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Todd Chmielewskim, a member of the American Legion Post 177 Sons of the American Legion, was the flag holder during the annual Memorial Day observance in front of the Fairfax Court House.

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## Day To Remember

Area residents and dignitaries attend the annual Memorial Day observance in front of the Fairfax Court House on May 25. Members of the American Legion Post 177 and VFW Post 8469 conducted the Monday morning ceremony.

## Fishy Fillets

**\$12 million  
forfeited plus  
267,570 pounds  
of frozen fish.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**P**eter Xuong Lam, 49, of Fairfax, was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison last week for a conspiracy that led to the importation of 10 million pounds of frozen catfish from Vietnam fraudulently labeled and sold in the United States as sole, grouper, flounder and other species of more expensive fish.

"The sentence is one of the longest imposed by a federal judge for falsely labeling seafood," according to Thom Mrozek, public affairs officer with the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

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# 3 Republicans Run for Attorney General

Virginia GOP picks party nominee at Richmond convention May 30.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Republican Party of Virginia's 2009 nominating convention, taking place May 29-30 in Richmond, could be the largest such event in years.

Approximately 10,600 people have signed up to participate and several Republicans are expecting more than 5,000 people to attend.

"I hear it is the biggest one since Oliver North [was nominated in 1994.] This is the kind of thing we are seeing. Now, we are all engaged. Now, everybody is showing up," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who represents Springfield and South County.

By comparison, just more than 5,000 people signed up for last year's Republican convention and only about 3,100 people attended, despite a close contest between former Gov. Jim Gilmore and Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) for the party's U.S. Senate nomination.

This year's large numbers could reflect the efforts of the three candidates trying to become the Republican pick for attorney general. The convention delegates will select the party's attorney general nominee and

all three campaigns have been working hard to sign up supporters to attend the event.

"Now you have three hard-working guys going out there and recruiting delegates statewide," said Steve Hunt, a Republican and former Fairfax County at-large school board member.

**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES** for attorney general, John Brownlee, Ken Cuccinelli and Dave Foster all have strong Northern Virginia connections and have been actively recruiting delegates in the area.

Brownlee, the former U.S. Attorney for Virginia's western district, now lives in Roanoke but graduated from Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax County. As a soldier in the U.S. Army, he was also stationed at Fort Meyer in Arlington and lived in Arlington again when he worked as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Cuccinelli lives in Centreville and has represented Burke, Springfield and parts of western Fairfax County in the Virginia senate since 2002. He grew up in McLean, and is Northern Virginia's only remaining Republican state senator following the 2007 state elections.

Foster was born in Arlington and currently resides there; he served eight years on the Arlington County School Board, after first being elected in 1999.

**IF ELECTED**, all three candidates promised to defend and improve upon Virginia's "business friendly" environment.

"I have spent my 28 years in the law representing a range of businesses from fortune 100 companies to start ups. I have a lot of familiarity with what draws a business to a state and encourages it to expand there," said Foster.

Should the U.S. Congress pass "card check" legislation, which could strengthen labor unions' abilities to grow membership, the three Republican candidates said they would be willing to challenge the law in court, possibly on constitutional grounds.

"If you had forced unionization, it would be devastating to jobs here in Virginia. My job as attorney general is to protect our right-to-work laws," said Brownlee.

All three candidates also promised to help reduce "red tape" and regulations they said

are a burden to Virginia businesses and discourage economic growth.

"The attorney general deals with the regulation in Virginia and gives legal advice to all the state agencies. The attorney general can decide whether government continues to extend the arm of power or takes a hand off approach and allow business to grow and expand," said Cuccinelli.

**THE CANDIDATES** do differ on what other issues might be a top priority if they were elected attorney general.

Brownlee said he would continue former attorney general Bob McDonnell's work

on gang violence. McDonnell had a set of prosecutors and one assistant attorney general focus exclusively on gang violence.

"There is an increasing gang problem and the attorney general is going to play an important role in leading our efforts against gang violence," said Brownlee.

If elected, Cuccinelli said he would want to continue his work on the legal issues sur

**"The number one issue is experience and I am the only prosecutor running."**

— John Brownlee

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## Man Charged in Fair Oaks Abduction, Sexual Assault

Fairfax County police have arrested a man for allegedly assaulting and abducting a Fair Oaks woman he met online. He is Dennis Gregory Rother, 26, of the 300 block of Holly Corner Road in Fredericksburg. He visited the woman, 23, Saturday evening, May 23, in the 12100 block of Elm Forest Way.

Then around 10 p.m., he reportedly carried her into a bedroom and ordered her to disrobe. According to police, Rother grabbed two knives, blocked the door with a piece of furniture and smashed several things inside the apartment. He then allegedly told the woman to put her clothes back on, grabbed her arm and forced her outside into a car. Still allegedly holding the knives, he reportedly ordered her to drive away.

However, as they passed a George Mason University patrol officer, the victim managed to get the officer's attention and he began to follow them. At a stop sign near Stoughten Road and Stonewall Avenue, the woman jumped out of the car and ran to the officer.

After an investigation, police charged Rother with aggravated sexual battery, abduction, felony destruction of property, assault and being drunk in public.

He was released from the Adult Detention Center, May 24, on \$16,000 bond and has a July 1 court date. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

## Police Arrest Suspect in Fairfax Area Child Assault

Fairfax County Police have arrested the man they believe is responsible for sexually assaulting a 10-year-old girl, last week, in the Fairfax area. He is Omar David Santiago, 30, of the 9500 block of Blake Lane in Fairfax.

The incident occurred last Thursday, May 21, around 6:40 p.m., in the 9500 block of Blake Lane. The girl was playing outside with friends. But when she left the group of children and walked to her apartment, she encountered a man sitting on the stairs in the stairwell.

There, say police, the man grabbed her from behind and touched her inappropriately. The girl's friend saw what happened and ran to help her. The man then fled, and the child ran to her apartment and notified an adult. She did not require medical attention.

The following afternoon, Friday, May 22, police were again called to the 9500 block of Blake Lane. But this time, officers found a man who was being restrained by several other people. Police say an investigation determined that the man, identified as Santiago, was allegedly responsible for the sexual assault of the child, the previous day.

Charged with aggravated sexual battery and abduction, Santiago is being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center and has a June 26 court date. Detectives believe there may be other possible victims who have not yet come forward. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.



Dennis Rother

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Omar Santiago

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## NEWS



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The bikers board their hogs and ready for the 'go' signal.

# Ride of Remembrance

Nearly 4,000 bikers take part in the 2009 Ride of the Patriots.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

The revving engines, shrill notes of "Amazing Grace" from the bagpipes and the sea of people sent a clear message and affirmed their purpose: they will never forget.

The 11th annual Ride of the Patriots brought more than 3,800 motorcyclists together, led by the Fairfax chapter of the Harley Owners Group, to remember the men and women in uniform who serve the country and honor their contributions and sacrifices.

After an opening ceremony that featured keynote speakers comprised of elected officials and retired servicemen, a flyover and musical performances, the riders saddled up and joined the nearly 400,000 riders from across the county who descended upon the nation's capital to participate in Rolling Thunder XXII.

"Today is a day we set aside to thank the men and women who have given their lives to keep our country and us safe," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), whose father served in the Marines in World War II. "It is important that we always take the time to remember."

The ceremony kicked off with welcoming remarks from Harley Owners Group Fairfax Chapter Director Mo Smith and Bob DeHaven, CEO of Patriot Harley Davidson, the staging location of the ceremony. Bulova, Del. David Bulova (D-37), Sen. Chap

Peterson (D-34) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) then provided brief remarks on behalf of their governmental bodies, followed by keynote speaker former U.S. Air Force Col. Dick Anderegg.

The Fairfax High School Band opened the musical portion of the event, playing a rendition of "God Bless America," followed by a performance of "Amazing Grace" by the Northern Virginia Firefighter's Emerald Society Pipe Band and Fairfax Deputy Sheriff's Coalition Pipes and Drums that stirred the emotions of the crowd, many of whom were adorned with patches declaring their service to the country and the service of loved ones that they lost.

"I lost a couple of friends in Vietnam, and so I am paying them back for what they did," said Arthur

Embrey, a Bristow resident and five-time Ride of the Patriots participant. "It's been great, a lot of fun. We've rode in the rain sometimes, but it's nothing compared to what [those who served] did."

As promised by event leaders, the ceremony was concluded by a fly-by by Air Force Capt. Fitzsimmons, who serves in the White House Detail on the Marine One helicopter. Though the fly-by

did not come exactly as scheduled, when the sound of the helicopter buzzing overhead came within earshot, the crowd erupted in loud cheers and applause.

After the opening ceremony, all 3,800-plus bikers retired to their motorcycles, which were lined up for more than a mile down Fairfax Boulevard, to begin the ride. As the signal was given to begin the ride, the bikers, one-by-one, funneled through the starting line to begin their trek down Interstate 66 to meet up with the 350,000 other bikers from around the country participating in Rolling Thunder XXII to go to the Vietnam Memorial.

**"It is important that we always take the time to remember."**

— Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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## Credit Card Fraud, Identity Theft Charged

City of Fairfax Police have arrested a suspect they believe is responsible for a series of thefts from parked vehicles. He is Clarence Marcel Baldwin, 21, of no fixed address. On Saturday, May 23, patrol officers responded to the 7-Eleven at 3910 University Drive to investigate a possible fraud case involving someone who was trying to purchase gift cards using a stolen credit card.

A joint investigation by the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division revealed that, during the past several weeks, the suspect and an accomplice had allegedly committed a number of vehicle larcenies in the Country Club Hills neighborhood.

Police charged Baldwin with two counts each of credit card theft, credit card fraud, credit card forgery and identity theft. He's being held without bond in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He's also wanted in Prince George's County, Md., on unrelated charges.

Shantel Kiara Farrow, 19, of the 5200 block of Aldershot Drive, Lanham, Md., was also arrested and charged with one count of possession of stolen property. As a result of the investigation, numerous stolen items were recovered. The investigation is continuing to determine if there are additional victims.

## More Repair Scam Arrests

City of Fairfax Police have charged more people in connection with a December 2008 case involving an elderly, City of Fairfax resident who was repeatedly

victimized by Culpeper-area residents who claimed to do home repairs. The victim paid the fraudulent contractors for repairs that were not performed.

Det. Ed Vaughan of the Criminal Investigations Division investigated the case and, on May 7, arrested Roger Lee Anderson, 35, of 400 block of Arrington Mountain Road in Madison, Va. He was charged with felony false pretense and was later released on personal recognizance from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Vaughan also obtained multiple warrants for two additional suspects and, on May 19, both were taken into custody by the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Steven Lee Gallihugh, 42, and Tambla Ann Gallihugh, 45, both of 900 block of Novum Drive in Reva, Va., were each charged with 12 counts of felony false pretense. Both were taken to the Central Virginia Regional Jail.

Previously charged in connection with this case were Carroll Stringfellow, 41, and Angela Stringfellow, 33, both of the 3800 block of Twyman's Mill Road in Orange, Va., and Johnny Bright, 33, of the 18100 block of Gerry's Run Road in Orange.

## AFYP Offers Play about Internet Safety

AFYP Stages, the new performance division of A Class Act, Acting for Young People, will offer a free, preview performance of its new production, "Sally Surfer and the Wild, Wild Web." It's slated for Sunday, May 31, at 1 p.m., in the George Mason University theater during the Mason Summer Festival. It's



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# Brownlee, Cuccinelli, Foster Vie for A.G.

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rounding mental health treatment. The state senator has worked as a court-appointed lawyer for people facing involuntary commitment.

"There is a lot more refinement that is needed in our system. We need to be bringing in the people who need our help without locking up people who have committed no crime," said Cuccinelli.

He said many of laws passed following the shootings at Virginia Tech have not improved the government's ability to help the mentally ill.

Foster said he is in favor of giving the attorney general the power to investigate voter fraud, which is now left to commonwealth attorneys at the local government level.

Foster said the attorney general is a more appropriate figure to handle voter fraud because the issue can cross county and city lines.

"We need centralized expertise in Virginia on this issue. Certainly, there are reports from time to time that are concerning and even a small amount of voter fraud is too much," said Foster.

**EACH CANDIDATE** claims that they are the strongest Republican to take on the Democratic Party's attorney general candidate Steve Shannon in the fall general election. Shannon is a Vienna resident, former Fairfax County prosecutor and holds the 35<sup>th</sup> district seat in the Virginia House of Delegates.

Brownlee said his experience as the top federal prosecutor for half of the commonwealth over the last seven years would help him in a race against Shannon.

"The number one issue is experience and I am the only prosecutor running [on the Republican side.] The voters want someone with prosecutor experience. The attorney general reviews evidence and decides whether they want a case to move forward," said Brownlee.

As U.S. Attorney in Virginia, Brownlee worked to extract \$634 million in fines for misleading marketing of OxyContin.

Brownlee is also the only veteran of military service in the race on the Democrat or Republican side, which he said would give

## John Brownlee (R)

**Age:** 44  
**Residence:** Roanoke

**Family:** wife Lee Ann and two daughters

**Employer/Job:** former U.S. Attorney for Virginia's western district

**Hometown/Grew Up In:** Fairfax County (Robinson Secondary School graduate)

**Education:** Washington and Lee University (1987 - Business Administration and Accounting), William & Mary Law School (1994)

**Community Engagement/Relevant Experience:** former U.S. Attorney for Virginia's western district; served as a major in U.S. Army; teaches trial advocacy at University of Virginia Law School



## Ken Cuccinelli (R)

**Age:** 40  
**Residence:** Centreville  
**Family:** wife Teiro, five daughters, two sons

**Employer/Job:** partner in Cuccinelli and Day PLLC (City of Fairfax)

**Hometown/Grew Up In:** McLean

**Education:** University of Virginia (1991-Mechanical Engineering), George Mason University School of Law and Economics (1995), George Mason University (2000-Master's degree - International Commerce and Policy)

**Community Engagement/Relevant Experience:** Virginia state Senator (2002-present); served as court appointed attorney for people who are involved in Virginia's involuntary commitment process; member of Virginia's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee (1994-1999)



## Dave Foster (R)

**Age:** 55  
**Residence:** Arlington

**Family:** wife Martha and two children

**Employer/Job:** partner at Fulbright and Jaworski LLP (Washington D.C.)

**Hometown/Grew Up In:** Arlington; Raleigh N.C.

**Education:** University of Virginia (1975 - Government), University of Virginia Law School (1981)

**Community Engagement/Relevant Experience:** former Arlington County School Board member (2000-2007); participated in investigations of the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission and other state attorneys general as a lawyers in private practice; former legislative aide to Virginia U.S. Rep. Bob Daniel (R-4)



him an advantage over Shannon during the general election.

Finally, Brownlee's close ties to other parts of the state will make him a stronger candidate statewide than his two Republican opponents, he said.

"Growing up in Northern Virginia but having lived out west, I know a broader group of folks. It will give me a better chance of prevailing in November," said Brownlee.

Eddie Page, a Kingstowne resident and the former chair of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, is supporting Brownlee.

"You need to look at the best person to fit into the job qualifications. If you look at [the candidates'] professional resumes, he is the one with the experience and the leadership," said Page.

Cuccinelli said he is the only Republican running who has a voting record on the types of issues that the attorney general would handle.

"I am the only one who has any sort of record on property rights, mental health and public safety. I have cast over 20,000 votes people can look at. That record is critically

important to voters as they move forward," he said.

Cuccinelli also has a proven record of winning in Northern Virginia. Of the three Fairfax County Republican incumbent senators running for re-election in 2007, Cuccinelli was the only one to win.

"[2007] was not a good year for Republicans but I won. I can do it again. Anybody can get up and say they can win votes in Northern Virginia. Well, show me you can do it," said Cuccinelli.

Cuccinelli's ability to win in Northern Virginia is one of the reasons Hunt, Fairfax County's former Republican school board member, has decided to support him.

"He has won as a conservative Republican in Northern Virginia and his ability to put together a campaign operation is pretty phenomenal," said Hunt.

Foster also touts his ability to get elected in Northern Virginia.

He was not only able to win election in Democratic Arlington, but also won his second school board campaign with 62 percent of vote. By contrast, Cuccinelli won his 2007 re-election in a close call, by fewer than 100 votes, said Foster.

"I got re-elected with nearly two-thirds of the vote in Arlington which shows I can appeal to independents and moderate Democrats [in a general election]," said Foster.

Foster is also the only person in the race that has experience with managing a law firm the size of the Virginia attorney's general office, he says. His law firm has over 1,000 attorneys and he co-chairs a litigation group that includes dozens of people, said Foster.

"I have practiced before various state attorneys general and appeared in the U.S. Supreme Court. I have more actual legal experience than my competitors combined," said Foster.

Kenneth Klinge, an Alexandria resident who is the former executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia, said Foster's ability to appeal to Northern Virginia voters is important.

"I think we have proven you can't win with a 'small tent' candidate. You need a 'big tent' candidate and Dave Foster fits that mold more than the other two guys," said Klinge, who will support Foster at the convention.

# Fairfax Man Fined \$12 Million in False Fish Case

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U.S. District Court Judge Philip S. Gutierrez ordered Lam to forfeit \$12,578,676 to the United States for anti-dumping duties avoided by the conspiracy.

The judge also ordered Lam to forfeit 267,570 pounds of frozen fish fillets, according to federal court documents.

Lam was president of Virginia Star Seafood Corporation, one of several businesses operating out of Silver King Court in Fairfax, according to federal court records.

Arthur Yavelberg, 64, of Reston, was also sentenced May 19. Yavelberg, president of Silver Seas, faces one year probation for his role in the conspiracy to import mislabeled fish to avoid federal tariffs, according to Mrozek.

Both Virginia businessmen were convicted by a federal jury in Los Angeles last October for their role importing and selling more than 10 million pounds and \$15.5 millions worth of mislabeled frozen fish fillets.

Following a two-week trial, the jury con-

victed Lam of conspiring to import mislabeled fish in order to avoid federal import tariffs and three counts of dealing in fish he knew had been imported illegally. During the same trial, Yavelberg was found guilty of a misdemeanor conspiracy count.

Evidence in the trial revealed that two Virginia based companies, Virginia Star Seafood Corporation and International Sea Products Corporation, illegally imported millions of pounds of frozen fish fillets in 2004 and 2005 from three Vietnamese companies, according to a press release last fall

from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

To escape tariffs on the Vietnamese catfish, the fish imported by the two companies was labeled as sole, grouper, flounder, snakehead, channa and conger pike.

But DNA tests caught the fish as *Pangasius hypophthalmus*, a member of the catfish family. An "anti-dumping" charge was levied on this Vietnamese catfish to protect American catfish farmers from the fish being imported and sold for less than fair market value.

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aimed at providing educators and PTA representatives with a preview of something that will be available for school tours, this fall.

The performance teaches families about Internet safety in a fun and entertaining way. Sally learns that things on the Internet aren't always as they seem. Her online friend, who she thought was a teen-age boy, turns out to be a monkey who's escaped from the zoo. Geared for children 8 and up, this interactive show includes puppetry and music as Sally learns about Internet safety from friends. For more information, see [www.AFYPStages.org](http://www.AFYPStages.org) and [www.MasonFestival.org](http://www.MasonFestival.org).

## Concert Series Begins

The 2009 Braddock Nights performance season kicks off on Friday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. with performances by the Rustabouts at Royal Lake and The Back Roads Band at Lake Accotink Park. A third program in the series features authentic Mexican music on Sunday night, June 7, at Ossian Hall Park in Annandale. The concert series runs every weekend through the end of August, featuring a similar line up with blues, pop, jazz and country music concerts playing at Lakes Royal and Accotink on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Cultural heritage performances take place Sundays, at 6 p.m. at Ossian Hall Park. For the full schedule, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock).

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## THINGS TO DO

# Fairfax Symphony: Great Expectations

**Christopher Zimmerman selected as music director over 249 applicants worldwide.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he standing ovation 1,200 patrons of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra gave guest conductor Christopher Zimmerman on May 2 garnered four curtain calls.

"He immediately took command ... and knew exactly what he wanted," said Tim Wade, principal second violinist who has performed with the orchestra for 29 years. "He knew his scores inside and out, and at the same time, he was a joy to watch — his movements, his facial expressions. His musicality is outstanding, he knows just what to say."

During the standing ovation he and

the musicians received, Zimmerman recognized the efforts of each of the different sections of the orchestra.

"He showed us just how wide a spectrum of emotion and dynamics we have in our orchestra," said Jose "Pepe" Figueroa, president of the board.

Six guest conductors — chosen from 249 applicants across the globe — auditioned at the six Masterworks Concerts to be the orchestra's first new music director in 37 years.

On Wednesday, May 21, the Board of the Fairfax Symphony named Zimmerman to take the orchestra's baton.

"It's time, why not? Let's get a move-on," said Zimmerman, who will immediately begin selecting the program for the 2009-10 season, which opens Sept. 12, at George Mason University.

"You have a window of opportunity to really make a big splash," said Elizabeth Murphy, executive director.

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PHOTO BY BARRY WHEELER

**Christopher Zimmerman, here as guest conductor of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra last month, has been named the symphony's new music director.**

tra grew last season from 1,000 to 1,200 for each concert, and ticket sales account for approximately 25 percent of the orchestra's \$1.2 million annual budget, she said.

"We're hoping, expecting, to have greater visibility and larger audiences," Murphy said.

**"He immediately took command ... and knew exactly what he wanted."**

— Tim Wade, principal second violinist

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**Kid Science: Fun With Magnets.** 7 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, discussion and experiments about magnets. Age 4-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

**The Dreamscapes Project, Poor Man's Lobster, Bobby T and the MV and Cheryl B. Engelhardt,** 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

## FRIDAY/MAY 29

**The Pirates of Penzance,** 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$8-\$48. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Live Traditional Irish Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600. www.theauldshebeenva.com.

**Matthew McGinn and Adam Swink,** 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

## SATURDAY/MAY 30

**The Pirates of Penzance,** 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$8-\$48. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Live Traditional Irish Music.** 7:30

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**'Annie Between the States.'** Laura Elliott discusses and signs copies of her book for young readers. Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. 703-591-0560. www.fairfaxva.gov/museumvc.

**Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. Community Event.** 10 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Yard Sale.** Boy Scout Troop 1535 fundraiser from 8-11:30 a.m., at 5804 Oak Moss Terrace, Burke. Donations accepted, contact Danita Grundvig at dsgrundvig@gmail.com or 703-249-8282.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-978-5600.

**McLean and Langley Big Band Jam.** 2:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

**Rocknocos Family Happy Hour,** 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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## SUNDAY/MAY 31

**Burke Veterans Golf Classic,** 2 p.m.

at the Twin Lakes Golf Club, 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton, to benefit the Burke VFW Post 5412 Relief Fund. Prizes for nearest pin, longest ball and low score. 703-310-7991, david.meyers@mris.com or gerhard.liebegott@us.army.mil.

**Braille Babies.** 1-3 p.m., at Fairfax City Regional Library, City of Fairfax Meeting Room A/B, 10360 North St., Fairfax. For those with children with all types of visual impairments. Reserve by Friday, May 29 to events@preemiestoday.org. krwa@verizon.net.

**Honoring the Fallen-The Fairfax Ladies Memorial Association Tour.** 2 p.m., Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. 703-385-8414, www.fairfaxva.gov/museumvc.

**Baroque to Modern.** 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Recorder music by the Recorder Consort, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, GMU. All ages. 703-644-7333.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Fairfax City Cemetery Tour.** Guided walking tour, "Honoring the Fallen," will focus on the efforts of the Fairfax



**The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players present performances of 'The Pirates of Penzance' Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at Wolf Trap's Filene Center.**

Ladies Memorial Association to purchase land for a new cemetery in 1866 to bury Confederate war dead. Tour will begin at 2 p.m. at the Confederate Monument in the Cemetery, 10567 Main St., Fairfax. Adults, \$5; youth and students, \$3.

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**Rock 'n Roll Songwriters Circle,** 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

## MONDAY/JUNE 1

**Calling All Guys.** 7 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Book discussion group for boys. Call for title. Age 9-12 with adult. 703-978-5600.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 6 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad.** 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 2

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Picnic Pals.** 11:30 a.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring lunch for an afternoon of stories and movies. Birth-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

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**Tales for Twos: Bugs and Butterflies.** 10:30 a.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. See what flies with stories and activities about insects. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

**Writers' Roundtable.** 7 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Discuss your work with other writers. Adults. 703-644-7333.

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## THURSDAY/JUNE 4

**Army of Me, The B-Film Extras and Miguel Tenicela.** 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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# THINGS TO DO



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**Christopher Zimmerman has been named the new music director for the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.**

## New Conductor Chosen

FROM PAGE 8

More performances and opportunities for musicians with the orchestra to play with each other throughout the year, said Zimmerman.

Zimmerman will continue obligations to conduct the Hartt Symphony in Connecticut, where he has been since 1999 as well as the Fairfax Symphony this upcoming year. Zimmerman, who has won the National Opera Association's first prize for conducting operas, plans to move to Fairfax County with his wife and two teenage children after the 2009-10 season.

"In order to really make a difference, I need to be there," he said.

The orchestra, with more than 95 musicians, is funded in part by Fairfax County, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

"There is a whole cache of us who can't wait for him to appear. We could not be more excited," said Wade.

For more on the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and its new music director Christopher Zimmerman visit [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com).

## To Order Orchestra Tickets

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra named Christopher Zimmerman as its new music director last week after an innovative season when six finalists from a pool of 249 applicants auditioned as guest conductors.

Zimmerman takes the podium Sept. 12, 2009 to begin the orchestra's 53rd season.

"If you have been selected to be the conductor, this is the time you're the most popular. Strike while the iron is hot," said Zimmerman, a London native who made his professional conducting debut in 1985 with the Royal Philharmonic.

"I want to give people music that is entertaining, but music that is food for thought, food for their heart and soul. It has to be more than toe-tapping."

Visit [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org) or call 703-563-1990 to order tickets, \$25 and up (\$15 for students), for the 2009-2010 season.

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# No Stumble Here: Dowd Wins



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Frances Dowd of Fairfax edged Edison's Myah Hicks by a quarter of a second Friday, May 22, at the outdoor track and field region championship meet, winning the 800-meter title in 2 minutes, 12.75 seconds.**

**Fairfax senior Frances Dowd finishes strong, claiming 800-meter Northern Region title.**

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

**F**rances Dowd's greatest challenge during the 800-meter run at last Friday's Northern Region outdoor track and field championships was not a physical one. Sure, her legs were burning as she trailed Edison's Myah Hicks entering the final 200 meters, but Dowd wasn't thinking about how to pass the up-and-coming sophomore.

A senior at Fairfax, Dowd was focusing on how to stay upright.

At last year's region meet, Dowd got a closer-than-necessary view of the track at Lake Braddock Secondary School as she stumbled and fell down the stretch, finishing with an eighth-place time of 2 minutes, 19.29 seconds. As she eventually passed Hicks and neared the finish line Friday, May 22, Dowd, having an impromptu flashback, thought about that moment.

"I was at the point where I was feeling like I was falling," said Dowd of the last-ditch effort that nearly cost her the race. "I have this mental thing where if I feel that way then my body automatically brings me down a notch, and I was like, 'You can't, you

can't.'

"I felt my body falter a little bit, but I had to keep telling myself that if I fall, people are going to think I have some sort of problem."

Dowd held off Hicks by a quarter of a second, finishing with a personal-best mark of 2:12.75. With that time, Dowd can now take a serious crack at the Fairfax High School record of 2:12.30 at this weekend's Virginia AAA state championship meet at Todd Stadium in Newport News.

**THAT DOWD** wasn't trying to conquer some sort of physical hurdle was remarkable considering the week she had prior to the region meet. On Tuesday, Dowd was duped. One of her friends, Katherine Wise, talked her into taking a Zumba dance class at a nearby recreation center.

Though Dowd is a Virginia Tech-bound runner and an accomplished swimmer — she swam on second leg on the Rebels' two-time state-champion 200-yard freestyle relay team — Zumba notched a decided win over Dowd's body on Tuesday.

The soreness, coupled with a more-intense-than-usual workout on Wednesday, had Dowd hobbling throughout the week.

"I embarrassed myself and got sore," she said.

Dowd held back for most of the race, careful to conserve energy. At the Southern Track Classic on May 8 in Richmond, Dowd ran her first 400-meter split in 63 seconds. But as she looped around the track again, Dowd's energy was zapped and she fin

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**"I was at the point where I was feeling like I was falling."**

— Frances Dowd, senior,  
Fairfax High

# Ram Girls' LAX Overcomes Familiar Foe

**Robinson girls' lacrosse tops Chantilly in region final, awaits state tournament.**

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

**F**or members of the Robinson girls' lacrosse team, playing in big games has sort of become an expected rite of passage. Since a Northern Region champion was first crowned in 1993, Robinson had hoisted four trophies prior to last Wednesday's date with Chantilly, and the Rams reached the Virginia AAA state title game against Oakton in 2006.

**"You play a team so many times that you learn so much about each other."**

— Alison Neun, coach,  
Robinson Secondary

But playing in big games against rival Chantilly has become something different. It's become a habit.

"It's one of those things where you play a team so many times that you learn so much about each other," said Robinson Coach Alison Neun. "Chantilly is an excellent team, and they have a lot of options."

What Neun learned is that her team tends to play well against the Chargers, a point proved by the Rams' 10-9 win last week at South County Secondary School. It was also Robinson's third big-game win over Chantilly in the past two years. In the past two Concorde District title games, Neun's team has staged late comebacks to steal a pair of victories from the heavily favored Chargers.

After facing a three-goal deficit with 8 minutes, 55 seconds left in the second half last Wednesday, Robinson rallied to tie the

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**With a 10-9 win over Chantilly last Wednesday, May 20, the Robinson girls' lacrosse team won its fifth Northern Region championship.**

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# Dowd's Fleet Feet Stay Steady

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ished her second lap in 72 seconds. So when Hicks started fast, Dowd didn't bite. The ideal number, Dowd said, was 66. Sixty-six-second splits and Dowd could finally repeat the 800-meter region title that she won as a sophomore when she ran a 2:13.43 to upset the race's odds-on favorite, Sarrah Hadiji of W.T. Woodson. But after winning that race, Dowd reached a bit of a plateau.

**AFTER EVERY** practice during her junior year, Dowd had a routine. A large sweet iced tea from McDonald's would serve as her own personal version of a cool down; forget about any sort of balanced diet or food-intake chart.

The iced tea habit didn't help given the fact that Dowd was out of shape, either. By her own admission, Dowd's upset of Hadiji was a killer. She didn't take practice as seriously and didn't challenge herself the same way she did as a sophomore. Furthermore, Dowd started to get shin splints during her junior year and was missing significant practice time because of the pain.

"I thought that I did this my sophomore year, and I can do this again," Dowd said. "But last year isn't a predictor of this year. I had to come to terms with that."

Dowd went to the doctor for the pain in her shins and was told that she just needed to deal with it. The pain she felt wasn't going away. So Dowd stopped worrying about the pain, improved her diet and started to avoid those pre-race donuts and post-race trips to McDonald's.

"I know it's a challenge for seniors, but she's been very good about her daily workouts and putting all of her effort into each day," said Fairfax Coach Mark Whalley. "Some kids are just so gung-ho they just don't back down and allow themselves time to rest."

As Dowd passed Hicks, she had nothing but her final obstacle to overcome.

## Must Be the Genes

At the Concorde District outdoor track and field championship meet on Friday, May 15, Frances Dowd set another Fairfax record with her first-place time of 5 minutes, 6.80 seconds in the 1,600-meter run. She wasn't the only one to make history at that distance. Kevin Dowd, her younger brother, set a school record too, finishing with a second-place time of 4:17.36. In the region meet, Kevin Dowd finished second behind Edison's Leoule Degfae at 4:18. While it remains to be seen whether the Dowds get along as well at home, both make a habit of pulling for each other on the track.

"It's really neat to see her be supportive of her brother," Fairfax Coach Mark Whalley said. "Sometimes there's a rivalry or indifference, but she's genuinely supports when her brother runs."

"I told myself, 'Maybe I can actually do a lean [finish]. Maybe I could use a swimming dive move or something,'" Dowd said. "I've always wanted to do a lean finish, but I didn't know it was gonna be this race."

**IN OTHER ACTION**, David Ladd of Fairfax finished second in the 100 dash with a time of 10.87, while teammate Kevin Dowd took second as well, clocking a time of 4:18.00 in the 1,600. The Fairfax boys' 4x100 relay team was third as well at 43.68. As a team, the Rebels were 10th with 23 points. Joey Muzzio of Robinson placed third in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 6 inches. South Lakes won it all with a total of 75.50 points.

On the girls' side, Robinson's Genamarie McCant took top honors in the 400 dash (55.19) and one of her teammates, Kelly Kavanaugh, claimed second in the 1,600 run with a time of 5:08.84. The Robinson girls' 4x400 relay team took first with a mark of 3:59.39.

For more on the Robinson girls' team's second-place finish, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com).

# Robinson Region Champions

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game at nine at the 4:07 mark. From there, freshman Katie McHugh scored her first and only goal of the game, pushing Robinson ahead to stay with a little more than a minute remaining.

McHugh, throughout the course of the season, has developed a friendship with senior Megan Dunleavy, who said that she sees a lot of herself in the youngster. During last year's district final, Dunleavy scored as the final buzzer sounded to produce an emotional 15-14 win. This year, it was McHugh's turn.

"I'm just trying to follow in her footsteps," McHugh

said. "Last year, she scored the winning goal against Chantilly, and this year it was me."

Robinson improved to 16-3 this season with the win over Chantilly and will face the Northwest Region's third-seeded team on Saturday.

**SINCE THE** Virginia High School League first recognized a lacrosse champion back in 2006, a Northern Region school has played for the title every single season. That means a rematch with Chantilly is much more likely.

"You know it's going to be a battle," Neun said. "It's probably going to come down to the final minute."

## Shabaz Tops NCAA

University of Virginia sophomore tennis player Michael Shabaz, a Fairfax native, won the NCAA doubles championship on May 25 at the George Mitchell Tennis Center in College Station, Texas. Shabaz teamed with Dominic Inglot to defeat the No. 2 seeded team from Tennessee, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the championship. They were the first unseeded team to win the title since 2003. Shabaz and Inglot dropped the first set but

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rallied to win the tiebreaker in the second set. They took that momentum into the final set to seal the victory. To get to the finals, Shabaz and Inglot took down two other seeded teams, including the No. 1 seeded pair from Mississippi. Prior to the tournament, Shabaz and Inglot were ranked No. 12 in the nation. With the championship, Shabaz and Inglot set the University of Virginia record for wins in a season with 41. They had only eight losses on the year.

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**Business leaders and government officials packed the room at the Business Appreciation Awards.**

## Local Businesses Honored

**Businesses recognized for contributions to city's economy.**

**S**everal area businesses were recognized by local officials and their peers at the City of Fairfax Economic Development Authority's first-ever economic forum and business appreciation awards.

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer attended the event on Wednesday, May 13 at the Old Town Hall in Fairfax, as they honored local business in five categories. Pacer's Running Store won the "New Business" award for being a business that has been in operation for less than three years and has positively contributed to the city's assets.

Distinct Studios, Inc. won the "Fairfax Innovation Center" award, given to a current or recent graduate of the Fairfax Innovation Center that exemplifies excellence and promise for the future and Patriot Harley-Davidson won the "Heritage" award for helping make the city a tourist destination.

Campers Trophies and Awards; Jim Corridon Electric Company; Fairfax Square Apartments; Strickler Associates, Ltd.; McKeever Services; Everly Funeral Home; Dr. Robert Berman; Fairfax Racquet Club; 29 Diner and Little River Veterinary Clinic won the "Legacy" award for business that have been in operation in the City for 35 years or more.



**Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer and Del. David Bulova (D-37).**

WJFK-FM, Swart, Lalande & Associates, Christopher Consultants, Ltd., Rosenthal Fairfax Volvo, Ourisman Fairfax Toyota, Business Benefits Group and Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce rounded out the awards, winning the "Ambassador" award, which recognizes businesses that have brought positive recognition to the city through their inclusion in the Washington Business Journal's "Book of Lists."

The program opened with remarks from Petersen, Bulova and Lederer, who congratulated the group on helping to create a city that was recently ranked as the third best place to live in the country according to Forbes Magazine. Forbes ranked cities based on the availability of resources and the city's entrepreneurial environment.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

## Thousands Gather for Ride of Patriots

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Along Interstate 66, traffic was pushed to one side to allow the bikers free passage. While normally a traffic stoppage is reason for irritation for motorists, many of those caught in the logjam got out of their cars and shouted words of encouragement to the riders. In addition, each overpass above Inter-

state 66 was packed with spectators, many of whom hung banners and signs showing support for the mission.

Blessed with good weather, a massive turnout and few mechanical issues, the day was a success for all involved, as the mission of remembrance and honor was fulfilled by the hoard of leather-clad, American-flag waving patriots.

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## Keeping Them in Our Hearts

Memorial Day is a chance to remember local servicemen killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**O**n Memorial Day, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families continue to bear the personal sacrifice of having lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Nearly 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 680 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "Danny really had a heart of gold," said his mother. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him."

2Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence branch.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty.

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

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

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help



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

PHOTO TAKEN BY DR. RICHARD E. NEIBERGER

injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities, including during Memorial Day weekend.

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

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

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

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

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

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

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Alexandria; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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**Summer community theater coming to City of Fairfax.**

By BONNIE HOBBS  
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The City of Fairfax Theatre Company is about to become reality. It's a summertime, community theater at Fairfax High and open to residents of the city and surrounding communities.

The company is the brainchild of Fairfax High Theater Director Wendy Knight and Mike Replogle, the instructor for the Fairfax Academy's musical theater program, and they're both excited to bring this entertainment opportunity to the local area.

When Knight first came to the high school in fall 2004, she and Replogle hit it off immediately and discovered a common passion for musicals.

"Wizard of Oz" in 2005 was the school's first musical in several years, and Knight got children from Providence and Daniels Run elementary schools to play the Munchkins.

The next year, Fairfax put on "The King and I," using students from more than 21 different elementary schools. And last year, for "Beauty and the Beast," said Knight, it again received "a flood of kids" that wanted to participate. "So we felt, obviously, there was a need for this because parents were trying to get their kids into a high-school show."

So, with the support of Fairfax High Principal Scott Brabrand, she and Replogle created the new theater company. "Mike and I started brainstorming about what we wanted — a show in the evening, plus a chance for the little kids to develop their skills," said Knight. "So we came up with a camp during the day and incorporated high-school and college interns to work with the kids during the morning."

During that time, the children will focus on ensemble-building, improvisational games and workshops leading to a showcase for their parents at the end. In the afternoon, the interns will be on stage, building sets and hanging lights for the community-theater show. Meanwhile, each afternoon, the children will receive three, one-hour classes from adult professionals.

Music and Voice will be led by the conductor of the Annandale Symphony Orchestra, Chris Johnston, who also teaches students at the Fairfax Academy how to compose symphonies on the computer.

Acting and Play Building will be taught

by Leanne Madieros from New Jersey. She specializes in teaching children how to build characters and then create stories around them. She also teaches them to use their voice and body to expand their creativity and imagination.

Improvisation and Ensemble class will be instructed by Paul Rubenstein, who leads the Improv Club at Fairfax High and has been a community-theater actor for more than a decade.

The first two classes will work on children's individual skills, and the third will place them in a group setting so they may learn how to act with others and also how to be spontaneous.

The camp runs June 29-July 31, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sign-ups have already begun, but will continue through June, until all the spots are filled. A maximum of 75 children, ages 6-14, may attend. The camp will be five days a week, 6 1/2 hours as day, for five weeks.

Cost is \$650 but, said Knight. "We'll work with parents on payment plans and will be flexible about vacation schedules," she said. "It's supposed to be something fun and educational, not rigid and inhibiting. We want it to be affordable, accessible and fun. It comes out to \$4/hour, and I can't think of any daycare that would be more fun, engaging and exciting. And they come away with something at the end."

To register, go to [www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org](http://www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org). For more information about the theater camp or the evening show, e-mail [fairfaxcitytheatre@gmail.com](mailto:fairfaxcitytheatre@gmail.com). The show is open to everyone, and people don't have to be part of the camp to audition.

"We're putting on the full, stage production of 'Children of Eden' on Fairfax High's stage, which is gi-normous, so it'll be a nice setting for the Book of Genesis," said Knight. "We thought this show was fitting for our first production because it's set 'in the beginning.'"

Replogle is the director, and Johnston is the music director. Knight is the show's producer and the managing director for the theater company; Replogle is its artistic director. Performances of "Children of Eden" will be the last weekend in July and the first weekend in August.

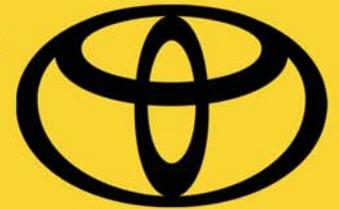
"We want this to be a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone," said Knight. "Anyone in the community with any kind of expertise in either the acting or technical fields — or who has no experience, but just wants to get involved in something — is encouraged to e-mail us and volunteer. Our ultimate goal is to create something the City of Fairfax and surrounding communities can be proud of."

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