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Honor Guard

The Veterans of Foreign Wars State Color Guard, George McCracken, left, Fred Wolking, center, and Venner Milewski pose outside the American Legion Post 176 in Springfield after the memorial service on Monday, May 26.



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The victim was not injured. All three suspects were described as white, 17 to 18 years old, 5 feet 8 inches to 6 feet tall. They had brown hair and were clean shaven. Two suspects wore white T-shirts and denim shorts. The third suspect wore a white tank top and khaki shorts.

ASSAULT/DRUNK IN PUBLIC/ARREST

4600 block of Brentleigh Court. Officers were investigating a simple assault case that occurred in the 4600 block of Brentleigh Court on Sunday, May 18 around 12:30 a.m. A 23-year-old Alexandria-area man and a 22-year-old Woodbridge man were assaulted by two men as a result of a

domestic dispute. The victims were not injured. While questioning the suspects, one of them refused to obey commands from officers and charged at them. The officers deployed the conductive energy device and arrested Rigoberto Fuentes, 22, of the 4600 block of Brentleigh Court. Fuentes was charged with drunk in public and taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Charges are pending on the assault case.

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars State Color Guard, George McCracken, left, Fred Wolking, center, and Venner Milewski pose outside the American Legion Post 176 in Springfield after the memorial service. They paid tribute to the veterans by presenting and retiring the Colors during the ceremony.



Guest speaker Col. Mo Faber, left, VFW Webmaster Terri Spencer, center, and Wayne Yancey stop for a picture while getting a chance to socialize during the reception portion of Monday's event. A buffet style lunch was served along with cake after the closing ceremonies.

In Their Memory

American Legion Post 176 hosts Memorial Day ceremony.

Red poppies were given out as tradition to remember those who fought for our country. The tradition to give out artificial poppies was started by Frenchwoman Anna Guérin, but the symbol was first introduced in John McCrae's poem 'Flanders' Field.'



Cmdr. Wayne Yancey, left, and Jere Vatter, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, participate in the Wreath Laying during the Memorial Day Remembrance in Springfield.

More Road Woes in Springfield District

Residents concerned about safety on Rolling Road.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Members of the West Springfield Village Civic Association are still worried that plans to widen Rolling Road would eat into their lawns and encourage speeding through their small community.

But if the road is not widened, chances are congestion would continue to worsen, especially as 8,500 workers are expected to arrive at the Engineer Proving Ground farther south on Rolling Road in 2012.

"We've known this has been coming for 20 years, but I think there's a natural angst

about the situation," said John Cooley, president of the West Springfield Village Civic Association.

His community has 57 homes that may lose property to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the right-of-way to widen Rolling Road from two lanes to four between Old Keene Mill Road and the Fairfax County Parkway.

During a recent meeting for the community hosted by VDOT and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Cooley said it became clear that some residents will not be happy about the project, no matter what concessions are made.

"VDOT isn't doing anything the Board of Supervisors did not ask them to do," he said.

"Nothing will take away the us-and-them mentality, but VDOT is working hard to mitigate the impact on us and I think we need to appreciate that."

"Some people are still asking for the project to be dropped."

— Jan Vaughn,
Virginia Department
of Transportation

"It's a tough situation," agreed Jan Vaughn, assistant manager for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Arlington and Fairfax County Preliminary Engineering office.

Many residents concede that widening the road is necessary, she said, but concerns over safety linger.

"Some people are still asking for the project to be dropped and want to know if the Board of Supervisors has ever looked at the scope of the project or where it sits on their Comprehensive Plan," Vaughn said. "There's another group that would rather see the southern part of the

road, closer to the EPG, widened first, to help ease that traffic congestion sooner."

Kate Moreland, a representative from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, said the design for the road, which will include a sidewalk on the east side, a trail on the west side and room for on-street parking, is not finalized yet.

"People are worried about the amount of space that will be taken up by the trail and how much of their yards will be lost for the right-of-way," she said.

Others are worried wider lanes would lead to more people speeding down the road. To counteract that, Moreland said the road will be designed for a higher speed limit, which actually increases the amount of safety precautions included on the design.

SLIGHTLY SHARPER curves designed for
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Hearing Set for Koger Sale

The federal bankruptcy court has set June 17 to hear evidence on Koger Management Group's proposal to sell the troubled real estate management firm to American Management of Virginia, Inc. a business created by two of Koger Management's employees.

Koger submitted an Asset Purchase Agreement to court that "proposed to purchase Debtor's assets for the total sum of \$100,000.00 to pay creditors." The principals of American Management are named as Paultette Heidermann and Ernest Lightfoot, vice president of Koger Management Group, which now operates as Tri-State Management.

"Debtor believes and therefore avers that this offer (or any higher or better offer which may be put forward by any third party) would be the best interest of the estate and maximize the recovery therefrom." The pleading asked the court to approve the sale.

But the proposal seemed unlikely to be well received by Koger's Creditors who have filed nearly \$8 million in claims against the firm.

The Asset Purchase Agreement describes the day-to-day operational materials of the seller, all contracts with customers and the accounts receivable at the closing date. Koger claims it is losing money and that many of its clients have dropped the firm as its notoriety has grown.

But the list of "excluded assets," items "which are not to be acquired by the Purchaser," include interest in 4105 Rust Road, Fairfax Virginia which is the firm's headquarters; any interest in KMG, LLC, which testimony over the bankruptcy was described as having assets. Also excluded was "any insurance policy" which would presumably include the \$1 million policy that Koger had against theft and embezzlement. Continental Casualty Company has denied the claim, asserting that Koger Management misled it about Jeffrey Koger's role in the company, but Koger Management has filed a suit to get the policy paid in full.

This is the latest step in a bankruptcy that was filed nearly a year ago in July 2007. According to evaluations made under a court order last year, some \$2 million was embezzled from Koger Management's clients. Jeffery Koger, the son of chairman Robert Koger, and chief financial officer has been accused of the diversions.

Jeffery Koger is presently incarcerated awaiting trial on charges of trying to kill a Virginia State Police officer during a shootout with police in February.

— NICHOLAS M. HORROCK

Fire Damages Franconia Home

A single-family home in Franconia was damaged by fire last week.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units were called to a house fire at 6427 Telegraph Road on Friday, May 23 at 1:20 a.m. When they arrived, they found fire on the first floor and heavy smoke coming from the front of the one-story home. The fire was brought under control in 10 minutes. Two adults were home at the time. One adult male was taken to Washington Hospital Burn Center for non life-threatening injuries. An adult female was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital for non life-threatening injuries, according to reports.

Two adults have been displaced from the home due to the fire, and damage is estimated at \$10,000.

According to an initial investigation, the fire is believed to be accidental, started by improper disposal of smoking materials.

Apartment Fire in Kingstowne

An apartment complex in Kingstowne was temporarily evacuated due to a fire last weekend.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units were called to an apartment at 7161 Silver Lake Blvd. on Saturday, May 24 at 2:55 a.m. When firefighters arrived, they found heavy smoke and fire beneath a stairwell on the second floor of the building. A sprinkler system had contained the fire, and firefighters were able to bring the fire under control in 10 minutes.

Approximately 75 residents were evacuated from the building until smoke was cleared, and two residents were taken to Inova

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An artist's rendering of what the Springfield Mall campus may look like, once renovations are completed and new office and residential space are built over the next 15-20 years.

Fixing Springfield Mall

Vornado has ambitious, long-term plans to reshape Springfield Mall.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Big changes are on the way for Springfield Mall, but it will take some patience on the part of consumers and hard work and cooperation between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the mall's new owners.

When Vornado purchased the mall a few years ago, their first plans were to get the mall repaired and take on a major renovation later. The plans now, it seems, include making interior, by-right changes and improvements now to bring shoppers back to the antiquated facility.

"We want you to be happy to claim the mall in your community again," said Mark Looney, a representative for Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, the legal firm working with Vornado on the project.

Looney admitted the mall had fallen into a state of disrepair when Vornado took over a few years ago. Former Supervisor Dana Kauffman (D-Lee) had joked that going to the mall on a rainy day required an umbrella, but one of Vornado's first accomplishments was to repair the roof.

Future changes will be sweeping and all encompassing, starting from the inside out, Looney said.

"Right now, there isn't a whole lot of green space near the mall," he said. In the future, that will change, with a pedestrian plaza planned for an area in front of the mall, plus the inclusion of skylights and higher ceilings inside and more trees planted around the perimeter of the 80-acre campus.

Already, inside the mall, some of the smaller stores have gone out of business or moved, which will allow some interior improvements to be made, Looney said. Nearly half of the mall's tenants are still there and plan to stay, but having some flexibility to relocate temporarily if needed will make renovations easier.

Other interior changes include redirecting the flow of traffic inside the mall, opening up some of the corridors so people walk in a "more logical" way,

Looney said. Additionally, new walkways will be designed so people outside the mall will be able to look inside and see what's going on inside, he said, which will draw in more shoppers.

IN THE FUTURE, some stores located on the outer edge of the mall will have entrances on the outside of the building, similar to stores at Reston Town Center and in Shirlington, Looney said, so the retail area will not be restricted to inside the main building.

"We're trying to blur the lines between the inside activity and the outside activity," Looney said.

Another opportunity to add some green space will be with the tear down and reconstruction of the massive, 3,000-spot parking structure near Macy's. Looney said plans to tear down the mostly unused structure and rebuild it smaller, and in sections, with residential areas incorporated into the front side near Spring Mall Drive. The new garage space may include a green roof or rain garden to help offset the impervious surface of the new addition.

Looking to the future, Looney said plans are included to build several residential and office structures around the corners of the mall property, anticipating the hopeful location of the Army's Washington Headquarters Service to the currently vacant General Services Administration offices near the Franconia-Springfield Metro station, just down the road from the mall.

The more people live and work near the mall, the fewer cars on the road, he said, addressing the unasked question of increased traffic once the renovations are completed.

"We're hoping this becomes a destination

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"It's giving people some hope that other things will happen in the area to move Springfield forward."

— Tracy Betts



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PEOPLE

Getting To Know ...

Jordan Kester, an award-winning artist and Fairfax Baptist Temple student.

Springfield resident Jordan Kester has an eye for art, which he hopes to develop further when he attends the Art Institute of Washington in Rosslyn. He's already received national recognition, earning a third-place trophy in the annual arts competition sponsored by the National Association of Christian Schools.

A student at the Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, Jordan, 17, took some time away from his schoolwork and art to answer a few questions about himself.

Number of years in the community. I've lived in Northern Virginia since 1990, Springfield since 1999. I was born at Fairfax Hospital on Gallows Road.

Family. I live with my Dad and Mom, Peter and Sandy Kester. My older brother, Jeremy, is studying environmental science at the University of West Florida, in Pensacola, Fla. We have two dogs — Max, a laid back Pug, and Peanut, a high energy Jack Russell Terrier.

Education. I've been attending the Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy for 12 years.

Your first job. I delivered the Connection Newspaper at Greenfield Farms on Burke Road back during elementary school. My first real job is currently at the Bagel Bakery on Old Keene Mill Road at Rolling Road. **Activities/interest/hobbies.** I enjoy working with graphics software. I've played soccer for school and county teams. Of course, art is a favorite. I'm getting into video editing using a video camera I got for Christmas. I'm pretty proficient in comput-



This piece of acrylic art, above, by Jordan Kester, right, was recognized at the annual Old Dominion Association of Christian Schools arts competition. Jordan received a third place trophy in April for this work at the National Association of Christian Schools arts competition.

ers, and this year I've been doing a lot of mountain biking with my friend Tim.

Favorite local restaurants. I like hanging out at Chipotle, Outback, Bonefish Grill and Joe's Crab Shack.

Community concerns. Because of my recent interest in Mountain Biking, the care and maintenance of mountain bike trails is pretty important.

What career do you think you'll pursue? Definitely Graphic Design. I am planning to study at the Art Institute of Washington in Rosslyn.

Personal goals. I'd like to travel overseas. I'm going to Sweden in June, and studying art and art styles.

How did you get interested in art?

Probably the annual school arts competition for Old Dominion Association of Christian Schools (ODACS). My first award was for a black/white photograph. I also entered into competition with sculpture, mixed media and charcoal artwork, besides an acrylic painting in 2008. I've used any medium I can get my hands on. I've done designs on sneakers and khaki pants, pen and ink drawings on most anything, and spend a lot of time experimenting with graphics on the computer. This year, I got to help design the cover of our school yearbook and work on the school newspaper among other projects.

What has been the biggest influence on your art? I'm thankful for guidance from my art teacher at FBTA, Mrs. Sue

"Always expanding and changing, usually broad and experimenting, with a lot of abstract ideas."

— Jordan Kester, on his art



Lewis, and our Computer Lab teacher, Mrs. Deanna Dyck. **How would you describe your artwork?** Always expanding and changing, usually broad and experimenting, with a lot of abstract ideas.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

VIEWPOINTS

What's your favorite summer activity?



"Because I'm taking a full course load of classes at GMU over the summer, I find that I spend the majority of my time daydreaming about being at the beach or some exotic location far away from school."
Saren Nilson, Sterling



"My wife and I go wine tasting in California (Napa Valley) every summer, and we love it. It's great weather, beautiful scenery, nice people and good grapes."
Steve Kinder, Warrenton



"I play volleyball over the summer. There are plenty of sports camps around here, but I mainly focus on volleyball."
Danielle Walcott, Fairfax



"I take art classes that are hosted by my church. I'm not a big fan of the heat, so I find art to be a great way to avoid a sunburn."
Tiffany Yu, Herndon

— NORA BENZAWI

COLLEGE NOTES

The following residents of Springfield were recently named to the dean's list at the College of William and Mary for the fall 2007 semester: **Ishita Ahmed, Gerald Barb, Ariana Berger, Tara Calloway, Francesca Chilcote, Jennifer Clark, Julie Collins, Carrie Crow, Ian Fuller, Kyle Grimsley, John Harootunian, Micheal Harootunian, Catherine Hoffman, Megan Locke, Syreeta Mack, Mary McGillvray, Kelsey Mihelow, Sarah Milam, Kathleen Olsen, Richard Passarelli, Ryan Rasmus, Dawn Reikowski, Melissa Reilly, Rachel Rudebusch, Erin Shannahan, Micheal Vogel, Richard Walsh and Amanda Zin.**

Christopher Newport University recently announced that several area students have accepted scholarships for the President's Leadership Program beginning fall 2008. Burke students are **Ashley Canty, Richard Hooser, David Levenson;** Fairfax students are **Robert Clouse, Laura Howton, Philip Marotto, Taylor Nurmi.**

NEWS

Mall Makeover In Planning Stage

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mall, but that people will want to live here as well," he said. Looney envisions outdoor public meeting and gathering spaces, possibly including a dog park, which would allow for more events to be scheduled near the mall.

"We could close the interior roads we're planning to build around the mall and that would create space for an art show, farmers markets, outdoor concerts, a whole host of possibilities," he said.

RIGHT NOW, Vornado and Cooley are working with the county's Department of Planning and Zoning to work out what can be done by-right and what zoning needs to be changed for the larger, exterior developments, Looney said. But the mall's in need of a major renovation, from the outdated HVAC system and electrical work to making the campus safer to walk.

This plan is broken into three phases and could take up to 20 years to complete, he said, and the residential and office components will be based on market demand. But changes are coming and may be in place by the end of this year, at least inside the mall.

"Supervisors (Pat) Herrity and (Jeff) McKay have been spectacular in terms of demanding the county staff work with us to ensure we keep things going according to schedule," Looney said. "We meet every Wednesday with county Planning and Zoning staff to go through, in painstaking detail, everything you see here to keep things on track."

Keep Updated

For more information on changes to the Springfield Mall, go to www.springfieldtowncenter.com.

McKay (D-Lee) said this is one of the top priorities for his first term in office and one he wishes could be completed faster.

"I'd like to see this whole thing done tomorrow," he said. "The changes they want to make to the mall will shape this area for years to come."

McKay said Vornado and Cooley are getting "unprecedented response" from the county's zoning department to ensure the plans are approved as quickly as possible, with the hopes any changes that can be made will be done right away.

"I'm confident about this schedule so we can move forward quickly with plenty of chances for the public to weigh in on their concerns and ideas," he said.

Herrity (R-Springfield) echoed McKay's hopes for expediency of improvements at the mall.

"It's an area that needs to be revitalized," Herrity said. "This is one reason we're hoping WHS moves to the GSA site, so we can bring in more office space to the area. We want to bring services to the area and accommodate people who want to live near where they work."

Nancy-jo Manney, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, said she is pleased with the mall's progress.

"The key to this plan's success is Vornado's inclusion of office and retail space, plus the possibility of a hotel on site," Manney said.

A similar plan for a central location in Springfield, proposed by Kettler, Inc., was withdrawn last year due to poor market conditions. Manney said she believes the Vornado proposal is designed to withstand a weak economy and will become a reality.

"They're leaving some flexibility in their plans, which is great," she said.

The new and improved Springfield Mall will be a "catalyst" for the area, said Tracy Betts, co-chair of the economic development committee for the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

"It's giving people some hope that other things will happen in the area to move Springfield forward," she said.

As a bicyclist, Betts is encouraged by the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian paths around the site.

But for shoppers and those who live in Springfield, Betts said the hardest thing will be remaining patient while renovations are underway.

"They're anxious, but the business community and I think the residents know this is not just about the mall. It's going to give us all gumption to move forward to try and do things that really support the community," she said.

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OPINION

Silver Lining, Aptly Named

County should capitalize on rare opportunity to expand permanent affordable housing.

When affordable housing advocates around the county — and around the nation — praised Gerry Connolly and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for dedicating one penny of the real estate tax to affordable housing, it was with the expectations of big accomplishments.

The one-penny fund has in fact accomplished a great deal, protecting more than a thousand units of affordable housing. Some people have been disappointed that the fund has not so far added much new affordable housing, with very few eligible families moved off of the long waiting list.

Some supervisors have responded that the fund was intended to preserve the affordable housing stock we currently have, not add to it. But with sizeable resources — more than \$20 million a year — we should expect a steady increase in the supply of long-term affordable

housing.

NOW COMES the “silver lining.” It’s an opportunity to use the housing downturn and the increase in foreclosures to purchase more housing units at bargain prices and to assist those on a waiting list to become first time homebuyers.

The county should not make the mistake of defining this effort too narrowly.

With more than \$20 million a year, and a likelihood of two more years of increasing foreclosures, the “silver lining” could help many qualified families waiting to become first-time homebuyers and greatly increase the permanent stock of affordable housing. The one-penny fund can underwrite the purchase of scores — perhaps hundreds — of foreclosed condos and townhouses, turning them over to housing authorities and nonprofits to maintain

as affordable housing permanently.

The language of the current proposals suggests that the county would purchase “up to 10” such homes. We’d rather see the county limit the amount that the one-penny fund spends on salaries and overhead, while it maximizes the number of families and individuals it can move into affordable housing.

This requires housing for families with children and efficiency apartments for individuals who are not homeless. It means buying housing that is in foreclosure and building some housing.

It requires courage and action, which Connolly and the Board of Supervisors have demonstrated. But they must be bold, and make their efforts really count.

As to those who say the county should not be in the business of buying private property, that’s a ridiculous argument. Were we to follow that theory, we would have no parks, no protected open space. And almost no affordable housing.

— MARY KIMM

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School Board Remarks on Budget

The mantra ‘location, location, location,’ really means ‘schools, schools, schools.’

BY DAN STORCK, CHAIRMAN AND
PHILLIP NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER,
BUDGET CHAIR
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Montgomery County, and over \$5,000 less per student than Falls Church City.

OUR STAFF and the School Board work daily to achieve the best value for the taxpayer. This means that we must sustain a high-performing and highly diverse school system for the least amount of investment. This year, we had made \$33 million in cuts before we submitted our budget to the Board of Supervisors, including millions saved by delaying a maintenance program for an aging infrastructure.

Federal and state unfunded mandates, and a shortfall in local resources, means that we must make further cuts, not in “frills,” but in basic, ongoing costs. We will spend \$22 million, more than half the increase in school funding from the county, simply to educate the estimated 3,500 additional children who will arrive in our schools this fall. We have done much to reduce demand for commodities to offset increasing costs; buses need fuel, however, and diesel prices are up 70 percent over last year. Fixed costs (such as state pensions) cannot be cut back. Reducing employee compensation below market rates could undermine our long-range ability to attract and retain employees who make excellence possible. It has been difficult to produce a budget that does not require that we “eat our seed corn” by making reductions that will make it more difficult to recover momentum in future years.

Excellent school systems (like excellent companies) do not sustain their high-caliber performance by standing still, and 21st century needs are different from those of the last century. Expansion of all-day kindergarten and elementary school foreign language to a few schools was intended to signal sustained commitment to these initiatives, similar to the County’s continued funding of set-asides for new affordable housing and storm water management initiatives.

EVEN WITH advanced technology, education remains a people business. Eighty-seven percent of our budget goes to employee compensation. Significant reductions mean fewer employees or limiting compensation; next year’s budget does both: reduces numbers of teachers and limits their compensation to below competitive levels. As attractive as our school system has been for the best teachers and employees, our competitive edge continues to erode as area school systems and other employers intensify their recruitment of these same personnel.

A more rigorous management system is in place, which is strengthening performance accountability. We have much more to do. For example, we will soon conduct a top-to-bottom program review of effectiveness and cost. As bad as this year’s revenue situation is, next year’s looks worse, but we cannot afford to lose our winning edge.

We greatly appreciate the community’s support, and we value our partnership with the Board of Supervisors. Cost-effective investment that produces quality and high performance translates into college and/or jobs for students and sustained value for homeowners.

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Rolling Road, Parkway Headaches

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motorists driving 40 miles per hour on a street with a 30 mile per hour speed limit should make things safer, as people will have to drive slower to navigate the road, Moreland explained.

Currently, the cost of the project is estimated at \$27.9 million, with a start date of July 2012, but Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) has requested the work begin sooner because of the Base Realignment and Closure reassignment of 8,500 workers to the Engineer Proving Ground in 2011, Moreland said.

"What I'd like to see is money set aside now for the planning and design work on the southern part of Rolling Road, close to the EPG, so we can start working on that project while we're expanding the northern half," Herry said. "That way, we're not delaying the road. We're looking to the Northern Virginia Transportation Agency to see if they can find money for this."

Herry estimates a loss of \$3 million to \$4 million if the design plan for the northern portion of Rolling Road is abandoned in favor of building the southern half first.

But Rolling Road is not the only roadway preparing for heavier traffic in the coming years.

Plans for the completion of the Fairfax County Parkway have been riddled with snags, but workers in an industrial park on Fullerton Road may need to relocate if changes are not made soon.

The overpass workers use to get to a UPS depot on Fullerton Road will be removed when the Parkway is built, leaving them without access to Interstate 95 or the Parkway, Herry said.

"This is supposed to be an \$89 million project overall, but we're already \$52 million short to build the

intersections and connections we need," Herry said.

Currently, a new overpass for Fullerton Road is slated for construction in the third phase of the Parkway's completion, which is not funded.

"The overpass used now will not be accessible," Herry said. "The overpass they're putting in is one of two interchanges that can't be built right now, which will impact the 250 or so UPS workers and trucks that will be isolated."

Drivers would have to get onto Backlick Road and loop around to get on Interstate 95 or the Parkway, he said.

Building an overpass would cost an estimated \$5 million, Herry said.

SUPERVISOR JEFF MCKAY (D-Lee) said the Fullerton Road problem is one that should be addressed, but getting the two-mile section of the Parkway between Rolling Road and Backlick Road completed is of higher priority.

"We need to get that road built," McKay said. "If the Army and VDOT had worked all this out earlier, we wouldn't be having this discussion right now. We can add the interchange later, we need this road."

Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) agreed that completing the Parkway is paramount.

"The truth is, they shouldn't be building this road in phases, but that's how it is," Hyland said. "This will create a major challenge in terms of industrial users and people who are trying to get to and from Fullerton Road. We've estimated we would need \$5 million for a partial fix, giving us relief to do a piece of that design that is intended to be done years from now."

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New guide highlights 100 restaurants that prohibit smoking indoors.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION



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BBQ World on Burke Commons Road is one of 100 restaurants in Burke and Springfield that do not allow indoor smoking.



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Gadsby's At Night

Lantern-led tours allow visitors to see Gadsby's Tavern by candlelight.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

In the garish light of day, Gadsby's Tavern in Old Town Alexandria could be mistaken for just another old building. Historic, of course, but old and strangely distant from the modern world.

At night, however, the tavern is transformed by candlepower. In the flickering glow of lanterns, the tavern seems alive with shadows from the past. People who work at the tavern say that experiencing the tavern at night in the glow of candlelight is an experience altogether different from touring the museum during the day.

"I know this sounds kind of dorky," said Liz Williams, assistant director at Gadsby's Tavern. "But we always say that the building seems happier when it's lit up by candlelight. There's just something about it that's different."

Experiencing Gadsby's Tavern by candlelight has become such a popular experience that annual lantern-led tours have become a fixture of the Old Town scene. That's why the museum will offer lantern-led tours every Friday in June, July and August unless the building has been rented for a special occasion. Even those who have already toured the tavern by day may be surprised at the secrets it yields at night.

"The people who stayed at Gadsby's 200 years ago would have seen it by candlelight," said Amy Bertsch, spokeswoman for the Office of Historic Alexandria. "So this will give

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For families in Burke and Springfield looking to go out for dinner but dreading a smoke-filled restaurant, a new dining guide is designed to make the search much easier.

The Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking OR Health, along with some help from the Virginia Department of Health, has recently published the Smoke-Free Dining Guide, a list of 100 restaurants in Burke and Springfield that do not allow indoor smoking of any kind.

"We have been putting together these guides every few years," said Lisa Brown, chair of the organization. "We've already published one for Arlington, the Reston-Herndon area and Centreville."

THIS GUIDE, the group's fifth, was compiled by Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking OR Health volunteers who called restaurants to inquire whether any indoor smoking was allowed. If the manager or employee said no, the establishment went on the list, Brown said.

"Northern Virginia has a high percentages of restaurants that are smoke-free," she said. "The state has tried several times to pass a smoking ban on restaurants, but areas of the rest of the state don't see things the way we do."

But the list does not compile the healthier restaurants for the sake of families alone.

"We look at establishments that allow smoking for the sake of the employees," Brown said. "A family can always choose to go somewhere else for dinner, but employ-

"No one has complained of any inconvenience."

— Negatu Tefera

ees need to be there, at their jobs, every day."

Brown cited studies that indicate bartenders, dishwashers and other restaurant employees could develop emphysema or lung cancer after working in a smoke-filled environment for long periods of time.

The list will also help people with asthma, who may have trouble breathing in restaurants that allow smoking, she added.

Melissa Bonilla said she changed the policy at her restaurant, Green Olives on Backlick Road in Springfield, once her family purchased it five years ago.

"The old owner, he allowed smoking, but as soon as we bought it we got rid of it," she said.

Bonilla said her business has steadily increased since the switch was made.

"If people want to smoke, they can go outside," she said. "Our restaurant doesn't

Where To Dine

A free copy of the Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking OR Health Smoke-Free Restaurant Guide may be obtained by calling 703-501-3042 or visiting the South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield, VA 22153

smell like smoke anymore."

Negatu Tefera, manager at Barbecue World on Burke Commons Road, agreed that he has found benefits to going smoke-free.

"We changed because of customer demand," he said. "We haven't seen any change in business except people are happier. No one has complained of any inconvenience."

His customers were not surprised by the change, thinking it was "a natural decision," he said.

"I was surprised too," he laughed.

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To have community events listed, send to southcalendar@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440 with questions. Deadline is Friday.

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.

Mohammad Reza Shajarian and Ava Ensemble in Concert. 8:30 p.m., tickets \$150, \$95, \$75, \$55. GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. For more, go to www.gmu.edu.cfa, or call 888-945-2468.

LOCALPALOOZA: Blood Corps, Prodigal Son, Another Empty Box, Scarecrow's Curse and other bands. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Doors open 6 p.m., show at 6:15 p.m., at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, 703-569-5940

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 the school, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Visit www.southcountycarshow.org or contact frank.cannon@fcps.edu or scott.saylor@fcps.edu.

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NIGHTLIFE

Gadsby's by Candlelight

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people a chance to experience the tavern the way Alexandria's early visitors did."

Those who venture to follow the lantern into the darkened tavern will tour two buildings, one that was built in the 1780s and one that was constructed in the 1790s. Although they are from the same period, times had obviously changed for Alexandria after the American victory against the British. People who were staying for the night in the 1780s tavern would have slept in the crowded third-floor "dormier," sharing a bed with strangers. Those who ventured upstairs too late would end up sleeping on the floor.

"Ladies would not have stayed in a dormier," said Williams. "But they would have stayed at the City Hotel. So the contrast between the two buildings lets you see the evolution of hospitality in Alexandria."

The 1790s building on the corner of North Royal Street and Cameron Street, known for many years as the City Hotel, had the luxury of offering private rooms. One of the highlights of the lantern-led tours



A guide at Gadsby's Tavern.

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will be seeing the room where the mysterious Female Stranger died in 1816, undoubtedly more spooky at night when visitors are likely to get a chill up their spine when they learn about her strangely anonymous male companion.

Feel the Candlepower

See the 18th century through a whole new light by touring Gadsby's Tavern Museum, an experience that includes both the 1784 tavern and the 1792 City Hotel. The lantern-led tours will be offered Fridays, 7-10 p.m. The tavern is located at 134 North Royal St, Alexandria. For more, call 703-838-4242.

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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.

LOCALPALOOZA: Not-Liable, Infliction and other bands. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 6:15 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, 703-569-5940

SUNDAY/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



'Blue Angel' by Maureen Wolford

Arts at the Mall

Springfield Mall is sponsoring Arts in the Marketplace, an exhibit of over 50 paintings inside the mall, between JCPenny and the information desk. Springfield Arts Guild artists Donnalyne Lefever, Skeeter Scheid, Maureen Wolford, Yvette Monte, Yasuko Riggs, Linda Porten, Ruth Edstrom, Margaret Reynolds, Lynne Horstman, Karen Flann, Thea Rossi Barron, Peggy Crawford, Judy Wengrovitz, Mary Exline are exhibiting. All art is for sale. The exhibit is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The mall is located at 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. The Springfield Arts Guild meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 6

City of Fairfax Band Concert. 7:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469.

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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Emmure, On Broken Wings, Ligeia, Recon., After the Burial, Endwell, Mercy Screams, Ends in Blood. \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. Doors open 4 p.m., show at 4:45 at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, 703-569-5940

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,

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Chinese Cultural Heritage Night. Come to an evening of traditional Chinese culture, music and dance spanning the centuries. 7:30 p.m., at Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-

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Theater of the First Amendment: Mariela in the Desert by Karen Zacarias. 8:30 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$30, \$25. For more, go to www.gmu.edu/cfa, or call 888-945-2468.

Bolivian Cultural Heritage Night. Experience the variety of traditional Bolivian music, dance and crafts. 7:30 p.m., at Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

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.

Theater of the First Amendment: Two Bit Taj Mahal by Paul D'Andrea. 8 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts TheaterSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$30, \$25. For more, go to www.gmu.edu/cfa, or call 888-945-2468.

Freudian Slip, Permanent Ascent, So Damn Thirsty (CD Release Party), The Buried, Dead on Impact, Alex Rhoads and other bands. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Doors open 6:30 p.m., show at 7 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, 703-569-5940.

Dead Men's Hollow. Drawing influences from bluegrass, country, blues and gospel, Dead Men's Hollow feature three-art female vocals back by fiddle, upright bass and guitar. 7:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. 703-324-7469. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

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.

Theater of the First Amendment: Two Bit Taj Mahal by Paul D'Andrea. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., GMU Center for the Arts TheaterSpace, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax.

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West Springfield Wins Cappie Nominations

West Springfield High School's Drama Department was nominated for multiple Cappie Awards for its production of "The Music Man." The following students will be going to The Kennedy Center on Sunday, June 8 for the Cappie Gala: Graduating Critic — Becky Koenig; Critics Team — Chelsea Reba, Becky Koenig, Katie Carroll, Megan Moore, Rachel Ritter, Valerie Lapointe, Michael Ariale, Kelly Snow, and Amanda

Hursch; Sound — David Woody and Paul Schmidt; Sets — David Woody, Wayne Hawkins, Valerie Lapointe and Katie Eargle; Stage Crew — Julia Lisowski, Amanda Hursch, Valerie Lapointe, and David Woody; Orchestra — West Springfield's Pit Orchestra; Choreography — Sara Meinhofer; Ensemble in a Musical — School Board Members — "The Music Man;" Lead Actress in a Musical — Sara Meinhofer — "The Music Man."

SCHOOL NOTES

SUMMER CLASSES FOR RETIREES — The summer session of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University runs from June 16th through July 25th. Registration closes May 28th. Classes will be held at three locations: Fairfax, Reston, and the GMU campus in Loudoun. Find out how exciting your retirement years can be. Information is available on the web: www.lli.gmu.edu. For more information, call 703-503-3384 or e-mail olli@gmu.edu.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Foundation Inc. awarded **Farhan Chughtai of Springfield** a \$2,000 scholarship. Farhan is a business student at Robert E. Lee High School, member of the Future Business Leaders of America, serving as vice-president during his junior year and chapter president as a senior; member of the Business Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society; and was selected as his school's 2008 Outstanding Business Student.

As president and co-founder of the Lee High School chapter of the Key Club, a nationally recognized student-led club, Farhan has committed himself to over 200 hours of volunteer service. He has served three years as a volunteer with Eddie's Club, a non-profit organization that assists young individuals with disabilities by providing opportunities to participate in supervised, recreational programs.

Farhan has been accepted to Virginia Commonwealth University and awaits admission notification from the University of Virginia. This fall he plans to begin pursuit of a dual program of International Business and International Affairs. For more information, call Nancy-jø Manney, 703-866-3500.

Kara Fahy To Teach at Air and Space Museum

Kara Fahy, a fourth-grade teacher at Rolling Valley Elementary School in Springfield received the Fairfax County Public School teacher-in-residence position at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. Fahy will act as a liaison between FCPS and the Smithsonian Institution



Kara Fahy

to facilitate student academic and enrichment programs. This is a two-year opportunity for Fahy to integrate her teaching background with her previous experiences interning and volunteering for the National Museum of American History and the National Postal Museum. She will officially start on July 28. Fahy loves the Rolling Valley community and hopes many of her students will come to visit her at the Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly.

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Spartans Beat Rams with Walk-off in Seventh



West Springfield sophomore Bobby Wahl pitched a complete game two-hitter against Robinson on Monday afternoon.

Wahl pitches a complete game, two-hitter to continue Spartans' season.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

As the second-string pitcher, West Springfield sophomore Bobby Wahl had thrown brilliantly in several games, notching 12 and 11 strikeouts respectively. But that was against Hayfield and Lee, two lower-level teams and not against top-level competition.

Wahl stepped out of the shadow and into the spotlight with a commanding complete-game, two-hitter to continue the Spartans' season. West Springfield won, 1-0, over Robinson on its home field during the quarterfinals of the 16-team

BASEBALL

WEST SPRINGFIELD	1
ROBINSON	0

Northern Region tournament on a beautiful blue-skied Memorial Day.

"Bobby's matured a lot this year," said West Springfield head coach John James. "He's got the stuff where if he's commanding it, he's awfully tough."

While Wahl, who only reached three balls on one Ram hitter and had a career-high 13 strikeouts, was certainly in control throughout, the Spartans continually couldn't close the door, leaving eight batters on base through six innings.

That, however, wasn't the case in the

bottom of the seventh for dramatic West Springfield, who previously had won three games in walk-off fashion, and lost at least two in the same manner.

Senior Patrick Nutbrown, batting in the No. 9 hole, led off the final frame with double to the left field line. All-region centerfielder Jeff Haeuptle beat out a subsequent bunt, leaving runners at the corners with junior Andy Stallings stepping to the plate.

With the infield in, Stallings stabbed a roller past the Robinson second baseman and shortstop to score Nutbrown, and end the game.

"They're a competitive group," James said. "They never say die. They don't go down without a fight."

Stallings had a team-high three hits in four at-bats, while Tucker Tobin and third baseman Ryan Sullivan both went 2-for-3. West Springfield had nine hits, but the combination of Robinson's Austin Freer and Michael Del Buono only relinquish six through the first six innings. The Rams had several defensive gems, turning multiple double plays.

"We felt like if we continued to put pressure on them and continued to put guys on base, at some point we were going to find holes," James said. "And we did, it just happened to be in the bottom of the seventh."

Robinson had a glimmer of an opportunity in the top of the sixth. With no outs,



Senior Patrick Nutbrown celebrates after scoring the game-winning run against Robinson in the Northern Region quarterfinals.

Ram sophomore pinch hitter Rutger Floyd blasted a seemingly surefire double to the right center. According to James, the West Springfield outfield, including Haeuptle, shifted to the right to account for Floyd's lack of power.

Haeuptle pedaled back to the right, while still trailing all the way to the warning track. On a dead sprint, he made nabbed a back-handed catch to get the crucial out. West Springfield got three straight outs in the inning.

"You're not going to see too many better plays in high school than that one," James said. "We had them shifted to right shallow. It didn't surprise me in the sense that he's been making good catches and tracking balls down all year. That really provided a spark for our team."

WEST SPRINGFIELD (15-4) edged Langley, 5-2, in the opening round after losing 12-8 in the Patriot District champion-

ship to fellow semifinal participant Lake Braddock.

"Coach James told us that it really doesn't matter about the Patriot District championship, that we really needed to concentrate on the Northern Region championship," said junior all-region pitcher Mike Kent. "We came back and fought hard."

In the Northern Region semifinals Wednesday at South County, Kent faced off with East Carolina commit Pat Somers, Chantilly's hard throwing ace. Kent and Somers are both all-region pitchers. The result was too late for this edition.

Robinson (13-11) ended Yorktown's 17-game winning streak in the opening round with a 5-0 victory to earn the second round home game.

"We love coming back in the seventh inning," Kent said on Monday. "We usually don't get it done in the first couple, but come the seventh, we're ready to go."

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Senior Melanie Akwule (center) took second in the girls 100-meter hurdles at the Northern Region Track and Field Meet.

Bruins Win Another Title

Lake Braddock girls win 6th consecutive crown.

The Lake Braddock girls outdoor track and field team won their sixth consecutive Northern Region title on Friday, easily outscoring second place Centreville, 101-56.50. Bolstered by strong performances by senior Melanie Akwule, sophomore Liana Epstein and senior Anna Corrigan, the Bruins placed in the top three in seven events during the two-day meet.

TRACK AND FIELD

Akwule was the leading point-scorer for the Bruins, taking 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles (14.74 seconds), 2nd in the 300 hurdles (45.22), 2nd in the triple jump (38 feet 10.5 inches), 3rd in the long jump (18-05.50) and anchored the Bruins' winning 4x100 relay team (48.77).

Epstein took home two gold medals at the meet, winning the girls 1600 run (4:57.46) by .42 seconds over Herndon's Hiruni Wijayarathne. Epstein was seeded a full 10 seconds behind Wijayarathne entering the event. Epstein also anchored the Bruins' winning 4x800 relay, joining senior Lindsey Luria, senior Michaela Sands and junior Taylor Moore to win the event with a time of 9:26.83.

Corrigan also battled Wijayarathne during the meet, placing second to the Herndon junior in the 3200 run. Corrigan finished with a time of 11:12.81, beating out third place Thomas Jefferson senior Connor Fleming by 4.01 seconds.

The Bruins will take to the track this weekend in Newport News for the AAA Virginia State Outdoor Track and Field Meet.

Lake Braddock In Quarterfinals

Bruins blast Westfield's pitchers to keep winning streak in tact.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

As of press time, Lake Braddock hasn't lost since April 1, continuing their 17-game winning streak by blasting Westfield, 20-8, in the semifinals of the 16-team Northern Region tournament.

The Bruins (20-3) drilled the Bulldogs, devoid of any substantive pitching, for 18 hits in the lopsided second-round win at South County during the Memorial Day matinee. Lake Braddock's Shannon Mark, a first-team all-region selection, went 3-for-4 with two RBI's and a home run.

Without Westfield ace Matt Synder, the Northern Region Pitcher of the Year, the Bruins scored nine runs in the opening inning when starting pitcher Shane Halley blasted a grand slam. The University of Virginia recruit, still rehabilitating from an elbow injury that sidelined him for the majority of the season struck out five over the first two innings.

Steven Lindemuth went 2-for-4 and had two RBI's and runs respectively.

As the Cordcore's three-seed, Westfield (14-9) downed Edison, 8-1, on Friday to earn the quarterfinal berth.

Lake Braddock's all-region pitcher Brian Derner faced off with Oakton, in a rematch of the 2006 region final, on Wednesday. Lake Braddock won in 2006, while the Cougars (19-4) are the defending Northern Region champs, and have made the semifinals in eight of the last nine seasons.

The result was too late for this edition. The winner will advance to the region final at 7 p.m. at Yorktown, and will automatically qualify for the state tournament.



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Lake Braddock's Shannon Mark had a team-high three hits against Westfield.

All-Region First Team

Pos	Player	School
C	Keith Morrisroe	Chantilly
C	Scott Reed	South Lakes
1B	Matt Snyder	Westfield
2B	Kyle Toulouse	Yorktown
SS	Brent Frazier	South County
SS	Jacob Morley	W.T. Woodson
3B	Mike Snyder	Westfield
OF	Jeff Haeuptle	West Springfield
OF	Johnny Bladel	Stone Bridge
OF	Steve Kouril	Yorktown
OF	Shannon Mark	Lake Braddock
OF	Pike Brynildson	T.C. Williams
DH	Keith Werman	Oakton
UTIL	Kevin Wager	Oakton
UTIL	Mike Edwards	Wakefield
P	Tyler Basso	Stone Bridge
P	Ty Weaver	Stone Bridge
P	Patrick Somers	Chantilly
P	Mike Kent	West Springfield
P	Brian Derner	Lake Braddock

Player of the Year: Matt Snyder, Westfield
Pitcher of the Year: Tyler Basso, Stone Bridge
Coach of the Year: Sam Plank, Stone Bridge

SUMMER CAMPS

South County will hold its summer **boys basketball** camp in three sessions this July. The first session will be held from July 14 to July 18. The second session will be held from July 21 to July 25 and the third session will be held from July 28 to August 1. Each session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open to ages 18 to 15. The camp will cost \$180. For more information, call South County boys head coach Mike Pflugrath at 703-446-1680 or email at Michael.Pflugrath@fcps.edu. For the latest information, go to www.StallionSports.org.

South County Athletic Boosters present a Summer 'Real' **Girls Lacrosse** Camp from June 22 to June 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. First graders through junior varsity-level players are welcome. At the camp, rookies will learn solid basic skills and positioning in game-like situations. Experienced players will learn skills necessary to play in high school with emphasis on defensive techniques. The cost of the game will be \$80. For further information and a registration form, check www.stallionsports.org or contact Bar-

bara Mahony at 703-446-1681 or email at Barbara.Mahony@fcps.edu.

The South County Athletic Boosters present the Stallion **Field Hockey** camp, running from June 23 to June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the South County Athletic Complex. Rising second through ninth graders are eligible. The cost of the camp will be \$150. For more information, contact Leah Conte at 703-446-1571 or email at leah.conte@fcps.edu.

Lake Braddock will hold two **baseball** camps this summer. The Future Stars Little League Camp, for ages 7-12, will run for three sessions. The first session will run from June 23 to June 27. The second session will run from June 30 to July 3 and the third will run from July 14 to July 18. Each session will cost \$140. Attending two sessions will cost \$250. Three sessions will cost \$350. The Bruins' Big Diamond Development Camp, for ages 13-16, will run for two sessions. The first session will run from July 7 to July 11 and the second camp

will run from July 21 to July 25. The cost will be \$140 for one session or \$250 for both. Each camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.lakebraddocksports.org.

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins **Boys Basketball** camp will run for three weeks this summer. The first week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from June 23 to June 27. The second week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from July 7 to July 11. The third week, for rising seventh graders to rising seniors, will run from July 14 to July 18. Each week will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$175 per week. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

The West Springfield High School **boys basketball** program will be holding three weeks of basketball camps this summer. The first week – the "offensive camp" – will run from June 30 to July 3 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and will cost \$100. The Spartans will also have two full-week, all-

day camps July 7 to July 11 and July 21 to July 25, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions will cost \$150. Further information and registration forms can be found at www.spartansports.org. Call Dick Wickline at 703-913-3874 or email at wshsbbbcamp@gmail.com for more information.

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins **Girls Basketball** Camp will run from June 30 to July 3 for third graders to rising freshman. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$140. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

Hayfield High School will hold its 2008 summer **boys basketball** camp in three sessions starting June 23. The first session will be held from June 23 from June 28. The second session will be from June 30 to July 3. The third session will be from July 7 to July 15. Each session will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Sessions one and three will cost \$175 for walk-ins and

\$165 for early registration. Session two will cost \$140 for walk-ins and \$125 for early registration. The basketball camp will emphasize the development of fundamental basketball skills. The players will be given the opportunity to participate in daily competitions. Please direct all questions regarding the camp to coach Stanley Babbit at 703-786-8591 or Stanley.Babbit@fcps.edu.

The Northern Virginia Region Cheer Coaches Association will hold its annual summer **cheerleading camp** in three sessions. On July 12, the NVRCCA camp will be at Centreville High School. On July 19 and July 26, the camp will be at Fairfax High School. Each session will cost \$35, or \$90 for all three. For more information, contact NVRCCA Secretary Sarah Krawchuk at sarahsantoro@hotmail.com.

To advertise a summer camp, contact **Connection Newspapers** Sports Editor Eric J. Gilmore at egilmore@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6438.

NEWS

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Fairfax Hospital for non life-threatening injuries, according to reports.

Damage to the apartment is estimated at \$75,000.

An initial investigation has determined the fire started on the second floor stairwell within an enclosed stairwell system, but the cause is still under investigation.

Robbery in Springfield

A Manassas man was robbed at gunpoint in Springfield Mall Square last weekend.

The 18-year-old man was working at the Central Newstand at 6701 Loisdale Road on Saturday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m., when a man entered the store, approached the clerk and displayed what the victim believed was the handle of a gun, according to police reports. The suspect demanded money and the victim turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect ran out of the store, continuing east on Spring Mall Road toward Frontier Drive. A police helicopter and K9 team were also called in to search for the suspect. The victim was not injured.

The suspect was described as a black man in his 30s, 6 feet tall and weighing 170 pounds. He was wearing a burgundy T-shirt and blue jeans at the time.

Anyone with information is asked to call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131 or Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, send information via email at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or by text messaging the information and "TIP187" to CRIMES/274637.

NVCC Offers Biotech Class

Northern Virginia Community College will start offering an associate's degree in biotechnology. Students will be able to receive training to work in laboratories, research facilities and as manufacturing technicians, learning basic scientific principals in biology and chemistry and preparing to perform lab tests like DNA analysis, electrophoresis and chromatography. Students interested in the program can take some biotechnology degree requirement classes offered during the six-week summer session from July 1 to Aug. 11. For more on summer courses offered visit www.nvcc.edu/manassas/biotech or call 703-257-6649.

Who's Your Daddy?

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children. Father's Day is Sunday, June 15, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

Digital photos are preferred, but prints are also accepted. Print submissions must include a self addressed stamped envelope, if they are to be returned. Do not submit photos that cannot be replaced.

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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.

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.

Fairfax Presbyterian Church's summer worship schedule, with one service of worship at 9:30 a.m., has begun. 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.

Jubilee Christian Center offers a Healing Service on Sunday, June 1, at 6 p.m. Rev. Peter Joudry of Bristow, Va. will speak. Joudry, the director of Battlefield Ministries, is on the staff of Manassas Assembly of God Church, and has pastored in Nova Scotia, Canada and Florida. Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 or visit www.jccag.org.

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 Ringler at 703-569-9862, ext. 210 or e-mail

rringler@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.

White Elephant Sale at St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. All proceeds go to the church. Preview sale with \$5 admission **Thursday, June 5**, 5-8 p.m. Sale continues with free admission **Friday, June 6**, 12-8 p.m.; **Saturday, June 7**, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and **Sunday, June 8**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-323-0345.

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POLITICS

Connolly, Byrne Address Democrats

Primary election scheduled for June 10.

Former U.S. Rep. Leslie Byrne and Fairfax County Chairman Gerry Connolly touted their credentials to a little over 100 members of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee May 27.

Byrne and Connolly are two of the four candidates campaigning to be the Democratic Party pick for Virginia's 11th District seat in Congress. Lori Alexander and Doug Denny, the two other candidates, did not attend.

Voters can participate in the Democratic primary June 10. Whoever wins the primary will face Republican Keith Fimian in the November general election.

DURING HER REMARKS, Byrne championed her accomplishments as a member of the General Assembly.

Byrne was the only legislator to get a bill requiring truck covers through the General Assembly in 20 years. She also got tax breaks for senior citizens passed.

"In 14 days, you get to decide who can speak for you. Stop pay to play and let me be your voice in the 11th."

— Leslie Byrne

The former congresswoman emphasized her early opposition to the Iraq war. She spoke out against it in January 2003 when it was less popular to be critical, according to Byrne.

The candidate said these actions speak to what kind of elected official she has been and would be.

"In 14 days, you get to decide who can speak for you. Stop pay to play and let me be your voice in the 11th," said Byrne.

CONNOLLY focused on his successes

as chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during his speech.

"I have given you the most progressive county government in history," said the elected official. The Fairfax government had banned work place discrimination based sexual orientation and preserved more than 2,000 units of affordable housing while he was in office, he said.

The chairman also took some credit for the Democrats rise to power in Fairfax County. He noted that his election as Providence District supervisor 14 years ago split the county board evenly with five Democrats and five Republicans. This year, the board has eight Democrats and two Republicans.

"I have never lost an election and I have had coat tails," said Connolly.

He also added that he had raised thousands of dollars for the county Democratic committee. Connolly said he went out and raised \$10,000 quickly one year when the committee had no money to send out a joint campaign brochure for the election.

BOTH candidates have supporters. Burke residents Paula and Ron Seward said they intended to vote for Connolly, in part because of the candidate's 10 years of experience working for the Senate foreign relations committee on Capitol Hill. Oakton resident Mary Ann Hovis said she had been impressed that Byrne had come out against the war so early and that she won Sen. Jim Webb's endorsement.

Most members of the county committee said they intended to support whoever emerged as the nominee from the primary.

"Just like we would support Hillary if she won, even though we are supporting Barack Obama right now," said Ron Seward.

Some committees said they had hoped the Democratic candidates would be more reserved about attacking each other.

"I kind of wish they would tone it down a little. I always wish they wouldn't [attack each other]," said Hovis

But many said they were excited to have so many well-qualified candidates in the primary.

"It wasn't too long ago when we couldn't have raised this number of quality candidates at one time," said Hovis.

AROUND TOWN

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

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will photograph and fingerprint children for free at several upcoming events: Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, June 8, 12-4 p.m. at Celebrate Fairfax at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center

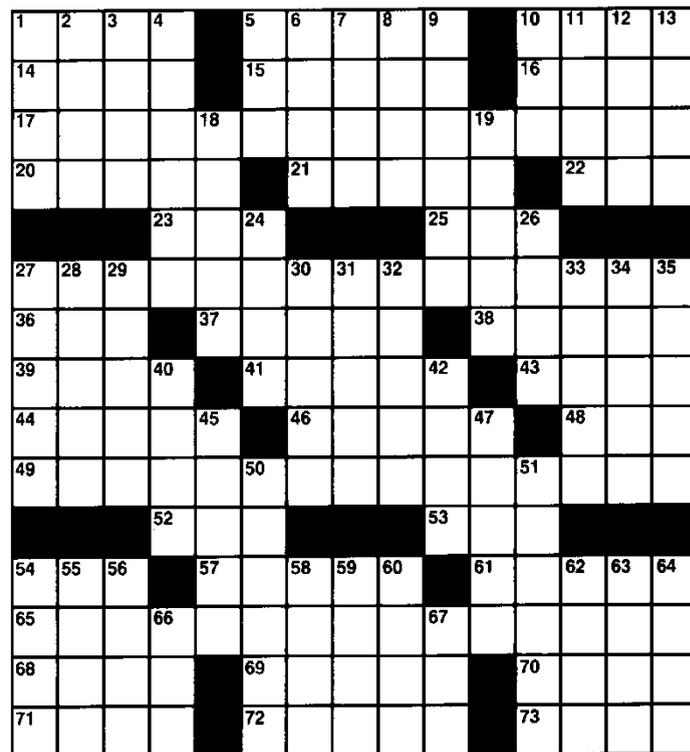
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ACROSS

- 1 Center of an old-fashioned roast
- 5 Old Jewish scholars
- 10 Kid
- 14 Fully fit
- 15 Coin being replaced by the euro
- 16 Got down
- 17 What boxer #1 did
- 20 Got up
- 21 More wily
- 22 Political grp. since 1854
- 23 Umbrella part
- 25 Launch of 1986
- 27 What boxer #2 was
- 36 Slice of history
- 37 "— so right!"
- 38 "Li'l" guy
- 39 Othello's betrayer
- 41 Dishonest sort
- 43 Actor Morales
- 44 Bloodhound's guide
- 46 "A Garden of Earthly Delights" author
- 48 Pipe joint

- 49 What boxer #2 then had to do
- 52 Late Cabinet Secretary Brown
- 53 White House souvenir
- 54 Draft org.
- 57 Schiller's "— Joy"
- 61 Swindler's name, possibly
- 65 What the boxers and fans now do
- 68 "What a shame!"
- 69 Certain fur
- 70 Say — (deny)
- 71 "— No Angels" (Bogart flick)
- 72 Studio stock
- 73 "Go ahead!"

DOWN

- 1 Scroogeisms
- 2 Life preserver?
- 3 Kind of flute
- 4 Like some Christians
- 5 Union in a 1955 merger
- 6 Ringling —
- 7 Wail
- 8 Hostile to
- 9 Machination

- 31 Trick's alternative
- 32 Moor
- 33 Remove stitches from
- 34 Football Hall-of-Famer Greasy —
- 35 Bird's sound
- 40 — about (near)
- 42 Hoard
- 45 — a kind (pair)
- 47 Recipe direction
- 50 Protected from the elements
- 51 Back from flying
- 54 "Pygmalion" dramatist
- 55 Only
- 56 Practice in the ring
- 58 Art Deco name
- 59 London's — Gallery
- 60 Hurler Hershiser
- 62 Classic Langston Hughes poem
- 63 Play opener
- 64 Whisky amount
- 66 Opp. of WNW
- 67 E.M.T. destinations

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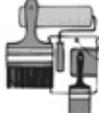
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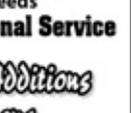
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A Different Kind of Family

Family center offers year-round support for foster children.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Ana Burns had a full house, with three teenage daughters keeping her busy. But she and her husband, Donald, decided they had room and wanted to help other girls in need.

That was five years ago, and now Ana Burns is the foster mother of two sisters who come to her with their problems and feel a part of her family.

"It was hard," said Burns, who has had the girls living in her home for two of the five years she and her husband have been foster parents. "It's

challenging and it's not for everyone. Even with your own kids you have problems, but I think that helps the children see what a normal family is like."

May is National Foster Care month, an effort to draw attention to the millions of children placed in foster care and the families who support

them.

In Fairfax County, the Adolescent and Family Growth Center in Springfield is one of a handful of organizations that help foster children, their foster families and their biological parents overcome their troubles through counseling, therapy and educational services.

"When a child is placed in foster care, we are contacted to see if we have a trained family that can take them in," said Jermaine H. Johnson, executive director of the Adolescent and Family Growth Center for the past 12 years.

Currently, Johnson said his group oversees about 35 foster homes and about the same number of children. The center is licensed to care for 50 children between the ages of 11 and 17 at a time.

ON AVERAGE, a child stays in foster care for between one and three years, but some children leave sooner to be reunited with their parents, to live independently or to move in with an adoptive family, Johnson said.

"If the child's goal is to return home, we work with the biological family in the hopes of reaching that goal," he

Foster Care Facts

Fairfax County has 443 children in foster care in Fairfax County, 14 of whom are currently placed with the Adolescent and Family Growth Center.

❖ Fairfax County works with 13 therapeutic foster care agencies and 35 residential facilities.

❖ 182 Fairfax County children in therapeutic foster homes.

Information courtesy: Fairfax County Department of Family Services.

said.

Unfortunately, many of the children under his supervision have been abused and neglected in any number of ways, so counseling and therapy is needed for the entire family to heal.

Children involved with the center go there every day after school for therapy, group activities and the chance to see siblings who may be living with other foster families, Johnson said.

"We're hoping to help our kids leave here able to develop and maintain healthy and appropriate relationships with others," he said.

Biological families also come in for counseling and therapy, both individually and with their children, he said, in the hopes of healing the whole family.

The center does try to keep siblings together when possible, but it depends on how many children each foster family can take at one time.

DURING THE summer and winter breaks from school, children are bused to the center for activities, field trips and therapeutic recreation, so the program is open year-round to help them heal faster, Johnson said.

"We try to take kids out on field trips because for most of the kids, their street or their neighborhood is their whole world," he said. "We want to show them the world is a little bigger than that."

The Adolescent and Family Growth Center has received certification and accreditation from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Council on Accreditation and the Foster Family Based Treatment Association, which means that the center has a long list of standards to meet and exceed.

"This all makes us go above and beyond what is required in the regular system," he said.

Going above and beyond is what Ana Burns does every day.

"We depend on our foster parents because they create these kinds of attachments and bonds of trust with the children."

— Marianne L. Werth



The staff at the Adolescent and Family Growth Center in Springfield celebrated National Foster Care Month with a lunch on Tuesday, May 20.

PHOTO BY AMBER HEALY/THE CONNECTION

Her two biological daughters have welcomed their foster sisters in like family, she said, and the whole house is happier because of their presence.

"We give them a lot of love and support because that's what they need," she said.

They experienced some trepidation at first because many foster children come with emotional problems, and Burns said she was not sure how she was going to be able to help them. But after five years of fostering, she's glad she opened her

home.

"The oldest girl already told us she'll be spending Christmas with us" when she's out of foster care, Burns said. "They've become like part of our family."

"We depend on our foster parents because they create these kinds of attachments and bonds of trust with the children," said Marianne L. Werth, director of foster care with the Adolescent and Family Growth Center. "It also helps that Ana speaks Spanish. She can talk with the biological parents and help them in ways we couldn't do before."

The center is one of two therapeutic programs in Fairfax County that also offers an after school program, which makes it attractive to older children, said Belinda Buescher, public information officer for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services.

"It's important for kids who are new to enter a situation and feel comfortable and around other kids their age in a similar situation," Buescher said.

The center also offers a life-skills training program for children approaching their 18th birthday, when they traditionally "age out" of the foster care system and begin living on their own, she said.

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