road. Purse stolen from business.
5500 block of Harrington Falls Lane. TV stolen from vehicle.
6900 block of Inlet Cove Drive. GPS stolen from vehicle.
5800 block of Kingstowne Center. License plates stolen from vehicle.
7000 block of Little River Turnpike. Purse stolen from business.
5900 block of Pratt St. License plates stolen from vehicle.

6500 block of Springfield Mall.

License plates stolen from vehicle.

6600 block of Telegraph Road.

Wallet stolen from vehicle.

6500 block of Telegraph Road.

Wallet stolen from business.

8100 block of Terminal Road.

Wallet stolen from business.

VEHICLE THEFTS

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5600 block of Eton Court.

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7000 block of Newington Road.

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6800 block of Silver Ann Drive.

1991 Honda station wagon reported stolen.

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through May 19.

LARCENIES

8000 block of Braddock Road.

Drink stolen from business.

4600 block of Briar Patch Court.

Wallet stolen from vehicle.

8700 block of Cross Chase Circle.

License plate stolen from vehicle.

8900 block of Fascination Court.

Jewelry stolen from residence.

10100 block of Homar Pond Drive.

Wallet stolen from business.

7900 block of John Adams Court.

Bicycle stolen from business.

9700 block of Lakepointe Drive.

Wallet stolen from business.

7300 block of Rolling Oak Lane.

GPS stolen from vehicle.

6200 block of Rolling Road.

Cell phone stolen from vehicle.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

Fairfax Baptist Temple will be hosting a free **Community Fun Fest** on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 26**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The day will include: moonbounces, inflatable activities, games, face painting, hot dogs, popcorn. Free. Fairfax Baptist Temple is located at 6401 Missionary Lane in Fairfax Station. For more, contact events@fbtministries.org or 703-323-8100 or visit www.fbtministries.org.

Fairfax Presbyterian Church's summer worship schedule, with one service of worship at 9:30 a.m., begins **Sunday, May 25**. Glebe Sunday is set for **June 1**, with a casual, outdoor service at 9:30 a.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, parasols and fans. A picnic lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 10723 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-273-5300 or visit www.fairfaxpresby.com.

Jewish Community Legislative Review. The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia hosts Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) to recount the key legislative issues in Virginia. **Tuesday, May 27**, 7:30-9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax.

Free admission, but RSVPs are requested; contact Nina Betru at nbetru@jcouncil.org or 703-962-9230.

Shabba-Be-Que at Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield, 6:30 p.m. at **Friday, May 30**. Fun, food, song, and prayer. Cost is \$15 per adult, \$10 per child (5-16 years) or \$36 maximum per family. Children under 5 are free. RSVP to membership@adatreyim.org, and for more information call the office at 703-569-7577.

Marriage Matters: A night of fellowship with other couples, **Saturday, May 31**, 7 p.m. at **Messiah United Methodist Church**, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Bring a dessert to share. A short program will be offered on "Mastering Money in the Marriage." Free child care is available, pre-registration required. Contact Robin Ringle at 703-569-9862, ext. 210 or e-mail ringle@messiahumc.org.

Sundays at Truro concert series presents a benefit concert for Walter Reed's Fisher House Foundation for wounded service members. Truro's own **Juanita DeShazor** will be performing a program of Jazz, Pop and Gospel music. Gift cards of \$25 or less will be accepted at the door and donated to Fisher House. Reception to follow. **Sunday, June 1**, 4 p.m. at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-273-1300 or visit www.trurochurch.org.

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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

Local families turn grief into service.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

"He was wickedly funny and empathetic," Neiberger-Miller says, remembering her brother. "In many ways, I feel like I was just beginning to know the man he was becoming."

As we approach the seventh Memorial Day since the beginning of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with the loss of life there. More than 4,075 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 500 more have died as a result of operations in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007 in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, wrote: "Those of us who are already struck by this loss must add the numbers of those who are wounded [to those who have died]. That far greater number and the pain associated with it goes unnoticed and yet it is the one that is most alive around us. My wife and I try to help those at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon Fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org). It was my son's wish that we help the families and soldiers who come back wounded and we try to do all we can to honor him and his last wish." Many of Kirkpatrick's friends also work to raise funds for the Yellow Ribbon Fund.

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day. She also has a special bond with the mother of the soldier buried next to her son at Arlington National Cemetery; both mothers lost their sons on the same day. The other mother lives in Connecticut, so Beth brings extra flowers and tends to her son's grave, as well as Nicholas'. They also hold an annual golf tournament to raise funds for scholarships they distribute to remember Nicholas.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Corporal Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Rafael will soon deploy to Afghanistan with his National Guard unit (and with his twin

brother Randy). Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are there because of their sense of duty to serve the rest of us, to put their lives on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there, and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first class health care, and an expanded GI Bill that will provide a college education for every veteran who is so inclined.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

The full editorial appears on our Web site, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27 of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

❖ Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007 of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006 of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

❖ Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at Jeb Stuart High School and had proposed to his high school sweetheart about three weeks be-



U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.

fore he was killed.

❖ Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006 by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

❖ Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two chil-

dren. His parents live in Alexandria.

❖ Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

❖ Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

❖ Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

❖ George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

❖ On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

❖ Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed in Iraq.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

❖ Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

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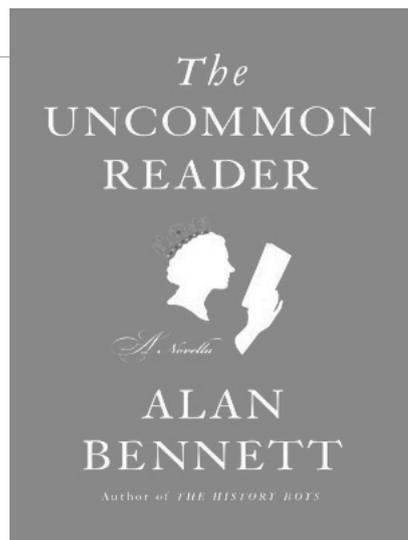
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'The Uncommon Reader'

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Every adult who lives, works or goes to school in Fairfax County is invited to participate in "All Fairfax Reads" a "one book, one community" project through September. All Fairfax Reads is one of more than 100 similar initiatives across the United States that encourages residents to read and discuss the same book.

This year's selection is "The Uncommon Reader," a novella by award-winning English playwright Alan Bennett. In *The Uncommon Reader*, the Queen of England stumbles upon a mobile library on the grounds of Buckingham Palace and begins to explore new horizons. Bennett's comic romp can be read both as satire and a more serious treatise on the subversive power of reading. Visit the library's events page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library for more information.

The Northern Virginia Review is accepting entries for the next issue, slated for publication in March 2009. The Review, an annual journal of essays, fine art, photography, poetry and short stories, accepts submissions from residents of the Northern Virginia and the greater Washington metropolitan area. People may submit two essays, two works of fiction, three pieces of artwork and four poems, with a limit of five items per person. The deadline for entries is Thursday, Sept. 18. Learn more at: www.nvcc.edu/depts/nvreview/nvr-submit.htm.

ENTERTAINMENT

Negative Self Image

Pa. band promotes autobiographical album at local show.

BY ASHLEIGH HILL
THE CONNECTION

Before the band dipped its toes into the pool of the Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C. music scenes, the humble and historical Lancaster County, Pa. served as the home of alternative rockers Negative Space.

"There's a lot of really great homegrown talent [in Lancaster]," said lead singer Josh Nice. "There's general support for the arts and for youth. I don't know if that comes from Philly, N.Y.C. or D.C. but, I'm glad it's here." In addition to Nice, the band's current line up — Rick Lienhard and Britain Roda on guitars, Mark Reinmiller on bass and Jimmy Everly on drums — has been together for three years, growing out of variations dating back to 2002.

Storylines, *Negative Space's* third release, autobiographically details the lives of the bandmates both individually and as a group. "It's cliché to say that we've matured, but there've been a lot of growing pains over the last few years," said Nice. "Due to that, we've been forced to put that foot forward. There's been a lot more experience plus, we've added more songwriters and more heart into [the band in the past few years]."

As all five members contribute to the songwriting process, the product turns out to be a mix of tales including accounts of debt, loss of friendship and family. The album's fist single, "Honestly," wraps the fear and acceptance of the distance that can shatter relationships into an uplifting rock



Negative Space performs Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m., at Fat Tuesday's in Fairfax.

tune with a raw punk vigor, a genus carried throughout the album.

"One of our stories is that we've been blessed to work with so many talented people," said Nice. Having hooked up with producer Kirk Kelsey for a previous EP, the band rejoined him in his Georgia home studio to track, mix, eat and sleep their way into a brand new album. "Living with a family for the process, allows you to grow as an artist and as a person."

Since then, the group has been toting around the brand new CD, stopping at Fairfax's Fat Tuesdays on June 6 and trying out various marketing techniques within a rapidly changing industry. Capitalizing on the popularity of video hosting site YouTube and fans' love of singing along to "Honestly," they've created a contest challenging listen-

"I've learned that promotion is an art within itself."

— Josh Nice, Negative Space

Listen Up

Negative Space performs Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m., at Fat Tuesday's, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Find music and more show dates at www.myspace.com/negativespace.

ers to create and post their own video of the song, promoting not only themselves but a creative outlet for others. Aside from a good time, the handpicked winner receives \$500 straight out of the band's pockets.

"Most guys get into bands and think it's just going to be about playing music but, when you get down to it, everything begins to get complicated," said Nice. "I've learned that promotion is an art within itself and there's music on the other side of that. If you don't learn to balance that out, you're not going to get anywhere."

Negative Space has chalked up a degree of success, winning over fans from Vermont, all the way down to Key West. Their efforts have earned the band a spot on stage with the likes of Eve 6, Fuel and 3 Doors Down.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

DANCING

Dudney School of Irish Dance in Springfield is currently enrolling children 5 and older. Classes are located near Braddock Road and the Beltway and are taught by Jordan Dudney, a Washington native and champion step dancer. 703-899-5317 or www.DudneyIrishDance.com.

Israeli Dance Class. Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Beginner, intermediate and advanced. \$5/session/JCCNV member; \$6/non-member; \$4/student or senior. 301-982-0937.

Irish Step Dance Classes. Fridays at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Open to beginners ages 5-15 at Studio One, 6208 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call Jordan Dudney at 703-899-5317.

Singles' Dance. Hearts in Motion School of Music & Dance hosts Don and Colleen's Singles' Dance the third Friday of each month, 8 p.m.-midnight. Dances include cha cha, waltz, swing, hustle, El Paso, slow dances and line dances. Cost is \$12 (\$20 for a couple). Light snacks are provided, soda and water are available for purchase. The school is located at 8600 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call Colleen at 703-437-1190.

Learn Carolina Shag dancing with the Northern Virginia Shag Club. Lessons take place at Rene's Supper Club, 3251 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Adult lessons are 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Lesson is free, adults' cover charge is \$6. Social dancing follows the lessons. See www.nvshag.org or call Cathy Metcalf at 703-690-2631, or e-mail cmcmetcalf@verizon.net.

Scottish Country Dancing classes are Mondays from 8-9 p.m. at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. No partner necessary. Call City of Fairfax at 703-385-7858.

City of Fairfax offers Swing Performance Routine sessions each Tuesday from 8-9 p.m.

at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. For intermediate dancers. \$72. Call 703-385-7858.

ARTS

Registration for Art Camp in Burke.

Camp instructor Carol Zeitlin, a public school art teacher, has been conducting art camp for over 15 years in Burke. This year, she will offer four weekly sessions, Monday through Friday, June 21-25, July 14-18, July 21-25 and Aug. 4-8. Camps are for children 5-8 years old and 8 and up, and include fine arts and crafts, crafts and drawing fun, and drawing. For more, visit www.geocities.com/czeitlinschneier or call the instructor at 703-250-6930.

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THURSDAY/MAY 22

Jack Hidle, through May 24 at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 23

Jack Hidle, through May 24 at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

Ponderings - Pond Explorations.

Net tadpoles and other critters and watch a Mondo Pondo presentation. Dress to get messy. \$5 per person, reservations required. 4-5:30 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, 703-451-9588.

SATURDAY/MAY 24

Jack Hidle at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

MAYHEM show featuring 10 bands. All ages. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of. 2 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the club or through Ticketmaster. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

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SUNDAY/MAY 25

Karaoke at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

MONDAY/MAY 26

Memorial Day.

Open Mic at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

An Evening of Jazz 2008: Jazz Through the Decades at South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. performance. \$8 per person for dinner and show, pre-order only. \$3 for dessert and show with admittance at 6:45 p.m. Hosted by the SCSS Band Boosters. Visit www.southcountyyarts.org.

Lake Braddock Middle School orchestra concert 7:30 p.m., in the Little Theater, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. For more, call Stephanie Holmes, 703-426-1074.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

Springfield Days Festival. This annual community celebration has expanded to four days of family fun, featuring a parade through

downtown Springfield, children's rides and games, food, an art show, an entertainment stage, outdoor movie and more. Burger King Family Festival with Children's Rides and Games, 4-9 p.m. at the Springfield Mall. Visit www.springfielddays.com.

Lake Braddock High School orchestra concert 7:30 p.m., in the Little Theater, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. This event features senior soloists from our members selected to the Virginia State Orchestra. Admission \$5. For more, call Stephanie Holmes, 703-426-1074.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Springfield Days Festival. This annual community celebration has expanded to four days of family fun, featuring a parade through downtown Springfield, children's rides and games, food, an art show, an entertainment stage, outdoor movie and more. Burger King Family Festival with Children's Rides and Games, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Springfield Mall; Old-fashioned barbecue at American Legion Post 176, 5-9 p.m. Visit www.springfielddays.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Car, Truck and Motorcycle show to benefit the South County Secondary School Automotive Tech Center. Show includes all make/models of cars, trucks and motorcycles, as well as a chili cook-off and automotive flea market. Early registration by May 15 is \$5-\$15 in different categories, day-of registration is 9 a.m.-noon. Event is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at

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Where's the Beat? Tap dance concert presented by the Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble and the Soles of Steel tap ensemble. Family-friendly event, 8 p.m. at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 children 17 and under; purchase at www.metroyouthtap.org. Contact MetroYouthTap@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Karaoke at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

Springfield Days Festival. This annual community celebration has expanded to four days of family fun, featuring a parade through downtown Springfield, children's rides and games, food, an art show, an entertainment stage, outdoor movie and more. Events 10 a.m.-11 p.m., for a full list visit www.springfielddays.com.

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During 2007 Cardboard Regatta at Lake Accotink Park, Shoshana Oppenheim, left, and Rebecca Oppenheim are dumped into the lake when their boat, the Octopus' Garden, capsizes. The Regatta is part of the annual Springfield Days festival, which takes place May 29-June 1.

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MONDAY/JUNE 2

Open Mic at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

U.S. Navy Band Cruisers contemporary entertainment ensemble group performs 7:30 p.m. at the Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Road, Springfield. Free, no tickets required. Call 202-433-2525, or visit www.navyband.navy.mil.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Picnic at the Park from 12-3 p.m. at Burke Lake Park Shelter B, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, to raise money for children fighting cancer and their families. Tickets price includes catered picnic lunch and all entertainment — Banjo Man Frank Cassel, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Soccer and more. Advance tickets \$12 per person, \$15 at the gate. www.BryceFoundation.org, 703-266-0146.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 12

George Mason University's College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) announces the first Mason Festival of the Arts June 12-29 on GMU's Fairfax campus, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. This three-week festival includes performances by Theater of the First Amendment (TFA), The

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, The Fairfax Choral Society, the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra and the World Children's Choir. Ticket prices vary. Tickets: 888-945-2468, www.tickets.com. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Ice Cream Sundaes and Sweet Treats to celebrate the retirement of Pamela Botts and Jane Moore after a combined 35 years of service. Friday, 3:45-5 p.m. in the Clifton Elementary Courtyard, 7010 Clifton Road, Clifton.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Concert. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra performs "Dream of America" with Theatre of the First Amendment actors 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. See www.gmu.edu/cfa or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Fathers Day Train Show. N Scale model trains will be running 1-4 p.m. in the caboose and community room at the Fairfax Station Railroad

Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The Northern Virginia NTRAK model train club will host its monthly setup. \$2 adults, \$1 children. Call 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Civil War Bus Tour. The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society hosts a tour through northern Virginia's Civil War history, starting 8:30 a.m. at the Truro Rectory, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Led by Don Hakenson and Gregg Dudding with Thomas Evans. E-mail dhakenson@cox.net, wdudding@cox.net or call 703-971-4984 to register.

Artists' Reception. The Artists' Undertaking Gallery features work by watercolor paintings by Springfield artist Jack Dyer and other area artists. 2-5 p.m. at the gallery, 309 Mill St., Occoquan. Exhibit runs June 3-July 7. Call 703-494-0584 or visit www.theartistsundertaking.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 26

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<p>Sunday, June 1</p> <p>Burger King Family Festival with Kids' Rides and Games Springfield Mall 10am – 9pm</p> <p>19th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta Lake Accotink Park 12pm – 4pm</p> <p>Springfield Hilton Movie at the Park featuring <i>Under the Same Moon</i> Lake Accotink Park 6pm – 11pm</p>	<p>Springfield Toyota Entertainment Stage featuring Junkyard Saints Deanna Bogart the High Middlin String Band Springfield Plaza 11am – 6pm</p> <p>Silver Diner Children's Celebration Station Springfield Mall 12pm – 6pm</p> <p>Springfield Hilton Movie at the Park featuring <i>Bee Movie</i> Lake Accotink Park 6pm – 11pm</p>





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St. John's Center for Early Childhood Education accepts registration for the 2008-09 school year. Located at 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield, the school offers preschool classes for ages 2, 3, 4, 5 and pre-k. Before and after-school program. Call 703-256-7748 or e-mail stjohncece@aol.com.

Springfield Estates Elementary School is celebrating its 50th anniversary and seeks old yearbooks, photos/news clippings of the school and activities that took place at the school or anecdotes. Also collecting addresses and phone numbers of former students, teachers and staff members from 1958 to the present. Mail the organizing committee at Springfield Estates Elementary School, 6200 Charles Goff Drive, Springfield, call 703-921-2300 or e-mail sees50thanniv@yahoo.com.

A newly commissioned piece of music in honor of Mary Read, Annandale High graduate who died in the Virginia Tech shootings, will premiere at the Annandale High Spring Band Concert on Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. The piece includes snippets of the Annandale High fight song, Tech Triumph from Virginia Tech, and parts of "Amazing Grace" and was made possible

thanks to the support of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts scholarship program. The Annandale bands will also perform music from "Pirates of the Caribbean," a Glenn Miller medley, Broadway tunes, and music from the Beatles. Contact principal John Ponton at 703-642-4100 or john.ponton@fcps.edu or event liaison Jack Elgin at jack.elgin@fcps.edu.

All Fairfax County's 24 high schools have been designated among the most demanding public schools in the country and are featured in the 2008 Newsweek-Washington Post list of 1,358 top U.S. high schools, found at www.newsweek.com. The 1,358 schools represent the top 5 percent of high schools nationwide.

Four Fairfax County public schools made the list of top 100 schools published in Newsweek, based on a formula devised by Washington Post education reporter Jay Mathews. In the top 100 are Langley High School at 55; Woodson High School, ranked 73rd; Lake Braddock Secondary School, ranked 93rd; and McLean High School at 97.

Rankings for other Fairfax County Public Schools are: Oakton High School, 103; Centreville High School, 104; Chantilly High School, 122; South County Secondary School, 139; Herndon High School, 141; Westfield High School, 144; Madison High School, 148; Robinson Secondary School, 214; West Potomac High School, 216; West Springfield High School, 244; Marshall High School, 248; Fairfax High School, 252; Stuart High School, 322; Falls Church High School, 383; South Lakes High School, 515; Edison High School, 746; Lee High School, 791; Hayfield Secondary School, 796; Mount Vernon High School, 855; and Annandale High School, 938.



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Cappies Team: Sam Golter, Steve Einhorn, Molly Delaney and Aaron Barksdale. Not pictured are Amy DeLaura, Katie Zajic, Nancy Denker and Spencer Ramirez. The Cappies Award ceremony will be Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center.

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Spartans Fall in Extra Innings

West Springfield holds tough, but loses in nine-inning district title bout.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

South County head coach Al Thompson — selected as the Patriot District Coach of the Year — joked with his team after the game that he'd already purchased the district championship banner, because he knew his team would win.

He may have been eventually right, but the fiery coach and his talented team were staggering for the majority of Tuesday night. But a never-give-up attitude, and crucial hits lifted South County to its second straight Patriot District title in only the school's fourth year of existence.

Stallion sophomore Michelle Boynton drilled a walk-off single, driving in sophomore Karly Thompson in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Stallions to a 2-1 victory over West Springfield on the Spartans' home field.

"It's all a blur," said South County junior

SOFTBALL

WEST SPRINGFIELD	1
SOUTH COUNTY	2

first baseman Kayla Reisinger, who reached base on a one-out single. "I was standing on first base watching Stephanie [Sbardella] (who was on second) run around as I was rounding second and I kept running. I knew we got it and was ecstatic."

THE STALLIONS went 14-0 through the regular season and had a league-best five representatives on the first team all-district squad, including Pitcher of the Year Chelsey Dunham.

South County, riding Dunham's right arm, blasted through eight-seeded T.C. Williams, 18-0, and fourth-seeded Lake Braddock, 8-4, to earn the championship berth. Meanwhile, the Spartans, just 5-9 within the district, had to endure battles with third-seeded Hayfield (2-0) and second-seeded West Potomac (1-0).

"We saw them win and we had to get ready because West Springfield is not a team to joke around with," Reisinger said.

Riding a 1-0 lead, the Spartans had an opportune time to add much-needed insurance runs in the sixth inning. Christen Gibson, daughter of head coach Maggie Gibson, drilled a 3-1 pitch to the right out-field gap for a triple. Senior Kathryn Rogers reached second on fielder's choice, putting two runners in scoring position with no outs.

"It's a heart attack," Reisinger said. "With no outs, you're scared out of your mind. We knew we had to do something."

Dunham buckled down, earning three consecutive strikeouts to end the inning.

"I thought for sure that we'd get something out of it," Gibson said afterward.



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The West Springfield softball team grabbed a 1-0 lead early on, but ended up falling to South County, 2-1.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Spartans still maintained a one-run lead. Needing three outs to earn its first district title since 2006, West Springfield relied on powerful senior right-hander Jessica Thomas.

"Jess is a battler," Maggie Gibson said. "Out of all my players, she's the toughest one so if anybody is going to be on that mound, it's going to be Jess. No one wants it more than her. I felt confident with her up there."

Thomas relinquished a single to Thompson, who came off the bench to earn two hits, to open the inning. After a bunt attempt failed, Sbardella's short bloop set up runners at first and second. A subsequent walk loaded the bases, sending Reisinger, a first-team all district selection to the plate.

"I kept looking at my parents and everyone out in the stands thinking, 'oh my gosh, if I mess up, it's the game on me,'" Reisinger said. "I knew I had to do something."

A sacrifice fly sent the game-tying run in, and ensured the game would go into extra innings.

"I just knew that our team would get it back and that we would never quit," Dun-

ham said.

Both teams will host the first round of the 16-team Northern Region tournament, which starts on Friday. The Stallions will face Madison, the fourth seed from the Liberty District at 7 p.m. With a 20-3 record, South County is one widely considered to be one of the favorites to compete for the regional crown. Thompson told his team they still have work to do and Dunham reiterated it after the game.

"Our goal is to win regionals," she said. For West Springfield, who will face McLean, the Spartans are hoping for continued success in close games after losing six one-run games, and nine by three runs or less this season.

"I think when you go through the fire, it really tempers you," Maggie Gibson said. "We've been in close games all season so we know what we can do."

Thomas, a first-team all-district first baseman, echoed her coach about still having something to play for despite the tough loss.

"It is a new game, new tournament and a new season," she said.

"It's a heart attack. With no outs, you're scared out of your mind. We knew we had to do something."

—South County junior first baseman Kayla Reisinger

TITLE WEEK

2008 District Titles

BASEBALL

Concorde: Chantilly High School (Chantilly 5, Oakton 3)
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School (Stone Bridge 10, Madison 0)
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School (Lake Braddock 12, West Springfield 8)
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 4, Edison 1)

SOFTBALL

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 4, Herndon 2)
Liberty: Langley High School (Langley 9, Stone Bridge 8)
Patriot: South County Secondary School (South County 2, West Springfield 1)
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 9, Mount Vernon 4)

GIRLS SOCCER

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 2, Westfield 1)
Liberty: Madison High School (Madison 3, McLean 2)
Patriot: West Springfield High School (West Springfield 2, South County 1)
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 2, Mount Vernon 0)

BOYS SOCCER

Concorde: Herndon High School (Herndon 1, Westfield 0)
Liberty: Thomas Jefferson High School (Jefferson 2, Stone Bridge 0)
Patriot: T.C. Williams High School (T.C. Williams 3, Lake Braddock 0)
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 1, Wakefield 0)

BOYS TRACK

Concorde: Westfield High School
Liberty: South Lakes High School
Patriot: West Potomac High School
National: Edison High School

GIRLS TRACK

Concorde: Westfield High School
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School
National: Edison High School

GIRLS LACROSSE

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 14, Chantilly 13)
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School (Stone Bridge 14, Woodson 11)
Patriot: Annandale High School (Annandale 11, West Springfield 10)
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 9, Falls Church 6)

BOYS LACROSSE

Concorde: Chantilly High School (Chantilly 9, Oakton 7)
Liberty: Langley High School (Langley 8, Woodson 3)
Patriot: Annandale High School (Annandale 7, Lake Braddock 6 OT)
National: Falls Church High School (Falls Church 10, Yorktown 6)

BOYS TENNIS

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School
Liberty: Thomas Jefferson High School
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School
National: Stuart High School

GIRLS TENNIS

Concorde: Oakton High School
Liberty: Thomas Jefferson High School, Woodson High School (Tie)
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School

SPORTS

Bruins Baseball: A Walk in the Park

Lake Braddock earns first Patriot District title since 2004.

By ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

Despite winning 18-plus games for the past four straight seasons, a Patriot District banner had evaded Lake Braddock's baseball team. The Bruins captured a Northern Region title two years ago, but ever since 2004, they hadn't been crowned as district champs.

Not until now.

The Bruins went on the road and spurned West Springfield, 12-8, in a three-hour-plus marathon game on Tuesday evening. It was Lake Braddock's 15th consecutive victory, after starting the season 3-3 following a 6-2 road defeat to West Springfield on April 1.

BASEBALL

LAKE BRADDOCK	12
WEST SPRINGFIELD	8

But the Bruins buckled down, and reeled off win-after-win to mark the fifth consecutive year they've won 18-plus games.

"To do it to West Springfield on their field makes it that much more sweeter," said sophomore infielder Ryan Lindemuth, who finished with a game-high three runs. "It feels like a bunch of hard work is finally paying off. This is a great reward."

Lake Braddock earned 13 walks — 11 of the 12 runs reached base via walk — from four West Springfield pitchers, who allowed the Bruins to tally multiple runs in five of their six innings.

"We really grinded out at-bats," said sixth-year Lake Braddock head coach Jody Rutherford. "We got in situations where they were ahead and we ended up battling our way back, drawing a walk or getting a base hit. We are able to put pressure on them with the base stealing."

THE SPARTANS TOOK a three-run lead in the top of the first off University of Virginia-bound pitcher Shane Halley, who made only his fourth appearance because of an early season forearm injury. The senior struggled in the opening frame, eventually shortening his season-high three-inning outing.

"It seemed like everybody had runners on base every inning," Rutherford said. "With the way we swung the bats on offense, we didn't feel like we were down giving up three. We just needed to do a better job throwing strikes."

The Bruins responded with two runs in the bottom of the first and four more in the second to take a 6-2 advantage.

West Springfield starting pitcher Bobby Wahl lasted just one inning, giving up three runs, while junior Tucker Tobin relinquished four in less than two innings. Without ace Mike Kent, who pitched a



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Lake Braddock earned 13 walks against West Springfield. "We really grinded out at-bats," said Lake Braddock head coach Jody Rutherford.

complete game to rally past two-time defending district champ South County, 4-3, in the semifinals, juniors Shannon Smith and Richie McMahon didn't fare much better.

"We took really good at-bats," Lindemuth said. "Anytime you get on base without any outs, it's going to produce runs."

Lake Braddock senior Shannon Mark went 2-for-3 with a team-high three RBI's, while catcher Steven Lindemuth batted in two runners. The Bruins were seven-of-14 with runners in scoring position.

"Lake Braddock has been the best team in our district all year so they deserved it," said West Springfield head coach John James.

BOTH TEAMS WILL host Northern Region games on Thursday, with Lake Braddock facing McLean and West Springfield set to take on Langley. Both games will start at 7 p.m.

For the Bruins, it will give them another

opportunity to equal last season's win total.

"If we keep playing the way we are and the way we're capable of, we'll do fine," Halley said.

Meanwhile, West Springfield (13-4) will try to rebound from the loss, instead trying to foster the momentum from its third walk-off win of the season against South County.

"We'll get ready for Langley and go business as usual, just like we have all year," James said. "Baseball is a funny game sometimes."

On Tuesday, though, Lake Braddock reigned supreme, taking pictures with the Patriot District banner after "finally getting over that hump," according to Halley. For the storied school, which was founded in 1973, it was only the seventh district title. "They just don't come around very often," Rutherford said. "It's big because you can win a lot of regular season games, but when you look back on it, you remember the championships."

HIGH SCHOOL WIRE

West Springfield Girls Soccer Upset in Regionals

The Spartans avenged an early season tie to South County in the Patriot District championship on Friday, upending the Stallions in overtime to capture the league crown.

But the celebration was short-lived as West Springfield faced off with Stone Bridge — a team it beat 3-2 to open the season — in the first round of the 16-team Northern Region tournament.

The Spartans lost, 2-1, to the Bulldogs at home on Tuesday in heartbreaking fashion. Stone Bridge forward Krysti Rodriguez netted the game-winner deep into the second half to finish West Springfield's season and any possible hopes at a state title.

Spartan sophomore midfielder Tina Rader scored in the first half, tying the lead at 1-1.

The game came just four days after a four-overtime thriller against the Stallions, handing South County its only loss of the season en route to West Springfield's second straight district title.

The Stallions downed McLean, 5-3, on Tuesday and will host Chantilly on Thursday.

—ERIC GILMORE

Edison Sweeps National District Track

The Edison boys and girls track and field teams blasted through the National District track meet last week, with the boys team winning by 89 points and the girls finished 86.5 points ahead of second-place Yorktown.

Eagle senior Ademola Titcombe won the boys long jump (20 feet, eight inches), triple jump (43-5.75), high jump (5-8), 100 meters (11.1 seconds), 200-meter dash (22.8). He also finished second in the 110-meter hurdles.

Edison junior Shekyira Mann was the top girls finisher, placing first in the 100 meters (12.74), and second in the pole vault (7-3) and 200-meter dash (25.93).

Edison's Bernard Butler set a National District record in the boys shot put, with a 51-foot, two-inch throw. Eagle senior Keosha Simonson also set a new record in the 300 meters, finishing in 46.62. Other record breakers included senior Tihut Degfae, who set a new mark in the 800 meters (1:56.63).

Yorktown finished second in the girls meet, while Mount Vernon was the runner-up on the boys side. The Northern Region track meet will take place on Thursday and Friday at Lake Braddock beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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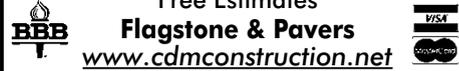
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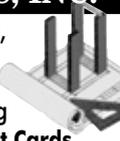
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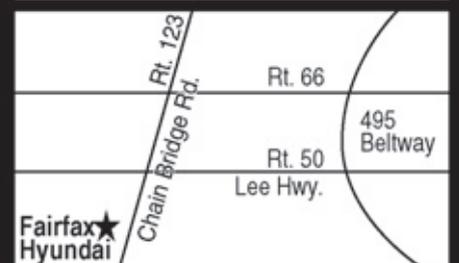
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FINE LUXURY
Five bedrooms, 5 1/2 bath home on the best lot in the community. Luxurious upgrades and unique floor plan. This one is one in a million and worth every penny!
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Woodbridge \$127,900
Bank Owned!
3 level townhome with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Nice deck. Priced way below market.
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Fairfax Station \$684,900
All brick colonial on 2.89 private wooded acres! Parklike back yard with patios, pond w/waterfall, hot tub! Quiet country street, just minutes from shopping, commuter routes & VRE! 4 BRs + den up, au pair suite in WO lower level! Updated corian kitchen, extensive hardwoods, family room w/walls of glass!
See photos at www.marshawolber.com
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Burke Centre \$620,000
4 BRs, 3.5 Baths, Kitchen & Foyer ceramic tile. Recent frig, DW & FR carpet. FR off-kitchen w/fireplace & SGD to brick patio & fenced back yard. Basement with Rec. Room, full bath & den.
Joel Lutkenhouse 703-969-6442



Centreville \$215,000
Perfect 2 bedroom/2bath Townhome. Conveniently located 1 mile from I-66/Rt 28 & Rt. 29, Metro, shops & schools. 15 minutes from Dulles Airport. Schools: London Towne West Elem., Stone Middle, Westfield High.
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Clifton \$684,900
Acorn Custom Contemporary. Pottery barn inspired, walls of glass, vaulted ceilings, flooded with sunlight! Private 1 acre, backs to common woods, on a quiet country road just 1 mile from town of Clifton! Delightful screened porch, master suite w/fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. So many updates, perfect!!!
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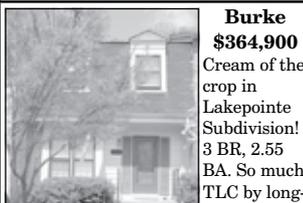
Lorton \$339,000
Brick rambler with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Great neighborhood. Close to schools & transportation.
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Close to Everything
Beautiful home close to all that Lorton has to offer! Brazilian cherry hardwoods on the main level, step-down living room, and formal dining area. Kitchen has stainless steel appliances, bump-out eating area & breakfast bar. Large deck with great views! Close to shopping, transportation, and recreational activities! Don't miss it!
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Alexandria - Rose Hill \$379,900
4 bedroom brick rambler. Quiet cul-de-sac; great yard in well established neighborhood. Close to schools, shopping center. Must see!
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Burke \$364,900
Cream of the crop in Lakepointe Subdivision! 3 BR, 2.55 BA. So much TLC by long-time owners. Upgrades/up dates galore.
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Colonial Beauty
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Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



Fairfax \$1,799,000
Absolutely Perfect! This home has it All! Stately colonial with over \$100k in recent improvements. Top of the line custom pool with waterfalls and stone and brick patios, extensive landscaping and outdoor lighting. Beautiful neighborhood with 15 gorgeous homes all on 5 acres.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Clifton \$574,888
Great value in this 5 BR, 3 BA Colonial with approx. \$60,000 worth of recent upgrades. 1st & 2nd floor MBR's. Lux. MBA. Updated gourmet Kit w/ granite, etc. Hardwoods, Skylights, Deck & much more.
Claudia Callis 703-620-2790



Fairfax City \$889,500
3 BR, 4.5 BA brick courtyard home. 1st floor MBR plus 2nd MBR on upper level. New hardwood floors, 2 story foyer, upgraded kitchen with vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace, private yard with fountain.
Nancy Basham 703-772-2066



Clifton \$599,500
Inspired by Nature
Clad in cedar & beautifully perched in the treetops, this 3 BR, 1.5 BA contemporary home brings the outdoors in thru walls of glass & skylights! Dramatic two story great room, kit w/greenhouse windows, terra cotta tile & SS appliances, hrwd frs throughout. Two + car garage. Private wooded 1 acre lot.
Debbie Besley 703-346-5103



Clifton \$299,900
Truly charming 3-level TH in Centreville Green (Clifton address). New carpet, paint, and light fixtures. Hardwoods on the main level. Two Master bedrooms each with connecting bath. Shows great!
David Levent 703-503-1821



Fairfax \$499,000
Fabulous Landscaping & Sunroom Addition
Beautiful 4 BR colonial set on quiet street w/loads of updates! 21 x 12 Sunroom addition, 42" cabinets, appliances, hardwoods, baths, built-ins, premium windows/doors, roof, HVAC & more! Community amenities include walking paths, large lake, tot lots, Pentagon bus, close to VRE. Robinson school district.
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Alexandria \$279,000
Alexandria Racquet Club & Pool
Premier location with Metro van shuttle, 36 acres of country club living with rare indoor/outdoor tennis & pool complex with putting green. Large Lux. 2 BR/2 bath w/garage, huge balcony. Very sunny and updated.
Patricia Rehill 703-503-4186



Alexandria \$749,000
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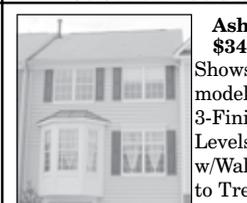
Fairfax Station \$899,000
Priced below assessment. 5 BR, 4.5 BA, 3 level Tudor on 5 acres in equestrian community backing to Sandy Run. Family room off eat-in kitchen, large master suite, screened porch, deck, hardwood floors, 2-car garage.
Cheryl Hanback 703-864-4321



Woodbridge \$260,000
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Herndon \$425,000
Rare Kingston Chase 3-Level
4BR, 2.5 BA, 3 Lvl Colonial. Updated Kit & Baths. Hardwood Kit & FR w/gas FP & SGD to 35X12' patio and fenced yard, LR & Sep DR w/built-in Cabs. Fin LL RR & Sep Den AND MUCH MORE!
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Ashburn \$344,500
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Ann Witherspoon 703-503-1836



Fairfax Station \$1,689,900
5 BRs on upper level! Spectacular manor home on 5 gorgeous landscaped acres w/ pool, spa & gazebo, 9,000 fin SF, 1st fir master suite, exceptional Sun Rm w/2 sets FR doors leading to paneled study/lib. Plus 6 BR, 2nd lib, 4 FB, 2 HB, gourmet kitchen w/granite & natural gas, 3 car gar. Expansive fin LL perfect for entertaining. See this property at www.GraingerTeam.com.
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Elegant Random Hills
\$454,900

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Clifton \$1,095,000

Idyllic Setting

Charm exudes from this New England Salt Box Colonial with Contemporary flair! 5 perfect acres w/creek. Spectacular views from Great Rm w/25' ceiling. Cherry wood floors. Granite Kitchen, 2nd flr Gallery w/built-ins, 3-car garage & matching Gatehouse. Fin. bsmt. One of the prettiest streets in Clifton!

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