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Barry Newman of Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) waits for the pitch while playing for the Tyler Division All-Star team.

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## Club Feels the Heat

Adult club in Springfield draws fire from community leaders.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Dauphine's on Amherst Drive in Springfield was purchased by PNC Bank in July of 2006, most people believed the property's days of housing adult-themed entertainment were over. Amendments made to the street's zoning ordinance in the 1980s prohibited strip clubs from opening in central Springfield. Two years later, after PNC backed out in the midst of a slumping economy, the same building where Dauphine's once stood now houses The Paper Moon Club, part of a chain of strip clubs with branches in Richmond, Sarasota, Fla., and Winston Salem, N.C.

When Dauphine's opened in the 1970s, the owners filed their building for a "non-conforming use," one of those uses being commercial nudity establishments. In reaction to that and the opening of another club in central Springfield by the same owners, the zoning ordinance was amended to strike that option from the list of acceptable non-conforming uses.

**THE PAPER MOON CLUB** came to operate on Amherst largely because Paper Moon,



The exterior of the business, Paper Moon, Saturday, July 19, in Springfield. Paper Moon is a gentlemen's club located at 6135 Amherst Avenue in Springfield.

the company that operates the national chain, purchased the only building in the area that retained the preamended, nonconforming use clause that includes commercial nudity establishments. That clause is set to expire two years from the day the building stops operating as a strip club. However, just months before that date, PNC Bank sold the property to Paper Moon, which set up shop in time to retain indefi-

nately the building's old nonconforming use. "I certainly share the community's unhappiness about this," Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) wrote to a citizen who had complained about the club shortly after its opening. McKay went on to state that The Paper Moon Club was not the type of business the Springfield community wanted to attract.

"While the county cannot keep this business out, it can and will ensure that it com-

plies with all laws and regulations," he continued.

Since then, the property has received substantial scrutiny from code inspectors. A large truck, advertising for the club has been sighted numerous times around the property, something McKay's office called a code violation. Because the nonconforming use it operates under no longer exists in any of

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## Gartlan: A Final Farewell

He was a life-long champion of the those who needed help.

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE

**J**oseph Vincent Gartlan Jr., the man, died early Friday morning at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital after a short illness. State Sen. Joseph Vincent Gartlan Jr., and his legacy as the consummate elected public servant and man of the commonwealth, in all that encompasses, will live on in the people he touched and good he did for the state he loved and its people. He was 82.

First elected to the State Senate in 1972 to represent the 36th Senatorial District, Gartlan served 28 years before retiring in 2000. Throughout those years, Democrat Joe Gartlan was the unabashed voice and

defender of causes ranging from protecting the Chesapeake Bay to advancing women's rights.

He fought for those that often could not fight for themselves — children, people with mental illness and those with intellectual disabilities. He started that way his first day in the Senate and he ended that way on his last day with a speech that brought both sides of the aisle to their feet with a four-minute ovation.

Over his long tenure he rose to be the second most senior senator in the Virginia State Legislature. Only Sen. Stanley C. Walker (D-Norfolk) had greater seniority.

**IT WAS WALKER** who first noticed Gartlan's propensity for stating his case and defending his causes right from his first day seated in the Senate chamber's front row. And, that was when the Virginia Senate was solidly in the hands of the Republicans.

Upon learning of his death, State Sen. Patricia "Patsy" Ticer (D-30) recalled, "He was a real mentor to me when I first went

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## Park Authority Seeks Input

Collecting public input about improvements to Kings Park Park.

BY CIARA RICHARDS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** number of community members arrived at the public planning workshop held by the Fairfax County Park Authority at Lake Braddock Secondary School on Thursday, July 17. The purpose of the workshop was to gather public suggestions concerning the Kings Park Park Master Plan Revision.

Kings Park Park is a 9.2-acre park located at 8717 Trafalgar Court in Springfield. It was established in 1961, and the current Master Plan was put into place

in 1967. Since then the Fairfax County Park Authority has added a one-acre area of land, formerly the site of the Royal Pool. This site is an open grassy area surrounded by forest and is one of three areas where new facilities could be added to the park. The park planners hope to set aside \$100,000 for renovations to the park.

Currently the park has two parking lots, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a diamond ball field, a playground, and a loop trail. It's natural resources include a tributary of the Accotink Creek which is being protected from invasive species. It also has cultural value; archeologists have found remains of an ancient civilization in the area where the playground is located.

**THE MEETING BEGAN** with a presentation describing the current state of the park and listing the suggestions gathered

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**William Chubb III**

## Recent Graduate

William Chubb III of Springfield has completed a two-year training program in piano building and repair at the North Bennet Street School in Boston. He will begin his career as a piano rebuilder and tuner with the goal of eventually running his own piano restoration business. Founded in 1885, the North Bennet Street School is known internationally for its meticulous teaching methods, and for its role in promoting the preservation of traditional craftsmanship. Chubb is a 1998 graduate of West Springfield High School.

## Pageant Winner

Tina Montgomery of Springfield has been named Miss Virginia International 2008. She will be competing in Chicago for the title of Miss International. Montgomery chose "Your Vote, Your Voice" as her platform cause for the Miss International competition and has worked with the New Voters' Project to register new voters, teach the civic process to students and to engage college students in the political process. The Miss International 2008 competition will be held July 25-26, at the Northshore Center for the Performing Arts in Chicago, Ill.

## Birth Announcement

Amelia Rachael Sanders, great-granddaughter of Thomas and Pauline Dolan of Springfield, was born Sunday, June 15, to Benjamin and Sarah Sanders of West Point.

## Cleanup Duty

More than 50 Cub Scouts and parent volunteers from Packs 685 and 686, both based at Orange Hunt Elementary, took part in the April 26 Winston Knolls Cleanup Day. This annual community cleanup event is sponsored by the Winston Knolls Civic Association to take care of the Middle Run Stream Valley and surrounding areas along Huntsman Boulevard in Springfield.

## New Branch

On March 18, Apple Federal Credit Union broke ground on a Kingstowne location. The branch will open in late 2008 to all current and potential members, including Fairfax County Public School students, parents and faculty and staff. On hand for the groundbreaking were Apple FCU vice president of marketing Cynthia McAree; Apple FCU director of branch operations, Eastern Region, Jane Higgins; Apple FCU president and CEO Larry Kelly; Apple FCU Board of Directors member Calanthia Tucker; Apple FCU Board of Directors member Joyce Bell; Apple FCU facilities manager Lois Katanik; Apple FCU Board of Directors member Joseph Lina; Apple FCU Board of Directors treasurer C. Rodney Clemmons; and Apple FCU Board of Directors chairman Virgil B. Harris Jr; Apple Financial Services vice president George Dusek; director of business development for Rollins PCI Chris Greaney; senior vice president of project management for Rollins PCI John Ford; Apple FCU senior vice president of administration Jonathan Guepe; president of Rollins PCI Barry Lake; and Apple FCU vice president of community relations Robert L. Sowell.

## Shredders Nab Holiday Win

On Memorial Day weekend, the Virginia Shredders won the 12U AAU State Tournament at Virginia Sports Complex in Ruther Glen. They defeated the defending champions, a team from the Tidewater area, who had won the tournament the last three years. The core of this team is from the Northern Virginia area and is a compilation of players that are current/former players from multiple little leagues. The local players are Nick Kryza, Fairfax Station, Lorton Little League; Michael Smith, Springfield, Lorton Little League; Tyler Spears, Springfield, Central Springfield Little League; Nick Tangora, Fairfax Station, West Springfield Little League; Garrett McGehee, Woodbridge, Woodbridge Little League; Joseph Bagnerise, Woodbridge, Woodbridge Little League; William Frazier, Woodbridge, DTQ Little League.

## NEWS



PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

**Elmer Arias speaks to parents and children at the event, urging them to cooperate with police to curb the influence of gangs and other criminal activities.**

# Bend It Like Franconia

**Police, Hispanic community use soccer tournament to find common ground.**

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**E**lmer Arias and Lt. Dan Janicky think they may have discovered something positive on the soccer fields surrounding Lynbrook Elementary School off Backlick Road in Springfield. There, the Latin American community activist and assistant commander of the Franconia Police Station managed to gather over 100 children from the local Latin American community Saturday. The children, sporting uniforms modeled after famous European club teams like Real Madrid and A.C. Milan, participated in a soccer tournament set up by Arias, business owners in the Springfield area and the Franconia Police Station. While the children played, Franconia police officers moved around the event handing out water, providing first aid and interacting with parents and children from an ethnic demographic they normally find difficult to reach.

"People are afraid to talk to police because they're afraid of being arrested, being deported," said Arias, a longstanding resident and former owner of La Hacienda restaurant on Brookfield Plaza in Springfield. "And this is not true."

**"There is something to be done here. Something positive."**  
— Elmer Arias

**AFTER A PHONE CALL** from Dan Janicky [get date], Arias agreed to meet and discuss ways for the police department to reach out to the Hispanic community. At that meeting, Janicky expressed his frustration at previous attempts to reach out the Spanish-speaking community. He listed officers' attempts at handing out flyers, knocking on doors and trying to cultivate a word of mouth reputation that could be relied on. All failed

to provide closeness and trust that the station was looking to promote.

"We've traditionally had a hard time establishing trust within this community," he said.

That comment was echoed by other officers at the event as well as Arias.

The reasons given for that mistrust ranged from complex issues like illegal immigration to more straightforward problems, like language barriers.

"Not everyone speaks English, that's been a big barrier for us and the community," said Officer Jose Rivera, who is one of a handful of the station's approximately 80 officers who speak Spanish. Part of the rationale Lt. Janicky gave for the tournament addressed that reality.

**"THERE ARE** some challenges we've traditionally had to deal with," he said. "When officers do get called in, a lot of times it's not going to be a Spanish speaking officer.

Arias, who already ran an adult soccer league, suggested that whatever they do should involve the sport that is almost universally embraced by the Hispanic community and the rest of the world.

So the plan to have a soccer game featuring two teams of children was born.

However, after he began spreading word of the game, the response was larger than anticipated. Univision ran a story on their local news station about the event, further building buzz.

By the time the July 20 rolled around the tournament had to be expanded to include six teams, with over 100 children playing in the tournament.

The event already showed signs of good will among those who attended.

"[The tournament] is a good thing. We get to know the whole community here," said Carlos Ramos, a parent who said he heard about tournament on the radio.

There were other benefits visible to the officers as well.

"We've already had people coming up to us and giving information about crime in their neighborhood," said Rivera.

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## Design Goes To N.Y. Firm

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, LLP, New York, NY, has been designated as "the highest qualified firm for possible design" of the National Museum of the United States Army to be located adjacent to Fort Belvoir. The Army will now proceed to negotiate with SOM prior to awarding the actual contract.

In 2007, Secretary of the Army Pete Green and Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., reaffirmed their commitment to proceed with the project to construct a National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir. Presently, the preferred location is outside Kingman Gate, just off the Fairfax County Parkway prior to its intersection with Route 1.

The first phase of the joint public/private partnership between the Army and the Army Historical Foundation to create the 156,000 square foot museum complex, will be to commence construction in 2010. Opening is presently scheduled for 2013.

The museum will be the premier museum for the Army and the only museum to tell the comprehensive story of the U. S. Army from the earliest days of the colonial militia to the present. State-of-the-art exhibits and programs are planned to engage an estimated 750,000 visitors a year, according Donald Carr, director, Public Information, Ft. Belvoir.



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## PEOPLE

# Getting To Know ...

## William Hudson retires as music director of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

BY REBECCA KOENIG  
THE CONNECTION

**M**aestro William Hudson has recently retired from his position as music director of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, after serving in that capacity for 36 years. Under his direction, the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra matured from an amateur community group into one of the premier musical ensembles in Northern Virginia, attracting a variety of notable guest artists and playing at the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap and the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival.

Over the course of his career, Hudson was a member of the conducting staff at Yale University and was a faculty member at the State University of New York. For nearly 30 years, he was the conductor of the orchestra and opera at the University of Maryland and was a professor of music and head of the graduate orchestral conducting program there. In addition, Hudson has served as the conductor and music director of the Washington Ballet and as the music director of the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival.

The Library of Virginia and the "Richmond Times-Dispatch" named Hudson as one of the greatest 20th century Virginians in the Arts. He was recently named the 2008 recipient of the Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award given by the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

### How many years have you lived in the community?

I came to the area in 1970 to join the faculty of the University of Maryland. I was the conductor of the orchestra and opera there. I lived in Maryland for a while and in Georgetown. I have lived in Vienna for about 10 years.

### Family

I have one sister who lives in Chesapeake and some nieces. Most of my relatives are down south in Virginia and North Carolina.

### Background

I was born in Newport News and lived there until I was 17, when I left for school in Philadelphia. I have degrees from Yale, the University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Conservatory.

### Are there any hidden treasures in the community that you think more people should know about?

I think to some extent the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is a hidden treasure because many don't know the quality of the group until they hear it.

### Do you have any community concerns?

Mostly connected with the arts. It is more and more difficult to raise money and attract audiences. The popular culture is sort of going in another direction. It is excellent in Fairfax County to have good string programs in the schools. Fairfax County is one of the best in the country for school orchestra programs. In the Fairfax Symphony, we have a number of band and orchestra directors from various high schools and middle schools, including Thomas Jefferson, Robinson and Fairfax.

### What sparked your interest in music?

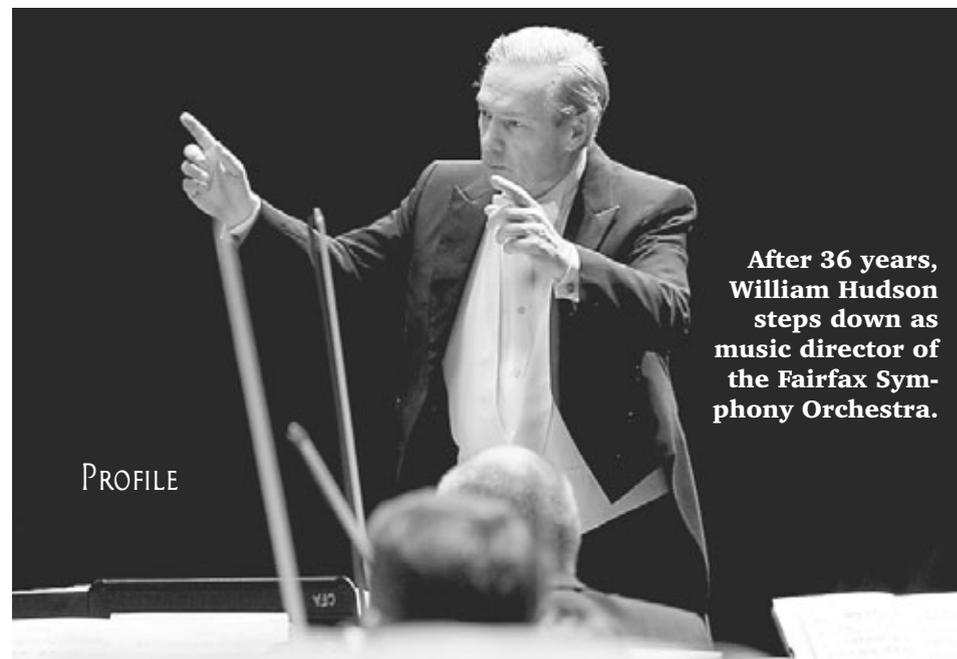
It was present from a very early age. None of my family was musical, so it must have been in the genes from way back. I had a great grandmother who played instruments. I was a clarinetist first and played professionally in several ensembles. I also played piano and several string instruments.

### What led you to take the job as the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra director?

I was invited to join the faculty at the University of Maryland. While still in New York, I got a letter from the Fairfax Symphony search committee saying they were looking for a new conductor and inviting me to be a guest conductor. I agreed and was chosen to be a guest conductor for the following season.

### What does the term maestro mean?

Maestro means master. It can be used for excellent soloists and is widely recognized as a term for an orchestra director.



After 36 years, William Hudson steps down as music director of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

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"Maestra" is the term for a female conductor.

### Over the many years you spent with the Fairfax Symphony, the group performed with many guest soloists. Who is the favorite soloist you've worked with?

I think among the players, and for me too, a favorite is Santiago Rodriguez, the great pianist. We've had some of the greatest pianists and violinists in the world. As for popular entertainers, we performed with Ella Fitzgerald at Wolf Trap in 1985, I believe. It was one of her last performances and she was still sounding great. That was a lot of fun.

### What was your best experience as conductor of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra?

There have been so many over a long period of time. We used to play at the Kennedy Center with wonderful soloists. One concert we had four principal players from the Philadelphia Orchestra. We had the principal horn and trumpet players from

the Chicago Symphony. For Janos Starker, a very famous cellist, we played a 60th birthday concert. He's known as one of the three greatest cellists in the world.

### You are credited with the great improvements the Fairfax Symphony has experienced. What was your philosophy as its conductor?

There are two ways to approach conducting. There are people who can conduct well for a concert, which for guest conductors tends to be four rehearsals. You use a week to get the best concert you can bring. As music director there's a skill that's more important: improving the level of the general playing of the orchestra. The concerts come out of that. My concern for the successor is that it be someone who can do both. That's hard to tell from just seeing one concert.

### Will you have any role in picking your successor?

Well, no, because I think it should be left up to other people. They have a separate committee to do that.

## OBITUARY

### Bruce Byron Harding

Bruce Byron Harding, 85, of Lynchburg, died Monday, July 7, at his home.

He was born April 18, 1923, in Havelock Township, Chippewa County, Minn., and was a son of the late Seth and Ella Olson Harding. He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles C. Harding.

He graduated in 1944 with a B.S. degree in animal husbandry from the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics at the University of Minnesota. He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 34 years and ended his career working in Washington, D.C., as eastern area supervisor of Livestock Market News.

Harding was a life-long Methodist and while living in Springfield was an active member of Springfield United Methodist Church, Springfield Methodist Men and Springfield Squares. After retiring to Lynchburg in 1981 he was a member of Timberlake United Methodist Church. He was also an active member of the Exchange Club and fingerprinted thou-



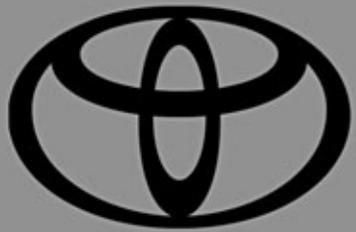
churches and Gleaning for the World.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Marilyn Noper Harding; three daughters, Estelle Elder of Forest, Gail Harding of Patrick Springs and Linda Harding of Lynchburg; five grandchildren, Kevin Elder and wife Heidi of Forest, Mark Elder of Galveston, Tex., and Jessica, Joshua and Joel Graham, all of Lynchburg; and one brother, Russell Harding of Milton, Wash. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, at 10 a.m., at Timberlake United Methodist Church by the Revs. Dr. Rob Colwell and Dr. Tom Bryant. Burial will follow in Fort Hill Memorial Park in Lynchburg.

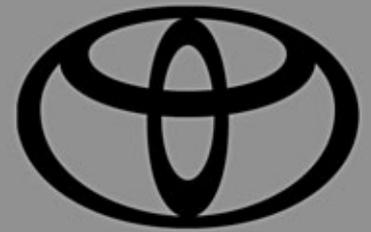
The family will receive friends Friday, from 7-9 p.m., at Tharp Funeral Home in Lynchburg.

Contributions may be made to Timberlake United Methodist Church's memorial fund, Peakland United Methodist Church for Habitat, the Stuart Presbyterian Church's flower fund, P. O. Box 944, Stuart, VA 24171, The Exchange Club of Lynchburg's child abuse prevention fund, P. O. Box 774, Lynchburg, VA 24505, and Gleaning for the World.

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# THE COUNTY LINE

## 2,500 More Students

Fairfax enrollment increases as Prince William decreases.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools has seen an unexpected increase in student enrollment of approximately 2,500, in part because approximately 1,000 students from Prince William County moved to Fairfax schools.

"You can see a definite exodus," said Fairfax's Superintendent Jack Dale, who added that the students have been tracked using their transcripts.

At least one member of Dale's staff, the school's acting chief operating of-

ficer Susan Quinn, implied that the students had moved from Prince William County because of that locality's effort to crackdown on illegal immigration. Critics of Prince William's efforts have accused the county of scaring away legal immigrants, as well as illegal immigrants, with its new policies.

"We are seeing a significant increase in enrollment, due to decisions made by neighboring jurisdictions," said Quinn, who was quickly interrupted by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D).

"I hope you didn't say what I think you just did," said Connolly in the middle of Quinn's presentation.

**LAST SUMMER**, Connolly had publicly refused to implement measures similar to those put into place by Prince William. Now Connolly, who is running for U.S. Congress, objected to the implication that his decision might have had a negative impact on Fairfax in a time of limited resources.

This is a "very sensitive if not explosive" issue, said Connolly to Quinn.

But Dale stood his ground.

It is very unusual for a large group of students to move from Prince William schools to Fairfax schools. Additionally, about 80 percent of the students who had left Prince William County schools had settled in Fairfax, said the superintendent.

Yet Connolly said it was not appropriate to speculate about why people were moving from one locality to another. Dale could not say how many of the people moving from Prince William identified as Hispanic or used English-as-a-second-language services. The school system is prohibited from asking whether a student is a legal or illegal immigrant.

"I am concerned about people leaping to conclusions," Connolly said.

Fairfax schools' enrollment increase is spread out evenly across the school system's eight clusters, indicating that people might be coming to the county for reasons other than fleeing Prince William's uninviting statutes, said Connolly.

**THE CHAIRMAN** also added that it does not make sense for immigrants who typically have limited resources to move from a more affordable locality like Prince William to a more expensive place like Fairfax. He added that some Prince William residents might have just chosen to move to Fairfax because of the rising gas prices.

The school system also admits that more students staying put in Fairfax schools, adding to the total enrollment. Normally, families "migrate out" to other school systems as their children get older, but residents don't appear to be moving to Loudoun or Prince William in as large numbers as they used to, said Dale. But the fact that Prince William cracked down on illegal immigrants, and that Fairfax did not, most likely had consequences, said Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield). "Members of this board are putting their heads in the sand about why [Prince William residents] came here. ... Maybe a few came because of gas prices, a few," said Herry.

## How To Share Budget Pain

Supervisors, schools agree on 'proportionate' cuts.

In light of a projected \$430 million shortfall in their next budget cycle, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board agreed to "proportionate" funding cuts during a joint meeting July 18, though it was unclear what exactly the word "proportionate" is supposed to mean.

Fairfax County Public Schools consumes 53 percent of the local government's revenue and two supervisors, Pat Herry (R-Springfield) and John Foust (D-Dranesville), asked whether the resolution was supposed to imply that the school system would be responsible for shaving 53 percent of the county's \$430 million deficit from its budget.

Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) stopped short of saying this would be the case, though he answered questions about the resolution vaguely saying it was "recognition that if you are 53 percent of the budget," you need to do your part.

Several school board members had frowned up an earlier version of the resolution that included a specific percentage of the shortfall that the school system would be responsible for absorbing.

While the supervisors usually grant the school system three to four percent increase in funding annually, Connolly warned the school officials to prepare for a cut in the county's allocation during the fiscal year that begins July 2009.

"The [funding] transfer could be less than zero growth," he said.

County staff had estimated a shortfall of nearly \$350 million on its own, before the school system indicated there would be an additional \$80 million in other unmet needs. Alone, the \$350 million is approximately 10 percent of the county's annual general fund budget, an amount equal to Fairfax's public works, judicial administration, community development, parks, recreation, libraries, central services and legislative-executive function budgets combined.

Without touching the schools budget, the county would have to cut more than one fifth of the rest of its spending to make up for its shortfall, according to staff documents.

But school board members warned that school system cuts shouldn't be too deep. Superintendent Jack Dale said the schools' had already cut five percent out of its central administration budget this year and that any additional cuts were likely to have an impact on classroom services.

"We have a tough time not cutting things out of schools any time we have a major reduction," he said.

School Board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (D-Providence) added that he "had no doubt the cuts would have an impact on the quality" of Fairfax County Public Schools education.

Connolly responded that Fairfax County had spent several years investing heavily in its school system and that the community would only be weathering a one-to-two year downturn in spending.

The two boards have agreed to hold several joint meetings with community members to try and gauge what residents' priorities are as they scale back the budget.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

### HOT Lanes Contributions

The two private companies who are building the "High Occupancy Toll" (HOT) lanes on the Capital Beltway have contributed a significant amount of money to local elected officials. Transurban (USA) Inc., the American branch of an Australian company also responsible for the Dulles Greenway, contributed \$177,000 to Virginia state candidates in total from 2005 to 2008, though candidates have been required to return the money. Election law prohibits foreign companies and foreign nationals from giving money to political campaigns in the United States. The other company involved in the HOT lanes project, Fluor Corp., has given \$243,000 since 2001.

— Julia O'Donoghue

Here a list of local elected officials and political action committees who took money from either company.

Name	Transurban Donations (2005-2008)	Fluor Donations (2001-2008)
Senate Leadership Trust (Republican PAC)	\$12,000	\$28,500
Dominion Leadership Trust (Republican PAC)	\$12,500	\$20,000
Commonwealth Victory Fund (Democratic PAC)	\$10,500	\$17,500
Kaine Inaugural 2006	\$10,000	\$10,000
Virginia Republican House Campaign Committee	\$7,500	\$10,000
Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D)	\$5,000	\$6,400
Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35)	\$6,000	\$4,500
Moving Virginia Forward (Democratic PAC)	\$4,500	\$5,000
Del. Tim Hugo (R-40)	\$1,500	\$4,500
Attorney General Bob McDonnell (R)	\$1,000	\$5,000
Gov. Tim Kaine (D)	\$5,000	none
Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37)	\$1,250	\$3,500
Sen. Janet Howell (D-32)	\$3,000	\$1,250
Del. Brian Moran (D-46)	\$3,000	\$1,000
Del. Tom Rust (R-86)	\$2,000	\$2,000
Leadership PAC (Republican)	\$2,500	\$1,000
Del. Joe May (R-33)	\$1,000	\$2,500
Virginia Democratic Senate Caucus	\$2,000	\$1,000
Virginia Republican Senatorial Committee	\$1,000	\$2,000
Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D- Braddock)	\$1,000	\$1,250
Virginia Democrats - State	\$2,000	none
Virginia State Legislative Black Caucus	\$2,000	none
Del. Jim Scott (D-53)	\$1,500	\$750
Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36)	\$500	\$1,500
Sen. Patricia Ticer (D-30)	\$1,000	\$1,000
Del. Kris Amundson (D-44)	\$500	\$1,500
Del. Dave Albo (R-42)	\$500	\$1,000
Sen. Mark Herring (D-33)	\$500	\$1,000
Del. Dave Marsden (D-41)	\$250	\$1,000
Del. Steve Shannon (D - 35)	\$750	\$500
Virginia Senate Majority Leader PAC (Republican)	none	\$1,250
Del. Ken Plum (D-36)	\$500	\$500
Virginia's Future Leaders (Republican PAC)	none	\$1,000
A Strong Majority PAC (Democratic)	\$1,000	none
Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D - 31)	\$1,000	none
Supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield)	none	\$1,000
Del. Vivian Watts (D-39)	\$1,000	none
Virginia State Republicans	\$1,000	none
Del. Dave Englin (D-45)	\$250	\$500
Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)	\$500	\$250
Del. David Bulova (D-37)	\$500	none
Del. Margaret Vanderhye (D-34)	\$500	none
Sen. George Barker (D-39)	\$500	none
Majority Whip PAC (Republican)	\$500	none
Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67)	none	\$500
Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49)	none	\$500
Del David Poisson (D-32)	none	\$500
Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)	none	\$200
Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D- Mount Vernon)	none	\$200
Supervisor Michael Frey (R- Sully)	none	\$200

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# Legacy Lives on in Good Works

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to the Senate in 1996. He was very passionate about his issues but he was also a statesman of the highest order. He was ahead of his time and he will be very much missed."

Over the four years they served together in the Senate, Gartlan and Ticer were on several committees and sub-committees together. "I agreed with him on nearly all his issues except when it came to the abortion issue. There we parted. He was true to his Catholic faith. But, he was always a gentleman — even when he disagreed with you. I will miss him very much," she said.

When he retired from political life, with a capital "B" because he never really retired from the political challenges of his home area in southeastern Fairfax County, Gartlan's seat was won by then State Del. Linda T. "Toddy" Puller. She serves in that capacity today as State Sen. Puller (D-36).

"I was shocked and saddened when I heard of his death. I didn't even know he was sick. I was supposed to be attending a meeting in New Orleans but I canceled my flight when I heard the news so that I can attend the funeral. He will be very missed by a lot of people," Puller said.

State Del. Mark D. Sickles (D-43) served as Gartlan's Lee District coordinator in 1991. It was Gartlan's toughest race, which he won by only 716 votes.

"He was not only an institution in the Senate but also a mentor to many of us and always a friend and aide to any young person who had their eye on public service. Many of us turned to him because he was always a strong voice," Sickles said.

"One of my fondest memories of him came four years after that 1991 race. The Republicans thought they could gain another seat and had hand picked their candidate. Instead, Joe did very well against that challenge. I'm really going to miss him," he said.

**GARTLAN'S DEPARTURE** from the state Senate at age 73 was not followed by a rocking chair on the porch of his Mason Neck home. He took that same dedication and political skills to various causes that met his requirements for protecting both the environment and social services.

When Inova Health System was rumored to be angling to close Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Sen. Joe Gartlan, as he was always referred to, became an active and dedicated member of the Citizens Alliance Rescue Effort, CARE, instigated by Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland, to save the hospital and expand its medical capabilities. He remained an active member of that group when it morphed into the Southeast Health Planning Task Force.

He was scheduled to attend the Task

Force's meeting July 16 when IHS's CEO Knox Singleton spoke on the hospital's expansive future, which Gartlan played an important Task Force role in bringing to fruition. Unbeknownst to Task Force members Gartlan was already in that hospital, less than a block away from the meeting site in the Mount Vernon Government Center, as a critically ill patient, and there he died of sepsis two days following the meeting.

"Sen. Joe Gartlan was more than just a friend to me. He was a dedicated, well-respected, progressive public servant who was able to work with his colleagues across the aisle to pass common sense legislation in the best interests of his constituents," Hyland said.

"Mason Neck, Mount Vernon, Fairfax County and Virginia would look very different today if it weren't for his environmental stewardship. He will be sorely missed," he said.

That sentiment was echoed by Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay who now serves as the task force chair. "Sen. Joe Gartlan's death is a loss to all of Virginia," he said.

"But, on a personal note, my family was very close to Sen. Gartlan and I grew up seeing him as the model of what a public servant should be. He was in many ways my mentor and I hope I can live up to his high standards and legacy," McKay said.

Anne Andrews, who served as Task Force Chair from its inception until this year and remains an active member, described Gartlan as a "giant" who cared "passionately about the hospital" and its preservation.

"When I read in the Post that he was retiring from the Senate I actually cried. He protected us in so many areas of social services," said Andrews, who also serves on the Route 1 Social Services Task Force.

"He also had a great sense of humor. I once asked him if he would like to come to the Human Services Task Force meeting. His answer was "Is the Pope Catholic?" Andrews recalled.

"When he was in the Senate he would send pictures of his entire family as a Christmas card. I have saved every one of them," she said.

Neal McBride, a leader in preserving the former Lorton Prison site as an arts center and open space recreation area, knew Gartlan not only as a Mason Neck neighbor but also as an influential, behind the scenes player in the Lorton project.

"When we were working on the prison site project, he performed a lot of background work that helped to make it all come together. He was a very clear-headed guy with a very good historical perspective. That's what I liked and respected about him," McBride said.



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**Former Virginia Sen. Joe Gartlan is joined by State Sen. Patsy Ticer and Congressman Jim Moran at the 2007 Allies in Prevention Awards luncheon.**

**VIRGINIA GOV.** Timothy M. Kaine ordered the state flag to be flown at half mast and issued the following statement:

"Sen. Gartlan was a true statesman. He wore his heart on his sleeve when it came to issues of social and economic justice. He was a tireless and effective advocate for the environment, the mentally and physically disabled, and for abused and neglected children. He spearheaded efforts for funding natural resources and human service programs during his almost three decades of public service. His role was critical in galvanizing the regional efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

"He earned the respect of both parties for his intellect, integrity, and force of will. Over the years, he served as chairman of three Senate committees — Courts of Justice, Privileges and Elections, and Rehabilitation and Social Services. He was also a bold and active member of the Senate Finance Committee, where he chaired the Human Services Subcommittee.

"This is a sad day for Virginia, and our hearts are with Sen. Gartlan's family and many friends."

In all the tributes to Gartlan, what is not mentioned is that he was a futurist. Not in the sense of science fiction but rather in the sense of legislative intellect, insight and initiative.

From 1981 to 1987 he served as chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission which coordinates public policy by Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania on preserving and enhancing the Bay's ecology. It was Gartlan who had the three states ban phosphate detergents that eventually find their way to the Bay.

He recommended ways to bring Virginia's mental health statutes into the modern psychiatric realm. Something that is still pending even after the Virginia Tech shootings.

He co-sponsored legislation that repealed laws authorizing the sterilization of mentally ill patients without their consent. That

was in 1980.

He sponsored legislation that authorized discretionary powers for judges to determine whether to assign foster children to state social service agencies rather than juvenile detention centers. This resulted in juveniles receiving medical and psychological treatment for disorders that previously landed them in juvenile-justice facilities.

Gartlan summed up his political philosophy with the following observance in his farewell address to the State Senate. "At the end of the day, each of us, I suppose, has a point where wisdom and integrity draw the line. Finding that point is, I suggest, a good definition of our responsibility to the people," he told his fellow senators.

As the standing ovation continued that day, Gartlan said to presiding officer Lt. Gov. John H. Hager, seeking the latter's aid in ending the tribute, "Are we done?"

For all those he inspired, mentored and offered guidance over his long and distinguished career as a servant of the people, the resounding answer would be, "Never, Senator, never."

Born in Glen Head, NY, Sept. 21, 1925, Joseph V. Gartlan served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946 during World War II.

He graduated from Georgetown University, College of Arts and Sciences, in 1949 and received his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1952. He served in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Melrod, Redman and Gartlan until he turned his attention to the Virginia Senate.

He was a member of Mount Vernon's Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce; Virginia Citizens Consumer Council, Inc.; Knights of Columbus; Chesapeake Bay Commission; Social Action Linking Together (SALT); American College of Trial Lawyers; and a lecturer in law at the University of Virginia Law School. He is survived by his wife, six children and seven grandchildren.

# OPINION

## Seek Help Before Deciding

Local governments, schools, authorities, should get expert, citizen input on budgets.

Local governments and school districts are facing the prospect of actually having less money in the next budget cycle, and higher expenses.

While the just-concluded budget setting included gnashing of teeth over "shortfalls," overall this meant that schools and government programs didn't get quite as much of an increase as they needed to continue spending at the same rate as before.

The looming year will be different. There will actually be less money, not less of an increase.

Many families and businesses in Northern Virginia have already been coping with higher costs and less income and without the option of raising the tax rate.

Fairfax County government and schools, like most local governments, are now tackling an overall analysis of where the money goes.

This is a critical exercise in a budget cutting cycle, but in addition to analyzing themselves, each locality and school system should seek the free, expert help that is available right next door in the process.

EDITORIAL

Northern Virginia is blessed with residents that include some of the top economic and policy minds in the nation. Some would be willing to donate their time despite busy lives to analyze and bring perspective to different parts of the budget.

Each branch of local government should establish its own "Blue Ribbon Commission" (using any name each one chooses) to study these

huge, complex budgets, most in the billions of dollars and containing thousands of programs.

Seek out citizens with budget and program expertise in particular areas, and set them to work assigned to specific parts of the budget. Then take their recommendations seriously.

But in tight times, it's important to resist ending programs that are needed and important, even if we could live without them for a few years. Some programs should be eliminated; many can operate on reduced funding for a few years. But it's important to recognize that if you cut something out entirely, it will probably not be back.

Many families and businesses have faced cost cutting in the past year at a level that local governments will probably not have to achieve. But this year will require that they actually spend less than they did the year before.

— MARY KIMM

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Freedom's Price

To the Editor:

Yet again, this newspaper has engendered the service of men and women from the local area who have died as a result of the War on Terrorism portraying them as victims. They were not victims, nor did they view themselves, their fellows or their service as the kind of victimhood Sens. Dick Durbin, John Kerry and Barack Obama have reiterated endless times. That is not the nature of a volunteer military.

What they have done and what others are carrying on for them is the price of liberty in a volatile, dangerous and permanently peace-devoid world that has been understood and executed by American patriots for as long as this country has been in existence and before when it was a confederation of 13 British colonies. These local patriots know well that the events of 9/11 at the Pentagon, the killings outside the CIA and the sniper shootings of the recent past occurred here in Northern Virginia at the hands of a mer-

ciless and dedicated enemy of all that is good and, because of that, they have carried the fight to the enemy's own backyard.

The best support that the public can render those who are willing to do what most will not do is to see to it that there are 10 volunteers for every vacancy in the Armed Forces, officer and enlisted. In that the local press, public schools and local universities have been totally negligent.

**Christopher Thompson**  
West Springfield

#### Tuning Out Education?

To the Editor:

Why are there now a lot of fancy TVs all over West Springfield High School when there is supposedly no money for other things the school needs? Somehow I feel like these TVs are to keep the kids quiet so they won't complain about anything.

Apparently, since the TVs are not

in classrooms, the school has money and time to give our kids mind-numbing TV shows so they don't have to put more time and money into real education that would attract the kids to go to class.

It is very hard to understand this use of funds when the FCPS budget is in such crisis. I don't know if TVs are being put in all schools, but I do believe it is a poor use of limited funds.

**Carroll Keyes**  
Springfield

#### Less Taxing Solution

To the Editor:

The State Senate recently passed a bill to increase the gasoline tax by 6 cents and to increase taxes on car sales ostensibly to pay for roads and road repairs. The governor has been running around the Commonwealth calling for increased taxes as well.

What is a matter with these people?

I cannot understand why Democrats are so insistent on raising taxes as the economy continues to go south. We have a transportation trust fund that continues to be raided. A trip down memory lane would be instructive. In 2002, the political elites said we were broke and we needed to raise taxes for transportation. The people in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads areas rejected it resoundingly. It didn't matter. The elites had their day and we had to pay, even though we had over a billion-

dollar surplus. Now, think about the fact that in 1998 state spending was \$17.5 billion. In 2007 it was \$35 billion, an increase of 99 percent. The state population increase was only 12 percent. I have also read that Virginia is the 12th largest state and has 122,000 employees. Our neighbor North Carolina is the 10th largest state but has only 93,000 state employees. We can certainly do some trimming. Also, consider the fact that for FY09 the Federal government will spend \$3 trillion. States and local governments will spend approximately \$2 trillion. That is \$5 trillion. How much can the taxpayer bear?

We get socked with increased taxes almost everyday in the form of higher gas prices. Then the Democrats want to add to it with more taxes? I think it is time for our elected officials, starting here in Virginia, to take a time out. Is there not someone in the General Assembly who will stand up for taxpayers? Why, for example could they not pass a bill to fund transportation without raising taxes, like the one Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) proposed? His plan would have taken 0.5 cent of the existing sales tax and moved it over to transportation, starting with the next budget. I think the transportation funding needs to be restructured or this problem will be reoccurring. I hope others in the General Assembly will follow his lead. Taxes are not free money. They come from hard working people.

**Kerry D. Bolognese**  
Springfield

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# Cool ACE Classes Starting

Finally, learn how to cook or research your family tree.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

Let's say you wanted to install a brick patio yourself or research your family tree but you don't know where to start.

Fairfax County Public Schools Adult and Community Education (ACE) offers 3,000 different classes a year. There's everything from cooking Indian-Sri Lankan cuisine to Working with Digital Media. About 80,000 people a year take these weekend and evening classes that range between \$35 and \$1,000.

**IN THE ARTS**, Flora and Culinary category, the classes range from arranging flowers to cake decorating to cooking light and delicious. "What's nice about all of these is they're specific," said Britt Weaver of ACE. "A lot of our cooking classes are one-, two-, or three-sessions long."

They're good for people learning how to express themselves creatively — be it in the kitchen or with artistic materials. For beginner chefs, there's Knife Skills that teaches how to properly use a knife to do things with the least amount of effort.

Take cake decorating. ACE offers three different levels — one for the girlfriend who wants to decorate her honey's chocolate cake to Martha Stewart-like perfection.

The classes are "a wonderfully fun evening because [students] interact with other adults and a knowledgeable instructor," said Sandra Booth, instructional program specialist. And afterwards, they get to eat whatever they've made.

"What's nice about all of these is they're specific," said Weaver. "Someone doesn't have to take a 16-week art class at a community college."

Program Coordinator Elaine Hawes says the art classes are warm, nurturing, user-friendly classes that are taught by professional artists. "The group dynamic in a community-based program is really important," she adds. "You could take a beginning drawing class with five different teachers and come away with five different learning experiences," she says.

**BUSINESS CLASSES** like Principles of Real Estate or Developing a Marketing Plan tend to be very pragmatic. They range from legal to marketing to investment to human resource management.

"They're taught by people who are business people themselves," said Weaver. "Just about all of them, are professionals and successful in their own right."

**SPECIAL INTEREST** classes offer opportunities for personal growth and life enrichment. The genealogy classes are wildly popular and instruct students on how to use local resources like the National Archives and Virginia courthouses.

"Virginia has excellent records because of the way we kept court records and land records," said Weaver. "So people can experience a lot of success researching their roots."

Students can be beginners who know nothing



A class on brick masonry.

## Fall 2008 ACE Courses

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about their family history to those searching for the Genealogy of Irish and German ancestors. There's one class called 10 Tips, which are the tips that the pros use. Booth said the instructors are professional researchers who know how to use research facilities, such as the Latter Day Saints library and the National Archives.

**THE HANDS-ON** and do-it-yourself classes include Home Maintenance or Plumbing Repair or Electrical Workshop or Rough Carpentry. They are designed to help students develop the confidence and skills to tackle home projects or to advance in their own careers, says Joe Teets, program specialist II in charge of the apprenticeship, trade and industry classes.

Students can learn to build a small retaining wall or build a deck or remodel a bathroom. The classes help answer the question, 'Is this task appropriate for me to do as a homeowner?' Or should you call a professional, said Teets.

**IN YEARS PAST**, ACE focused on basic computer use, but there's been a shift toward more specialized IT classes, says Weaver. The classes prepare students for a variety of certifications — to become an Access Specialist or Oracle Database Administrator. "We are offering a more sophisticated level of information technology classes due to rising demand," said Weaver. "We prepare [students] so they can take Microsoft tests for a variety of things."



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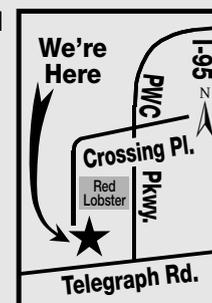
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# CRIME

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through July 18.

## POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE

**5900 block of Kingstowne Village Parkway.** Detectives are seeking witnesses in a reported child abuse case that occurred on Friday, June 27 around 7:30 p.m. Police were called to the Noodles and Company restaurant, 5900 Kingstowne Village Parkway, for suspected child abuse. Officers were directed to a 34-year-old Springfield-area woman and her 4-year-old son who were inside the restaurant. An investigation determined that a patron alerted employees after the woman allegedly

struck the child. Police were called when she began shouting at the boy. Officers released the child to another family member after discovering numerous bruises on his body. The investigation is ongoing. Detectives would like to speak with anyone who may have been in the restaurant or observed the incident take place that evening. The woman is described as white, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 350 pounds. She had long brown hair and was wearing a T-shirt and blue stretch pants.

## ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

**8000 block of Horseshoe Cottage Circle.** Police are seeking a suspect

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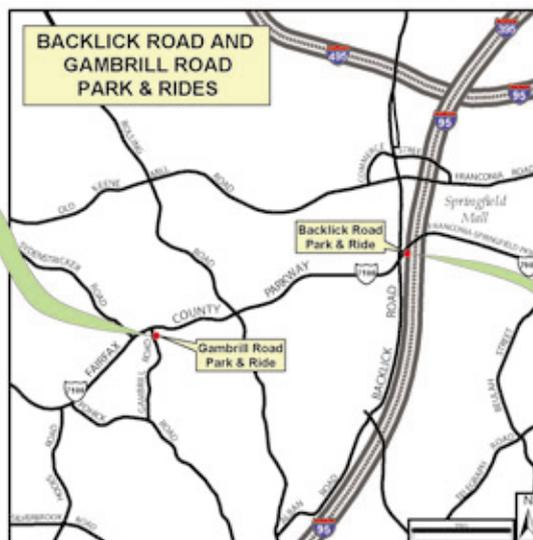
Whether you walk, ride your bike, or drive to the Park & Ride, you can catch a bus or carpool for an easier commute.



Gambrill Road Park & Ride, with 223 free parking spaces, is located just south of the Fairfax County Parkway on Gambrill Road.

Fairfax Connector route 305 and Metrobus route 18R serve this location, and can take you direct to the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station.

For more information about Park & Rides, contact the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-324-1100, TTY 703-324-1102, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot).



For more information about bus routes and schedules, visit [www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com), or call 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608.



Backlick Road Park & Ride, with 279 free parking spaces, is located on Backlick Road directly under the Franconia-Springfield Parkway overpass, with easy access to I-95 HOV lanes.

Fairfax Connector routes 331 and 332 serve this location, and can take you to the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station, Gateway 95 Business Park, DLA, the Medical College, Springfield Plaza, Boston Boulevard, and Springfield Mall.



In compliance with the ADA, if accommodations or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-1100, TTY 703-324-1102.



# CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

## THURSDAY/JULY 24

### Mexican Cultural Heritage Night.

Discover Mexico's cultural heritage through music and dance ranging from Aztec to Mariachi to contemporary. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469.

### Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

Under the direction of George Etheridge, showcasing the country's best young musicians. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469.

**Friday Flicks.** Bring lunch and enjoy stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

## SATURDAY/ JULY 26

### "I Love You More Than Rainbows"

author Susan Crites signs copies of her children's book, 2-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Barnes & Noble, Fair Lakes Promenade. Call the store at 703-278-0300.

**Sunset Cruise.** 8-9 p.m. Cruise the shoreline of Lake Accotink and admire the sunset. Interperative history of the area included in tour. Beverages served. \$5 per person. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-569-0325.

**Dog Day Afternoon.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Treat your canine companion to a cruiser on a pontoon boat with glimpses of ducks, geese and other wildlife. \$5 per adult, \$3 per child; reservations required. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-0325.

**Reel In And Release Fish at Lake Accotink Park.** Families will learn the ins and outs of the catch-and-release fishing technique and how this sustainable method benefits the lake. Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield. Bring poles and tackle or borrow equipment from the park. Please use only barbless hooks. \$15 per child; accompanying adults free. The program is suitable for children six years and older. Prepaid reservations required. Call 703-569-0285 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink).

## THURSDAY/JULY 31

### Archie Edward's Blues Night.

Piedmont Blues blending elements from Southeast and mid-Atlantic regions. Influenced by ragtime, country string bands, traveling medicine shows and popular songs of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**A Day at the Beach with Under the Sea.** See creatures you'd find at the shore and learn about sand, waves, tides and sun. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

**A Day at the Beach with Under the Sea.** Learn about sand, waves, tides and sun. Age 6-12. 2:30 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

**Lutindo.** Traditional African music, dance and stories. 2:30 p.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

**Nature Detectives: Cool it.** 10-10:45



**Volunteers are needed to help in the habitat restoration and invasive plant removal workday in Fairfax County parks this Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants must be at least 15, unless accompanied by an adult. Free. Call Megan Fellows at 703-324-8586.**

a.m. Children ages 3-5 learn how animals stay cool in summer. Story, activity, crafts. \$5 per child. Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 1

**Friday Flicks.** Bring a lunch and enjoy stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

**Ones at a Time.** Short stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 2

**Martial Arts: A Family Affair.** Learn how martial arts can be a great experience for every member of the family. Program includes martial arts demonstrations by students from Bushido Studios. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**Kayak with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.** 7-10 a.m. Launching from Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton.

**Bullet Boys with Bucket, Baby Jayne, Another Empty Box and more.** 8 p.m. Age 21+; \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**Suspyre, Odin's Court, Dark Empire, Wisteria and more.** 5:30 p.m. All ages; \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

**Huntley Meadows Offers Family Walks for Spanish Speakers.** 3-4:30 p.m. Bring Spanish-speaking friends and family to stroll the 1 1/2-mile trail at Huntley Meadows Park with an interpreter in English and Spanish. The park has a rich history to share with participants walking

along flat trails and a wooden boardwalk over the fresh-water wetland. After the walk, explore the exhibits in the Visitor Center. Free. Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525.

## MONDAY/AUG. 4

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010

**Clowning Around.** Learn all about being a clown in celebration of National Clown Week. Hands-on balloon activities will be included. Age 8-12. 1 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610

**What's the Matter?** Chemistry with fizz, foam and flash presented by Maryland Science Center. Age 6-12. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055

**Inova Blood Drive.** Photo ID required. Appointments preferred: call 1-866-256-6372. All ages. 2-7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055

## TUESDAY/AUG. 5

**The Dog Days of Summer.** Stories and activities. 10:30 a.m. Age 2-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

**Anime Night.** Come watch anime movies and discuss your favorites. Age 13-18. 6 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

**A Day at the Beach with Under the Sea.** See creatures you'd find at the shore and learn about sand, waves, tides and sun. Age 6-12. 2:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500

Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**Discover Art.** Art bingo, reader's theater and craft fun. Age 6-12. 3 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

**Keith Caputo (lead singer of Life of Agony) and more bands.** 7:30 p.m. All ages; \$11 in advance, \$13 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 7

**Peruvian Cultural Heritage Night.** Celebrate Peru's cultural heritage with dancing, poetry reading, music, crafts and food. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Let's Play Games Around the World.** Learn how to play games that kids from different countries around the world play. Age 6-12 2:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**Daytime Book Discussion Group.** "Ciao America" by Beppe Severignini. 12:15 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**"Cheaper by the Dozen,"** 7:30 p.m. Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8523 Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria. \$7 per adult; \$4 per child, student, or senior citizen Groups of ten or more may receive a \$1 discount per ticket if orders are placed by July 31st. Contact Gina Smithers at [Smithersgm@aol.com](mailto:Smithersgm@aol.com) or 703-577-3966.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 8

**Falls Church Concert Band.** A diverse set of concert, popular and patriotic tunes in the Big Band style. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Friday Flicks.** Bring a lunch and enjoy stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. Noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

**N8apalooza 2.** 5 p.m. All ages; \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

**"Cheaper by the Dozen,"** 7:30 p.m. Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8523 Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria. \$7 per adult; \$4 per child, student, or senior citizen Groups of ten or more may receive a \$1 discount per ticket if orders are placed by July 31st. Contact Gina Smithers at [Smithersgm@aol.com](mailto:Smithersgm@aol.com) or 703-577-3966.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 9

**Metal Church, Division, Not-Liable, Tranquil Terror** and more. 8 p.m. Age 21+; \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

**"Cheaper by the Dozen,"** 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8523 Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria. \$7 per adult; \$4 per child, student, or senior citizen Groups of ten or more may receive a \$1 discount per ticket if orders are placed by July 31st. Contact Gina Smithers at [Smithersgm@aol.com](mailto:Smithersgm@aol.com) or 703-577-3966.

## MONDAY/AUG. 11

**Sunny Stories.** 10:30 a.m. Stories to make smiles. Age 24-35 months with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

**Sunny Stories.** Stories that make you smile. Age 24-35 months with adult. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**The Nicolo Whimsey Show.** Nicolo the Jester shares his juggling, clowning and comedy. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

**Book Chat.** Stop in to share current favorites or hear what other people are reading. All ages. 4 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 12

**Lighters and Matches Are Tools for Grown-ups Only.** A puppet show presented by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Participants will receive a helmet, activity book and parent brochure. Age 3-7 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

**Lunch Bunnies.** Bring lunch and the fun will be supplied. Age 1-5 with adult. Noon. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre,

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Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 14

### Traditional Folk Music Night.

Andrew Acosta performs traditional folk, blues and bluegrass. With The New Old-Time String Band and Speedy Tolliver. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**The Nicolo Whimsey Show.** Nicolo the Jester shares his juggling, clowning and comedy. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010

**Balloon Animals.** Learn how to make your own balloon animal. Age 6-12. 1 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 15

**Kings Park Concert Band.** 55 adult volunteers under a professional conductor will play Big Band style. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Friday Flicks.** Bring a lunch and enjoy stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

**Teddy Bear Picnic.** Stories, songs, and activities about teddy bears. Bring your favorite bear. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

8055. **Gorgeous Frankenstein with BellaMorte, The Banner, and more.** 7 p.m. All ages; \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 16

**Sting Things.** Who are the creatures that can sting? Learn about the bugs and even a plant that can sting, as well as how to avoid getting stung. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

**Kayak with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.** 7-10 a.m. Launching from Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton.

## MONDAY/AUG. 18

**Discover Art.** Play bingo around the world, participate in reader's theater and make an international craft. Age 6-12. 2 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055

## TUESDAY/AUG. 19

**Mother-Daughter Book Discussion.** Join us for a lively discussion. Call for title. Age 9-11 with adult. 7 p.m.

John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010

**It's a Colorful World.** A rainbow of stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

**Book Discussion Group.** Call for title. 7:15 p.m. No registration necessary. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010

**Practice Your English.** Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610

## THURSDAY/AUG. 21

**Vietnamese Cultural Heritage Night.** Celebrate traditional and folk Vietnamese music and dance. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**Springfield Writers' Group.** Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 22

**Night Music.** Classic rock and top 40s hits. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Speak up for a Child.** Saturday, Aug. 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, extension 22.

**The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke needs adult volunteers** for a "Friendly Caller" service reaching out to older adults by providing companionship by calling once a week at a regularly scheduled time for an informal chat. Call 703-323-4788. Training will be provided.

**City of Fairfax Advisory Board Volunteers sought.** Applications are currently being accepted for vacancies on the Board of Architectural Review, the Commission on Women, the Economic Development Authority, the Fairfax Community Criminal Justice Board, the Fairfax / Falls Church Community Services Board, Historic Fairfax Inc. and the Planning Commission. Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have at least one year of living in the city, as well as registered to vote in the city. Call 703-385-385-7935.

**Fairfax County Needs Volunteer Advocates** to promote the quality of life and care for people living in Fairfax County nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Volunteers are assigned to a specific facility and spend four hours per week (two during the weekday) meeting with residents. Good diplomacy

and communication skills are essential. Training takes place Sept. 15, 16 and 26. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, 703-324-5422 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman).

**The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic,** a non-profit organization that fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions, has a critical need for bilingual (Spanish-English) volunteers to serve as wish granters, interview interpreters and document translators. Time commitment is ongoing but flexible. For more, contact the Make-A-Wish Foundation at 301-962-9474.

**Language Access Coordinator** seeks bilingual speakers of foreign languages for the Fairfax County Office of County Executive to serve as volunteer verifiers of translated government documents. After training, interviewing and testing, volunteers can review for accuracy the many documents that are routinely translated for public distribution. To qualify, participants must have e-mail access, as most of this work can be done from home, and a good command of written English and be able to speak the appropriate language. Call 703-324-2531.

**Project SUCCESS** is seeking donations for items to put into transition bags for children who are moving into the foster care system without notice. The transition bags are canvas bags filled with items for ages newborn to 18. All donated items must be new. Items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, school supplies, paperback books, key chains, pajamas, underwear and socks, small stuffed animals and toiletries will help. Call 703-425-6240.

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**Springfield Art Guild** invites all artists to exhibit in the Greenspring Garden juried art show from Aug. 25th through Oct. 27. Work will be received Aug. 25. Call 703-644-6677 or visit [www.Springfieldartguild.com](http://www.Springfieldartguild.com) for the prospectus.

**U.S. Navy Reserve officer Lt. Cmdr. Irvin Gray** was recognized at The SemperComm Foundation's annual gala on May 22 with the 2008 SemperComm Award. Gray resides in Washington, D.C. The SemperComm Award is given to nominated U.S. military service members for their efforts to boost the morale of fellow service members. The SemperComm Foundation is a charitable nonprofit organization work-

ing to boost the morale of military service members stationed at small and remote overseas bases.

**Marilyn Suszko** received the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2007 from Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Suszko began volunteering at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital 12 years ago. She has served on the Scholarship and Nominating Committees, as recording secretary, vice president and president, and she is currently historian for the Auxiliary Board. Suszko has given over 8,300 volunteer hours on the surgical floor, as a patient visitor and in our Gift Shop.

**The Credit Union Executive Society**, headquartered in Fairfax, has

given an industry honor to Apple Federal Credit Union. Apple's eco-minded Go Green Web site Awareness Campaign was recognized with a Golden Mirror Award for achievement in electronic marketing. This is the second recognition Apple has received for this campaign. During the Credit Union National Association's annual conference, Go Green was selected to receive the organization's Diamond Award merit honors.

**Bergeron's Flowers & Events**, a Springfield florist serving the area for over 20 years, has opened a new Web site. Customers worldwide can now purchase flowers from the shop at [www.bergeronsva.com](http://www.bergeronsva.com).

## CRIME

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in an apparent robbery attempt that took place Monday, July 14 in the 8000 block of Horseshoe Cottage Circle in the Lorton area. A 44-year-old woman was reportedly awoken by a man in her bedroom around 9:30 a.m. The suspect bound the woman and led her through the home on an apparent search for money. He then locked her in a bathroom and continued his search. He fled a short time later. The victim was not seriously injured. The suspect was described as having a dark complexion. He wore a black mask, black T-shirt and blue jeans. He was approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed approximately 180 pounds.

### ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF AN OCCUPIED DWELLING

**6100 block of Squire Lane.** Police were called to a home in the 6100 block of Squire Lane at 8:55 a.m. on Monday, July 14 for a reported burglary of an occupied dwelling. Officers learned the three teenage female occupants were alone in the home when a teenage boy walked up to their front door. He knocked loudly and kicked the door. The girls did not recognize the boy so they did not answer. A short time later, they heard banging on the rear door of the home. The victims called police. The lock on the rear door was broken and the door was slightly ajar but it did not appear the suspect entered the home. The suspect was described as Hispanic, 13 to 14 years old. He was about 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighed 130 pounds.

### ROBBERY

**7000 block of Braddock Mews Place.** An 18-year-old Alexandria-area man was robbed Wednesday evening. The victim and his friend were driving west on Braddock Road. They pulled over on Braddock Mews Place to look at a map. The passenger exited the vehicle to smoke a cigarette. While the victim was sitting in car he was approached by a man at his driver-side window. The suspect told the victim to get out of the car and demanded his wallet. The victim complied and the suspect fled with the property.

### LARCENIES

**6100 block of Franconia Road.** Bank statements stolen from residence.  
**5500 block of Backlick Road.** Computer stolen from business.  
**5500 block of Burgundy Place.** Hubcap stolen from car in shopping center parking lot.  
**6800 block of Clowser Court.** GPS stolen from vehicle.  
**5500 block of Callcott Way.** Front license plate stolen from vehicle.  
**6200 block of Edsall Road.** Scrap metal stolen from business.

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# Developers Seek To Retool BRAC Plans

Nominations for private sector infrastructure in support of base realignment.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**F**our BRAC-related nominations in the Mount Vernon and Springfield area are considering varying degrees of changes to their current proposals if they hope to move further up in the vetting process required to ultimately gain approval from the Board of Supervisors. The nominations, designed to build over 12 million square feet of office, hotel and residential space to support the nearly 19,000 government and military personnel being moved to southern Fairfax County, all met defeat at the South County Federation meeting held July 8.

**THE PROPOSALS**, for office buildings on Yarnwood Court in Springfield, office and hotel buildings on both sides of Boston Boulevard in Springfield and two joint-town-center projects in Lorton, would bring thousands of private sector jobs to the south county area. Resolutions passed by the South County Federation, a community organization made up of property owners from southern Fairfax County, are not binding, and do not ultimately doom a proposal's chances. However, the SCF and similar councils throughout the county's districts

hold substantial clout with their county Supervisors. If a resolution to oppose a prospective development is passed, the district supervisor will rarely vote against it.

In the case of the Boston Boulevard nomination, which would have been located directly south of the Engineering Proving Grounds, the companies involved have withdrawn their offer. Lawyer Lynne Strobel, the agent representing the nominators throughout the process, confirmed as much Monday.

"[My clients] will continue with the properties' existing use," said Strobel, whose clients, Boston Properties, currently own approximately 50 percent of the properties they nominated.

In order to build BRAC-related developments, proposals must first be vetted from a gauntlet of commissions, councils and federations at the local and county levels before they can be given to the Board of Supervisors, the final arbiter in the matter.

**BECAUSE THESE** developments typically seek to significantly redevelop the area, their proposals often clash with the proposed site's current zoning and planning laws. In the case of most of the nominations, the properties' current Floor Area Ratio (FAR), which limits the amount of

building density that can take place on a section of land, needed to be bumped up significantly to reflect the area's proposed change of use.

"Because of the South County Federation vote and the BRAC Task Force looking at voting in favor of retaining the existing comprehensive, my client is seriously considering pulling the offer," said Strobel.

Strobel also represents the two nominations for town center complexes in Lorton. As with the other two proposals, she said the nominating companies are mulling over possible changes to their current proposals.

BRAC APR Task Force member Steven Levenson said the committees involved at every level of the review must walk a tight rope when considering these nominations.

"We're trying to balance the competing interests of developments [along with] trying to accommodate getting another Pentagon dropped on our door," said Levenson, who added that he was generally supportive of all the nominations.

Although he described himself as pro-business, Levenson also speculated that if Mount Vernon and Springfield did not take advantage of these proposals to help spur development, their neighbors would.

**"IF WE DON'T** do anything, you can bet your bottom dollar that Prince William

County will immediately set up an industrial zone next door to take those nominations," he said.

The proposed town center complexes, collectively nominated by almost a dozen companies, would build almost four million square feet of office, hotel and residential space along properties in Giles Run and Richmond Highway. The nominations, both represented through the process by Strobel, were meant to be coordinated.

"It was done as a kind of joint proposal," said Strobel.

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— Steven Levenson,  
BRAC APR Task Force

Messages left by voicemail seeking comment from Steven Schmitz, nominator for the properties on Yarnwood Court, were not returned by the time The Connection went to press.

## Arrests for Contraband

**T**hree hundred thousand cartons of untaxed, unstamped, contraband cigarettes — worth more than \$4 million — led to the arrests of 15 people including four from Springfield, Fairfax and Alexandria, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg.

The 15 defendants conspired to transport, receive, possess, sell, distribute and purchase the contraband cigarettes, Rosenberg said.

Nine separate criminal complaints were issued, involving contraband cigarette trafficking, money laundering, identification document fraud, conspiracy to commit passport fraud, and identity theft schemes.

Paul Kookwon Park (a.k.a. Chun Xian Tong), 39 of Springfield, Jong Sung Chae (a.k.a. Fuying Zhu), 40 of Fairfax, and Young Woo Loh (a.k.a. Yingshu Han), 33 of Fairfax, were charged with conspiracy to commit social security fraud.

Yung Soo Kim (a.k.a. Feng Ying Li), 44

of Springfield, was charged with social security fraud.

Chul Lee (a.k.a. Xiping Yao), 51 of Alexandria, was charged with conspiracy to commit passport fraud.

Three Annandale residents were charged as well as two from Stafford and Fredericksburg. The other defendants were from Columbia, Md., Illinois and Georgia.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and Fairfax County Police Department investigated the case. The FBI, IRS, Virginia and Maryland departments of motor vehicles, Northern Virginia Tax Board, Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Labor, Social Security Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of State, Postal Service, and Secret Service assisted in the investigations.

— KEN MOORE

## VIEWPOINTS

How do you beat the summer heat?

— CIARA RICHARDS

"I like the heat. I sit outside on the back patio and enjoy the weather. I grew up in South Carolina where it is a lot hotter and muggier."

**Patty Daso, Burke**



"I stay at home."

**Shawn Ho, Pa.**



"With an iced Starbucks coffee."

**Barbara Stefanakis, Gainesville**



"I go to the Commonwealth Swimming Pool with my kids."

**Lexie Staton, Fairfax**



"Air conditioning."

**Shannon Gebhart, Fairfax Station**



# Updating Look of Kings Park Park

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from the previous information session that was held in March. Out of these suggestions, park planners had decided that facilities such as restrooms and a racquetball court would be impractical because restrooms take a lot of maintenance and there already is a court nearby. However, they were still considering improvements such as a longer trail loop and an upgraded playground. Suggested new facilities for the unused space included an off-leash dog park, picnic pavilions and an open athletic field.

The presentation also discussed the limitations involving construction at the three potential sites, as seen in the two diagrams, of unused space. The soil in Site 1 cannot support structures and would need to be compacted, adding to costs. The asphalt would have to be removed from Site 2 before construction began, and Site 3 would have to be examined by archeologists before new structures could be added.

Following the presentation, the public was split into groups to give their input. Each group had an enlarged diagram of the park on which cut-outs of the potential new facilities could be placed to scale. Several criticisms of the current state of the park were raised. Some were unhappy with the amount of foliage and dense underbrush as well as the upkeep of the playground. This prevents visibility to other parts of the park and the lack of light causes the playground, according to Susan Malmberg of Kings Park, to look "spooky." Many agreed that the area needed to be cleared and the playground upgraded. Another criticism was the lack of facilities for older kids and in response to this Malmberg suggested a boulder playground.



Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this diagram represent possible areas for the addition of new facilities to the park. Suggested additions include a dog park, a picnic pavilion and a rectangle playing field.

**THE IDEAS** for Site 1 varied. Some wanted a dog park, while others were in favor of a playing field or a picnic pavilion. Those living next to the park suggested the reforestation of site in order to provide more coverage between the park and surrounding

residences.

They were reluctant to agree with the idea to expand the trail loop through the site as it might cause additional foot traffic and noise.

"Our neighborhood is very lucky to have

9.2 acres of park land. I'm excited that we have a chance to offer designs on this space including the former Royal Pool site. .... It was a very worthwhile meeting," said Nancy Jones of Kings Park in response to the group exercise.

## Looking for Common Ground over Club

FROM PAGE 3

the surrounding properties, the club cannot apply to expand capacity or increase parking. However, even McKay admitted that there was little that could be done to close the club, which is operating in a fully legal manner.

"I can have a team of code inspectors visit them every day, but if we don't redevelop that area the problem isn't going to go away," he said.

Tawny Hammond, president of the Springfield Civic Association, said the club's opening caught the community by surprise.

"[Paper Moon] has to understand that we were blindsided by this," Hammond, whose organization is opposed to having the club operate on Amherst, said.

**HAMMOND INSISTED** her

association's main complaint is the club's location in central Springfield, though she did admit that some members of the organization probably object to it on moral grounds.

"We object to the location. I think it would be a waste of everyone's time to wax rhapsodic about the morals of having strip clubs," she said.

"These are people who are coming in, they watch women dancing naked, then they leave. I don't know that they're going to dinner or shopping at the bookstore," she said.

Nancy-Jo Manning, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, said that while it's difficult to track whether or not individual establishments like the Paper Moon Club help or harm the surrounding local economy, in the grand scheme of

things, they likely have little, if any, effect.

"They probably have a neutral impact on the economy, no more or less than any other business," she said.

Manning also added every business, regardless of its content, can have a negative or positive impact in an area by how they keep up on "curb appeal," or maintenance of the area around their property.

"Whether it's Paper Moon or a local shopping plaza, a bank or a restaurant, we want them all to keep their grass cut, keep the trash picked up on their property," she said. "We want them to be good citizens in the community."

Hammond expressed similar sentiments when asked for a realistic goal the association had, given the club's legal status. She replied she was not opposed to reaching out to the Paper Moon



A truck advertising The Paper Moon Club sits in the club's parking lot on Amherst Drive, a code violation according to Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay.

Club, but emphasized that in order to find common terms the club must reach back.

"If they're going to stay here and make money off the Springfield community, then they should invest in the Springfield community.

I'd be happy to sit together and talk with them," she said. "A successful outcome for me would be no increase in violent crime and a clean tidy property."

The Paper Moon Club declined to comment for this story.

# FAITH

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Truro Church** is accepting donations of books, videos, CDs, DVDs and cassettes prior to a yard sale. Donations may be dropped off July 28 through Aug. 7. Tax donation forms available at drop-off. The sale will run Aug. 8-10. Truro Church is located at 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-631-1275 or visit [www.trurochurch.org](http://www.trurochurch.org).

**Community Covenant Church** is about to set sail with The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales VBS. July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-12p.m. Free, refreshments will be served. This high seas adventure is for preschoolers ages 3-5; space is limited. Call Community Covenant Church, 7018 Sydenstricker Road, Springfield, or visit [www.covenantchurchva.org/resources/registr.pdf](http://www.covenantchurchva.org/resources/registr.pdf).

**Ekaji Buddhist Temple** hosts a Naikan workshop with Mark LaWall, Saturday, Aug. 9 from 1-4 p.m. Free; lunch will be provided. Naikan is a method of self-reflection that can help better understand relationships, and the nature of existence. The Ekaji Buddhist Temple was founded in 1981, and supports the practice of Shin Buddhists throughout the area. Activities include study groups and taiko drum ensemble. The Dharma school offers Buddhist education for children and related social activities. Ekaji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lake Haven Lane, Fairfax Station. Call 703-239-0500 or visit [www.ekaji.org](http://www.ekaji.org).

**Shabbat Under the Stars** on Fri-

day, August 15. Join Congregation Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield in the Adat Reyim Amphitheater in back of the building at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a picnic, bring dairy-pareve dinner. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., Erev Shabbat Service led by the Adat Reyim Folk Group. Call 703-569-7577.

Preschool and Religious School Dinner and Open House. Thursday, Aug. 7 and Sunday, Aug. 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at **Congregation Adat Reyim**, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield. Meet the school's directors for dinner and children's activities. Tour the facility and learn about Adat Reyim's programs. Call 703-569-7577.

**St. Stephen's UMC** is hosting iPraise! Worship Arts Camp for rising second through seventh graders Aug. 18-22, from 1-4:30 p.m., at 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. Camp will explore, teach and produce creative expressions of worship. Sessions will feature multimedia/drama, photography, needlecraft, bells/chimes/boomwhackers and other creative arts. Registration required by Aug. 15; registration forms are available online or in the church office. Call Lisa at 703-978-8724.

Back to School Praise in the Park celebration Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., **Providence Park**, West Drive, Fairfax. All are invited to enjoy songs by area youth church choirs, inspirational messages, demonstrations by the police and fire departments, free food and more. For information or to contribute call 703-352-1341.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is for people interested in be-

coming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith. A group will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Parish Hall at St Leo the Great Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax City, and continues on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. All are welcome. Call 703-273-5369.

**Truro MOPS**, for mothers of preschoolers aged 0 to 5, meets the second Thursday of every month for fellowship, discussion, a light meal, and an opportunity to hear speakers on topics relevant to women and mothers. Registrations accepted for the new year; the first meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Childcare available on request. Contact Debbie Cole at [dleinwashington@aol.com](mailto:dleinwashington@aol.com).

**The Spiritual Parenting** support group meets the first Sunday of every month, 12-1 p.m., at Washington Irving Middle School in Springfield. Visit [www.NewWorldUnity.org](http://www.NewWorldUnity.org) or call 703-690-7925. Childcare is available on request.

**Burke Community Church** offers a weekly group for men called Men's Fraternity to help discover authentic manhood as directed through the Word of God. Tuesdays, 6 a.m., at 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield.

**Divorce Care** is a weekly Bible Study care group that helps those who are transitioning through a divorce. The group meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor at First Baptist Church of Springfield, 7300 Gary St., Springfield. Childcare and children's activities are provided. Call 703-451-1500.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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**A new Jewish Boy Scout Troop** has been formed to serve boys from 11 to 17 years old. Troop 1818 will be affiliated with Cub Scout Pack 1818, although prior Cub Scout experience is not necessary. Troop 1818 will observe Shabbat, Jewish holidays and Jewish dietary laws, and meet weekly at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road in the Mantua area of Fairfax. Upcoming activities include camping, hiking, first aid and emergency preparedness. For Troop 1818, call Robert Book at 703-766-0187 or email [rbook@pobox.com](mailto:rbook@pobox.com). For Pack 1818, call Steve Lamar at 703-846-0373 or email [lamarsteve@gmail.com](mailto:lamarsteve@gmail.com).

**Springfield-Franconia Host Lions Club**. Since 1954, through annual events and fund-raisers, the club supports sight, hearing, and youth activities at the local, state and international level. Visit [www.sfhostlions.org](http://www.sfhostlions.org) or attend a free dinner meeting by calling 703-998-8811 or e-mailing [fsbandy@msn.com](mailto:fsbandy@msn.com).

**Burke Toastmasters Club**. Focusing on improving communication skills, meets at The Oaks Community Center, located at 5708 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Call Raj Manda at 703-426-8784 or Clint Conerly at 703-250-9504.

**Wakefield Chorale** auditions for new members Tuesday evenings from

7:30-9:30 p.m. in the choral room of Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Costs are \$5 for dues and the price of sheet music. For more information call 703-938-8044.

**The Fairfax Jubilaires**, a barbershop harmony chorus, is seeking to expand membership. A cappella singers of all backgrounds are encouraged to join the group. Currently, the organization consists of male singers in their 50s and 60s. Singing four-part a cappella harmony, the group covers songs from the turn of the century to the music of the 1940s, 50s and 60s. The group meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., at Old Town Hall in (Old Town) Fairfax City on the corner of University Drive and Main Street. For more visit [www.thefairfaxjubilaires.org](http://www.thefairfaxjubilaires.org).

**OAR (Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources), Inc. of Fairfax County** hosts a bimonthly Family Support Group for those with a loved one who is incarcerated. Meetings are held at the OAR office, 10640 Page Ave., No. 250, Fairfax. The group meets the first and third Thursday of every month. It is free and open to all. For more information, or directions, call OAR at 703-246-3033.

**Boy Scout Troop 859** has outdoor activities that include camping, hiking, rock climbing and canoeing. Summer camp opportunities including high-adventure backpacking in the Blue Ridge Mountains and canoeing and backpacking in the Maine Wilderness. Troop 859 meets every Tuesday at Saratoga Elementary School, 8111 Northumberland Road, Springfield. Call Grant Thornton at 703-569-1314.

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## Senior Sluggers Put on Show

Northern Virginia Senior Softball hosts annual All-Star Game.

BY ANDREW DODSON  
THE CONNECTION

**B**en Fisher remembers playing Little League baseball against Gary Parks in Arlington over a half century. After the days of Little League, they did not see each other until they met up on the diamond again — 50 years later.

“We always played against each other,” Fisher said. “And now we get to play against each other again.”

“Whatever level of play you are and as long as you are in some kind of shape, we’ll have a team for you to play on”

— Dave Scheele,  
NVSS Publicity  
Chairman

“Whatever level of play you are and as long as you are in some kind of shape, we’ll have a team for you to play on,” said NVSS Publicity Chairman Dave Scheele. “It’s great for your health and it’s just a great opportunity to have fun.”

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Do not let the gray hair fool you; these boys play with as much heart and strength as Major League All-Stars of today. Many of them have the ability to crank the ball over 300 feet out of the park — ask any of the players about Bill Grewe.

“Those are automatic for him,” said outfielder Bob Williams. “He can hit

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Paul Schmitt makes a pitch during the Northern Virginia Senior Softball All-Star game in Vienna held on July 16.



Tom Garofalo high-fives Jim Ridgell after Ridgell made a nice catch to end the inning.

### 2008 All-Star Selections

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	Bob Williams	Washington, D.C.
	Wayne Masefield	Reston
	Tony Giannini	Oakton
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	Pete Shockley	Alexandria
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	Ben Fisher	Fairfax
	Jerry Sviatko	Alexandria
	National League 7	
	Tom Ramberg	Reston
	Jackie Bell	Woodbridge
	Ed Haith	Manassas
	Jerry Sheetz	Lorton
	Alan Gillespie	Springfield

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	Gary Parks	Stone Ridge
	Dave Shultz	Ashburn
	Mike Burchfield	Annandale
	Frank Jacobs	South Riding
	National League 4	
	Mike Bellows	Fairfax
	David Black	Burke
	Tom Bowers	Herndon
	Donzell Jackson	Fairfax Station
	Larry Scarlata	Springfield
	National League 5	
	Wayne Cowles	Springfield
	Steve Turchan	Burke
	Dan Barolo	Alexandria
	David Hobson	Arlington
	Paul Math	Annandale
	Jeff Harrison	Springfield
	Bruce Remick	Springfield
	Bryon Stiflar	Springfield

#### Continental Conference

Jefferson Division	Continental Conference 1	
	Roger Redelman	Fairfax
	Don Luhn	Alex
	Jim Ridgell	Alex
	Bob Cullers	Strasburg, Va.
	Continental Conference 3	
	Jim Fuller	Burke
	Barry Sidman	McLean
	Continental Conference 4	
	Bruce Pels	Arlington
	Chuck Teaman	Locust Grove, Va.
	Barry Newman	Annandale
	Lloyd Spafford	Great Falls
	Continental Conference 5	
	Norman Aronovic	Vienna
	Ron Sarson	Oak Hill
	Tom Garofalo	Great Falls
	Ron Paulson	Springfield
	Continental Conference 8	
	Rob Stotz	McLean
	Henry Ruempler	Alexandria
	Guy Sapienza	Herndon
	Jim Meyers	Annandale
	Continental Conference 2	
	Tom Robinson	Falls Church
	Gene Earl	Gainesville, Va.
	Baz Baziliuk	Burke
	Steve Ordun	Vienna
	Continental Conference 3	
	Benita Stanley	Lake Ridge, Va.
	John Miller	Lorton
	Continental Conference 6	
	Ted Ringelheim	Springfield
	Paul Schmitt	Vienna
	Howard Walton	Fairfax
	Pete Hoffman	Oakton
	Continental Conference 7	
	Dick Peyer	Falls Church
	Ernie Vuley	Haymarket
	Ted Brown	Springfield
	Mark Canoyer	Fairfax
	Continental Conference 9	
	Baz Bazan	Centreville
	Charlie Rainey	Vienna
	John Szpanka	Fairfax
	Don Bartlett	Fairfax Station

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# This Week in Swimming

NVSL Division 2 **Fairfax Station** had a strong performance at the All Star Relay Carnival held July 16th, finishing fourth behind the Division 1 powerhouse teams **Overlee** (620), **Chesterbrook** (523) and **Vienna Aquatic** (410). Fairfax Station tied with **McLean** for 4th with 352 points. Fairfax Station then concluded the NVSL dual meet season undefeated, with a 219-190 win over Hunter Mill on Saturday. The Division 2 champions relied on their depth within all age groups which also enabled them to place highly at All Star Relays, with many second and third place finishers contributing key points to the victory. Sweeps by the 8 and under girls backstrokers (Faith Lowery, Jenna Jaso, Taylor Lingar,) and the 9-10 boys butterflyers (Roman Lowery, Billy Mackey, Will Rider) kept the cheering at maximum level.

Winning two individual events for Fairfax Station were Joseph Stedham, Faith Lowery, Patrick Hesse, Genevieve Munch, Meaghan Gallagher, Roman Lowery, Erica Narel and Maggie Rodgers. Also winning an individual event were Bo Ilgenfritz, Jordan

Parry, Katie Munch, Ashley Weldon, and Jenna Jaso.

The **Burke Centre Stingers** ended their impressive dual meet season of 4-1 with a win over **Hayden Village** Saturday at the Commons, 248-194. Three team records fell throughout the morning. Triple-event winner Rachel Canty set a new 13-14 girls breaststroke record with a time of 36.94, breaking the previous record of 37.21 set 10 years ago. Double-winner Molly Emery bettered her 15-18 butterfly record, which she originally set two years ago, by over half a second with a new time of 30.42. The final record-breaking swim of the day came when the 15-18 boys medley relay team of Matthew Osiecki, Cameron Boster, Nick Leverone, and Kyle Bumiller broke a 1997 record of 2:04.60 posting a new time of 2:03.16. In other highlights, the boys won all their relays, with the 9-10 boys, led by triple winner Caleb Hicks, sweeping each of their individual events. Making up the rest of the event winners were Katya McGough and Nick Leverone



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**The Burke Centre Stingers finished 4-1 on the season.**

(each winning 2 events), and Nick Longo, Josh Daniels, Tyler Strong, Sean Poling, Clinton Schwartz, Bradley Bryer, Ben Kurz, Matthew Osiecki and Cameron Boster. Overall the Stingers posted 32 personal best times.

## Senior Sluggers Put on Show

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homers at will."

Both dugouts lock focus on his smooth swing each at bat waiting for another ball to go the yard. Last year, Grewe set the NVSS record, clobbering 58 homeruns in a single season.

While other sports like tennis and golf provide great recreational and healthy activity, softball offers something more, according to outfielder Peter Shockley.

"The thing about softball is it's a team sport and you have that atmosphere," Shockley said. "You can make a lot of friends out here."

Shockley sat the all-star game, nursing a back injury. He said he is saving his back for the games that really matter in the coming week. His team currently sits in a tie for first in the division.

**DEFENSE WAS PIVOTAL** in the first two innings for both teams. The Wilson division All-Stars scored the first run of the game in the third inning.

Powerful hitting continued in the fourth and fifth inning for the Wilson team, racing to a 7-1 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth.

One memorable highlight came when second baseman, 'Crazy' Jerry Sviatko laid out for a diving grab in the infield. Sviatko threw the ball to the shortstop covering the base for the inning-ending out while still on the ground. Teammates and opponents both applauded the play by the retired schoolteacher and Sviatko walked back into the dugout with a small grin on his face.

Washington Division's All-Stars rallied for an extra run in the seventh inning, but Wilson's All-Stars answered with two runs. Going into the ninth inning, Washington trailed 9-2.

"Come on guys," one player shouted. "Let's do this one bat at a time."

A controversial out at first caused the Washington dugout to jeer at the first base umpire.

"Come on Blue," shouted one player. "Yeah, we need all the help we can get right now," echoed another.

Power hitter Tom Wells pelted a ball into centerfield. The outfielder quickly threw back to first, causing the first baseman to leap for a catch. When the first baseman came down, Wells collided with him. The collision forced the Washington manager to pull the injured Wells out of the game.

With two outs, the Washington Division All-Stars strung together a slew of hits and pulled in a run, but it was not enough to overcome the 9-3 deficit. The game ended with a grounder thrown to first.

**AFTER THE GAME**, both teams met at centerfield for a line of handshakes. The game proved that you are never too old to enjoy America's favorite pastime. Each player comes from a different background, yet the 500-plus members of NVSS each join for the same love for the game.

First baseman Jerry Sheetz said he feels privileged to play with some of the greatest guys he has ever met.

"It's amazing when you look around and see that this guy had bypass surgery, or this guy has cancer. It kind of makes it hard to complain about a paper cut," said Sheetz.

A picnic followed the game and as players headed over for it, all they talked about were certain plays during the game and what they would have done differently. It was quite evident these grown boys truly love baseball.

"It doesn't matter who you are," said Scheele. "As long as you love the game, come on out and play ball."

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## Renner Invited to Prestigious Prep Quarterback Camp

Bryn Renner, the rising senior quarterback at West Springfield, is currently in Southern California at the State College EA SPORTS Elite 11 regional camp, after his selection was made public last week.

The Elite 11 quarterback event is an invitation-only camp that provides the nation's top high school quarterbacks with high-level instruction, and is generally considered as the premier amateur prep quarterback camp. The Elite 11 camp is held annually July 21-24.

The high school quarterbacks were selected through an extensive evaluation process, which includes film research and in-person and telephone interviews. More than 1,000 quarterbacks are evaluated annually before 11 participants are invited.

Renner impressed scouts at a satellite camp in Las Vegas, Nev., where he captured the accuracy challenged and was awarded the golden jersey.

Renner committed to the University of North Carolina on March 27 following an unofficial visit. Other schools interested in the 6-foot-3, 190-pound Renner included Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Maryland among others.

Renner was an All-Northern Region selection as a sophomore wide receiver, but burst onto the recruiting scene with a stellar junior season when he moved to quarterback. He accounted for over 3,300 yards of offense and 42 touchdowns while leading the Spartans — who are coached by his father Bill Renner — to a 10-3 season and berth in the region championship.

Bill Renner graduated from Lee, went to Virginia Tech and as a 6-foot, 198-pounder, spent two years as a punter for the Green Bay Packers. Renner founded 4th Down Sports, which offers individualized instruction

In 2007, he completed 214-of-339 attempts (63.1 percent) for 2,749 yards, 32 touchdowns and seven interceptions. He also carried the ball 124 times for 598 yards — a 4.8-yard per carry average — and 10 additional touchdowns.

Renner joins Tajh Boyd (committed to West Virginia) as the seventh Virginia native to participate in the Elite 11 camp over the past decade. It's the third straight year that two Virginia quarterbacks are represented. Westfield's Mike Glennon (N.C. State) and E.J. Manuel (Florida State) went in 2007 and West Springfield's Peter Lalich (Virginia) and Tyrod Taylor (Virginia Tech) participated in 2006.

The other nine 2008 participants include Richard Brehaut (Los Osos, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Allan Bridgford (Mission, Viejo, Calif.), Raymond Cotton (Meade, Fort Meade, Md.), Garrett Gilbert (Lake Travis, Austin, Texas), Andrew Maxwell (Midland, Midland, Mich.), A.J. McCarron (St. Paul's, Mobile, Ala.), Zach Mettenberger (Oconee County, Watkinsville, Ga.), Aaron Murray (Plant, Tampa, Fla.), Tom Savage (Cardinal O'Hara, Springfield, Pa.) and Eugene Smith (Miramar, Miramar, Fla.).

All campers are rising seniors and 10 of the 11 have verbally committed to colleges, including two (Mettenberger and Murray) to the University of Georgia. Smith is the only quarterback yet to make a college commitment.

The Elite 11 quarterbacks compete against each other and receive tutelage from top college counselors and Elite 11 coaching staff including Chase Daniel (Missouri); Colt McCoy (Texas); Curtis Painter (Purdue); Bobby Reid (Texas Southern); Mark Sanchez (University of Southern Cal) and Matt Stafford (Georgia).

Notable Elite 11 alumni include current NFLers Vince Young (Tennessee Titans), Matt Leinart (Arizona Cardinals), Brodie Croyle (Kansas City Chiefs), Troy Smith (Baltimore Ravens), JaMarcus Russell (Oakland Raiders), John David Booty (Minnesota Vikings), Andre Woodson (New York Giants) and current Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow (University of Florida).

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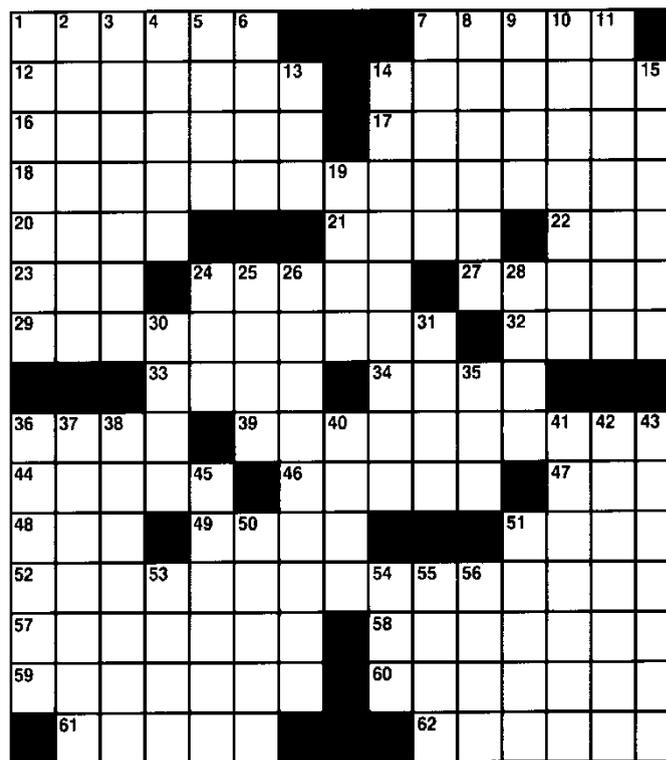
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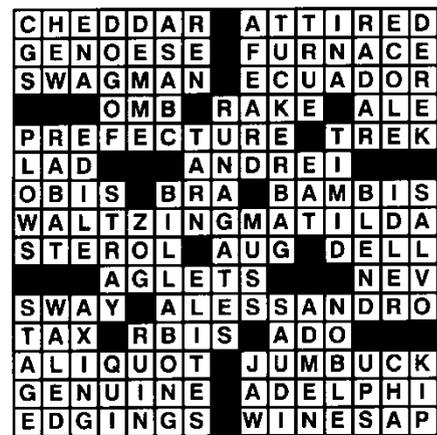
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- "The Second Coming" poet
- Like plain paper
- Monopoly game marker
- An essential amino acid
- Sophocles tragedy
- Place to find keys
- Scraps
- One of three pieces
- Back muscle, familiarly
- Sport —
- Son of Indira
- Kind of pen
- Place to find keys
- Hot
- Buffet
- Charge too much
- Riffraff
- Place to find keys
- Skater Harding
- "All That Jazz" director
- "— Had It" (1959 hit)
- Priestly garb
- Slammer
- Pianist Gilels
- Place to find keys
- Destroyed
- Take again
- Keystone Kops producer Mack
- Distinguishing mark
- Overhead lighting?
- Bikini tryouts

### DOWN

- Round
- Discover
- Board member
- into (gets by chance)
- Artist Nadelman
- Monthly budget item
- "Go, team, go!" and others
- Lifts upright

- Canada Day
- Polynesian carving
- Prize since 1949
- Milk dispensers
- "Where — we?"
- Flow stoppage
- Cash, in Costa Rica
- Like rare or medium steak
- V-chips block it
- Auto mechanics set them
- Clear
- Takes a load off
- More pale
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