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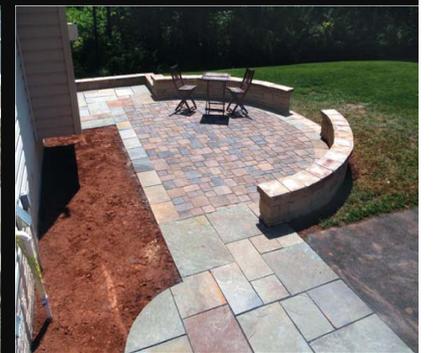
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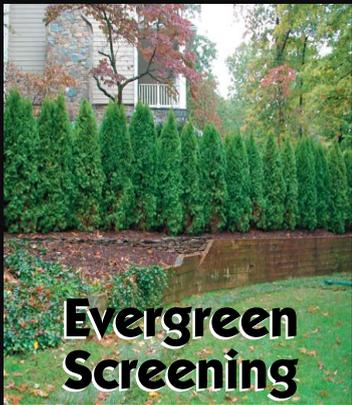
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## Young Artists Shine at Workhouse

Art competition gives high school students venue for their work.

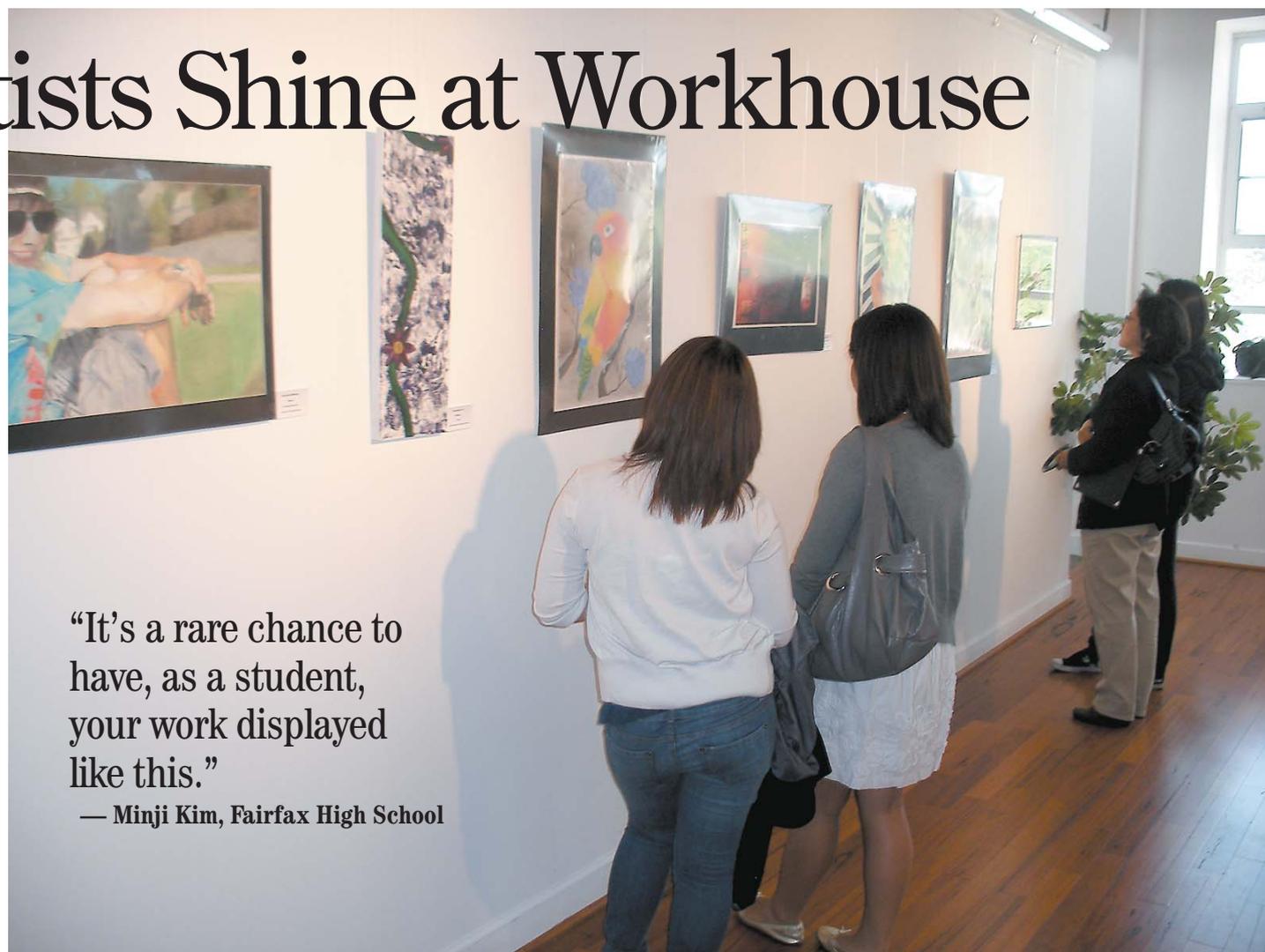
BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

Students from the 11th Congressional District are known for their academic excellence, athletic success, and in the wake of the 2010 Congressional Art Competition, it is clear that they are skilled artists, too.

The competition, based at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center and sponsored by U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), showcased some of Fairfax and Prince William counties' most talented high school painters, photographers and graphic designers. The winner, Isabel Yun of Oakton High School, will have her painting, "The Flood," displayed at the U.S. Capitol Building for the next year.

"What a testament to our schools, communities and families this is," Connolly said. "Every student submitted incredible works

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"It's a rare chance to have, as a student, your work displayed like this."

— Minji Kim, Fairfax High School

Students examine each other's artwork at the 2010 Congressional Art Competition.

PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

## School Boundary Study Considered 'Likely'

Fate of Clifton Elementary School unclear.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

School redistricting is likely to be part of "any and all solutions" to public elementary school overcrowding taking place in southwestern Fairfax County, according to a Power Point prepared by a volunteer parent committee appointed to study the issue.

The group, called the Southwestern Fairfax Regional Planning Committee, is scheduled to present a report about different strategies for coping with the overcrowding in May.

But during a public outreach meeting April 13, committee co-chairs Andrew Flagel and Kelly Hutter said the School Board would probably have to proceed with a school boundary study next fall regardless of what the group's report said.

A boundary study could potentially affect 28 elementary schools that serve Springfield, Fairfax Station, Clifton, Burke, Fairfax, Centreville, Chantilly and Oak Hill.

Each school under consideration currently has a parent representative on the planning committee.

The committee, including Flagel and Hutter, conducted public outreach meetings on school overcrowding before they pulled

together the final report.

The April 13 meeting took place at Robinson Secondary School. Other meetings were scheduled for April 15, 19 and 20 at schools in the Centreville area.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** in the county's southwestern region are currently 96 percent of their building capacity, when including the space provided by the modular classrooms that are found on many campuses.

According to school system data, the southwestern elementary schools will be at 99 percent of capacity overall — again including modular classrooms — by the 2014-15 school year.

Individual schools already have student populations that well exceed 100 percent of building capacity, which is why many presume at least some boundary adjustments will be forthcoming.

Many parents who attended the public meeting at Robinson said they were generally supportive of changing school boundaries to cope with the overcrowding problem. Boundary adjustments and moving special programs — like a gifted and talented center — to a new school tend to be the cheapest option for addressing overpopulation.

But others worried that redistricting is

likely to be disruptive to community and neighborhood life.

Many Fairfax residents purchase homes in certain neighborhoods because they wanted to send their children to a particular school. They could become angry if they are asked to send their children somewhere else.

"I know that all of these issues can be very emotional. We are talking about our children," said Flagel.

**SO DURING** the public meeting, parents also discussed the possibility of adding new building wings to those schools with overcrowding problems.

With building additions, more communities and neighborhoods would be spared the pain of going through a boundary adjustment. But some people attending the meeting worried about Fairfax creating elementary schools with more than 1,000 students. They thought a school that size was simply too large for younger children.

Currently, new elementary schools are built to a capacity of approximately 950 students, according to the school system data.

The parent committee also asked for feedback on a proposal to move sixth grade stu-

dents from elementary to middle schools. By shifting the sixth grade, Fairfax officials would free up some extra space in elementary school buildings that could be used to address the overcrowding problems.

Some also suggested that six graders belong in middle school, rather than elementary school. Several school districts, including Arlington County, group all their students in a sixth through eighth grade in a middle school configuration. Currently,

Fairfax has three middle schools — Glasgow, Holmes and Poe — that already house sixth graders.

Still, parents whose children would matriculate to Robinson or Lake Braddock secondary schools said they were opposed to putting sixth graders in the same building as high school students. Plus, Robinson, at more than 4,000 students, is already the largest school in Virginia, they said.

It is unlikely the school system would ever recommend moving sixth graders from elementary schools to secondary schools, even if they moved other sixth graders from

"I know that all of these issues can be very emotional. We are talking about our children."

— Andrew Flagel

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## New Director of FCPS SACC

Anne Goldstein has been appointed director of the School Age Child Care program. Goldstein has more than 30 years of experience in the field of early childhood education. She was the founding executive director of the National Child Care Information Center, and has directed child care programs in both Fairfax and Montgomery counties. Goldstein served as the director of state policy initiatives at Zero to Three, and also as an adjunct professor of early childhood development.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CYNTHIA BORER

Fourth graders in Cynthia Borer's class collect the change during Pennies for Patients Drive, from left, Katy Janas, Sammy Armendaris and Luis Gavignano.

## Students' Pennies Add Up

Last month, Clifton Elementary raised \$3138.88 in the annual Pennies for Patients Drive. The top classroom was Vivian Siry's third grade with \$423.07. Four classrooms earned a gold pennant by raising more than \$300 and nine others received silver or bronze recognition. By collecting "spare change," students are helping "change" the lives of children with blood cancers. The funds raised through this program go to fulfilling the mission of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which is to improve the quality of life for all children affected with blood cancers and to fund research to prevent this disease.

# Finding Common Ground

Congressional candidates Herry and Fimian square off in Springfield debate.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) and Keith Fimian stand fairly close on most of the hot-button issues, so they both know that it will take more than the usual campaign rhetoric to succeed in the June 8 primary.

The two contenders for the Republican nomination for this November's 11th Congressional District race took the stage at Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield Thursday, April 15 to show local voters what sets them apart from each other. While both offered many of the same assessments of the recently passed health care bill, the economy and more, they each discussed the different roads they took to get to this point, and how their experiences will better serve the residents of the district than incumbent U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

"Like they both said, their positions on the issues are pretty equal," said debate attendee and Springfield resident Richard Schmidt. "We will have to read all of the newspapers and listening to all of the news to help us make a decision [because they are so similar on the issues]."

Both of the candidates were given 10 minutes at the beginning of the debate to give an opening statement, and both seized the opportunity to introduce themselves and explain why they entered the race. Herry talked about his service on the Northern Virginia Technology Council, his community activism and his 30-year involvement in youth sports, explaining that because of these myriad interests, politics was the last thing on his mind. However, in 2008, when he became unsettled by the political direction the county was headed in, he decided to run for the Board of Supervisors and began his political career.

"I always swore that I'd never run for political office," Herry said. "But I saw the direction the county was going in and I couldn't sit idly by. Taxes had doubled in two years, spending was out of control and priorities were misplaced."

Fimian, on the other hand, made his name in the business world, creating a successful business from scratch and parlaying that into political aspirations. Fimian, married with three daughters, went to The College of William and Mary, where he played football. He followed that up by founding U.S. Inspect, LLC in his garage and turned it into the nation's largest provider of residential and commercial property inspection services, conducting more than 100,000 inspections annually and owning 73 patent claims. His experience, he said, differs from the typical politician and gives him a different view on the district's problems and how to solve them.

"I'm an ordinary citizen, just like you," Fimian said. "I am a citizen who looks out and is very concerned about what he sees. Most politicians care about getting elected and moving up to the next rung on the ladder and that's why we are in the mess we are in



PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield), left, and Keith Fimian.

today."

The opening statements were followed by a question and answer segment in which a moderator asked a question and each candidate was given time to answer. Most of the questions focused on the economy and how each candidate planned to pull the country out of the recession.

The first question asked how the government could be more fiscally responsible, and each candidate agreed that spending is out of control and needs to

be curbed. Fimian called the U.S. a "nation of addicts," saying that the government is addicted to spending and called for a balanced budget amendment to limit spending. Once spending is limited, he said, then things can change.

"We have a spending problem and unless we limit it, we will go on doing exactly what we're doing now," Fimian said. "My feeling is that we need a constitutional amendment to have a balanced budget because I don't think we have the intestinal fortitude or will at that level to balance budgets."

Herry agreed that spending is the problem. He cited his work with the Board of Supervisors as evidence that he is committed to cutting spending, as he mentioned that he presented an alternative budget with lower expenditures in 2008, but was quickly turned away. In addition, he said that the difficult decisions made to cut \$100 million from the county budget in 2009 also gives him the experience needed to cut what needs to be cut, regardless of political interests.

"We need somebody who can make the hard decision to cut funding," Herry said. "In 2008, I proposed an alternative budget to cut spending and lower taxes and I was laughed at. I've got a proven record on the Board of Supervisors on fiscally conservative leadership. I've cut spending, and I'll do it again."

Another question dealt with the controversial is

**"This election is truly bigger than you and I."**

— Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield)

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# NEWS



Lions Greg Hoffman and Gus Koustenis, the 'G-men' or 'Griddle Masters' brave the chilly morning to prepare the pancakes.

## Stack 'em High

Clifton Lions Club feeds the masses at Annual Pancake Breakfast.

On Sunday, April 18, the Clifton Lions Club conducted its Annual Pancake Breakfast at Clifton Presbyterian Church. The breakfast is both a fund raiser for the club's many outreach activities as well as a means to connect with the Clifton community. In 2010, Clifton Lions Club will contribute more than \$40,000 to local and Lions Club International charities.



Jim Kincheloe joined the Lions in 1974. He's been making the pancake batter for the annual breakfast every year since the late 1970s. He uses a drywall mixer and a paddle to prepare the batter. He says the key to making good batter is to use real eggs, milk and vanilla extract.

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## PEOPLE

# Readying for Real World Event

Local airman takes part in U.S.-South Korean military exercise.

BY RYAN MATTOX  
HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

**S**EOUL, South Korea. For the son of a Lorton couple, staying combat ready at his base on the south side of the Korean DMZ is an everyday event. But during a two-week period, recently, he and other forces here took that training to a completely new level.

Air Force Senior Airman Antoine L. Bridges, son of Alfred and Myra Bridges of Cranford Farm Circle, Lorton, participated in a peninsula-wide exercise called Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 2010. The exercise is intended to sharpen the combined and joint warfighting skills of U.S. and South Korean service members.

The first of two major exercises in Korea occurs around the same time every year, involving South Korean and U.S. air, land and naval forces.

"My job during the exercise is to respond to flightline requests and process ammo for the aircraft," said Bridges, who is an armament specialist with the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, South Korea. "During exercises, we train on various weapon systems so that in a real world event we will respond naturally."

To stand ready and help keep his com-

bative edge, Bridges and other service members in Korea regularly use these exercises to maintain that edge. Key Resolve/Foal Eagle is part of an annual series of major exercises, focusing on defending South Korea from a North Korean attack.

"We focused on prepping our equipment and being prepared," said Bridges, who graduated in 2002 from Hayfield Secondary School.

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War that broke out when the North Korean Communist troops invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, in an effort to overtake the entire Korean peninsula. Since then, U.S. and Korean forces have worked together through these exercises to build a working relationship

and bring stability to the area. However, it is because of these exercises that both countries have also agreed to transfer wartime operational control to the Korean military on April 17, 2012.

"We are training to be prepared for real world events," said Bridges.

Even though training for the possibility of war lies in the back of Bridges' mind and others, participating in this exercise, visiting or having the opportunity of being stationed and living here can bring unique experiences for service members and their

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— Air Force Senior Airman  
Antoine L. Bridges



PHOTO BY MICHAEL TOIZMANN

**Air Force Senior Airman Antoine Bridges recently participated in Key Resolve/Foal Eagle 2010 in South Korea. The exercise is intended to sharpen the combined and joint warfighting skills of U.S. and South Korean service members.**

families to enjoy.

"Korea is a nice place," said Bridges. "It is very different, but there are a lot of things to do here. The food choices are diverse."

For these two weeks, participation in exercises like Key Resolve/Foal Eagle have helped Bridges and his South Korean counterparts learn their roles in maintaining their preparedness and build key relationships as together they defend the country from aggression from the North.



**Air Force Airman 1st Class Corey D. Goynes graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Tim Goynes of Banyon Ridge Road, Fairfax Station.**

### MILITARY NOTES

**Army Pvt. Joel D. Marble** has graduated from the Direct Fire Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training. He is the son of Joyce Marble of Joanne Drive, Racine, Wash., and brother of Sarah Marble of S. Springs Circle, Clifton.

**Army Spec. Christopher M. Jennings** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Edward Jennings of Quartz Lane in Clifton, and brother of Katherine Jennings of Skyview Lane, Fairfax County.

**Army Pfc. Afsheen P. Robinson** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Ferial Gallehdari of Henry Knox Drive, Lorton. Robinson is a 2007 graduate of Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, Va.

**Army Staff Sgt. Toby O. Cunningham** has returned to Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska after being deployed to Afghanistan for one year. The soldier is one of 3,500 members of the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Richardson. Airborne combat team members included soldiers assigned to one of six battalions and regiments of the 25th Infantry Division.

The airborne brigade served in three eastern provinces of Afghanistan, which included the Paktya, Paktika and Khost. Cunningham, a cannon crewmember, is normally assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment. He has served in the military for six years.

He is the son of Michael O. and Diane P. Cunningham of Henderson Road, Clifton. The staff sergeant is a 1994 graduate of Centreville High School.

**Army Spec. Robert D. Baluyot** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Baluyot earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the nephew of Teresita Prior of Els Lane, New Bern, N.C., and brother of Kharise Tedd of Amkin Drive, Clifton.



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# Boundary Study Likely

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elementary to middle schools, said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer.

Fairfax schools staff has also floated a proposal to build a new elementary school to solve overcrowding problems. Officials had suggested putting the new elementary school on the grounds of Liberty Middle

School, though the committee has also discussed other sites.

To fill the new school, officials suggested closing Clifton Elementary School.

According to the school system, Clifton would more expensive to renovate than a typical elementary school, partially because the site is difficult to access.

The school also faces problems with well contamination and has to have bottled wa-

ter brought to site on a daily basis.

For a full renovation, Clifton would cost approximately \$36,600 per student compared to the \$22,455 per student other recent elementary school renovations have cost.

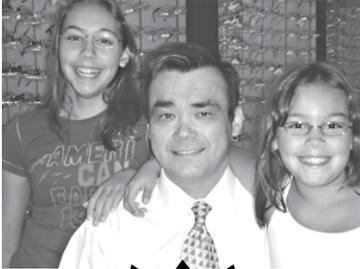
But several Clifton residents who attended the public meeting at Robinson objected to idea of closing Clifton. They said the school is the center of the Clifton community and has been recognized by the governor for academic excellence.

"I hope the School Board and staff will hear that keeping Clifton in the school system is helpful," said Dwayne Nitz, a Clifton

parent who attended the meeting.

The School Board is likely to make a decision about whether to close or keep Clifton open this summer, before any larger school boundary study would get underway, said School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield). The School Board has set a precedent of moving award-winning schools out of facilities the school system considered inadequate, despite protests from the community. Graham Road Elementary School was forced to move out of one school building and into another last year, even though some parents said the change would detract from the school's academic program.

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# OPINION

## On 40th Anniversary of Earth Day ...

### ... a Fortunate Potomac River.

BY MICHAEL LIPFORD

**O**n April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans actively participated in a new holiday: Earth Day. Inspired by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, the event evolved into an annual celebration of the planet that gives us life.

In Washington, those first Earth Day celebrants assembled around the monuments on the National Mall, within sight of the Potomac River. But the Potomac of 40 years ago was far different from the river we know today.

That river would literally make you sick. Huge toxic algae blooms created such a stench that government officials steered visiting dignitaries away from the river. The algae also caused massive fish kills, and pollution made swimming unthinkable, even on the hottest days.

But those first Earth Day celebrants were part of a rising tide of environmental awareness, and ensuing landmark legislation would improve the health of rivers nationwide. Most notably, the Clean Water Act of 1972 prompted Virginia, Maryland and D.C. to modernize sewage treatment plants and reduce pollution entering the Potomac by 95 percent.

**A CLEAN POTOMAC** benefits us all, especially the more than 80 percent of Washington-area residents whose drinking water comes from the river. The Potomac also is the second-largest tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, so the cleaner the river, the better our chances of restoring the bay's fish, crabs and oysters.

People also love to fish, boat and hike along the Potomac. In fact, more than 3 million people a year visit Great Falls alone, a place The Nature Conservancy helped protect a decade before the inaugural Earth Day. That year,



**View of the Potomac River, now 95 percent clearer than it was on the first Earth Day.**

ALAN ECKERT PHOTOGRAPHY

1960, also saw the establishment of the Conservancy's Virginia Chapter.

So in addition to observing the 40th Earth Day, the Conservancy throughout 2010 is celebrating the golden anniversary of our conservation work in Virginia. Our earliest milestones, in fact, occurred right here in Northern Virginia. Besides helping spearhead a partnership that led to Great Falls Park, we established our first Virginia preserve in Fauquier County at Wildcat Mountain.

Along the Potomac, the Conservancy owns Fraser Preserve in Fairfax County and, with the National Park Service, co-owns Bear Island and the popular Billy Goat Trail. We continue to work with the Park Service and other partners to protect the entire Potomac Gorge.

We still have work to do to improve the Potomac's health, but Earth Day presents an opportunity to celebrate how far we've come.

Not only have we turned around the health of the river in a generation, but also proven that we can restore our environment. In the shadow of our national monuments, we have achieved the rebirth of a natural monument.

This year, you can celebrate, have fun outdoors and help nature by running or walking in the Conservancy's annual Earth Day 5K in Silver Spring, Maryland, on Sunday, April 17. Hosted by Pacers Events LLC, this "Sprint for Spat" will raise funds to plant 5 million baby oysters (called spat) in the Chesapeake Bay. See [nature.org/earthday5k](http://nature.org/earthday5k).

*Michael Lipford is Virginia director of The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the diversity of life on Earth. The organization cares for more than 50 preserves across Virginia and Maryland. On the Web at [nature.org/virginia](http://nature.org/virginia).*

## Call for Mother's Day Photos

### And Father's Day too.

**E**very year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photo graphs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating

the mothers who make so many things possible in families, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and the location (who, what, where, when, why).

We prefer digital photos in Jpeg format; email them to [Vienna@ConnectionNewspapers.com](mailto:Vienna@ConnectionNewspapers.com), and write Mother's Day Photos in the subject line. Or you can mail a CD with your photos on it in Jpeg format.

We will also accept prints, and we will do our best to return photos that include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced.

Send photos to [south@ConnectionNewspapers.com](mailto:south@ConnectionNewspapers.com), or mail to Fairfax Station/Laurel Hill Connection, Mother's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

And remember, a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren. Or feel free to send your Mother's and Father's Day photos at the same time.

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## OPINION

### Revisit Joint Resolution

To the Editor:

Recently at a District Band Competition with my seventh grade son, I was handed a flyer asking Fairfax citizens to ask our Board of Supervisors to advertise a 10-12 cent increase in real-estate tax rates to cover proposed cuts in our K-12 music programs, freshmen sports and other vital offerings in FCPS.

I asked the gentlemen who handed my the flyer if he asked for a tiered salary reduction of 15 percent for everyone making \$250,000 and above in the county, 10 percent from those making \$150,000-\$249,000 and 5 percent cut for those making \$90,000-\$149,000, you could more easily fill the budget gap to preserve these essential programs, and most of our classroom teachers would be unaffected.

**LETTERS** I then ask the gentlemen if he knew that in Fairfax County there are two Departments of Transportation, two General Services Departments, two IT Departments, two Human Resource Departments, multiple warehouses and multiple fulltime HVAC, carpenters and plumbers. And if you could consolidate and merge these departments, we could not only preserve all our FCPS programs, but lower the real-estate tax rate too!

In 1996, Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Katherine Hanley and School Board Chairman Kristen Amundson agreed on a Joint Resolution on Consolidation and the Sharing of Services to "identify and implement programs to control expenditures, consolidate services and avoid pressures to increase taxes for our citizens."

Too bad this joint resolution was never fully explored and enacted, or we might not be having a discussion about cutting any FCPS program today. It's time for the Board of Supervisors and the School Board to revisit this Joint Resolution.

And the gentlemen's response to my counter proposals to save our programs, rather than raising the tax rate, "never knew about any of that, but sounds like a plan I could support."

**Scott Martin**  
Fairfax Station

*The writer is a 2011 Republican candidate for State Senate in the 39th District.*



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## POLITICS

# Fimian, Herrity Square Off

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sue of President Obama's recently passed health care bill, asking the candidates if they think that the bill is constitutional. Herrity said that he is strongly opposed to the bill and called for its opponents to unite and fight to have it repealed. He acknowledged that health care reform is needed, but said that the bill goes against all free-market economic principals and that consumers are being ignored.

"We need to fight it on all fronts," Herrity said. "We need to repeal it because it is that bad. We need true health care reform and that gets back to free-market principals. Health care is one segment of the economy where consumers are not involved and they need to be."

**FIMIAN AGREED** that the health care bill is unconstitutional while acknowledging the need for reform. He offered specific areas in which the current bill is lacking.

"I am not a constitutional scholar, but I'm sure this is not what the founding fathers had in mind," Fimian said. "This bill doesn't address tort reform, insurance across state lines and portability."

The final question posed to the candidates asked about their feelings on the Tea Party movement. Both candidates said that the Tea Party members are getting a bad name

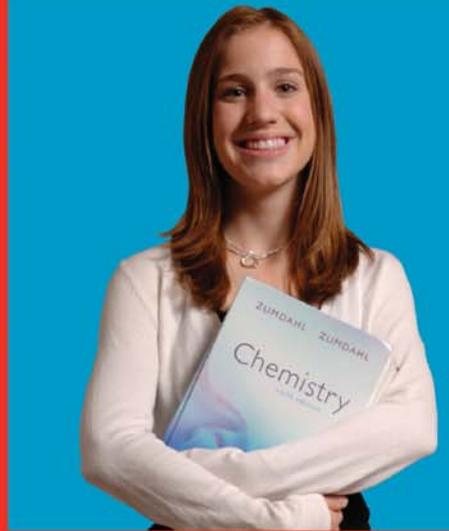
through the "liberal media" and that they are seeking out and welcoming the support of its members. Fimian said that the Tea Party, contrary to representations, is full of well-informed people who genuinely care about the country and that they are getting a bad rap because liberals fear their message. Herrity agreed with this assessment, saying that the Tea Partiers are simply concerned about the direction the country is moving in and are being vocal in their opposition to it.

"My experience with Tea Partiers is that they're older and very well-informed," Fimian said. "I have not found them to be irrational or illogical. I think they're getting a bad rap and they're getting it because of fear on the other side that the movement is gaining momentum."

The candidates concluded the debate with a closing statement, and each candidate used the time to make one plea to those in attendance for their vote. Though they both acknowledged that they are opponents battling for the same position, they stressed that they are not fighting one another, but rather the system they believe is broken.

"This election is truly bigger than you and I," Herrity said. "We can't leave it to campaign promises and open rhetoric. It's harder to govern than to make a promise, and we can't be the party of no. We have to put positive ideas on the table."

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## COMMUNITY

# 11th District Artists

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of art and it is valued. The judges had a very difficult time because of the quality of the work received.”

According to Connolly, the annual nationwide competition was started in 1982 by members of the U.S. House of Representatives for all students, public, private or home-schooled, of their respective congressional districts. Lorton Arts Foundation Executive Director Sharon Mason said that 78 entries were received this year from Robinson, South County and Lake Braddock secondary schools and W.T. Woodson and Fairfax high schools, among others.

The artwork was submitted in early April and was put on display at the Workhouse's Gallery W-16 from April 7-25, with the awards presentation on April 18 at the gallery. Henrik Sundqvist of the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Adam Lister of the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts, Emily Hawes of the Prince William Arts Society and Marti Kirkpatrick of the Lorton Arts Foundation judged the competition, awarding the top five pieces. This year, four honorable mentions were given as well for the first time ever.

“The work was so good this year that the judges had a difficult time picking a winner so they decided to give four honorable mentions to acknowledge the top nine,” Mason said.

**NINETEEN STUDENTS** from the five area schools submitted entries into the competition, with Minji Kim of Fairfax High School placing third and winning \$500. Kim submitted “The Guitarist,” a computer-designed depiction of a man playing the guitar, a piece she said was inspired by her love of the instrument. She used Adobe Illustrator to create the picture, and spent more than six hours on it over the course of two days.

“I’m in a band in my church and I really enjoy playing the guitar, so I figured that I’d draw what I love to do,” Kim said. I drew it in Illustrator and just used tools that form shapes and put those shapes together to



**Third place winner and Fairfax High School student Minji Kim poses in front of her winning piece, ‘The Guitarist’ with U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly.**

make a person playing the guitar.”

Though Kim and her fellow competitors were all vying for the prestigious honor of having their art displayed at the U.S. Capitol Building and the cash prizes, simply being in the competition had its own rewards. They each got their work displayed at the Workhouse for nearly three weeks, and according to Mason, during each of the multiple tours of the grounds given each day, a stop is made at the exhibit. Then, in April 25, when the exhibition ends, the art will be transported to the SPACE in the City of Fairfax where it will be displayed. The opportunity to have artwork on display in two prominent places while only in high school, the competitors said, is not common.

“I was just speechless when my name got called,” Kim said. “It’s just amazing. It’s a rare chance to have, as a student, your work displayed like this. I made sure that all of my family and friends came to see it.”

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# THINGS TO DO



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Some of the cast of 'The Boy Friend' dance to the lively number, 'The Riviera,' during a rehearsal at Robinson Secondary.

## No Message, Just a Fun Show

### Robinson Secondary Drama Department stages breezy musical 'The Boy Friend.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**heatergoers looking for a good time will find it in Robinson Secondary School's spring musical, "The Boy Friend." The curtain rises Thursday-Saturday, April 29-30 and May 1, and Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10 at [www.RobinsonDrama.org](http://www.RobinsonDrama.org).

"The past few years, we've done serious productions with a message," said Director Chip Rome. "This one has no message. It's just light, frothy and fun."

The story takes place at a British, school-girls' finishing school in the 1920s on the French Riviera and marked Julie Andrews' American stage debut. With a cast and crew of 70, plus a 20-person orchestra, it's Robinson's biggest dance show in years.

"It's songs and dances glued together with a little bit of plot," said Rome. Two people will be talking and, just when you think they'll burst into song, instead 50 people join them onstage and dance. And by the end of the scene, the 50 people have vanished."

Senior Corrie McNulty plays Polly, 17, one of the girls at the school. "The story shows one day in our lives," she said. "There's a dance that night and we're looking for dates

because a boyfriend is the most important thing in our lives. Polly's wealthy and constantly afraid that boys are only interested in her money, and she doesn't have a boyfriend because her father's so protective. Then when she meets a boy she likes, she pretends to be poor."

McNulty likes the role because "we're

**"This one has no message. It's just light, frothy and fun."**

— Director Chip Rome

both 17 and interested in boys, and Polly's emotions are over the top. She cries a lot, so it's an emotional outlet for me. My favorite number is 'The Boyfriend' because I like singing with the whole ensemble and the dance has a kick line."

McNulty said the audience will enjoy the catchy music. "It'll get into your head and you'll be singing it after you leave," she said. People who like swing music will especially like it."

Playing Dulcie, one of Polly's best friends, is senior Micah Chelen. "She's bubbly, naïve and innocent, a lot of fun and is often the

center of attention," said Chelen. "I have lots of freedom with the role, so I get to play around with her. I do a high-pitched, British accent that's proper and bubbly, at the same time."

Chelen likes the "Sur la Plage" number because "the entire second act is on the beach, and we're in bathing suits. And out of the school setting, they can be fun and free and flirt with the boys. You get a better understanding of who they are. ... It's a really delightful show with lots of surprises that'll make everyone happy."

Junior Ben Johnson portrays Tony, born into a wealthy British family and educated at Oxford. "I'm spoiled and given everything I ever needed," said Johnson. "But it's not the life I want, so I leave Oxford and become a package-delivery boy. I'm trying to find myself by living the life of a common person. Then I meet Polly and instantly fall head-over-heels in love."

Johnson's role is fun, he said, because of Tony's energy. "There's so much he wants to show Polly, and he has this big dream of his future, the two of them living happily in a little house in the country," Johnson said. "He's a hopeless romantic." He also likes the "cool dancing" in the numbers, "The Riviera" and "Poor Little Pierette." Calling this show a lighthearted spoof of other musicals, he said, "It doesn't take itself seriously, so it's lots of fun."

Playing Madame Dubonnet, the school's headmistress, is senior Madison Auch.

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## CALENDAR

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### THURSDAY/APRIL 22

**Swing Into Spring Jazz Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit School, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale. Vocalist Nancy Scimone, guitarist Steve Herberman and bassist Victor Dvoskin. \$10. Proceeds benefit Christ House Shelter in Alexandria. 571-232-1873 or [LiveJazzConcerts@verizon.net](mailto:LiveJazzConcerts@verizon.net).

**Halestorm, Janus, Burn Halo, Inflection.** 6:50 p.m. at Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$12 advance; \$15 at door. 703-569-5940.

**Go Together Like Peas and Carrots.** 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building. Stories and songs about friendship, trying new things and garden fun. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 23

**The Virginia Opera presents The Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess."** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

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**Lunch Bunch.** 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch and join us for stories. Birth -5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 24

**2010 United Community Ministries Gala.** 6-11 p.m. at Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria. This year's theme is "UCM in Bloom: Helping Our Community Flourish" and includes cocktails and a formal dinner, dancing, a raffle, silent and live auctions. Proceeds benefit UCM programs. Tickets are \$125, available at 703-768-7106 or [www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org).

**Latin Dance Nights.** 10 p.m. at Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Ladies free, men \$10. 703-569-5940.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer, navigate the Internet and work with common software applications. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-249-1520.

**Fairfax County's Best Hikes and Hiking Trails.** 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Celebrate Earth Day by letting author and hiking guru Paul Elliott point you in the right environmental and recreational directions. Books will be available for sale and signing. Ages 12 and up. 703-249-1520.

**Homeschool Theater Spring Show.** 12 p.m. at Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre, 10712 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and more. Show and bag lunch

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## THINGS TO DO



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Members of the Encore Chorale rehearse.

# If You Can Talk, You Can Sing

Local seniors find their voices through Encore Chorale.

BY JED DUVAL  
ENCORE CHORALE

**E**ighteen of us lift our voices in song. We can be heard all the way down the hall, and each week our sound grows stronger and surer. We are a gray-haired group, most of us. Some are experienced singers, but many of us have not sung outside the shower stall for a half-century. After once-a-week rehearsals though, the Gershwin tune "Strike Up The Band" has great power. We also do a medley from "Camelot," and follow that with a rousing spiritual, rising from a great American tradition.

The Rices are one of two couples in the group. Katy Rice, who sings alto, says the singing is "something I look forward to every week." Her husband Arleigh is glad that, as he said "Katy wanted to get into this ... it is something to do together."

We are members of a singing group officially known as the Potomac Academy of George Mason University, rehearsing at The Woodlands, a retirement community in Fairfax. Ours is just one of 11 chorales for those over 55 in the Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland.

All this singing is the work of Encore Creativity for Older Adults. In all, more than 500 women and men are rehearsing all through the spring season for con-

certs in late April and in May. That makes the Encore Chorale the largest singing group for older folks in the nation.

The women predominate.

In our chorale in Fairfax, 15 of the 18 members are women. The three men — always on the lookout for reinforcements — have to give it all the energy they can muster to bring the bass and baritone sounds into the mix.

Yes, the women predominate, and the one who runs it all is Jeanne Kelly, a petite dynamo and thorough music professional with experience at the U. S. Naval Academy and the Levine School of Music. "Jeanne is a terrific director," said Katy Rice, an alto. "She holds the bar high."

Encore Chorale founder and director, Kelly brings not only broad knowledge of music, but exceptional energy and drive.

The enthusiasm is infectious. "Jeanne got me singing the way she wanted me to sing," said Katy's husband Arleigh Rice. "She got me singing up (an octave). She kept on me until I did it."

**THE FOUNDING** of the Encore Chorales grew out of the aging studies conducted by the late Gene D. Cohen, a professor of Health Care Sciences and director of the Center on

Aging, Health and Humanities at the George Washington University. Early results of the study, published in 2006, showed that singers, averaging 80 years of age, used fewer medications and suffered fewer falls than those in a control group, over 12 months of observation. Members of the Chorale showed "greater improvements over baseline on each of the depres-

### Spring Chorale Concerts

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THINGS TO DO

Encore Chorale To Sing

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sion, loneliness and morale scales," compared to the control group.

Thus, Kelly is able to say to any group of older women and men, in effect, "come sing with us and you will be healthier and happier and there will more spring in your step," and she can do so with the authority of the aging study.

This past December, all of us in Chorales in the region, more than 200 singers, put on a show at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. You can see and hear us by going to the Encore Creativity Web site, [www.encrecreativity.org](http://www.encrecreativity.org), where there is a link to the Kennedy Center's site. Look first for Millennium Stage, then click on "live" and then look for Dec. 16. You will notice that the men, as instructed by our director, are in dark suits and loud ties. Why? Because our director says so, that's why. The women are in suitable dark dresses, many wearing pearls. You have to admit that we look good for our age category. Spectators fill all available seats, and many more stand for our half-dozen songs. Some years, director Kelly includes "Jingle Bells" in this, our Christmas concert and when that happens, we blow out the windows.

The singing doesn't stop with the chorales. There are two summer camps. These include a week of singing, good exercise, friendship and fun. Susan and Mike Winter of Haymarket, another couple in the Potomac Academy group at the Woodlands, first

joined Jeanne Kelly at summer song camp in St. Mary's College in Maryland. That was in 2008. The next year, they went to Chautauqua, N.Y. "I just enjoy singing," said Susan Winter.

For Mike Winter, the "single most important reason for being" in the group is Jeanne. He added "even when she criticizes you, you feel good about it."

Lots of the folks in Encore Chorales come back year after year. Director Kelly notes that many singers who joined when in their seventies and are now still regulars at rehearsals, and, "are now in their 90s and still going strong."

Kelly also points out that people seem healthier. "We have many who say that singing improves their breathing," she said. "Others say it simply gets them in a great mood. Since many live alone, this is a very big point. Loneliness is one of the biggest problems in aging."

It is easy and fun to join an Encore Chorale. "I look forward to every week," said Katy Rice of the rehearsals. The fees are reasonable, ranging from \$80 to \$165. Scholarships are available to those in need.

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Jed Duvall is a member of the board of Encore Creativity for Older Adults. He and his wife Jill first joined in the singing in early 2009.

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# 24 Stallions Sign with College Teams

**Student-athletes begin college sports careers by making it official.**

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**S**outh County softball player Stephanie Sbardella didn't have any butterflies in her stomach when she signed a piece of paper committing her to Charleston Southern University for the next four years.

Instead, the senior said a rush of excitement overtook her as she officially took the next step in her academic and softball career.

"It wasn't so much pressure as it was excitement about getting it over with," she said. "It's exciting to start something and have the chance to play."

It also helped that the third baseman for the undefeated Stallions had her friends, teammates and senior classmates committing to their colleges with her during a special ceremony.

**ON APRIL 14**, South County conducted an official signing day for its student-athletes. Joined by their parents and coaches, 24 students put pen to paper and finished the recruiting process.

Students committed to schools as close as the University of Virginia and James Madison University, and as far away as Cleveland State and Vanderbilt University.

The ceremony also showed off how far South County's athletics have come since the school opened its doors five years ago.

"This is the most [signings] in school his-

tory," South County Director of Student Activities Mike Pflugrath said. Pflugrath said the 24 signings this year beat last year's 22, but the school may not be done yet.

"There's more that aren't listed," he said. "They're seniors that are going to play in college, but haven't

decided where yet."

Pflugrath expects the number of college-bound athletes to reach 30 by the May 1 signing deadline.

The large signing class also shows that South County is beginning to develop a

brand name that will help draw college recruiters.

"The athletic programs have grown every year," Pflugrath said. "The teams are doing better and as the teams get better, the players get more exposure."

With the brand name growing Pflugrath said he expects future recruiting classes to be larger.

"Name recognition and how other students have done since they left help open the doors for these kids," he said. "It also helps to have students representing South County at these schools."

One of the high-profile signings was football player Andre Simmons who commit-

ted to play for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"It was a tough decision but I finally got it narrowed down to Vanderbilt, Rutgers and Boston College," Simmons said. "[Vanderbilt] want to me try to come in and contribute on the field right away."

Other signings weren't quite as high profile, but equally important and exciting. Some athletes were just excited to be part of a college team.

"I'm looking forward to just telling people I'm playing soccer at college," said Sara Brock, a member of the South County girls' soccer team and Old Dominion University commit. "It's just really exciting."



**Clemson University-bound soccer player Cedric Bullock**  
**Q: What made you choose Clemson?**

A: I wanted to go to a very historic and successful program.

VIEWPOINTS



**Loyola University-bound soccer player Alex Reed**  
**Q: What made you choose Loyola?**

A: My grandfather went there and played baseball, and my brother is there and plays rugby. It's also just really close to home.



**Christopher Newport University-bound soccer player Emma O'Reilly**  
**Q: What made you choose CNU?**

A: When I went I really liked the campus. It's by the beach and I really loved the coach.

PHOTOS BY REED S. ALBERS/THE CONNECTION

**"It was just exciting."**

— Stephanie Sbardella



PHOTO BY REED S. ALBERS/THE CONNECTION

**Twenty-four student-athletes officially committed to the college of their choice on April 14 during a special ceremony.**

## Signed Stallions

**Aaron Andrews** - Football - Salisbury University  
**Sara Brock** - Soccer - Old Dominion University  
**Cedric Bullock** - Soccer - Clemson University  
**Taylor Dillow** - Softball - Christopher Newport University  
**Chelsey Dunham** - Softball - Yale University  
**Morgan Duffy** - Soccer - Saint Joseph's University  
**Alyson Gregorowicz** - Soccer - University of Tampa  
**Brian Hall** - Football - Randolph Macon College  
**Jonathan Harasin** - Baseball - Moravian College  
**Thomas Keefe** - Track - United States Military Academy at West Point  
**Pedrom Khierandish** - Swimming - Cleveland State University  
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**Kirsten Olson** - Field Hockey - Virginia Wesleyan College  
**Emma O'Reilly** - Soccer - Christopher Newport University  
**Alex Reed** - Soccer - Loyola University  
**Stephanie Sbardella** - Softball - Charleston Southern University  
**Tom Schafer** - Track - United States Military Academy at West Point  
**Andre Simmons** - Football - Vanderbilt University  
**Lindsey Stephens** - Volleyball - Christopher Newport University  
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**Karly Thompson** - Softball - Ferrum College  
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"I can't wait for the first home game."  
— Diego Hadalgo

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Oakton goalie Mike Chanhiran fends off a Robinson attack. The Rams won 4-0 in their last game of a seven-game road trip.

## Road Warriors Long for Home

Robinson boys' soccer 6-1 after seven-games on road.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

Long road trips take a toll on a professional sports team, but even for a high school team, continual cross-county travel isn't easy.

Robinson senior striker J.H. Musick noticed his team's players didn't come out with the same tenacity as they used to. Defender Kevin Murphy missed the wider pitch the Rams are used to playing on, and Diego Hadalgo said the team lacked passion in a 1-0 loss to Stone Bridge on April 16.

After opening the season with a seven-game road swing, a run which saw the team go 6-1, the feeling on the bench was mutual.

The Rams just wanted to go home.

"We've just had a ton of away games," Murphy said. "It's going to be so nice to go home."

The wait to return to Robinson will soon be over. The Rams home opener is on April 23 against Westfield, one of the team's Concorde District rivals.

"I can't wait for the first home game," Hadalgo said. "It's going to lift up our spirits and we'll play even better."

So, maybe the Rams are a little homesick, but head

coach Jay Cicala said his team's road warrior mentality over the past few weeks has been nothing but a positive.

"It's toughening the team up and making them deal with a lack of a comfort zone," he said. "The team has to play on different fields they are not used to, and it's going to help us later on if we get in to play-off situations where we are on the road."

But the team's anticipation to go home hasn't halted its roll over Northern Region opponents. On April 20, the Rams stunted Oakton 4-0, making up for their Stone Bridge slip-up.

**ROBINSON TOOK** control of the match from the start.

"It was great to come out here and learn something from our Stone Bridge loss," Cicala said.

J.H. Musick opened the scoring with a header five minutes into the game. The quick start to the game helped the Rams set the game's tempo and show Cicala they had corrected mistakes from their loss.

"It stinks to go out and lose," Musick said. "But to come out and cream a team makes you feel better."

Considered by many as one of the top boys' soccer teams in the Region, the Rams will enjoy a four game home-stand before taking to the road to face Edison on May 7.

Even with the team's early success, Musick wants the Rams to refocus themselves for the end of the season.

### WEEK IN SPORTS

## South County Hoops Camp Registration

The South County summer basketball camp, run by South County's coaching staff and area college and high school basketball players, is accepting registration.

The camp will feature two, one week sessions running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Session one runs July 12-16 and session two runs July

19-23.

All sessions will be at South County Secondary School on the three air-conditioned courts and one outdoor court. The cost is \$185 per session and the fee includes a camp t-shirt, a basketball, individual and team awards, personal evaluations and guest speakers. For more information, contact varsity basketball head coach Wendell Johnson at 703-446-1993 or Wendell.Johnson@fcps.edu.

# Beal, Stallions Battle Spartans

South County baseball team loses 6-1 to defending region champs.

BY R. KYLE ROSENBLUTH  
THE CONNECTION

During the South County baseball team's match with 2009 defending Northern Region champs West Springfield on April 16, a variety of factors made this Patriot District game more than a routine meeting.

First, professional scouts were in attendance tracking the pitches of West Springfield's Bobby Wahl, adding a degree of pressure to both teams. Then the weather didn't cooperate as strong winds and intermittent rain plagued the game.

On top of all that, this was a game that the South County baseball team had been waiting for, a game that could judge how far the team had come this season.

"Our focus is on winning a Patriot District championship, and we need to take that one game at a time," said South County junior pitcher Evan Beal. "We need to focus on playing error free baseball."

Due to the weather, the game turned into a pitching duel, with Beal keeping pace with Wahl. While Wahl used his powerful pitches to strikeout batters, Beal relied on his team's defense to help turn in double plays and end innings.

As the game progressed, the Spartans showed why they are defending Region champs and broke the game wide open. With two runs walked in, after pulling Beal out of the game, the Spartans drove in a few more and the game ended 6-1.

While the loss comes as a disappointment, South County head coach Mark Luther is hoping his team can take away lessons from this game to build on.

"The focus from here needs to be on starting up a new winning streak," he said. "Positives can be learned from this game. West Springfield is a highly talented team, and we certainly were competitive with them all night."

South County junior catcher Mikey Perez said that a winning streak is linked to his teammates working hard individually and as a team.

"I need to improve behind the plate and everyone can work a little harder after this," he said. "We just want to come out and compete every night."

## 5 Qs With Robinson soccer player Diego Hadalgo

**Q: What's your favorite music to listen to before a game?**

A: I'd have to say Lil' Wayne and his music.

**Q: Any favorite soccer teams you like to follow?**

A: I'd have to say my favorites are (La Liga team) Barcelona and (English Premier League team) Arsenal.

**Q: If you could be any athlete for a day, who would it be?**

A: [French] soccer player Zinedine Zidane. He's my favorite player.

**Q: What is it you love about soccer?**

A: I just love the passion everyone has for the game. It's better than any other sport.

**Q: If you weren't playing soccer, what sport would you want to play?**

A: That's a hard one. Probably football. Maybe I could be a quarterback.



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Diego Hadalgo

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## 2010 SPRING VOTERS' GUIDE

### TOWN ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in the Town of Clifton choose candidates for election to the Office of Mayor and Town Council. Registered voters who live within the Town of Clifton are eligible to vote at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The LWVFA sent a questionnaire to all candidates whose names were qualified to appear on the May 4, 2010 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style. The candidates' original responses are on file with the LWVFA. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

The LWVFA is a nonpartisan political membership organization

whose purpose is to encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The LWVFA does not support any political party or candidate.

For more information on the Spring 2010 Voters' Guide, or the LWVFA, please contact 703-658-9150 or visit [www.lwv-fairfax.org](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org).

For additional information on the May 4, 2010 election, including voter registration or eligibility, polling location, or absentee voting, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb) or contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov).

#### IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

Election officers at all polling places are required to request identification from each voter. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION**

#### WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010.

Acceptable forms of identification can be any ONE of the following:

- Virginia Voter Information Card
- Valid United States passport
- Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military identification
- Any Federal, state, or local government-issued identification card
- Employee-issued photo identification card

If you do not have an acceptable form of identification, you must complete, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity to cast your ballot.

### THE TOWN OF CLIFTON MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

#### THE OFFICES

**TERMS:** Two years

**SALARIES:** None

**DUTIES:** The mayor presides over the council meetings, is ceremonial head of the town government, has all the duties and powers of other council members and has no veto power. The Town Council establishes

town policies, passes resolutions and ordinances, approves the town budget, sets tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appointments.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

Would you support moving the Town of Clifton May general **ELECTIONS**

to the date of the November general election? Why or why not?

What proposals in the advertised Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2011

**BUDGET** do you believe could have the most negative consequences for the residents of the Town of Clifton? How would you resolve

these as an elected leader in your jurisdiction?

What is an **ISSUE** that you believe is important to residents of the Town

of Clifton, and how would you address it?

### CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR, TOWN OF CLIFTON - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1)

**Michael F. Anton**  
*Challenger*

**CANDIDATE WITHDRAWN.**

### CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL - VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5)



**Deborah L. "Deb" Dillard**  
*Incumbent*

**BIOGRAPHY:** None provided.

**ELECTIONS:** It would certainly save Fairfax County money and volunteer effort to move our May elections to November. However, there would need to be a fool proof plan instituted to insure only residents of the Town of Clifton got to vote for Town officials and the voting happened the same day in the same place.

**BUDGET:** We are all watching to see if Fairfax County at-

tempts to make up budget shortages by implementing a food tax. If that happens, the Clifton Town Council will move to put in a smaller pre-emptive tax to insure our restaurant patrons will pay less than other parts of the county and the taxes collected will actually stay in Town for capital improvements.

**ISSUE:** Keeping Clifton is a true American small town is close to all of our hearts. We are a mix of residents and business where we greet each other with a wave and a smile. It is a place where people help quickly, celebrate often, grieve together, occasionally have the kinds of arguments usually reserved for blood relations and gather communally throughout

the year. You keep that quality alive by participating in town life, shopping in our stores, lending a hand, being friendly and doing the things good neighbors do.

**CONTACT:** 703-244-5127

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**Wayne H. Nickum**  
*Incumbent*

**BIOGRAPHY:** Mayor, Town of Clifton, 1982 - 1992; Clifton Town Council, 1974 - 1982, 1992 - 2004, 2006 - present; Member, Clifton Betterment Association, 1972 - present; Treasurer, Clifton Betterment Association, 1980 - 1990; Resident, Town of Clifton since 1971; Former member of various town committees - parks, recreation, historic designation, ARB, Town Hall, and others

**ELECTIONS:** Candidate did not provide a response.

**BUDGET:** Candidate did not provide a response.

**ISSUE:** I am running for the position of Councilman of the Town

of Clifton to provide my knowledge and experience to our new mayor. In addition, the Clifton Town Council should address my three "P's" preservation, parks, participation and process.

Voters should elect me because I have a track record of town related accomplishments during the period I served as councilman and mayor. During the time I was not an official of the town; I actively contributed my time and efforts to increase interaction between town residents and participated in various town projects. If elected I will continue to work for the best interests of our town residents.

My three "P's"

Preservation- There are buildings in the town that are need in restoration or repair. We should encourage and help whenever possible with the restoration of those properties.

Parks- There are three parks within the town one park is currently in the redevelopment process, the second park is need of a new plan and upgrade and the third park needs completion of a developmental plan in conjunction with an adjoining property owned by the Clifton Betterment Association Town Improvement Fund.

Participation- The town council needs to seek out and encourage the help of our town residents to take ownership in town projects. The council needs to continue to empower our town citizens.

I enjoy about Clifton is its small town rural atmosphere and the friendly interactive of my Clifton neighbors. We work, play, and party together for the betterment of the Town.

**CONTACT:** 703-830-1430

[clifnick@att.net](mailto:clifnick@att.net)

**C. M. "Chuck" Rusnak, Jr.**  
*Incumbent*

**CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND.**

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Please join Federal Highway Eastern Federal Lands Division and the Virginia Department of Transportation on April 29, 2010, from 6pm to 8pm at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield, Virginia, to learn about and discuss design improvements for the final phase of the Fairfax County Parkway Extension project. Phase III will include constructing a 1.5-mile long, six-lane divided, limited access highway to connect two previously constructed segments of the Fairfax County Parkway. It will also complete construction of the Parkway to its Northern project termini at the existing Franconia-Springfield Parkway Interchange. Construction will involve re-aligning two local roads in that corridor (Hooes Road & Rolling Road) to meet the requirements of a limited access facility on Fairfax County Parkway.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF VALUABLE FAIRFAX COUNTY REAL ESTATE**

Pursuant to Decree of the Circuit Court of King George County, Virginia, dated July 16, 2009, entered in the Chancery matter now pending before the Court under the style of Adam M. Steil V. Alexander P. Steil, the undersigned Special Commissioners were authorized to sell the hereinafter described real estate at auction; and pursuant thereto, notice is hereby given that the following described real estate:

All that piece, parcel or tract of real estate with all improvements thereon, commonly known as 2101 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22303, having Tax Map Identification Number of 83-1-14-E-1A and being more accurately described as:

Lot 1-A, Block E, Section 3, Huntington, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 549, page 182.

BEING the same property conveyed to Adam M. Steil and Alexander P. Steil, by deed dated September 27, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 12258, page 353.

shall be sold to the highest bidder; however, subject to confirmation by the Court, on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. on site at the property. The property shall be sold AS IS and shall be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed. The successful bidder shall be required to deposit 10% of the bid price by Certified Check payable to the General Receiver of King George Circuit Court. Closing on the sale shall take place within 30 days of confirmation of sale by the Court.

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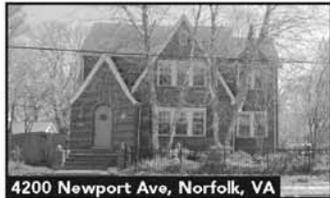
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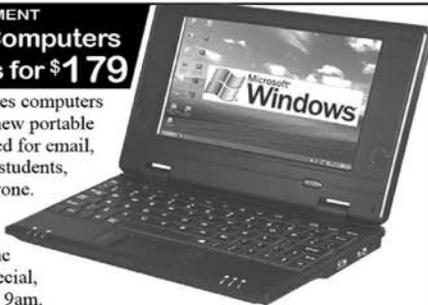
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# Rams Stage 'Boy Friend'

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"She's not stuffy and formal, but motherly, yet spunky with a sense of fun," said Auch. "She's also strong and can stand up for herself. When Polly's widowed father, she pursues him again. I get to do a French accent and be serious with a fun and flirty side."

Auch's favorite song is "Safety in Numbers," in which schoolgirl Maisie says she can't pick just one boy. She wants to dance with them all. She says the show will be visually beautiful because of the period costumes, ranging from school uniforms to 1920s bathing suits to masks and gowns at a masquerade ball.

**CHOREOGRAPHER** is Cappie-winning dancer Logan Hillman, who began work in February, choreographing 16 of the show's 17 numbers. Hardest, he said, is "getting it from my mind to paper and then to the ac-

tors and making any necessary changes. But this cast caught on pretty quickly to the dance basics. Then we worked on body 'pictures' on stage, their proximity to other dancers and the 1920s style of dancing."

Hillman especially likes "The Riviera" because it's so energized and best represents the style of that era's shows. "The audience will like the dance flips, turns and spins," he said. "I like choreographing as well as or better than acting because I'm a dancer and this is what I do. I'm doing my dancing through others."

Director Rome said the show's 1920s feel is carried out via the footlights around the stage and the numbers being performed directly to the audience, rather than to the other actors. Even the minor characters add "extra spice" to the story, he said, and both the colors and mood will be bright.

"The costumes, lights and set are bold and playful," said Rome. "It's tremendous fun so the audience will have fun, too. It's like a Valentine to them. There's no redeeming, social value — just entertainment."

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\$15, show only \$12. Additional \$2 at the door. Reserve at 703-866-3546 or [www.yptnva.com/Groups.htm](http://www.yptnva.com/Groups.htm).

**Park Manager Walk and Talk.** 4-6 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Take a spring hike with park manager Kevin Monroe. Adults. Free. Reservations required at 703-768-2525.

**Elizabeth Hartwell Eagle Festival.** 1 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Educational activities including Reptiles Alive, bird banding, pony rides and raptor or Bald Eagle viewing. More than 25 national and local organizations will exhibit. Free. [www.HartwellFund.com](http://www.HartwellFund.com).

**Lake Accotink Park's 50th Anniversary.** 12-2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Road, Springfield. Free rides on the park's antique carousel and free rounds of mini-golf on the Lucky duck course. Short ceremony at 1 p.m., refreshments will be served. The park's new commemorative Community Quilt, made of 5-inch paper squares decorated by schoolchildren, will be on display. 703-324-8702 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink).

### SUNDAY/APRIL 25

**The Virginia Opera presents The Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess."** 2 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

**West Point Alumni Glee Club.** 4:30 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. This concert is intended to honor veterans, members of the "greatest generation," wounded warriors and their families. Reserve at <https://secure.west-point.org/wpagc/> or 703-263-2364.

**Homeschool Theater Spring Show.** 12 p.m. at Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre, 10712 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, and more. Show and bag lunch \$15, show only \$12. Additional \$2 at the door. 703-866-3546 or [www.yptnva.com/Groups.htm](http://www.yptnva.com/Groups.htm).

### MONDAY/APRIL 26

**Latin Dance Nights.** 10 p.m. at Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Ladies free, men

\$10. 703-569-5940.

**Nature Quest: Bird Nesting Time.** 4:30 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. For ages 3-6. Gather good building supplies for home-building birds. \$4 per child. Reserve at 703-451-9588.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 27

**Lullaby Stories.** 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 1 to 5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

**Tell It Again.** 6 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building. A story in English and Spanish. Activities. Age 4-12 with adult. 703-451-8055.

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 28

**Open Irish Song Session.** 8:30 p.m. at Hard Times Cafe, 6362 Springfield Plaza, Springfield. Open to anyone who would like to sing or listen to Irish songs. 703-913-5600.

**Evening Book Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call for title. Adults. 703-249-1520.

**Practice Your English.** 10:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

**Travel Club.** 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building. Bring lunch and enjoy discussion. Adults. 703-451-8055.

**Invasive Management Workshop.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Participants must be age 15 or older. 703-324-8681.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 29

**Latin Dance Nights.** 10 p.m. at Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Ladies free, men \$10. 703-569-5940.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 30

**"Father of the Bride."** 7:30 p.m. at Robert E. Lee High School Lancer Theater, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$8, students. 703-924-8438.

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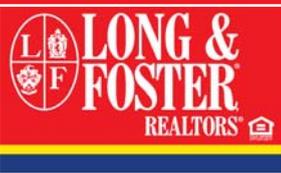


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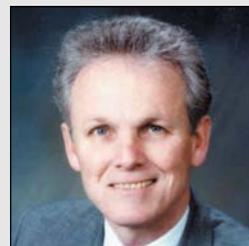
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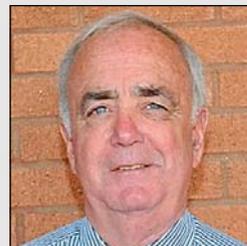
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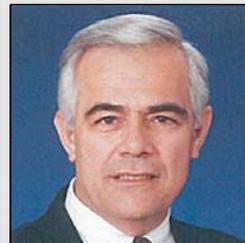
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