

# Fairfax CONNECTION

Serving Areas of Burke

As part of the Adopt a Soldier program, volunteers gather at Little River Glen Senior Center on Saturday, Jan. 7 to pack care packages for U.S. troops stationed overseas.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION CALENDAR, PAGE 8 ♦ SPORTS, PAGE 10 ♦ CLASSIFIED, PAGE 12

# Adoption Program

NEWS, PAGE 3

## A Place for The Community

NEWS, PAGE 2

## UFC Reigns At Patriot Center

SPORTS, PAGE 10

ATTENTION POSTMASTER:  
TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL.  
REQUESTED IN HOME 1-15-10

VERIFIED  
AUDIT PENDING  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EASTON, MD  
PERMIT #322

## Breaking New Ground

### City breaks ground on new Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

Residents of the City of Fairfax can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel in its quest for the long-awaited Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.

City officials, dignitaries and citizens gathered in front of the police station on Old Lee Highway Saturday, Jan. 9 for the center's groundbreaking. The center, fully funded by a \$5 million donation from Sherwood's widow, Geraldine, is envisioned as a central hub for the arts.

"This is going to provide a facility that we've always wanted to have but was not financially possible," said City Councilmember Joan Cross. "We have wonderful, generous people in the city and Mrs. Sherwood's gift is an example of that. It's moved our facilities forward five years."

Plans for a community center have been discussed for many years by City Council and other officials, but as Cross said, no plans were ever financially viable. However, in January 2008, the wife of Stacy Sherwood, a former town and City Council member as well as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, told officials that she wanted to make a \$5 million donation to the city on the condition that it is used for a community center. In addition, the terms of her donation also stipulated that the center have a strong focus on the cultural arts. The city agreed, and planning soon began.

The city enlisted Hughes Group Architects of Sterling to design the building and, after a bidding process early last year, selected the SIGAL Corporation of Arlington as general contractor. According to Director of Parks and Recreation Mike McCarty, the center will be 14,330 square feet in size, including a 5,000 square foot performance space and a 1,000 square foot rehearsal space. The center, McCarty said, will host youth and adult recreation programs, cultural activities and arts-related activities, including dance and theater classes, plays, concerts and more.

**"This is going to provide a facility that we've always wanted to have but was not financially possible."**

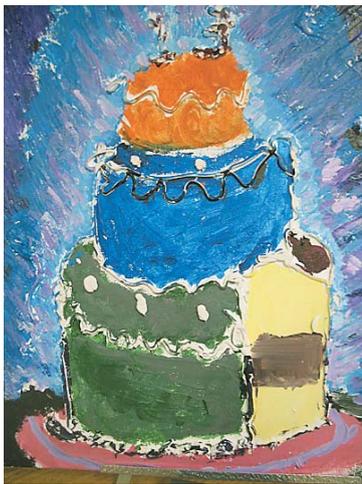
— Councilmember Joan Cross

SEE COMMUNITY, PAGE 7



PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

City officials and the Sherwood family preparing to break ground.



Miranda Raff



Sarah Metzel



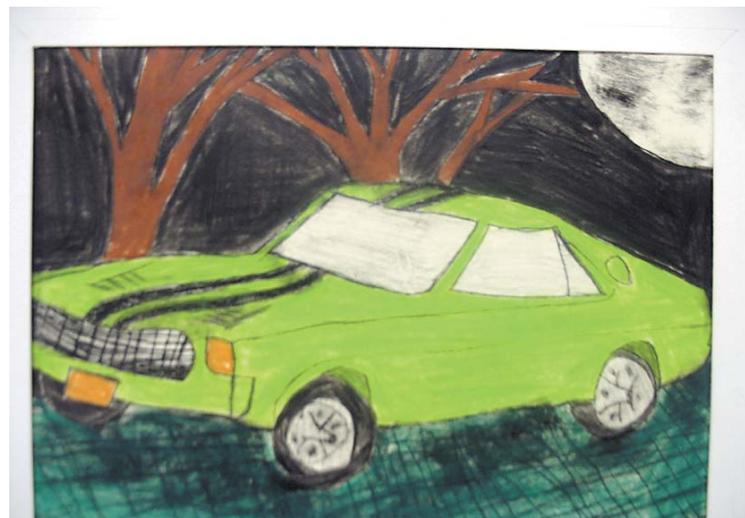
Elana Goldenkoff



Haydn Johnson



JaHyun Yang



Keith Follansbee

## Gallery Show

Frost Middle students display artwork at annual exhibit.

A variety of student art was on display on Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Frost Middle School Student Art Show. Students, parents and the community had the opportunity to view student work at this annual event. Eight students representing each of the eight academic teams received awards for their artistic accomplishments on a night that truly celebrated the arts.



Lake Braddock Secondary seniors, from left, Alanna Whearley, Laura Valin and Tara Nutcharoen write notes to be included in the care packages.



Volunteers pack items for overseas troops on Saturday, Jan. 9, at Little River Glen Senior Center.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



Volunteers write notes to military personnel stationed overseas.

## Packed with Care

Volunteers prepare packages for troops deployed overseas.

**O**n Saturday, Jan. 9, volunteers gathered at Little River Senior Center in Fairfax to pack 100 care packages for U.S. troops stationed overseas.

The event was organized by the Fairfax County Department of Community and Rec-

reation Services and America's Adopt a Soldier (AAAS) program. Founded in 2009, AAAS' mission is to make a difference in the lives of U.S. veterans, soldiers and their families.

To learn more about the program, visit [www.americasadoptasoldier.org](http://www.americasadoptasoldier.org).



Rebecca Zervas, a kindergartner at Sangster Elementary, writes a note.

# This Is What Your Neighbors Want

In their own words, locals speak out at Virginia General Assembly hearing.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

About 60 people showed up to testify before the Fairfax County delegation to the Virginia General Assembly at a Jan. 9 hearing. The representatives, including state senators and delegates, headed to Richmond for the start of the legislative session on Jan. 13.

Virginia's budget is one of the top, if not the top, priorities for most state legislators in 2010. The General Assembly only passes a new budget once every two years and the current spending plan has a \$4 billion shortfall.

Former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) proposed closing Virginia's budget gap through a mix of tax increases and cuts in services before leaving office this month. Among other things, Kaine's plan included a \$60 million reduction in Fairfax County Public Schools' state funding.

Unlike his predecessor, newly sworn-in Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) has said he will not raise taxes to balance the budget, which could mean deeper cuts to services than the

ones proposed by Kaine.

About one-third of the people who took their Saturday morning off to speak to Fairfax County's senators and delegates had serious concerns about how Virginia's budget would impact residents with disabilities who receive or are waiting to receive assistance from the commonwealth.

Other speakers addressed a range of topics including taxes, the local court system and state funding for Fairfax schools.

Here are excerpts of what people said to Fairfax County's senators and delegates:

**WOODY WITT** sits on the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, which oversees local programs and assistance provided to people with disabilities and



Woody Witt, City of Fairfax resident

substance abuse programs. Witt is chair of the board's intellectual disabilities (previously known as mental retardation) committee.

Looking at Kaine's budget proposal, Witt said he was most concerned about two items.

First, Kaine proposed freezing the number of medical waivers available to people with intellectual disabilities, which means no people with intellectual disabilities who qualify for state-subsidized assistance would be able to receive it in the following year.

Six-hundred and thirty-six people are on the Falls Church-Fairfax County waiting list to receive a waiver for their intellectual disabilities. Only 618 people with intellectual disabilities in the Falls Church-Fairfax area have such a waiver and receive state assistance. The waiver allows payment for community-based care, like group homes, over institutional care.

"There are more people on the waiting list than we currently have slots for," said Witt.

Witt is also concerned about a 5 percent reduction in the commonwealth's reimbursement for services obtained through the waiver. Though a local adjustment is in place for the reimbursement, to account for

the higher cost of living and services in Northern Virginia, many people with disabilities still have a hard time finding home health care aides at such a low pay-grade.

"It takes some people up to six months to get a personal aide," said Witt.

**BRUCE NOVITSKY** hopes to see local legislators vote against a bill that would make spouses pay child support to their ex-husband or ex-wife until their children are 23 years old.

Novitsky, a divorcee, said he has every intention of helping his children out financially when they

are over 18, but he thinks that once a child becomes an adult, it should be a personal matter between a parent and child. For example, he said he would rather pay his child directly than have the money given to his ex-wife. "I am helping my child out but that should be between a child and his father," said Novitsky.



Bruce Novitsky, Burke resident



**Paul VI juniors Anastasia Richter, Catherine Schifferli, Matthew Madigan and Mark Schierling, who were accompanied by members of the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry regiment, present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.**

## PVI Students Honor Heroes

Students taking Advanced Placement U.S. History at Paul VI Catholic High School recently presented a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The wreath was composed of red, white and blue flowers and bound with a ribbon in Paul VI's colors of black and gold. The presenters were juniors Anastasia Richter, Catherine Schifferli, Matthew Madigan and Mark Schierling, who were accompanied by the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry regiment ("Old Guard"). "Taps" was played by an Army bugler as the students placed the wreath on a stand at the tomb.

Over the past five years, this event has emerged as a much anticipated occasion for A.P. U.S. History students at PVI. In addition to presenting of the wreath during the field trip, students paid their respects at the grave sites of President John Kennedy, Senator and former Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Sen. Edward Kennedy. They were also treated to an overview of the contribution of women in defense of our nation at the Women's Memorial and toured the FDR and World War II Memorials.

## New Walgreens, PNC Bank Coming to Nutley Street

Washington Property Company (WPC) has broken ground for a new Walgreens Pharmacy and PNC Bank branch scheduled to open by the end of 2010 in Fairfax.

"They have officially broken ground, they have all approvals and everything so they're moving forward probably by the end of the month," said Nan Hartman, WPC's marketing representative.

The new establishments will be located at the southwest corner of Nutley Street and Lee Highway.

"We are pleased to have worked with the local citizens to provide convenient, quality retail and long awaited road improvements to this community," said Charles K. Nulsen III, president of WPC.

Both businesses will be in separate, one-story buildings and the bank will have a drive-thru window.

WPC is a full service commercial real estate company located in Bethesda, Md. It is involved in a full range of real estate investment services including acquisition, land use, development, property management, and leasing and construction management.

The company's development team is responsible for the development of more than 8 million square feet of commercial space in the Washington metropolitan area and seeks opportunities in office, multi-family, retail and mixed-use projects throughout the region.

WPC currently has over 1.5 million square feet under development and through its management company, WPC Management, LLC, it manages over 1.5 million square feet of commercial space.

— STEPHANIE MARTINEZ

## NEWS

# Dust Off That Old Violin

**Instruments in the Attic program collects used musical instruments.**

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**J**ohn Kilkenny, the George Mason University percussion teacher and Potomac Arts Academy assistant director, knows that the only way to create beautiful music is to put instruments in the hands of brilliant minds. Too often, though, those instruments do not end up in the right hands and opportunities are squandered.

In response, Kilkenny, the Mason School of Music and the university's Potomac Arts Academy created the Instruments in the Attic program. The program, administered by the Potomac Arts Academy, the community arts umbrella for the College of Visual and Performing Arts, is a charitable drive seeking new and used instruments in any condition for music students of all ages.

"We are in very trying times and to find this simple yet tangible way to work together and help music education is so valuable," said Libby Curtis, director of the Potomac Arts Academy. "There are so many people that have instruments sitting around and we want to see them in the community being used."

The program started in early 2008 as the brainchild of Mason Board of Trustees Member and Vice-Chair of the Arts at Mason Board J.P. Phaup. According to Kilkenny, a neighbor gave Phaup a used trumpet and asked him if the Mason Music Department could put use to it. Phaup held on to the instrument until two weeks later when John Casagrande, professor of music education at Mason, met with Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts Bill Reeder and his staff to discuss the growing problem of the lack of instruments for music education students at the university. When Phaup heard about the issue, he immediately approached Casagrande and the idea for Instruments in the Attic was born.

Initially, according to Kilkenny, the immediate goal of the program was to remedy the lack of instruments in the school of music. Kilkenny said that all music education majors in the school are required to learn to play all instruments that they plan on teaching and, therefore, almost all students in the school are required to have several instruments on hand for classes. The gap, he said, was about 150 instruments, which if purchased by the school, would cost more than \$250,000, which the university simply did not have. So, all of the first instruments received were tabbed for the university's students.

"Initially, the idea was to use the instruments for university students as a cost-effective way to provide instruments for our method classes. But J.P. wanted to expand the program," Kilkenny said. "Now, we are still continuing to use instruments for Mason students, but we are also examining our area's needs and trying to get into the community."

That expansion occurred over the summer, as Phaup had the desire to use the program to assist not only Mason students, but also music students in local schools and area community organizations. Phaup enlisted the help of Mason's Potomac Arts Academy, which offers music, theater and art classes, private music lessons and summer programs, to branch out into the community and forge relationships with interested groups.

Since then, the program has taken off substantially, bringing several community groups into the fold. According to Kilkenny, Potomac Arts Academy has formed partnerships with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, City of Fairfax Band, NOVA Manassas Symphony Orchestra and several other groups in which those organizations reach out to their supporters and concert attendees to donate instruments to the program. In addition, Kilkenny and Phaup both said that program representatives will be approaching community organizations like Rotary Clubs and Chambers of Commerce to seek additional assistance.

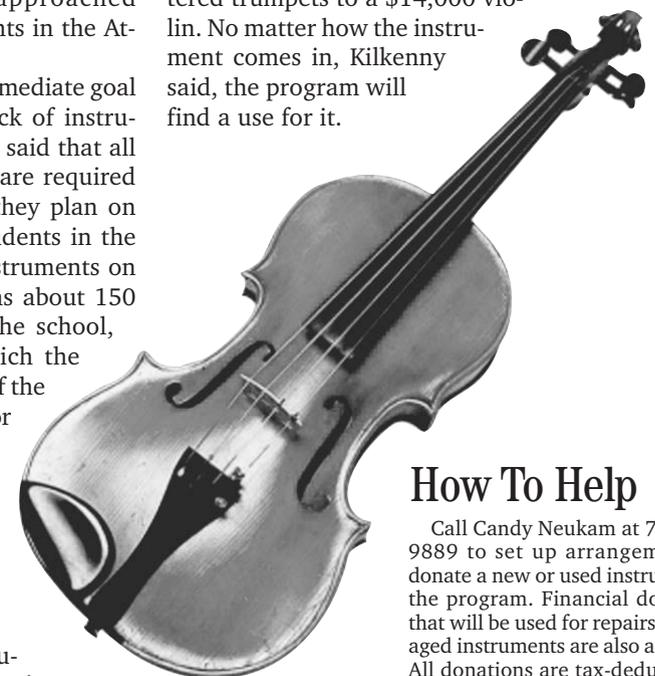
The final step in the program, according to Kilkenny, is to expand into local schools and community centers. Kilkenny said that Mason wants to

create additional music education programs in local middle and high schools and community centers, and use instruments donated to the program to instruct those students. These programs could become especially valuable if band and strings programs are cut in the upcoming fiscal year.

"In January 2010, we will begin visiting those business and organizations we have identified as potential supporters of the College

of Visual and Performing Arts and the university in general," Phaup said. "Because we believe that there is far greater use for the instruments we collect beyond Mason, it is important that we communicate to these organizations the investment that they will be making by choosing to donate an instrument."

So far, 127 instruments have been donated, Kilkenny said, and have come from a variety of donors in a variety of conditions. Kilkenny said that all types of instruments have been donated, from battered trumpets to a \$14,000 violin. No matter how the instrument comes in, Kilkenny said, the program will find a use for it.



## How To Help

Call Candy Neukam at 703-993-9889 to set up arrangements to donate a new or used instrument to the program. Financial donations that will be used for repairs to damaged instruments are also accepted. All donations are tax-deductible.

# SCHOOLS

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Katherine Harvey** of Fairfax received a bachelor of science in business degree in accounting and information systems from the Pamplin College of Business during Virginia Tech's fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 19, 2008, in Cassell Coliseum.

**Isabel Arellano Valentin** of Fairfax graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. degree in studio art from the University of Mary Washington during its 98th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9.

**Amy Beth Baldwin** of Fairfax graduated cum laude with a B.A. degree in American studies from the University of Mary Washington during its 98th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9.

**Arianna Christine Drumond** of Fairfax graduated with a B.A. degree in geography from the University of Mary Washington during its 98th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9.

**Edward William Hall** of Fairfax graduated with a B.A. degree in English from the University of Mary Washington during its 98th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9.

**Melanie Aspen Haydon** of Fairfax graduated with a B.A. degree in theater from the University of Mary Washington during its 98th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9.

**BATHROOM & KITCHEN REMODELING**

- Reliable
- Affordable
- Dependable



Free Estimate Home Improvements and Repairs that Always Get an A+  
**703-969-1179** Fully Insured Class A Contractor  
[www.twopoorteachers.com](http://www.twopoorteachers.com)

Your Friendly, Neighborhood Thrift Shop

**YESTERDAY'S ROSE**  
*where you never see the same thing twice*

**Super Saturday**  
**50% OFF**  
**Clothes & Shoes**  
 Saturday 1/16/10  
 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Not valid with other discounts or sales.

**50% OFF**  
**SCARVES**  
 Tuesday 1/19/10  
 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Not valid with other discounts or sales.

**Clothing • Furniture • Housewares**  
**BRING IN THIS AD AND RECEIVE AN EXTRA**  
**20% OFF NON SALE ITEMS GOOD THRU 1/20/10**  
 9960 Main St. Fairfax, VA • 703-385-9517 • [www.yesterdaysrose.org](http://www.yesterdaysrose.org)

This is IT!

# SALE

Friday, JAN. 15 - Tuesday, JAN. 19  
**5 Days Only**

**HUGE EXTRA SAVINGS ON ALL**  
**OUR ALREADY REDUCED CLEARANCE ITEMS**  
**Up to 75% Off**

**SWEATERS • TOPS • JACKETS**  
**PANTS • HANDBAGS • GIFTS**  
**HATS AND GLOVES • BABY**

SHOP NOW FOR THE BEST SELECTION  
 USE OUR CONVENIENT LAYAWAY  
 TO RESERVE SOMETHING NEW

JAG JEANS • SPANX • BRIGHTON •  
 KAREN KANE • KIDORABLE • ZUTANO

**Judy Ryan**  
 OF FAIRFAX  
 Twinbrooke Centre • 9565 Braddock Rd.  
 Open 7 Days • 703-425-1855  
[www.judyryanofoffairfax.com](http://www.judyryanofoffairfax.com)



**CARDIOLOGY**

**DERMATOLOGY**

**EMERGENCY/ CRITICAL CARE**

**INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**ONCOLOGY**

**RADIATION ONCOLOGY**

**RADIOLOGY**

**REHABILITATIVE THERAPY**

**SURGERY**

**RADIOCAT**  
 Centers for The Treatment of Feline Hyperthyroidism

**WE LOVE THEM LIKE YOU DO**

6651 BACKLICK RD.  
 SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150  
**703.451.8900**  
[WWW.VETREFERRALCENTER.COM](http://WWW.VETREFERRALCENTER.COM)  
 OPEN 24 HOURS 365 DAYS A YEAR

THE REGIONAL VETERINARY REFERRAL CENTER



**SAVE \$25**  
 off first cleaning.

New customers only.  
 Not valid with other offers.  
 Not valid on move-in / move-out cleanings

100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Call today for a FREE estimate!

**703-691-7999**  
[www.maids.com](http://www.maids.com) 

The differences between The Maids and other housecleaners are nothing to sneeze at.

Besides giving you the most thorough housecleaning in the industry, we also give you the healthiest. Customers with family members who have dust or other allergy problems often tell us they can see positive results after the first clean.

With our 22-Step Healthy Touch® Deep Cleaning System, we'll give you the healthiest, most thorough housecleaning every visit!

 **HEALTHY TOUCH**

**The Maids®**  
 Home Services  
 Nobody Outcleans The Maids.®

## Large Classes, Tough Choices

**With overcrowding in public schools, it's time to open doors for more charter schools in Virginia.**

One reason for growth in the student population in public school systems in the area right now is the effect of the recession on family budgets. With more than 70,000 unemployed people in Northern Virginia, and thousands more underemployed, some families who did have children in private schools have switched to public school. Given the stellar reputations of the schools in question, it's a rational financial move.

But now growing enrollment and costs combined with stagnant budgets are forcing some local public school systems to rework their budget calculations as well, resulting in more

than 30 students in many classes, more than 40 students in some classes.

This will no doubt send some parents back to the family budget drawing board, seeking a way to afford private school and smaller class sizes for their children.

Most parents don't care very much about the size of the average class, only the sizes of the classes in which their children are trying to learn.

Very large classes, especially classes with 30 or more students in them, are a detriment to learning. Students with any sort of challenges are particularly poorly served by large classes.

### EDITORIAL

### Promises, Promises

To the Editor:

Today, I ran several errands in Northern Virginia and found that most of the roads I traversed were in a poorly maintained condition. Quite frankly, the roads in Northern Virginia are falling apart with many having budding potholes, some large enough to jar your car when you run over them.

But, we should have no anxiety about this matter because Governor-elect Robert McDonnell (R), "Fairfax's Own" and my delegate, David Albo (R-42), who is "Working Hard" for the people up here in Northern Virginia, will fix this horrible transportation mess. The question I have is where will Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Albo get the money, and lots of it, to fix the transportation problem up here in Northern Virginia? You cannot build new roads and maintain the existing roads without money. And selling the ABC stores does not sound like a good idea, unless someone can explain to me where the Commonwealth will get a \$100 million a year to replace the annual profit it receives from the ABC store sales?

The citizens in Northern Virginia should make sure that our elected officials in Richmond live up to the promises they made to us during last year's campaign. Quite frankly, I am tired of having promises made to me during the election that are quickly forgotten by elected officials after the election is over.

**Lon Caldwell**  
Springfield

### Preserve and Protect

To the Editor:

On Monday, Jan. 18, Virginians from all over the state will gather on the Capitol Grounds in Richmond to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday and his message of obtaining peace through non-violence. In addition, we will remember the approximately 800 Virginians who lose their lives every year to gun violence. We will meet with legislators to encourage them to pass bills that protect the public while preserving the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

This year, the following bills have been filed: HB 32, allowing faculty at state colleges and universities to carry concealed handguns on campus; HB 49, repealing Virginia's one gun-a-month law; HB 54, allowing the carrying of handguns into a courthouse when the courthouse is being used for non-judicial purposes; HB 69, declaring that firearms and ammunition made and/or retained in Virginia not be subject to federal or Congressional law; HB 72, changing the penalty for possession of a firearm on school property from a Class 6 felony to a Class 1 misdemeanor; HB 106, allowing a person with a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun in a place of worship with permission of the leader of the religious meeting and eliminating the restriction against carrying a concealed handgun in a restaurant that serves alcohol.

Presently, Virginia law allows citizens to carry weapons in every

venue, except K-12 schools, churches and courthouses. Citizens may open carry in a restaurant or establishment that serves alcohol but may not conceal carry. The Board of Visitors of each individual college or university determines whether students, faculty or staff may carry firearms on campus. Currently, Virginia citizens may only purchase one gun per month and federal law traditionally overrules state law.

Should the above bills pass, Virginia will allow the following: Virginia citizens to purchase an unlimited number of guns, the right of faculty to conceal carry on our campuses, allow guns in our courthouses and churches during "off" hours, lessen the penalty for those carrying firearms on K-12 school property, allow concealed weapons in establishments that serve alcohol and allow Virginia to ignore laws passed by the United States Congress.

My question has been and continues to be, how can Virginia, the place where the worst mass tragedy in American history occurred, and which loses more than 800 people every year to gun violence, continue to ignore the loss of life and create policies that leave families and communities devastated? Join us on Jan. 18 - please go to the Virginia Center for Public Safety Web site: <http://www.vacps.org/>.

**Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb**  
Centreville

### 2010 Session

To the Editor:  
In 1619, a delegation of Virgin-

ians convened in Jamestown for the first meeting of the House of Burgesses. On Wednesday, Jan. 13, the western world's oldest continuing legislative body returns to Richmond for the 2010 General Assembly session. This year, the session is 60 days long. It will be a busy 60 days as we will be swearing in a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, as well as 20 freshman delegates, passing a budget for the next two years, and reviewing the hundreds of bills that will be considered by the House of Delegates and the State Senate.

As the delegate from the 53rd District which includes the City of Falls Church, and parts of Fairfax County including parts of McLean, Vienna and Fairfax, I look forward to hearing your thoughts on issues and legislation to be acted upon during the legislative session. I encourage you to follow the bills and share your questions, thoughts and concerns. With revenues sharply lower, we will have a very difficult, but necessary job, of balancing the state budget without doing serious damage to important services. I hope you will let me know of any concerns and/or recommendations that you have. You can track the bills at <http://legis.state.va.us/> and contact me my e-mail at [DelJScott@house.state.va.us](mailto:DelJScott@house.state.va.us) or by phone at 804-698-1053.

Very large classes also make the task of maintaining a civil school environment much more difficult.

Schools would do well to focus first on limiting very large classes, worrying a bit less about average class size.

It's also an excellent time to begin paving the way for charter schools in Virginia. What, in the middle of a financial crunch? If we start now to develop more encouraging guidelines for charter schools in the region, by the time the first schools are open, the economic climate will be vastly different.

Public schools cannot meet all the needs of all the students that come through the doors. Families deserve some well-constructed alternatives. Governor-elect Bob McDonnell, along with President Obama, is right to push to open the doors for more charter schools in Virginia.

— MARY KIMM  
MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

**Del. Jim Scott**  
D-53

### Write

Letters to the Editor  
The Connection  
1606 King St.  
Alexandria VA 22314

[fairfax@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:fairfax@connectionnewspapers.com)

# Community Center

FROM PAGE 2

“The city needs a focus for the community itself and the center is physically right in the middle of the city, which is a big plus,” said Bonita Lestina, former member of the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. “But the arts are very important, too. There are so many opportunities to relieve stress and pressure and find expression [in the arts] that people will be surprised how much they enjoy it. It is great for all ages.”

The ceremony began with an invocation from the Rev. Tory Baucum of Truro Church, followed by a special recognition of Geraldine Sherwood by Mayor Robert Lederer. Lederer thanked Sherwood for the gift on behalf of the city and presented her with a glass vase as a token of the city’s appreciation. McCarty followed Lederer with a description of the center’s layout and its planned uses. The event then moved to the actual construction site to watch city officials and the Sherwood family grab shovels and dig the first pieces of earth. The ceremony concluded with a reception in the police station.

**ACCORDING TO SIGAL** Corporation’s On-Site Project Representative Steven Shaw, construction is slated to begin in approximately three weeks. Shaw said that surveyors will be on site this week to formally locate the building and unearth any existing utilities and finalize the plans for sediment control. Once that is completed, the city inspectors must approve the plans and upon approval, full construction will begin. If everything goes according to plan, he said, construction should be completed in December 2010, with a grand opening in January 2011. That short timetable, while typical for a building of this nature, has the project’s supporters excited and eager to get inside.

“It’s going to be a place to create lifelong memories for years to come,” McCarty said. “And this time next year, we will be standing in this spot celebrating the grand opening.”

**Allsports Grand Prix**  
High Speed Indoor Kart Racing

**The '2 for 1' Special is BACK!**

**That's 2 races for the price of ONE! \***

\*Please visit our website for details & restrictions - www.AllsportsGP.com

**Allsports Grand Prix**  
45915 Maries Road  
Dulles, VA. 20166

**Office (571) 434-9566**  
Fax (571) 434-9570  
www.AllsportsGP.com

**Potomac Paint & Design Center**

**GO GREEN**

**Benjamin Moore®**  
Paints

**Natura**  
Interior Waterborne Paint  
Formally Natura Zero VOC  
Breathe Easy

flat

**\$5.00 OFF\***

**Premium Paint**  
**Natura & Aura**

\*Retail Only

**FREE**

**Drop Cloth and Roller Cover**

13900 Metrotech Dr. (near Lowes)  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
703-961-1200

**60,000 POTS**  
Buy 1 at Regular Price  
Get 2 FREE

Ask cashier for details

**25% OFF**  
BONSAI, ORCHIDS,  
CACTI, PERENNIALS

SINCE 1973

**Cravens Nursery & Pottery**

9023 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA  
CravensNursery.com  
2 miles west of I-495 on Rt. 50.  
1 mile from I-66 (Vienna Metro)

**703-573-5025**  
Major credit cards accepted  
Open 9-5, 7 days a week

**35% TO 75% OFF ALL Trees & Shrubs**

VISA  
MasterCard  
Discover

Join Us for an Evening of Romance and Passion

**The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra**  
invites you to attend the

**2010 Valentine Pops Gala and Silent Auction**

*Amore!*

Friday, February 5, 2010  
Hilton McLean Tysons Corner

6:30 pm – Silent Auction and Cocktail Reception  
8:00 pm – Dinner

9:30 pm – Fairfax Symphony Orchestra in concert,  
featuring Robert Petillo, tenor, and Jeanine Thames, soprano

Tables of 10 available for \$3,000, \$5,000 and \$7,500.  
Individual tickets available for \$300 each.

R.S.V.P. by January 22, 2010 • Black Tie Optional  
info@fairfaxsymphony.org

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors  
and the 2010 Valentine Pops Gala Committee

**Comparing some remodelers can be like comparing a meek sapling to a mighty oak.**

Only one offers the countless advantages that come with size and age. That's why you need Case, the area's largest full-service residential remodeling company. Our business is rooted in providing superior craftsmanship and excellent service. And it has been from the very beginning, nearly fifty years ago. Plus, we offer popular name brand products and an unmatched five-year warranty, all at great value. So don't bark up the wrong tree. Call Case today for a free consultation.

**CASE®**  
DESIGN/REMODELING, INC.  
703.667.7397 or CaseDesign.com

## THINGS TO DO

# Seven Little Roommates

**Robinson Production Co. presents Disney-free 'Snow White.'**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**alt Disney didn't have a lock on "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves." A century earlier, the show played on Broadway.

"It was professionally produced, with a really good script," said Robinson Secondary Theater Director Chip Rome. That's the version the Robinson Production Co. is bringing to life on the school's stage.

The show will be presented Friday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door or via [www.RobinsonDrama.org](http://www.RobinsonDrama.org), or \$5 by mail to: Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032.

The Robinson Production Co. is a theater class comprised mainly of freshmen, but students must audition or interview to get in, and all 35 of them are involved in the show in some way.

"It's something of an experiment, in that the class focuses on learning theater skills by doing," said Rome. "So it's less academic and more hands-on and requires an enhanced level of commitment and discipline toward working individually and as an ensemble."

**"So she's vulnerable, but stays alive by living with the seven dwarves."**

— Carys Meyer,  
as Snow White

brave."

Meyer is enjoying her role because Snow White "goes through lots of different emotions." She said playing the lead is "a lot of responsibility because you have to set a good example for the rest of the cast. I think the audience will love the show because the dwarves are really cute and people will relate to the love story."

Portraying the evil Queen Brangomar is Emily

Rowson. "She's very self-centered," said Rowson. "When she finds out from the witch that Snow White is, indeed, more beautiful than her, she wants to kill her. So she plots with the witch to do that."

She said it's a fun role because "playing the villain gives you a chance to portray something totally opposite of yourself. We have some fantastic actors and suspenseful moments in the show, so children and adults will both enjoy it."

Alyssa Michener plays Hex, the witch. "She's magical and wants to be better and not hurt anybody," said Michener. "She likes doing spells, but has a really good heart, deep down, so she's a really fun character to play. She's unique and has her own humorous personality. She's fun-loving."

Delighted to be in a children's show, Michener said,



DONATED PHOTO

**In this rehearsal picture, the littlest dwarf, Quee (played by freshman Dora Maxwell), prepares to remember all of the items to bring back to the others tomorrow. Also seen here are, from left, John Turner, Hannah Selz, Talisa Caldwell, Papsi Kabia, Shelby Weatherbee and Laura Newcome.**

"When it's geared toward children, you get to be more creative and playful to make it more real and exciting for them. Kids want to laugh and get excited about a play. They'll also learn the morals that beauty is skin deep – real beauty comes from the inside – and that good triumphs over evil."

The student director is senior Marisa Brown. Besides being in charge of makeup, she's helped the freshmen transition to high-school theater and says their parents will be able to see their progress as actors.

"It's been a great learning experience for me," said Brown. "It was a lot harder than I thought." Toughest was getting organized and figuring out each day's plan. She made sure the actors were running their lines and knew their cues; and at first, she even directed them.

Now, she's glad to have had the opportunity. "Mr. Rome said I could do anything I set my mind to," she said. "And the fact that I accomplished so much and achieved this goal means a lot to me." She also predicts the dwarves will be big hits. "They're so cute," said Brown "The audience will just adore them."

"I think the audience will really like our characterizations," said Rome. "They're great, lively and fun, and the storyline moves along nicely. The kids are working hard and it's paying off, so we're confident the audience will have a wonderful time."

## CALENDAR

### Snow Dates for 'Nutcracker'

**T**he Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax presents "Nutcracker in a Nutshell," on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Tickets for all shows are \$20. These performances have been rescheduled from their original December dates due to the winter storm that plagued the area on Dec. 19. Tickets from the December shows will be honored. To learn more, go to [www.thecenterforballetarts.com](http://www.thecenterforballetarts.com) or phone 703-273-5344.



**Lake Braddock student Kailey Leinz as Clara**

To have community events listed, send submissions to [fairfax@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:fairfax@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

#### THURSDAY/JAN. 14

**The Grandsons.** At The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 7:30 p.m. beginner lesson, 8-10 p.m. live music. \$10. 703-424-1745 or [www.headoverheelsdance.com](http://www.headoverheelsdance.com).

**Chess Club.** 3:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn the rules and strategy, play the game. Age 6-14. 703-644-7333.

**Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle II.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Moms Club of Burke-North Ninth Annual Preschool Fair.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Burke Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall, 9501 Old Burke Lake Road, Burke. Free and open to the public. Over 25 preschools will be represented. 866-841-9139 ext. 1581 or [www.joannewalton.com/preschoolfair](http://www.joannewalton.com/preschoolfair).

#### FRIDAY/JAN. 15

**U.S. Navy Band's 33rd International Saxophone Symposium.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With clinics, recitals and vendor displays, 3-7 p.m. 202-433-2525 or [www.navyband.navy.mil/saxophonesymposium](http://www.navyband.navy.mil/saxophonesymposium).

**Chelsea Lee.** 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Sonos.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Daedalus Quartet.** 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolf Trap, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org) or 703-938-2404.

**Flying Cows of Ventry.** 7-9:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600

#### SATURDAY/JAN. 16

**U.S. Navy Band's 33rd International Saxophone Symposium.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With clinics, recitals and vendor displays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 202-433-2525 or [www.navyband.navy.mil/saxophonesymposium](http://www.navyband.navy.mil/saxophonesymposium).

**Chelsea Lee.** 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**John Eddie (full band).** 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**So You Think You Can Dance Fairfax County Competition for Teens Audition Rounds.** 3-5 p.m. All contestants will need to fill out a Team Registration Entry Form prior to the audition, at any teen center or at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec); go to Teen Services.

Audition locations are: James Lee Teen Center, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church; Mott Teen Center, 8100 Braddock Road, Fairfax; Reston Teen Center, 12196 Sunset Hills Drive, Reston; Hideaway Teen Center, South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

**Springfield Community Theatre presents 'Heroes.'** 8 p.m. at The John Swayze Theatre at the New School, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors and students. 703-866-6238 or [www.sctonline.org](http://www.sctonline.org).

**John Jennings & Friends.** 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolf Trap, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org) or 703-938-2404.

**Animal Lovers Event.** 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax City Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Information pertaining to animals, pets, wildlife. Free. 703-293-6227 or 571-236-9056.

**Providence Players One Act Competition.** 7:30 p.m. at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. With "LoCo SloMo

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 9

# CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 8

PoMo" by David Lawson, "The Celibacy Club" by Kristin Hansen, "The Great Irony Heist" by Eric Burchett, and "An Original Monologue" by Nick Snow. [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org).  
**Flying Cows of Ventry**, 7-9:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600

## SUNDAY/JAN. 17

**NAACP Fairfax County Youth Council Meeting**, 4 p.m. at the George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. [restonbell7@gmail.com](mailto:restonbell7@gmail.com).

**Hungry For Music Benefit**, 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).  
 Springfield Community Theatre presents 'Heroes.' 2 p.m. at The John Swayze Theatre at the New School, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors and students. 703-866-6238 or [www.sctonline.org](http://www.sctonline.org).

**Annandale High School Chorus: Broadway Desserts**, 1:30 p.m and 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Cultural Arts Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Broadway show tunes. Tickets \$8-\$20. 703-916-0232 or [pam.odon@verizon.net](mailto:pam.odon@verizon.net).

## MONDAY/JAN. 18

**Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day**, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Dewberry Hall in the Johnson Center, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Volunteer for multiple nonprofit agencies at one central location. Service projects will benefit populations served by



## Joy of Sax

**U.S. Navy Band presents its 33rd International Saxophone Symposium Friday and Saturday at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. The event includes clinics, recitals and vendor displays. View listings for more information, or go to [www.navyband.navy.mil/saxophonesymposium](http://www.navyband.navy.mil/saxophonesymposium).**

FACETS, Fairfax 4-H, the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and the Orphan Foundation of America. Pre-registration encouraged at [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org). Contact 703-246-3826.

**Preschool Open House at Spring-Mar Cooperative Preschool.**

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. 703-239-1213 or [www.spring-mar.org](http://www.spring-mar.org)

**Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad**, 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).



# REACH NEW HEIGHTS

AT THE AREA'S BEST ALL INDOOR FITNESS FACILITY

### ACTIVITIES

- Adult & Children's Tennis\*
- Swimming
- Racquetball\*
- Cybex Weight Equipment
- Cardiovascular Equipment
- Aerobics/Pilates/Glides
- Yoga/Ball/Bosu
- Sauna
- Post Rehab Conditioning\*
- Personal Trainers
- Massage Therapy\*
- Masters Swim Program

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Team Building Activities
- Kidfit\*
- Birthday and Team Parties\* (using our climbing wall, XERGYM, and/or pool)
- Kids Nite Out\* (4 hours of fun & play give Mom and Dad a "date night")
- KidZone\*

**ENROLL IN WINTER TENNIS**

**PARTY PACKAGES AVAILABLE**

**JOIN OUR SPORT CLIMBING AND XERGYM EXPERIENCE**

**Home of the Nationally Ranked Curl Burke Swim Team**

**Water Fitness Classes Available—Drop-ins Welcome**

**703.250.1299**

6001 Burke Commons Rd. Burke, Virginia

15 minutes from Springfield, Newington, Fairfax & Centreville.

[www.burkeclub.com](http://www.burkeclub.com)



**FAIRFAX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
 Christopher Zimmerman | Music Director

## Passion and Beauty!

**Saturday, January 23, 2010, 8:00 p.m.**

**Augustin Hadelich, violin**

**GMU's Center for the Arts**

- **HAYDN:** Symphony No. 92 *Oxford*
- **BARBER:** Violin Concerto
- **SIBELIUS:** Symphony No. 1

Single tickets from \$25  
 Call 888-945-2468 or visit [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org)  
 Call 703-563-1990 to subscribe to the 2nd half of the FSO's 2009-2010 season.

## COMMUNITIES OF WORSHIP

### IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH

*Weekend Worship Services* Check out our

SATURDAY	6:30PM
SUNDAY	8, 9:30, 11AM
VENTURE (YOUNG ADULTS)	11AM
HISPANIC	12:30PM

- Creative ministry to children, including Union Station, AWANA, and VBS
- Relevant ministry to middle and high school students
- Vibrant ministry to men, women, and couples
- Young Adults service at 11am
- Spanish-language service at 12:30pm
- ESL classes (fall/winter/spring)
- Immanuel Christian Bookstore

6911 BRADDOCK RD, SPRINGFIELD, VA 703.941.4124  
 on the web at [www.immanuelbible.net](http://www.immanuelbible.net)

### Messiah United Methodist Church

[www.messiahumc.org](http://www.messiahumc.org)

Check out our:

- dynamic youth group
- both men's and women's ministry
- wonderful choir, bell choirs and a full orchestra

Sunday Services 8:15, 9:30 and 11 am  
 Sunday School 9:30 and 11 am  
*Childcare is available during worship*

6215 Rolling Road, Springfield (near West Springfield High School)  
**703-569-9862**

#### Assembly of God

Jubilee Christian Center  
 703-383-1170  
 Fairfax Assembly of God  
 703-591-4284  
 Way of Faith Assembly of God  
 703-573-7221

#### Baptist

Braddock Missionary ... 703-830-4125  
 Calvary Hill... 703-323-1347  
 Fairfax Baptist... 703-273-1820  
 Fairfax Circle... 703-573-7372  
 Greater Little Zion... 703-764-9111  
 Iglesia Bautista La Gran Comiscica... 703-323-5858  
 Judah Praise Fellowship Christian... 703-758-1456  
 Northern Virginia Primitive Baptist... 703-255-0637

#### Bible

Bancroft Bible Church... 703-425-3800

#### Catholic

St. Leo the Great Catholic... 703-273-5369  
 St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church... 703-978-4141  
 St. Paul Catholic Church... 703-968-3010

#### Coptic Orthodox

St. Mark... 703-591-4444

#### Disciples of Christ

Fairfax Christian Church... 703-385-3520

#### Episcopal

Church of the Apostles  
 703-591-1974  
 Truro Episcopal... 703-273-1300

#### Jewish

Congregation of Olam tikvah... 703-425-1880  
 Chabad Lubavitch... 703-426-1980

#### Lutheran

Bethlehem Lutheran... 703-978-3131  
 Christ Lutheran... 703-273-4094  
 Kings of Kings... 703-378-7272  
 Lord of Life... 703-323-9500

#### Methodist

Bruen Chapel United... 703-560-1665  
 Fairfax United... 703-591-3120  
 Pender United... 703-278-8023  
 St. George's United... 703-385-4550

#### Jubilee Christian Center

*Celebrating the Sounds of Freedom*  
 Realtime Worship - Sunday 8:45 & 11 AM  
 Sunday School 10:10 AM  
 Sunday Evening - 6:30 PM Youth Meeting  
 Family Night - Wednesday 7:15 PM  
 Call for Sunday Evening Worship Home Group Schedule  
 visit our website: [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org)

4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax  
 Bill Fraschetti, PASTOR 703-383-1170  
 "Experience the Difference"

#### Non-Denominational

Fair Oaks... 703-631-1112  
 Fairfax Church of Christ... 703-631-2100  
 Fairfax Community Church... 703-323-0110

Sovereign Grace Church... 703-691-0600  
 Jesus Christ Crucified... 703-385-9015  
 Metropolitan Community Church  
 703-691-0930  
 Salvation Army... 703-385-9700  
 Shepherd's Heart... 703-385-4833  
 Word of Life Church International... 703-978-7101

#### Pentecostal

The Greater Pentecostal Temple...  
 703-385-9426

#### Presbyterian

Christ Presbyterian Church... 703-278-8365  
 Fairfax Presbyterian... 703-273-5300  
 Korean Presbyterian... 703-321-8090  
 Providence Presbyterian... 703-978-3934  
 New Hope... 703-385-9056  
 Shalom Presbyterian... 703-280-2777

#### Seventh Day Adventist

Fairfax Seventh Day Adventist  
 703-978-3386

#### United Church of Christ

Little River United  
 Church of Christ  
 703-978-3060



To Advertise Your Community of Worship, Call 703-917-6463

# Ultimate Fight Night in Fairfax

Area's first round with UFC is highest grossing 'Fight Night' in company history.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

One step into the seating area of George Mason's University's Patriot Center and the atmosphere of the Ultimate Fighting Championship — the fastest growing Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) promotion in the world — hits you the second you see the infamous octagon.

Bright lights illuminate the caged fighting surface where the blood of previous bouts stain the floor. Television cameramen shuffle around, looking for the best shot of the action while fans unleash colorful cheers at the athletes.

The sounds of fists smacking across flesh and dull thuds of takedowns further send spectators into a frenzy.

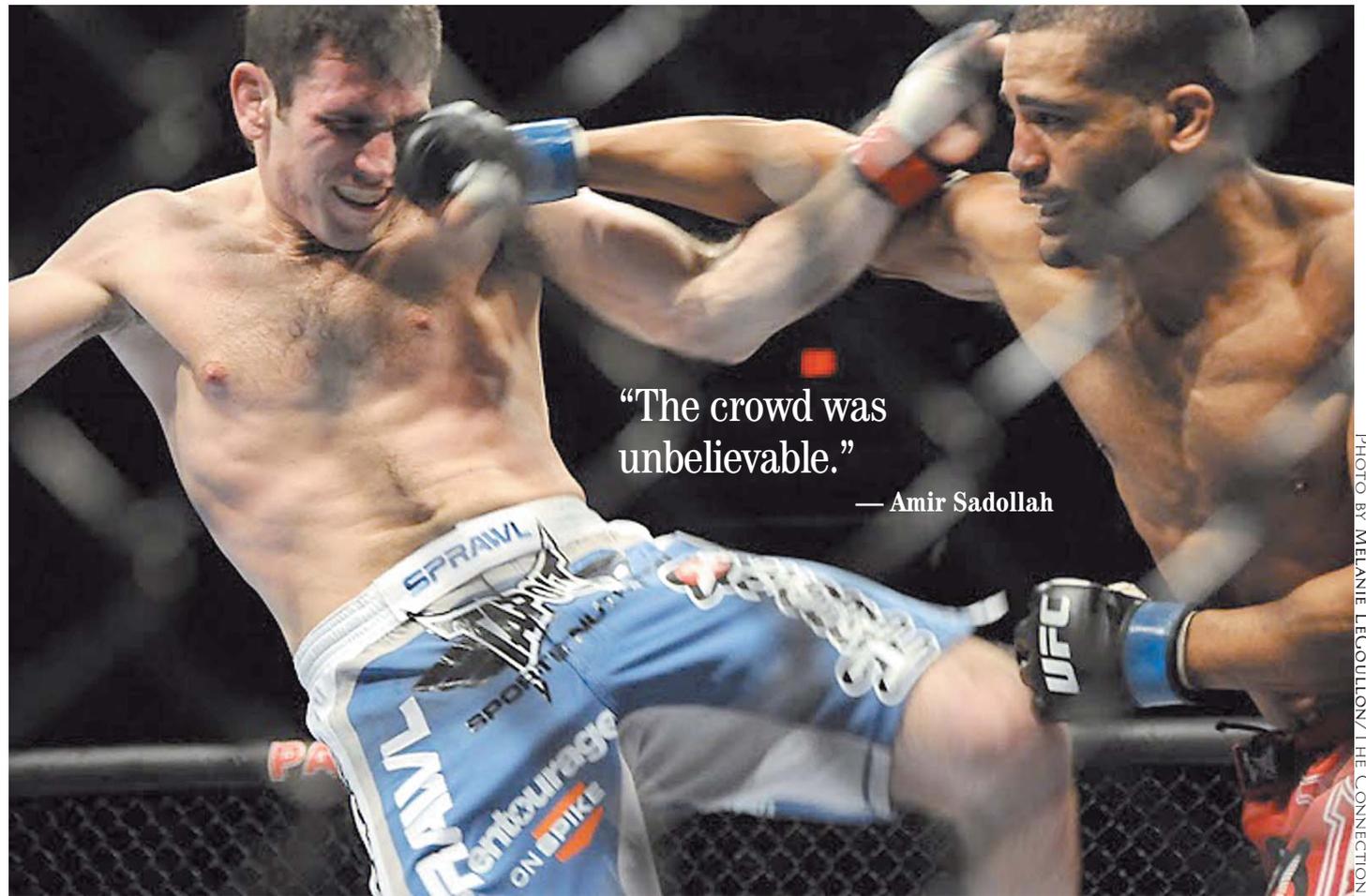
One fighter positions his hands around another's neck and the announced crowd of 8,500 erupts.

"Choke him out!" a fan yells. "CHOK HIM OUT!"

Action-packed and often brutal, the UFC's brand of MMA, a combat sport featuring various boxing, kickboxing and wrestling disciplines, made its local debut in Fairfax on Jan. 11.

The event, titled Ultimate Fight Night 20, sold out the Patriot Center and was broadcast live on the cable channel Spike TV.

Luke Thomas, MMA analyst and editor of the popular fighting blog [www.bloodyelbow.com](http://www.bloodyelbow.com), said the UFC's first appearance in the area was long overdue.



"The crowd was unbelievable."

— Amir Sadollah

PHOTO BY MELANIE LEGGILLON/THE CONNECTION

**Amir Sadollah, left, absorbs a punch from Brad Blackburn. Sadollah won his bout with a unanimous decision, improving his UFC record to 3-1.**

"People may not look at Fairfax County and think it's a MMA hotbed," Thomas said. "But there's also a lot of young professionals with money who can afford tickets to see the fights. It's a growing market."

The UFC stages 12 pay-per-view events annually, but free cable television events such as Fight Night give the company a chance to expand its reach to new markets.

Thomas said the UFC's ability to draw fans in smaller markets doesn't just stem

from the sport's current popularity, but also the roster of fighters the company has to display.

"The UFC is like a touring rock band," he said. "Each time they come to your town, they can bring a new set of fighters with them. So you're seeing something new each time."

Coupled with the growing MMA community and rise of the sport in the area, Fight Night 20 set a new record for the UFC. The

reported \$730,000 gate gross is the highest earnings for a Fight Night event.

Springfield and Herndon-based MMA teacher and UFC veteran Aaron Riley credited the growing enthusiasm for the sport in the area for Fight Night's strong attendance.

SEE UFC, PAGE 13

## 5 Qs with W.T. Woodson guard Keara Finnerty

# 5Qs:

**Q: Before a game, what's your go-to pump-up song?**

A: Probably "Remember The Name" by Fort Minor.

**Q: What's the most you've spent on a pair of basketball shoes?**

A: I think it was \$200. They were Nike Shox. I don't think they were worth the money.

**Q: What's the best part about being a Woodson basketball player?**

A: It's fun to win and go to school the next day. Everyone is so positive toward the team.

**Q: If you could take the court with one other athlete, who would it be?**

A: Definitely Michael Jordan because he's my role model.

**Q: If you weren't playing basketball, what sport would you play?**

A: Softball. I love all the cheering the teams do and it's just a fun sport.

— REED S. ALBERS



**Keara Finnerty is one of two freshmen on the Woodson girls' varsity basketball roster.**

REED S. ALBERS



PHOTO BY REED S. ALBERS/THE CONNECTION

Taylor Hayes sends a pass past a South County defender during her team's 42-29 loss on Jan. 8.

# Growing into the Role

Woodson's junior point guard Taylor Hayes provides scoring and boost to team confidence.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

The W.T. Woodson girls basketball team has at least one clear leader on the roster — senior guard and Boston University recruit Melissa Gallo. But playing the role of understudy, ready to inherit 2010-11's team, is junior Taylor Hayes.

"[Hayes] has taken over as the point guard this year," Head Coach Pat Neri said. "And she's really turned into a great floor leader as well."

"She's giving us scoring from a position that we haven't had [scoring] from before."

— Pat Neri

would be expected of her next season.

One of them is taking control of the court and setting up plays to feed the Cavaliers' offense.

During Woodson's 42-29 loss to South County on Jan. 8, Hayes would often glance at Neri and

receive a play to run, just like Gallo does.

"[Hayes] knows the offenses, knows how to get into them and run them," Neri said.

Although 2010-11 might not be soon enough for the tenacious point guard, Hayes is growing accustomed to her new role.

"I'm excited [about being a leader]," she said. "I've learned from [Gallo] and I hope that next year I can be the same type of player for my teammates."

Hayes' new role on the team hasn't gone unnoticed by younger players. Freshman Keara Finnerty said the dual-leadership is a bonus in the locker room.

"I'm learning a lot from [Hayes and Gallo] as leaders," she said. "They know how to pick up the team and they're great role models."

While the ultimate goal is to transform the junior into the team's commander on court next season, Neri said Hayes' value also comes in her scoring ability as a point guard.

"She's giving us scoring from a position that we haven't had [scoring] from before," he said.

So far this season, Hayes has racked up 133 points for the Cavs, including a season-high 22 points against Centreville on Jan. 5.

"We've had good point guards before," Neri said. "But we haven't had one who is as much of a scorer. It gives us a whole new element in our offense."

Although the loss to South County cooled down Hayes' hot-streak, the junior said her recent performances might help spur other players to post stronger games.

"The team feeds off every other player's confidence," she said. "If the entire team has confidence, then we'll be rolling."

Woodson's next game is on the road at West Potomac on Jan. 14, followed by a home game on Jan. 15 against T.C. Williams. The Cavaliers are currently 8-4 this season.

## THIS IS "VALENTINO"



D.O.B. January 6, 2007. Lab Mix Neutered Male, 40 lbs. Found as a stray and cared for by an animal-friendly neighborhood, Valentino was brought to us to find his forever home. He's only 2½ yrs. old, is a handsome fella and gets along well with most dogs (he especially loves the ladies) He's a little shy with strangers, but is very friendly and loving once he knows you. He is smart and knows several commands, walks nicely on a leash, and would spend his days snuggling if you let him. Come meet Valentino today! Attributes: To know him is to love him!

### HUMANE SOCIETY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-3 • www.hsfc.org  
4057 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030 • 703-385-7387

## OPEN HOUSES SAT./SUN. JAN. 16 & 17



3514 SCHUERMAN HOUSE DR • \$1,399,000 • Sun. 1-4  
Long & Foster • Joyce Shuemake • (703) 437-3800

When you visit one of these Open Houses, tell the Realtor you saw it in this Connection Newspaper. For more real estate listings and open houses, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com) and click the Real Estate links on the right side.

Call Specific Agents to Confirm Dates & Times.

Chantilly/ Oak Hill	
12713 OX MEADOW DR.....\$1,245,000.....Wed. Jan 20 11-2	.....Weichert.....Carolina Hurtado.....703-691-0555
Fairfax	
3514 SCHUERMAN HOUSE DR.....\$1,399,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Long & Foster.....Joyce Shuemake.....703-437-3800
3126 BARBARA LN.....\$599,900.....Sat. 12-5/Sun. 12-5	.....Weichert.....Theodosia Dampier.....703-569-7870
10725 Norman Ave.....\$539,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Weichert.....Ron Fowler.....703-598-0511
9929 COMMONWEALTH BLVD.....\$499,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Long & Foster.....Cathy DeLoach.....703-425-8000
5330 Sideburn Road.....\$535,000.....Sat./Sun. 1-4	.....Century 21 New Millen.....Bob Scherbarth.....703-477-1043
Herndon/ Reston/Sterling	
517 Merlins Lane.....\$415,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Samson Properties.....Casey Samson.....703-508-2535
46518 Cedarhurst Dr.....\$450,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Samson Properties.....John McCambridge.....703-906-7067
2539 BRENTON POINT DR.....\$549,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Coldwell Banker.....Mary O'Brien.....703-568-1975
2216 CARTWRIGHT PL.....\$275,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....McEneaney.....Deborah Pietras.....703-967-2400
Ashburn	
21325 Clancy Terrace.....\$349,900.....Sat. 1-4	.....Century 21 New Millen.....Dorian Ritchie.....571-299-9793
Fairfax Station	
11611 YATES FORD RD.....\$767,500.....Sun. 1-4	.....Keller Williams Realty.....Karen Paris.....571-220-7503
Alexandria	
124 N. Grayson St.....\$479,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Weichert.....Ron Fowler.....703-598-0511
Burke	
7317 Mizzen Place.....\$589,950.....Sun. 1-4	.....Weichert.....Kathleen Quintarelli.....703-862-8808
5909 HOLLOW OAK CT.....\$519,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Long & Foster.....Cynthia Julian.....703-503-1458
Vienna	
502 Spring Street SE.....\$1,240,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Samson Properties.....Casey Samson.....703-508-2535
201 CHARLES ST SE.....\$1,295,000.....Sun. 1-4	.....Keller Williams Realty.....Terry Belt.....703-242-3975

To add your **FREE** Realtor Open House listing in  
**Chantilly/Oak Hill, Centreville/Clifton, Fairfax**  
Contact: Karen Washburn  
[kwashburn@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:kwashburn@connectionnewspapers.com)  
All listings due by Monday at 3 p.m.

ZONE 2: • BURKE  
• FAIRFAX • SPRINGFIELD

# EMPLOYMENT

703-917-6464  
ZONE 2 Ad DEADLINE:  
WEDNESDAY 11 A.M.

ZONE 2: • BURKE  
• FAIRFAX • SPRINGFIELD

# HOME & GARDEN

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM CONTRACTORS.COM

703-917-6400  
ZONE 2 Ad DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY NOON

## TELEPHONE A great opportunity to WORK AT HOME!

NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!  
**301-333-1900**  
Weekdays 9-4

## TELEPHONE A great opportunity to WORK AT HOME!

NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!  
**301-333-1900**  
Weekdays 9-4

### MAID WANTED

Proficient in English. Detail work.  
8 hours per week. \$15/hr. Must have  
transportation. References required.  
Call: 443-414-4298

### TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS

Play & Learn @ Dulles Corner in Herndon, VA is seeking F/T Teachers and Assistants. Please call 703-713-3983 or fax resume to 703-793-2298 or email at [Sangley@va-childcare.com](mailto:Sangley@va-childcare.com).

### P/T MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Friendly, energetic person needed for solo practice in Burke. P/T, Mon, Tues & Wed. Must be organized, detail oriented and have excellent interpersonal skills. Please call 703-978-8100

### VETERINARY TECHNICIAN ASSISTANT

P/T position for experienced, reliable person. Must have excellent client service ability and be dedicated to superior animal care. We offer competitive salary and generous discounts.  
CLIFTON-CENTERVILLE ANIMAL CLINIC  
703-830-8844

### Landscape

Chapel Valley Landscape Company in Dulles, VA is seeking a Property Manager with Landscape Management experience, to manage crews, customer service oriented, computer knowledgeable, organized, goal oriented, fluent in English. 2 year college degree in hort. or related field pref. Landscape sales exp. req. Must have DL & clean driving record. Competitive wages & benefit package. Fax or e-mail resume to Carmen Palacios at 703-406-9251, or [carmenp@chapelvalley.com](mailto:carmenp@chapelvalley.com). EOE. Substance-free workplace.

### SEEKING SPONSOR

Not for profit organization is looking for a family or person to sponsor a female adult with intellectual disabilities in their home. This family or person will provide daily care and supervision to the individual. Community integration will play a big role in the services provided. Day programming will be provided by an area agency for 30 hours a week. Experience with someone with intellectual and physical disabilities is a must. Nursing experience a plus. Agency will provide nursing oversight, program support, wheelchair accessible vehicle and relief staff. The family or person would receive a tax free stipend in the range of 35 - 40k. Please e-mail your resume to: [krinehimer@sunrisegroup.org](mailto:krinehimer@sunrisegroup.org)

## 2010 EXPANSION Great Pay!

FT/PT. Temp/Perm. Ideal for students/others. Sales/Svc, Flex Schedules. Conditions apply. All ages 18+.  
**703-359-7600**

### RN Case Manager

Guardian Medical is a fast growing new company with tremendous advancement potential. Seeking experienced RN with WC Case mgt exp. Part time or full time depending on existing customer following. Prefer CCM with desire to grow with company into a mgt/marketing role. Strong organizational, writing, and computer skills a must. Fax resume to  
**866-703-9941 or send to**  
[info@guardianmedicalconsulting.com](mailto:info@guardianmedicalconsulting.com)

## Internships Available

Unusual opportunity to learn many aspects of the newspaper business. Internships available in reporting, photography, research, graphics. Opportunities for students, and for adults considering change of career. Unpaid. Email [internship@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:internship@connectionnewspapers.com)



### CAREER EDUCATION

#### WESTWOOD COLLEGE

Earn a bachelor degree in just three years at Westwood College  
Call 877-852-9712 today to receive your free Career Success Kit!  
[www.westwood.edu/locations](http://www.westwood.edu/locations)

## THE CONNECTION CLASSIFIED

Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:  
703-917-6400

Employment: 703-917-6464  
Fax: 703-917-0992

E-mail: [classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)

### CLEANING

## Y & Y CLEANING

13 yrs Exp.  
Excellent Refs,  
Guaranteed Satisfaction,  
Call Yamilet  
**703-967-7412**



## CARE MORE CLEANING SOLUTIONS

Residential & Commercial  
10% Senior Citizen Discount  
**703-862-5904**  
OR  
**703-780-6749**  
[caremorecleaning.com](http://www.caremorecleaning.com)



## A CLEANING SERVICE

Since 1985/Ins & Bonded

Quality Service at a Fair Price  
Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Comm/Res. MD VA DC  
[acleaningserviceinc.com](http://www.acleaningserviceinc.com)  
703-892-8648

### ELECTRICAL

### ELECTRICAL

## K & D ELECTRIC

COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL SERVICE  
Family Owned & Operated

Recessed Lighting  
Ceiling Fans  
Phone/CATV  
Computer Network Cabeling  
Service Upgrades  
Hot Tubs, etc...  
Licensed/Bonded/Insured  
Office 703-335-0654  
Mobile 703-499-0522

### GUTTER

### GUTTER

## PINNACLE SERVICES, Inc.

• LEAF REMOVAL  
• GUTTER CLEANING  
**703-802-0483**  
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE  
FREE EST



## MR. GUTTER

GUTTER CLEANING & REPAIRS  
Townhouses \$50  
Houses \$85  
Ext. Painting • Power-Washing  
LIC **703-323-4671** INS

## Metro Gutter

Clean/Install/Repair  
• Wood Replace & Wrapping • Pressure Washing  
• Chimney Sweeping & Repair  
20 YEARS EXP.  
**703-354-4333**  
[metrogutter.com](http://www.metrogutter.com)

### HANDYMAN

### HANDYMAN

## RCL HOME REPAIRS

Handyman Services  
Springfld • Burke • Kingstowne  
Light Electrical • Plumbing •  
Bathroom Renovation • Ceramic Tile •  
Drywall Repair  
**703-922-4190**  
LIC. [www.rclhomerepairs.com](http://www.rclhomerepairs.com) INS.

## THE #1 HANDYMAN

LICENSED • INSURED • RELIABLE  
• BATHROOMS • DECK REPAIR  
• KITCHENS • STORM DOORS  
• CAULKING • ELECTRICAL  
• PLUMBING • PAINTING  
No JOB TOO SMALL • LOW PRICES • ON TIME  
[www.the1handyman.com](http://www.the1handyman.com)  
**CALL: 703-444-0806**

### IMPROVEMENTS

### IMPROVEMENTS

## M. C. Lynch

Home Improvement  
Family Owned & Operated

Rotten Wood, Wind Damage, Trims,  
Windows, Doors, Deck, Stairs, Vanity,  
Basement Framing, Garbage Disposal,  
Painting, Power Wash, Siding Repairs.  
Licensed, Bonded, Insured  
**703-266-1233**

## R.N. CONTRACTORS, INC.

Remodeling Homes, Flooring,  
Kitchen & Bath, Windows,  
Siding, Roofing, Additions &  
Patios, Custom Deck, Painting  
We Accept All Major Credit Cards  
Licensed, Insured, Bonded • Free Estimates • Class A Lic  
Phone: 703-887-3827 Fax: 703-830-3849  
E-mail: [rncontractorsinc@gmail.com](mailto:rncontractorsinc@gmail.com)

## CLASSIC BUILDERS INC.

Complete Home Improvement  
and Handyman  
2nd Story additions to Decks  
Since 1998  
**703-867-0119**  
Class A

## HOME REMODELING

KITCHENS, BATHS, TILE, TRIM, INT.  
ALTERATIONS, all HOME REPAIRS!

### Steve's Remodeling

LIC. • INS. BONDED Call Steve Paris OWNER OPERATED  
**(703) 830-5681 - 703-932-0270**  
30 YEARS EXPERIENCE • FREE ESTIMATES

## R&N Carpentry

◆ BASEMENTS ◆ BATHS ◆ KITCHENS  
Foreclosure specialist/Power washing  
◆ Exterior Wood Rot More!  
Deck & Fence repair, Screen Porches  
No jobs too large or small  
Free est. 37 yrs exp. Licensed, Insured  
**703-987-5096**

# HOME & GARDEN

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM CONTRACTORS.COM

ZONE 2 • BURKE  
• FAIRFAX • SPRINGFIELD

# CLASSIFIED

703-917-6400  
ZONE 2 AD DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY NOON

# SPORTS

# UFC Bout

FROM PAGE 10

"[The local MMA community] was really excited about the UFC event," Riley said. "[UFC Fight Night 20] will help bring attention to the community that we have here."

The event's main card featured lightweight contenders Nate Diaz and Gray Maynard, but the electric atmosphere throughout the undercard fights suggested it didn't matter who was fighting, the fans just wanted fighting.

"[I wanted to see] the brutality of the UFC," said Fairfax County resident Nathan Runalduie, 20. "When you see somebody get [beat up], that's just incredible."

The event didn't just bring out fans in the local area, but also from as far away as Virginia Beach. Jason Cobb, 30, drove four hours for a chance to see the UFC live.

"When I heard [the UFC] was coming to Fairfax, I knew we had to travel to see the fights," he said. "It's just one of my favorite things to do, watch the fights every month."

Regardless of each fan's motivation for attending the event, be it violence or a chance to see a personal hero, spectators showed their enthusiasm for the sport when the event went live on television.

The live broadcast began at 9 p.m., and the arena's intensity reached fever-pitch when Richmond-based fighter Amir Sadollah opened the night with a unanimous decision victory over Brad Blackburn.

For Sadollah, the Fairfax show was the first time he enjoyed the role of semi-home-town hero.

"It was so cool [fighting in Virginia]," Sadollah said. "It was the first time in my life that I had a crowd chanting my name. ... The crowd was unbelievable."

Sadollah's striking in the first round of his bout started the event with the fast-paced action the UFC is known for.

His master stroke came when he pinned Blackburn against the cage with a disorienting punch that spurred a "SO-DOL-LAH" chant throughout the arena.

In a post-fight interview, Sadollah reflected on his amateur fighting days in Northern Virginia.

"I got chills [hearing my name being chanted]," he said. "It was nice to have that feeling again."

Perhaps the only lowlight came during the event's final match between headliners Maynard and Diaz.

Hyped as a grudge match, fans grew annoyed with the two fighters for dancing back and forth, refusing to take the fight to the ground and spending much of the bout talking trash.

Despite the hail of boos that rained on the octagon after the main event, Maynard, the winner by split decision, thanked the fans for their spirited support.

"I heard you Fairfax," Maynard said. "So who wants to see me fight [UFC lightweight champion] B.J. Penn next?"

Perhaps the crowd's roar was a yes to his question, or maybe it was a bellow to UFC president Dana White to bring a pay-per-view event to town.

**HAULING**

**ANGEL'S TRASH HAULING**  
Construction Debris,  
Residential, Office  
& Tree Removal  
703-863-1086  
New#- 571-312-7227

**AL'S HAULING**  
Junk & Rubbish  
Concrete, furn., office,  
yard, construction debris  
Low Rates NOVA  
703-360-4364  
703-304-4798 cell  
7 DAYS A WEEK

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**The HANDYMAN**  
A DIVISION OF NURSE CONSTRUCTION

BATHROOM REMODELING  
REPAIRS, CERAMIC TILE,  
PAINTING, DRYWALL,  
CARPENTRY, CUSTOM

WOOD REPAIR, LT. PLUMBING &  
ELECTRICAL, POWER WASHING  
Since 1964  
We Accept VISA/MC  
703-441-8811

**LANDSCAPING**

**ANGEL'S LAWN MOWING**  
•Trimming •Edging  
•Mulching •Yard Cleaning  
•Hauling •Tree Work  
703-863-1086  
New# 571-312-7227

**MASONRY**

**PRESTIGIOUS PATIOS**  
*Beat the spring rush!*  
Patios, Retaining Walls, Walkways  
& Masonry Repair  
\* Pavers/ Stone/ Etc.  
\* Free Estimates  
(703) 334-1452  
www.prestigiouspatios.com

**ProfessorToolbox.com**  
"Where you can find any Construction Professional in one place!"

**Homeowners Looking For...  
Qualified, Licensed, Insured  
Contractors**

www.ProfessorToolbox.com

**ROOFING**

**DBS Roofing, LLC**  
Whether it's Repair or Replace... Relax,  
We've Got You Covered.

Residential & Commercial Roofing Expert  
**Full Service Roofing Company**  
Repair • Refurbish • Replace  
All Major Roof Types  
703-455-Roof (7663)  
Call today for your Free Estimate Lic. & Ins.

**PAINTING**

**PATRIOT PAINTING**  
www.PatriotPainting.net  
Wallpaper Removal,  
Carpentry,  
Power Washing,  
Int/Ext Painting  
Free Est. • Satisfaction Guar.  
Lic./Ins. Int./Ext.  
703-502-7840  
Cell  
571-283-4883

**ROOFING**

**Roofing & Siding**  
(All Types)  
Soffit & Fascia Wrapping  
New Gutters  
Chimney Crowns  
Leaks Repaired  
No job too small  
703-975-2375

**TREE SERVICE**

**ANGEL'S TREE & HEAVY TRASH HAULING**  
•Mulch  
•Clean-up Grounds  
•Lot Land Clearing  
703-863-1086  
New#- 571-312-7227

Nothing is too small to know, and nothing too big to attempt.  
-William Van Horne

**101 Computers**

**HDI EASY COMPUTER SOLUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL BUSINESSES**  
JENNIFER O. SMITH • COMPUTER CONSULTANT

> TRAINING > INSTALLATION > TROUBLE-SHOOTING  
> LET US TAME THAT BEAST FOR YOU  
Serving the Area Since 1995  
(703) 765-2222  
JSMITHHDI@aol.com

**THE CONNECTION CLASSIFIED**  
NEWSPAPERS

Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:  
703-917-6400

Employment: 703-917-6464  
Fax: 703-917-0992

E-mail: classified@connectionnewspapers.com

**3 RE for Rent**

C'ville, TH 3 vl end, 3br, 2+,  
fpl, w/d, pool, ten, bcks to wds  
\$1495/mo o/a 703-864-5881

**21 Announcements**

**ABC LICENSE**  
Alam Enterprises, Inc trading  
as Ledo Pizza & Pasta 11725  
Lee Hwy, suite A9 Fairfax, VA  
22030 is applying to the  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
CONTROL for a Wine and  
Beer license to sell or manu-  
facture alcoholic beverages.  
Akim Alam, Director, Owner

**26 Antiques**

We consign/pay top \$ for  
antique/semi antique furn.  
including mid century &  
danish modern Teak  
furniture, sterling, mens  
watches, painting/art glass,  
clocks, jewelry, costume  
jewelry, etc. Call Schefer  
Antiques @ 703-241-0790.

**29 Misc. for Sale**

100% Seasoned red oak  
\$125 1/2 cord & \$225/cord  
703-347-2499

**30 Misc. Wanted**

**BUYING**  
Estates, foreclosures  
moving sales, antiques,  
bottles, old clothing any-  
thing old. Professional  
& dependable 40 yrs  
exp 301-514-4234

**115 Childcare Wanted**

Looking for live-in  
nanny/housekeeper in  
Alexandria ASAP.  
2 children (one in school  
and the other will start in a  
few months). Must like kids.  
Driving required. French,  
Spanish or Chinese prefera-  
ble. Competitive salary with  
benefits. Pls call  
571-277-5814.

The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it.  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**101 Computers**

**HDI EASY COMPUTER SOLUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL BUSINESSES**  
JENNIFER O. SMITH • COMPUTER CONSULTANT

> TRAINING > INSTALLATION > TROUBLE-SHOOTING  
> LET US TAME THAT BEAST FOR YOU  
Serving the Area Since 1995  
(703) 765-2222  
JSMITHHDI@aol.com

**THE CONNECTION CLASSIFIED**  
NEWSPAPERS

Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:  
703-917-6400

Employment: 703-917-6464  
Fax: 703-917-0992

E-mail: classified@connectionnewspapers.com

**21 Announcements**

**HEATER SALE! 45% OFF**  
Infrared Miracle Heater  
**CUT YOUR HEATING BILLS UP TO 50%**  
Heat up to 1000 sq. ft. for Pennies a day

Was \$499 • Cannot start fires • Full factory warranty  
Now Only \$279 w/ COUPON • Safe around kids & pets • Money Back Guarantee

**1-877-497-4427**  
Must Mention Coupon Code 6566  
Call Now, Supplies Limited

**21 Announcements**

**Go Painlessly™**  
MAXIMUM STRENGTH ANALGESIC  
**THERA-GESIC**  
Pain Relieving Creme (Net Wt. 3 oz. 185 g)

For Real Pain Therapy...

**THERA-GESIC® Pain Cream**  
It Really Works...Compare and SAVE.

**21 Announcements**

**OCEAN FRONT AUCTION**  
**Two NEW Isle of Palms SC Showplaces**  
Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. at 2208 & 2504 Palm Blvd

Either WILL SELL to the highest bidder at or above \$3.5 million - 8% Buyer's Premium

• Appraised at \$6.3 & \$6.4 million  
• Huge 1.5 acre ocean-front lots - no erosion issues  
• 100+ page FREE Info Package at web site

**HARPER AUCTION & REALTY**  
www.AuctionMyRealEstate.net  
Mike Harper, Auctioneer/BIC SCAL #3728 (843) 729-4996

**21 Announcements**

**Finance Your Garage!**

90 Days No Monthly Payments & No Interest If Paid Within 90 Days!

Building Size	Cost	Monthly
24 x 32 x 10	\$7,500	\$112.50
30 x 40 x 10	\$9,500	\$142.50
30 x 50 x 12	\$14,000	\$210.00
40 x 60 x 14	\$19,500	\$292.50
40 x 80 x 12	\$23,500	\$352.50
60 x 120 x 16	\$54,500	Call Now

Special include: 2" galvalume roof • 11' entry door • material • delivery construction

**CONESTOGA BUILDINGS**  
AFFORDABLE QUALITY

1-877-434-3133  
www.cbstructuresinc.com

**21 Announcements**

**MANUFACTURER'S COUPON** EXPIRES 12/14/09 *Hurry!*

**HEATER SALE! 45% OFF**  
Infrared Miracle Heater  
**CUT YOUR HEATING BILLS UP TO 50%**  
Heat up to 1000 sq. ft. for Pennies a day

Was \$499 • Cannot start fires • Full factory warranty  
Now Only \$279 w/ COUPON • Safe around kids & pets • Money Back Guarantee

**1-877-497-4427**  
Must Mention Coupon Code 6566  
Call Now, Supplies Limited

**21 Announcements**

**Go Painlessly™**  
MAXIMUM STRENGTH ANALGESIC  
**THERA-GESIC**  
Pain Relieving Creme (Net Wt. 3 oz. 185 g)

For Real Pain Therapy...

**THERA-GESIC® Pain Cream**  
It Really Works...Compare and SAVE.

**21 Announcements**

**OCEAN FRONT AUCTION**  
**Two NEW Isle of Palms SC Showplaces**  
Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. at 2208 & 2504 Palm Blvd

Either WILL SELL to the highest bidder at or above \$3.5 million - 8% Buyer's Premium

• Appraised at \$6.3 & \$6.4 million  
• Huge 1.5 acre ocean-front lots - no erosion issues  
• 100+ page FREE Info Package at web site

**HARPER AUCTION & REALTY**  
www.AuctionMyRealEstate.net  
Mike Harper, Auctioneer/BIC SCAL #3728 (843) 729-4996

# Families To Feel Crunch in School Budget

Superintendent asks Board of Supervisors for additional \$57.8 million from budget.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Superintendent Jack Dale wants to ask the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for an additional \$57.8 million in funding to help meet Fairfax County Public Schools budget needs next year, according to a presentation he made to the School Board Jan. 7.

Fairfax already allocates the school system approximately \$1.7 billion annually, or about 53 percent of the county's overall revenue. But Dale said the schools are facing a projected shortfall of \$166 million in the 2010-11 school year, in part due to rising costs that are out of the system's control.

The additional money equates to an increase of 3 cents per \$100 of assessed land value in the Fairfax County real estate property tax rate. Fairfax schools draw approximately 75 percent of its funding from the local county government, which in turn, almost exclusively relies on real estate taxes for revenue.

**IN ADDITION** to requesting more money from the county, Dale has suggested \$108.2 million in spending cuts to assist in closing the schools system's projected funding gap for next year.

The superintendent added that the quality of Fairfax County public education system would suffer as a result of the cuts.

"We spend the same amount of money on schools as Montgomery County, Md. but we have 30,000 more students than they do," said Dale, referencing Fairfax's largest public education rival in the region.

Dale does not ultimately make the decision about the Fairfax schools' budget. The School Board — largely relying on the superintendent's budget proposal as a template — will make its formal request for funding from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors next month.

In late April, the supervisors will pass an annual countywide budget and announce

how much they intend to allocate to Fairfax schools overall next year.

Some School Board members have already indicated that they would like to ask the county for funding above and beyond what Dale has suggested.

"Let's just say \$57.8 million is not my favorite number," said School Board member Brad Center (Lee).

## New Fees For Families

To make up for the budget shortfall, Dale is proposing \$3.4 million in new fees for families and students, such as:

- ❖ a \$75 charge for any Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam a student takes
- ❖ a \$100 student fee for participating on a sports team

## Proposed programs for elimination

Dale has proposed the elimination of the following services:

- ❖ "behind the wheel" drivers education. Fairfax students would now have to depend on the private sector for such training.
- ❖ bus service to "gifted and talented" centers if a base school has "gifted and talented" equivalent classes available.
- ❖ bus service to academy programs if there are fewer than five students enrolled in the program from a high school.
- ❖ freshman athletics, indoor track and winter cheerleading
- ❖ foreign language in the elementary schools (not including immersion programs)
- ❖ elementary "focus" programs (currently present at Riverside, Fort Hunt, Hollin Meadows, Woodley Hills elementary schools in Mount Vernon; Lake Anne and Forest Edge elementary schools in Reston; Kent Gardens Elementary School in McLean; Daniels Run Elementary School in Fairfax)
- ❖ Pimmit Hills Alternative High School in Falls Church
- ❖ Modified School Calendar (currently present at Dogwood Elementary School in

## VIEWPOINTS

What do you think of the program cuts proposed by the FCPS superintendent?

"It's upsetting that freshman sports maybe getting cut, my daughter was looking forward to playing sports, like cheerleading. It's also really hard to believe



that a county as wealthy as Fairfax is having such severe budget issues."

**Penny Henslee**

"I feel like it's ridiculous. They say we have the right to a free education, but yet they're trying to make us pay. Also, if they cut teachers, it's like saying that they don't matter, and it's like a slap in the face. Every teacher in a school is important."



**Miranda Duke**

"It's not right because freshman wouldn't have their own team to try out on, and it would be harder for them to get on JV and varsity sports and, also, my sister in the third grade is in strings, and she enjoys it, so I hope they keep the band and strings programs up in elementary schools."



**Kristiana Moore**

"I think that the school system wastes money on things that aren't important, and if they re-prioritized it wouldn't be as bad as it is now."



**Bethany Cubbage**

— TIFFANY DANIELS

Reston, Franconia Elementary School in the Springfield area, and Timber Lane Elementary School in the McLean area)

❖ Project Excel (currently present at Bucknell, Hollin Meadows, Hybla Valley, Mount Vernon Woods, Riverside, Woodlawn, Woodley Hills and Fort Belvoir elementary schools in the Mount Vernon area; Dogwood Elementary School in Reston; Hutchinson Elementary School in Herndon; Halley Elementary School in Fairfax Station; and London Towne Elemen-

tary School in Centreville)

❖ Most traditional summer school programs

## Other Budget Actions

Dale has also proposed the following:

- ❖ To increase class size by one student per teacher for all classes except special education.
- ❖ To freeze employees salaries and not give school system staff a "cost of living" increase in the next year.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Olds Indicted: Gang Participation

A man arrested by City of Fairfax Police in September for allegedly recruiting teens into a criminal street gang has been indicted by the grand jury. He is Theodore Alonzo Olds, 43, of the 10000 block of Shortbread Way in Bristow.

In May at Fairfax High, School Resource Officer Shawn Sutherland investigated several cases involving larceny and fraud. According to police, further investigation revealed that Olds and his

daughter, 17 — then a student at the school — belonged to and were allegedly trying to recruit juveniles into a gang known as the Bloods.

On Dec. 28, the grand jury indicted Olds on six counts of gang participation involving an adult with juveniles. He's slated to enter a plea Jan. 20 in Circuit Court.

### False Report Charge

On Dec. 31, 2009, a man reported to City of Fairfax Police that he'd been threatened and robbed of cash by an acquaintance

who'd given him a ride to his home. However, say police, subsequent investigation by the Criminal Investigations Division allegedly revealed that the robbery did not occur. So on Jan. 5, police charged Noe Alberto Aguilar, 23, of the 3900 block of Tedrich Blvd., with knowingly giving a false report of a crime to law enforcement; he was then released on a summons.

### Rebel Swimming

The Fairfax swim and dive team earned a win and a loss in its meet with McLean

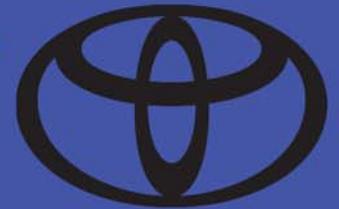
on Jan. 8. The boys' team cruised to a 189-123 victory, but the girls narrowly lost 160-152.

Travis Lauri (200-meter freestyle), Elliot Meyer (200-meter freestyle and 500-meter freestyle), Timmy Milmoie (200-meter freestyle) and Paul Robertson (50-freestyle and 500-freestyle) posted personal best times at the meet.

Shannon Cosgrove (200-meter freestyle) was the only Fairfax girls competitor to post a personal best at the meet.

# JACK TAYLOR'S ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA

**FANTASTIC DEALS!**



**CELEBRATING OVER 35 YEARS OF BUSINESS!**

**WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM**

**ALL NEW 3RD GENERATION PRIUS AVAILABLE NOW!**



**GREAT DEALS ON ALL HYBRIDS!**

**NEW '10 PRIUS**



**48 MPG\*\***

**COME GET YOURS NOW!**

**GOT MPG? WE DO!**

**NEW '10 CAMRY**



**34 MPG\*\***

**COME GET YOURS NOW!**

**FANTASTIC LEASES!**

**GREAT FINANCING OPTIONS!**

**GET YOUR 2010 PRIUS WHILE THEY LAST**

**NEW '10 CAMRY**



**31 MPG\*\***

**\$179 /MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS\*\*\***

**OR \$500 CUSTOMER CASH**

**OR 2.9% APR FOR 60 MONTHS**

**NEW '10 SIENNA**



**23 MPG\*\***

**OR \$750 CUSTOMER CASH**

**OR 3.9% APR FOR 60 MONTHS**

**NEW '10 RAV4**



**28 MPG\*\***

**\$199 /MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS\*\*\***

**OR 1.9% APR FOR 36 MONTHS**

**NEW '10 COROLLA**



**35 MPG\*\***

**\$149 /MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS\*\*\***

**OR \$500 CUSTOMER CASH**

**(703) 684-0700 WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM OPEN SUNDAY 12-5**

**3750 Jefferson Davis HWY Alexandria, VA South of Reagan National on Rt. 1**

PRICES PLUS TAX, TAGS, FREIGHT OF \$750 FOR CARS, \$800 FOR VANS, SUV'S, AND TRUCKS, PROCESSING FEE OF \$379 & ACQUISITION FEE OF \$650 ARE EXTRA. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT. APR FINANCING ON APPROVED CREDIT. INCLUDES ALL INCENTIVES. \*CUSTOMER CASH PROVIDED BY CAT. ALL CUSTOMER CASH MUST BE TFS SPECIAL LEASE TO QUALIFY. \*\*EPA HIGHWAY FUEL ESTIMATE. \*\*\*CAMRY AND RAV4 LEASE: \$1,999 DUE AT SIGNING, COROLLA LEASE: \$2,599 DUE AT SIGNING. OFFER ENDS 1/20/10.

**CHECK OUT OUR PRE-OWNED VEHICLES ONLINE!**



**The Best New Cars Make The Best Used Cars**

The Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Advantage  
 3 month / 3,000 mile Comprehensive Warranty  
 7 year / 100,000 mile Limited Powertrain Warranty  
 7 year / 100,000 mile Roadside Assistance Plan  
 160 Point Quality Assurance Inspection  
 CARFAX Vehicle History Report  
 Certified customers are eligible for standard new car financing rates



**XD**



**33 MPG\*\***

**TC**



**29 MPG\*\***

**XB**



**28 MPG\*\***



# LONG & FOSTER # 1 in Virginia

703-425-8000



**JIM WHITFIELD and CYNDEE JULIAN**

703-503-1830

TopAgent@Realtor.com

Success Built on Trust through Excellent Service!



**OPEN HOUSE 1/17**

**Burke Centre \$519,000**

CLASSIC 3-level Colonial on cul-de-sac sited on almost 1/4 acre wooded lot! Move right in! Remodeled kitchen features GORGEOUS Silestone cntns & maple cabinets! Hdwood floors & new carpet! Extra LARGE bedrooms w/ tons of closet space! CONVENIENT location incl walk to Metrobus. Fairview ES / Robinson Secondary.



**BETTY & BOB BARTHLE**  
703-425-4466

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
e-mail: betty@bettybarthle.com  
website: www.bettybarthle.com

**Ron & Susan Associates**

Ron Kowalski & Susan Borrelli  
Make the Right Move  
1-888-495-6207  
ronandsusanonline.com



**Springfield \$543,000**

A true passive solar home! Beautiful California styled contemporary with remodeled kitchen and baths. Pristine hardwood flooring - vaulted ceiling - large sunfilled windows - open spacious floor plan - 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths - rec room - family room - den - 2 car garage. Fantastic location.

Ron & Susan Associates is proud sponsor the

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **MONOPOLY** Tournament



Top Prize



\$500

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

More info at [www.LortonMonopoly.com](http://www.LortonMonopoly.com)



**Mary Hovland**  
703-946-1775  
**Cathy DeLoach**  
571-276-9421  
Your REALTORS\*  
Next Door

**Save A Date To Attend Long & Foster's FREE Real Estate Career Seminar**

**DATES IN 2010:** TIME: 7:00-9:00 PM

February 3

March 3

March 31

April 28

LOCATION:

Long & Foster's Northern Virginia Training Center  
3069 Nutley St.  
Fairfax, VA 22031

From the Beltway (495), take Rte. 66 West to the Nutley St. South Exit (exit 62) towards Fairfax. Go through the intersection of Lee Highway and Nutley Street. The training center is located in the Pan Am Shopping Center on the left.

**TO REGISTER:**

Please contact Mary Ann Plonka at 703-503-1898 or [maryann.plonka@longandfoster.com](mailto:maryann.plonka@longandfoster.com)



**Fairfax \$499,000**

Completely remodeled 4 BR/ 3 BA home in sought-after community. Amazing yard that backs to Crooked Creek. Well designed eat-in kitchen w/brand-new 42" cabinets & granite counters, hardwoods throughout main level. Completely updated baths, new windows, new HVAC. This one you need to see!

**MARSHA WOLBER**

Lifetime Member NVAR Top Producers  
Top 5% of Agents Nationally  
[www.marshawolber.com](http://www.marshawolber.com)  
Cell: 703-618-4397



**OPEN SUNDAY**

**2 GREAT HOMES IN ROBINSON!**



12174 Queens Brigade Dr., Fairfax  
MOVE IN READY! NEW HARDWOODS! IN GROUND POOL! MORNING ROOM ADDITION! 0.5 ACRES! \$629,000



12132 Queens Brigade Dr., Fairfax  
SO MANY UPDATES! MAIN LEVEL MASTER SUITE WING! IN GROUND POOL! PRIVATE 2.0 ACRES! \$649,000

Thinking of Selling?  
**Stand Out From The Crowd!**

List With Christine and your home will!

**Christine Zinser, REALTOR®**  
703.503.1861  
[www.ListWithChristine.com](http://www.ListWithChristine.com)



**Come to the Heart of Real Estate**  
**KAY HART**  
703-503-1860

**FLORENCE BOWIE**

(571) 277-5099 or (703) 503-1879

Personalized, Efficient, Dedicated Service! Working for You!  
[florence.bowie@longandfoster.com](mailto:florence.bowie@longandfoster.com)



**Annandale \$1795 Beautiful Rental**  
Gleaming hardwoods on main and upper levels, tile in kitchen and tiled finished lower walk-out level with fireplace. Fenced patio backs to trees. 3 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 lvls. A well-maintained TH in a nice community near Rt 236, inside the beltway.  
Call Kay for information: 703-503-1860

**BEAT THE RUSH!!!**  
Buying/Selling?? This may be the best time for you! Get honest, thorough, and Efficient Access to Professional Service in guiding you through the maze of options of selling or buying in today's real estate market of traditional versus short sales & foreclosures transactions. Call me, please. I want to be Your Agent for Success!  
Florence Bowie  
(571) 277-5099 or (703) 503-1879



CRS, Associate Broker  
Life Member, NVAR Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club  
Life Member, NVAR TOP PRODUCERS  
**Ann Witherspoon**  
703-503-1836

**Sheila Adams**  
703-503-1895  
Life Member, NVAR Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club  
Life Member, NVAR TOP PRODUCERS



**Fairfax Station \$698,900 Crosspointe**  
This attractive brick front colonial features 4 BRs, 3 1/2 Baths, gorgeous hardwood floors through-out. Granite counters grace the large updated kitchen, adjacent family room opens to wonderful deck perfect for entertaining. The Lower level is unbelievable with Media Room, Recreation Room w/Wet Bar & Study area. Great Location, minutes to Parkway, Metro & I-95. For a private showing call Ann Witherspoon 703.503.1836.



**Woodbridge \$449,900 Picture Perfect**  
Lovely 4 Bedroom, 3 1/2 Bath Colonial, sited on a perfect lot, Large Gourmet Kitchen w/Centre Island, Breakfast Room w/Glass Slider views Gorgeous Deck w/built-in Hot Tub, Manicured yard completely fenced with Privacy Fence, Lower Level offers theater Room, exercise Room, 5th Bedroom & full Bath. Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



**NGOC DO & ASSOCIATES**  
703-798-2899  
[www.ngocdo.com](http://www.ngocdo.com)



**Laurel Hill \$600,000**  
Gorgeous 4BR, 3.5 BA Jamestown model in the sought-after Laurel Hill Community. Great main level with gourmet kitchen, formal living & dining rooms & family room. Upper level master suite with luxury bath. Completely finished walk-up basement with den & full bath.



**Mason Neck \$475,000**  
Waterfront lot in Mason Neck! This .61 acre lot is perfect for building the home of your dreams. Utility lines are already in place. Property is ready for a dock. Fantastic view of Massey Creek & Belmont Bay with access to the Potomac River.



**Richard Esposito**  
703-503-4035  
[Richard@LNF.com](mailto:Richard@LNF.com)  
Service is the difference I provide

**ELLIE WESTER**  
703-503-1880  
L&F Founder's Club  
Lifetime NVAR Top Producer  
Life Member, NVAR Million Dollar Sales Club  
[ellie.wester@longandfoster.com](mailto:ellie.wester@longandfoster.com)



**Burke**  
Beautiful colonial featuring a pool & spa in fenced back yard overlooking one of Burke Centre's ponds. Updated eat-in kitchen and baths. Wood floors. Raised hearth brick fireplace in family room. 3 finished levels. Updated windows, siding & roof.  
**Richard 703-503-4035**



**Alexandria \$323,000 Parkside at Alexandria**  
Updated, upgraded, and shows like a dream. Two level, two bedroom townhome in sought after Parkside offering the best of conveniences including shopping, public bus service and minutes to I-395. Brazilian Cherry Hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with center island, decorator touches throughout.

**LISTING YOUR HOME? CALL LONG AND FOSTER'S #1 OFFICE!**  
Dale Gabardy, Manager Search the Entire MLS for Your Next Home in Northern Virginia at [Burke-FairfaxStation.info](http://Burke-FairfaxStation.info)