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Sallie Miller, 8, looks on as her brother William, 8, checks his bracelet with the electronic battery tester. The bracelet was provided by Project Lifesaver.

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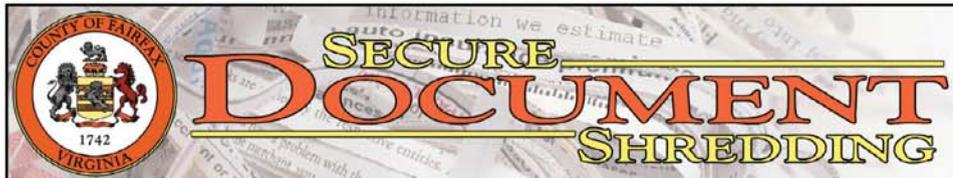
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Protection with Beauty as a Bonus

Rehabilitation at Woodglen Lake begins with May 15 ceremony.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Woodglen Lake in Fairfax has always provided a picturesque view and a quiet place to relax for nearby residents, but now, it will offer something much more valuable.

The county's planned rehabilitation of Woodglen Lake, also known as Pohick Dam #3, began last week, giving surrounding homeowners a renewed sense of safety and security living so close to a dam that has overflowed in the past. The rehabilitation, which is the result of a partnership between multiple governmental agencies, was celebrated with a ceremony Saturday, May 15.

"All of this beauty is only a side benefit of what this dam is really about, which is flood protection," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). "[The lake] protects our homes,

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"[The lake] protects our homes, our people, our business and roads from the ravages of flooding."

— Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock)

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GOP Primary Vote: Fimian Vs. Herrity

Two Republican candidates face off in June 8 primary to decide Connolly foe in November.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Virginia's 11th Congressional District will see its first primary contest in 18 years next month. Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) and businessman Keith Fimian are vying for the chance to take on U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) next fall in what could be a competitive race.

Primary voters go to the polls to decide between Herrity and Fimian June 8. In Virginia, voters do not register with a political party, so any person, regardless of political affiliation, can participate in the election to pick the Republican Party nominee.

Connolly is serving his first term in the House of Representatives after beating Fimian 54.7 percent to 43 percent in the 2008 general election. Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) held the seat for 13 years before retiring.

The Cook Political Report, a well-regarded political analysis publication, rated the race as "leaning Democratic" in April. But several local Republican activists said the current anti-incumbent sentiment could pro-

vide an opportunity for an upset.

"I think there is a strong sentiment that the federal government is out of control," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who won a special election to the Fairfax board in 2009.

FIMIAN AND HERRITY share many of the same opinions when it comes to general matters of public policy.

Both candidates said reducing the federal deficit would be a priority should they be elected to office. Both have hammered Connolly for support of the government health care reform bill and "cap and trade" legislation, which places a ceiling on emissions over concern about the environment but is frowned on by some business groups.

"This is not San Francisco. This is not some radical left district," said Fimian of Connolly's voting record.

If elected, Fimian and Herrity both said they would like to serve on the House Government Reform Committee, which oversees federal employees and government contracting. The two candidates have also

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Keith Fimian

Age: 53

Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.

Residence: Oakton

Family: Wife Cathy of 28 years and three daughters

Education: College of William & Mary, bachelor's of business administration, accounting concentration - 1979

Occupation: Founder and chairman of U.S. Inspect, a national provider of property inspection services

Civic Activity: president of the Youth Leadership Foundation, which provides academic and character building to low-income students in Washington D.C.; Republican nominee for Virginia's 11th District Congressional seat in 2008



Patrick Herrity

Age: 50

Hometown: Springfield

Residence: Clifton

Family: Wife Nancy, one son and one daughter

Education: Virginia Tech, bachelor's of science in accounting - 1982

Occupation: chief financial officer for Fulcrum Worldwide, a government contractor and communications firm; Fairfax County Supervisor - Springfield District (2008-present)

Civic Activity: Former board member of the Northern Virginia Technology Council; former executive committee member of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce; former board member for Potomac Inline Hockey; Fairfax County chairman candidate in 2009; former youth athletics coach for local teams.



City House Dedicated as Norway House

Ambassador attends dedication of Norway House in Fairfax.

BY AMANDA RANOWSKY
THE CONNECTION

On the night of May 13, at a small home at 3846 Meredith Drive in Fairfax, Norwegian Ambassador Wegger Christian Strommen spoke at the home's dedication as the Norway House, a center dedicated to Norwegian culture.

Strommen joined Fairfax City Mayor Robert F. Lederer, Council member David L. Meyer and Council member-elect Ellie Schmidt for a formal reception offered on the occasion of Norwegian Constitution Day.

"May it mean something for the community around us, be they Norwegian or not," said Strommen, during his remarks.

The Norway House is owned by the Washington chapter of the Sons of Norway, which strives to preserve its cultural heritage and share it with the community at large.

"The purpose is cultural, to preserve the culture taken out of Norway and into



PHOTO BY AMANDA RANOWSKY/THE CONNECTION

From left, Kristen Stone, president of the Washington Lodge of the Sons of Norway; Council member David L. Meyer; Ambassador Wegger Christian Strommen; Mayor Robert Lederer; Council member-elect Ellie Schmidt and Ralph Peterson, regional president of the Sons of Norway.

America, but not lost there," said Larry Lamborn, a member of the group.

The reception highlighted different aspects of Norwegian culture. The main room offered an exhibit featuring pieces by Nor-

wegian artist Bernhard H. Berntsen. Norwegian folk art, such as traditional needlework and rosemaling — a decorative painting used to brighten household items — were displayed in another room. A library

downstairs contained more than 4,000 books, CDs, videos and DVDs on a variety of aspects of Norwegian culture.

The event included traditional Norwegian fare, as well, such as kransekake, a traditional cake made of almonds, egg whites and confectionery sugar shaped in stacked rings. The cake is eaten from the bottom up by pulling the rings off one by one and breaking them up into pieces. Kristen Stone, president of the Washington chapter of the Sons of Norway, said the kransekake is used to mark important celebrations, such as birthdays and weddings.

"I think it's so wonderful that you're here to keep your background alive, your culture alive and your heritage alive," Lederer said in his address.

The Sons of Norway is open to anyone interested in learning more about Norwegian culture. Strommen said that internationally the organization is the largest of the many organizations that support Norwegian culture and heritage.

More

For more information about the Sons of Norway or Norway House, contact Burt Koske, vice president of the Washington chapter of the Sons of Norway, at kobur@aol.com. Information about meeting times and other cultural events may also be found online at <http://www.son-dc.org>.

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Cigarette Trafficking Yields Probation, Home Monitoring

A 46-year-old Fairfax woman has been placed on supervised probation for her part in a major conspiracy to traffic in contraband cigarettes. She is Ada Mei Lam, aka Mei, and she was sentenced May 7 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria.

She was among 14 people arrested following a 14-month investigation started by the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. The case involved individuals paying or trading more than \$8 million, nearly 40 firearms and drugs to purchase 388,000 cartons — totalling more than 77 million contraband cigarettes — to sell in New York.

Charged in November 2009, Lam pleaded guilty Feb. 23 in federal court to conspiring to traffic in contraband cigarettes. According to the statement of facts accompanying her plea, from August 2008 to Nov. 5, 2009, she “knowingly conspired with others to unlawfully ship, transport, receive, possess, sell, distribute and purchase contraband cigarettes.”

The document details several occasions on which she met with others involved in the conspiracy and purchased huge quantities of these cigarettes. However, unbeknownst to them, the sellers were undercover, law-enforcement agents.

For example, on Oct. 29, 2008, Lam met with co-conspirators Xing “Andy” Xiao, 32, of Fairfax, and Ting Seng Lin and, together, they purchased and transported approximately 732,000 contraband cigarettes for about \$69,660 in cash from the agents.

All the contraband cigarettes bore no stamps, nor any other evidence of the payment of applicable state or local taxes, and none of the co-conspirators had any legal right to buy and sell them. Lam's statement of facts said she was “personally involved in unlawful conduct relating to contraband cigarettes resulting in a tax loss of more than \$200,000 and less than \$400,000.”

On Friday, May 7, U.S. District Court Judge Gerald Bruce Lee sentenced Lam to two years supervised probation. He also stipulated that six months of that time be served in home confinement with electronic monitoring.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Suspended Sentence For Burglary of Bike Shop

Donald A. Cunningham, 44, has received a suspended prison sentence for burglarizing a local bicycle shop. The incident occurred Aug. 10, 2009, at 9:52 p.m. City of Fairfax police responded to an alarm at the Oasis Bike Works at 10376 Main St. Once inside the building, officers found Cunningham hiding in the store and arrested him.

They initially charged him with burglary and attempted grand larceny, but the latter charge was eventually dropped. Cunningham, of no fixed address, was then indicted for burglary and, on Oct. 14, 2009, he pleaded guilty in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

He returned for sentencing, April 30, and Judge Leslie Alden sentenced him to two years in prison, suspending all that time. However, she ordered Cunningham to complete residential treatment for substance abuse, and she also placed him on probation for a year.

Electric Sunday May 23

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's “Electric Sunday” events. The next one is slated for Sunday, May 23, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.



PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

Deputy Patrick Muller of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office puts a new bracelet on Joseph, 8.

Extra Set of Eyes

Project Lifesaver brings peace of mind to families across Fairfax County.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

It's a feeling that Lynn Miller never wants to experience again. Her son, William, who was 7 at the time, seized one unsupervised moment and disappeared like any other child. Unlike most other children, however, William has non-verbal autism.

William, now 8, was only missing for 15 minutes, but in that time, he was able to walk from the family's home on Forest Drive in Fairfax to busy Shirley Gate Road, where a passerby spotted him and alerted police. He was returned home safely, but the family was shaken and vowed that it would never happen again.

The Miller family, like many others in the county, joined Project Lifesaver, a program that assists families and caregivers of individuals with autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's disease and other related conditions. The program helps guardians keep track of a person by affixing a bracelet to the wrist or ankle that emits a silent tracking signal.

“We can keep every door locked, but just like any other kid, you turn around for a second and they're gone, but unlike other kids, [William] cannot talk,” Lynn Miller said. “This provides an added layer of security for us.”

Project Lifesaver was founded in 1999 in Virginia Beach by Gene Saunders in association with the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office. The program quickly gained steam as it spread throughout the country, reaching locales from Florida to upstate New York before the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office joined in 2004. Currently, Project Lifesaver is now in more than 1,150 law enforcement agencies in 45 states, Washington, D.C., three Canadian provinces and even in areas of Australia.

According to the Fairfax County's Sheriff's Office, potential participants must fill out an application and a caregiver contract and submit it to the office. The client must be a resident of Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax or the towns of Herndon and Vienna and have a legally responsible caregiver willing to place the client in the program to be accepted, but other than that, there are no restrictions as to who can wear a tracking device or what condition the individual must have. The Sheriff's Office asks for a monthly donation of \$25, but it is not a requirement.

“The true value of this program is in the reassurance it gives families,” said Sheriff Stan Berry. “The peace of mind and sense of security provided for these families cannot be measured in dollars, and is just another example of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office making a positive impact in the lives of the residents of Fairfax County.”

“The true value of this program is in the reassurance it gives families.”

— Sheriff Stan Berry

Project Lifesaver

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/lifesaver.htm to download an application and caregiver contract and join Project Lifesaver.

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OPINION

For the Cure

Awareness, money raised by Komen for the Cure, benefit many in our region.

Last year at this time, I was still in the midst of chemotherapy for breast cancer, reacting to my first year participating as a “survivor” in the Komen Race for the Cure. This year, sporting my own hair again and cancer-free, I find many more reasons to walk the walk.

First, the money raised by Komen has a robust local impact, outreach to underserved women in our region who need help with awareness, screening, treatment and more.

Recently announced grant recipients that help poor women with screening and treatment including Arlington Free Clinic, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services. Some Fairfax County recipients serve immigrant communities like the Korean Community Service Center, the Ethiopian Community Development Council, the Somali Family Care Network. Others, like the Breast Cancer Network of Strength in Herndon, provide support for women in the aftermath of diagnosis and treatment. The American Asso-

ciation on Health and Disability in Rockville reaches women with disabilities who often fall through the cracks of early detection.

Second, in the last year, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force announced controversial and confusing new guidelines for screening for breast cancer that could give women one more reason to put off self-exams, mammograms and visits to the doctor. At 40, you still need to talk to your doctor about when to begin mammogram screening and how often, even if you have no history of breast cancer in your family. Be sure you're talking to a health care professional with expertise in breast health. And if you find a lump or anything suspicious in your own breast, don't delay visiting the doctor.

It takes more than money to ensure that women are in the best possible position to discover any breast cancer early on — it takes the kind of awareness that comes with 50,000 people coming together to walk on a Saturday morning, it takes education, it takes energy, time and effort.

I encourage you to join the Race for the Cure; there is still time to register and take part in the 5K itself. There are many ways to participate, including walking, running, and even “Sleeping in for the Cure” (you still get a T-shirt).

But most of all, I urge the women reading this to be sure that they are taking care of them-

selves, for everyone reading this to advocate for the women in their lives.

Early detection — along with a healthy lifestyle — is the key.

Breast cancer is detected early by self-exams, by doctor exams and by mammograms. Be sure you show up for all of the above on your own behalf.

— MARY KIMM

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Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

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

E-mail photos to fairfax@connectionnewspapers.com, or mail a disk or prints to Fairfax Connection, Father's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

EDITORIAL

Get Involved

More than 50,000 people are expected on the National Mall on Saturday, June 5, for the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Register at www.globalraceforthecure.org

City Council Copping Out?

To the Editor:

On May 11, the City of Fairfax conducted a public hearing regarding an ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Fairfax, Virginia, to regulate the delivery of unsolicited publications or, alternatively, consideration of a voluntary agreement regarding the same.

Neither option adequately addressed the central issue of litter control. By my observations, unsolicited publications delivered to single family homes often end up in the gutter where they are overlooked by the residents. Subsequently, the papers are run over by automobiles and soaked by rain and snow. The sloppy and shredded remains are scattered all over the street and eventually get washed into the storm sewers and into our creeks and streams. This matter came before the City Council no doubt due to the complaints of citizens regarding the litter issues. The newspapers affected obviously would resist any attempt to limit their distribution in that circulation numbers have a direct bearing on advertising rates and thus the paper's revenue. I had

made the suggestion to one council member that the city simply require all printed matter to be delivered to the doorstep rather than the bottom of the driveway, on the lawn, on the sidewalk, or in the middle of the street. That would significantly decrease the likelihood of the papers turning into litter while not interfering with the publisher's right to freely distribute its product. If the publishers argue that the cost of doorstep delivery is prohibitive and impinges on the right of the paper to distribute its product, then the publishers need to rethink their business model.

Somehow, the issue of freedom of the press made its way into the discussion. Turning the simple matter of litter control into a question of freedom of the press is a classic intimidation tactic designed to corner the city into an agreement more favorable to the publishers than to the citizens. A tacit or explicit threat of litigation obviously had its desired effect. The City Council decided to chicken out and put the burden on the citizens instead of the publishers. So now it's up to individual residents to contact the papers and request cessation of delivery. The papers, knowing that a significant number of residents are oblivious to the

matter and will not make the effort to opt-out, are understandably in favor of the opt-out agreement that was eventually adopted. The end result is that the publications limit the hit to their circulation for the relatively small cost of providing an opt out mechanism. In the meantime the litter problem goes on. No doubt the City Council would like to spin this “solution” as a win-win. I see it as more of a cop out than a compromise.

Paul Deceglie
Fairfax

Attempt at An Answer

To the Editor:

A recent letter published by your paper was captioned “Asking for Truth” [Fairfax Connection, May 6-12, 2010]. Allow me to attempt a response to this intriguing question. Pilate asked “what is truth?” He couldn't see it, even though it stood before him.

The letter writer is distressed about the “deceptive practices” of crisis-pregnancy centers and that the woman is prevented from making an informed decision. When a woman sees her baby on a sonogram, she alone then decides

whether it is just tissue or an individual with a beating heart and its own fingerprints.

When a woman is subjected to Planned Parenthood's version of truth, the outcome is tragic and irreversible.

The letter writer deeply regrets the \$10,000 that is given to crisis-pregnancy centers from the “choose life” license plates. Does this money not come from the purchasers who pay an extra fee for the plate? How many millions of dollars does Planned Parenthood get from the government to thwart the “choose life” ideals of the majority of Americans. I pray that someday, the scales may fall from her eyes.

Dolores McGlynn
Fairfax

No Conservative

To the Editor:

I just received an e-mail invitation from a neighbor inviting me to attend Jay O'Brien's (R) kick-off for his campaign for the State Senate next year. Yes, the same O'Brien who lost in 2007.

Although I'm a Republican, I didn't vote for O'Brien. Do you

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LETTERS

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know why?

O'Brien voted for, supported and defended (up until the day he lost), Retroactive Driving Abuser Fees (up to \$2,000 fines). He also voted for and supported giving an unelected body, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTC) the right to tax us for road improvements.

The Virginia Supreme Court found both of these unanimously unconstitutional. Yes, our elected officials do make mistakes, but did I hear O'Brien apologize, change his mind or claim ignorance? No. He defended these taxes and the right for the NVTC to tax us as they wish, with no limit, until the day he lost.

Jay O'Brien says he is a conservative. Sorry O'Brien, any Republican that votes and supports bills that are unconstitutional and are essentially tax increases in disguise needs to find another hobby.

Matthew Stockhaus
Fairfax

Herrity Walking The Walk?

To the Editor:

During U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) tenure on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the average property tax bill in Fairfax County nearly doubled from roughly \$2,400 to \$4,800. In true Connolly tradition, the tax happy Democrat-led board in April raised county property taxes and fees again, costing the average homeowner in the county (with a home valued at \$432,439) an additional \$95 in taxes and fees

Republican Congressional candidate Pat Herrity stumps against Connolly's property tax increases everywhere he goes, but in 2009 with declining home values, he had a chance to give Fairfax County taxpayers a break. Instead, Herrity voted for a 13 percent property tax rate increase, keeping virtually all of Connolly's increase in place.

This is the single largest tax rate increase in 30 years. According to the Washington Post, 150,000 households actually saw their real property tax bill increase. If Herrity is going to vote like Connolly on the Board of Supervisors, I can only assume he will vote like him in Congress.

When it comes to holding the line on taxes, Pat Herrity appears to have ignored the old adage, "Don't talk the talk, unless you can walk the walk."

Rob Paine
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Preparing for their 100-mile bike ride are, from left, Katie Gogoel, Samantha Schaffstall and Sylvia Rosales.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fund raiser set.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Before Clifton's Katie Gogoel decided to help the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) by riding in a 100-mile fund raiser, she didn't even own a bicycle. She does now, though, and she and her two roommates will soon be putting their bikes to good use in a June 6 ride in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

"Clifton resident Terre Simpson has been doing this event for years, and she told my mom about it," said Gogoel, 23. "And my grandpa, Frank Pastorelle of Homewood, Ill., was diagnosed with lymphoma, three years ago. He's in his 70s and is still fighting it. He's an inspiration. Every week, he plays the piano at veterans' homes. But for awhile, he was too sick to do that."

So in February, Katie told her parents, Mike and Mary Gogoel, that she wanted to do the ride, and both her roommates, Sylvia Rosales and Samantha Schaffstall, signed up, too. Rosales is of Vienna, and both Gogoel and Schaffstall, of Fairfax, are 2005 Robinson Secondary School grads.

Rosales and Gogoel both graduated last year from the University of Virginia, and Schaffstall, from Randolph Macon Woman's College. Gogoel now works in the field of emerging markets at a small, business-consulting firm in Washington, D.C., and Schaffstall deals with business development for a District law firm. The three roommates live in Arlington.

"We're flying to Lake Tahoe [which borders both California and Nevada] on June 4, and will then ride 100 miles around the lake," said Gogoel. "I have a

specialized, Tri-Cross bike that's lighter than a typical hybrid bicycle."

Their Team in Training, which has 40-50 members, represents the National Capital chapter of the LLS, and they all ride together each week to prepare for the big event.

"The last time I was on a bike, I was 12," said Schaffstall, now 22. "I hit a pothole and went over the handlebars, so I then steered clear of the sport. But the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society sets you up with coaches and training programs."

The three roommates bicycle together once or twice a week around Arlington. But on Saturdays, they ride with the whole Team in Training on increasingly longer outings. "The week before last, we rode 73 miles in Gainesville," said Gogoel. "Last weekend, it was 80 miles in Davidsonville, Md.; and the weekend before the event, we'll ride 90 miles."

She said the hardest part of the training is getting up early on Saturdays for a ride that starts at 8 a.m. and, often, is 60-90 minutes away from their home. "We all really like it," said Gogoel. "Bike riding is so awesome that we wonder why no one ever told us how much fun it was. We talk, the whole time we ride, and it's nice to get to know everyone on the team."

In addition, the LLS sends the riders motivational, weekly e-mails telling them stories about survivors and reminding them for whom they're riding. "It's really nice," said Gogoel. "Everything we raise goes toward blood-cancer patients and their families, both for counseling and research."

Each rider must raise \$4,300 to help LLS stamp out leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma. To contribute, go to <http://pages.teamintraining.org>, click on "search participants," then type in the first and last name of the

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Project Lifesaver Finds Lost Children

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The sense of security, Lynn Miller said, is worth more than the \$25 a month that her family chooses to send in. William is one of a set of triplets, and his identical twin brother, Joseph, was diagnosed with non-verbal autism as well. The brothers are just two of six children, so when a friend told the family about Project Lifesaver after William ran away, Lynn Miller signed the boys up immediately to help ease a major concern.

The process after signing up for the Millers was the same for the 28 other clients that the Sheriff's Office currently works with as part of Project Lifesaver. Two sheriff's deputies came out to their home and put the clear plastic bands on William and Joseph's ankles and tested them to ensure they were working correctly. Then, the deputies gave Lynn Miller an electronic battery tester and checklist to use everyday to test the battery and to record it. Once the bracelet is activated and all instructions are given, sheriff's deputies return once a

month to give the client a new bracelet. In the meantime, the client never removes the bracelet and can shower and swim with it on.

"They take baths with them, they swim with them, they can do everything in them," Lynn Miller said. "They wear it all the time and it doesn't seem to bother them at all."

The Millers have only had one runaway incident since joining the program, but because of the effectiveness of the bracelets, William's latest adventure added to the sheriff's office's 100 percent track record of locating wandering adults and children. When a parent notices that the client is missing, he or she calls a special emergency hotline available only to those in the program and in turn, local police are notified. The police then turn on a homing device and follow the bracelet's tracking signal until they find the child.

ACCORDING TO Lynn Miller, clients in the program provide all of their personal data and have their pictures taken so that when a client goes missing, the police have

all of the individual's relevant information such as where the person typically goes when he or she wanders and a picture to easily identify the person. Without this extra information, Lynn Miller said, the police's job would be much tougher and the client would take longer to locate.

"It's not that the police couldn't do a good job without [Project Lifesaver], but they need information quickly in those situations and Project Lifesaver has it all already," Lynn Miller said.

Once a client is enrolled, according to the Sheriff's Office, he or she can be a client for life if the caregiver so chooses. While Miller and other parents like her hope that they do not have to depend on a program like this for the rest of their lives, their lives are made easier knowing that their loved ones have another set of proverbial eyes looking out for them.

"The application is easy to fill out, the people are wonderful to deal with and the children are safe," Lynn Miller said. "I'd recommend this to anyone in a similar situation. This program is just great."

FAITH NOTES

The Fellowship Baptist Church Spring Festival will be on Saturday, May 22, 12-4 p.m., at the church at 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. Activities include a petting zoo, moon bounce, games for all ages, crafts, cake walk, prizes and refreshments. Free and open to the public. 703-569-5151 or www.honoringGod.org.

Temple B'nai Shalom will present Jewish Rock Artist Sheldon Low for a musical Shabbat service on June 11, at 8 p.m., at Temple B'nai Shalom, 7612 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Free, no tickets required. 703-764-2901 or Ellen@tbs-online.org. www.tbs-online.org.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, welcomes the community to several events this summer. Contact 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org.

❖ **Phoenix Rising Meal Program Volunteers Needed.** Help prepare meals for the homeless along the Route 1 corridor 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, and deliver the bags 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 28.

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/MAY 20

Pre-Civil War Railroading. 10:15 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Senior Center at The Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Ron Beavers on the American railroading industry from the 1820s to the 1850s. Free; annual membership required to attend subsequent meetings. 703-359-2487.

Colors of the Rainbow. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library,

10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Sports Stories. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Storytime about sports. Ages 2-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Parenting in Times of Economic Stress. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn ways to reassure children and make the best use of family and community resources. This program presented in Korean.

Adults. 703-644-7333.
An Evening with Unknown Hinson. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20 advance, \$25 day of show. jamminjava.com.

Free 4 All Film and Animation Fest. 6:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School Auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. A community-wide high school student film and animation festival. www.fcps.edu.

FRIDAY/MAY 21

Burke VFW Veterans Golf Classic. 1 p.m. tee time at the Medal of Honor Golf Course, 4414 Fuller Road, USMC Base Quantico. With Barney Barnum, Col. USMC(Ret.),

Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient and Medal of Honor Society Past President. 5 p.m. buffet at Mulligans Club. Foursome \$280, including all fees, cart and awards buffet. Single \$75. Contact Gerhard.Liebegott@US.ARMY.MIL or www.VfwWEBcom.org/va/post5412.

The Mikado. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40-\$280. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Ellis Paul and Michael Clem. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave.

E., Vienna. \$20. jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 22

The Mikado. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40-\$280. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

AFDC Fido 5K fun run, 5K walk or 1 mile walk. 8:30 a.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Family Day Center. afdc@alzheimersfdc.org.

UWC World Champion Mike "The Hulk" Easton vs. Ryan "Lion" Diaz. 7 p.m. at the George Mason

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Fairfax County Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Train Travel in the U.S. and Canada. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. With Bill Forster, a regional representative of the National Association of Railroad Passengers and a director at the Virginia Association of Railway Patrons. 703-249-1520.

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

5600.
Main Street Community Band. 8 p.m. at the Oakton High School Auditorium, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. An ensemble of the City of Fairfax Band, presenting "Joys of Spring." Directed by Brian Balmages. \$13 adults, \$7 seniors, age 18 and under free. 703-757-0220 or info@fairfaxband.org.

16th Annual Egyptian Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, 11911 Braddock Road Fairfax. Egyptian and Mediterranean cuisine, imported jewelry, crafts and art, children's rides and games. Free tours of the Coptic Orthodox Church and Little Flock Christian School. 703-591-4444

or www.stmarkdc.org.
Jawbreaker with DJ Dredd, James Nasty & Tennis System. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. jamminjava.com.

Girls on the Run 5K. 7:30 a.m. at George Mason University Fairfax campus, 4400 University Blvd., Fairfax. For girls grades 3-8. 703-508-6898 or bsaperstein@gotrnova.org.

South Run Fun Run In Memory of Mike and Jeanne Merrill. 11 a.m. at South Run RECenter. 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. \$25 per person or \$50 per family. Proceeds go to the Merrill Children Trust Fund.

potomacriverunning.com/calendar.
Fido 5K & Wag and Walk. 8:30 a.m., at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Run or walk to support Alzheimer's Family Day Center. Bring your friends, family and dogs. \$35 to register for the run or walk. Children under 9 walk free. <http://Afdcrunandwalk.kintera.org>.

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice.

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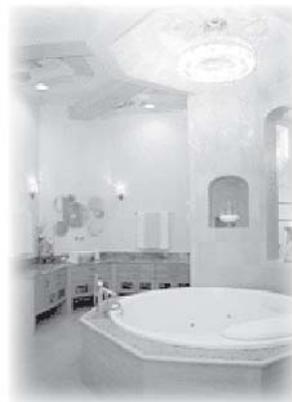
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Capital Wind Symphony. 3 p.m. at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. Conductor George Ethereidge presents selections from Joaquin Rodrigo, Dan Welcher, John Philip Sousa, Donizetti and Leonard Bernstein. \$10 adults, \$5 students. 703-402-7834 or www.capitalwinds.org.

16th Annual Egyptian Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church, 11911 Braddock Road Fairfax. Egyptian and Mediterranean cuisine, imported jewelry, crafts and art, children's rides and games. Free tours of the Coptic Orthodox Church and Little Flock Christian School. 703-591-4444 or www.stmarkdc.org.

An Evening of Music & Remembrance: A Fund Raiser for the Chris Morawetz Scholarship at UMW, Don Bridges and Eileen Joyner. 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$25. jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/MAY 24

My Favorite Highway Storytellers: Acoustic Performance. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 25

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Inova Blood Drive. 1-6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Photo ID required. Appointments preferred at 1-866-256-6372. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Teen Book Group. 6 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. What's hot and what's not. Age 13-18. 703-644-7333.

Fairfax High School Choral Department Spring Show. 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Chorus students performing the theme "Dance the Night

Away." Free. www.fhschorus.net
Pete Francis, Shwa Losben and Danni Rosner. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 26

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

Book Club Kids: "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. A book club for 3-5 year olds. Activities and fun centered around the book If You Give A Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff. Children should be familiar with this story before coming. 703-644-7333.

The Rescues and Garrison Starr. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 27

Michael Franti & Spearhead. 7 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$74-\$471. 703-938-2404.

Englishman and Shango Band, Fairgrounds, The Fielding Mellish and Open 24. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 28

Garrison Keillor: A Prairie Home Companion Live Broadcast. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48-\$298. 703-938-2404.

SATURDAY/MAY 29

Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire & Rescue Ambulance Chase 5k and Half-Mile Fun Run. At the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The half mile fun run is at 8 a.m. and the 5k is at 8:30 a.m. hanabrilliant@yahoo.com.

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Rams Finally Get Chantilly's Number

**Robinson tops
Chargers in
Concorde finals, 9-4.**

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A different approach for the Robinson Rams proved beneficial going into their Concorde District tournament finals game against the top-seeded and home team Chantilly boys on Saturday, May 15.

The No. 2-seed Rams, going into the title match, had lost to the Chargers four consecutive times over the past few years, including a setback at last year's Virginia state semifinals. And earlier this season, Robinson had fallen to the defending district champion Chantilly team by a 9-6 score in a regular season road game on April 12.

So something needed to change for the Rams if they were going to turn the tables on their district rival. That change involved a mindset emphasizing that it really didn't matter whom the Rams were playing. What mattered was playing a good, fundamentally solid game across the board and enjoying the moment of playing for a cham



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

After four losing efforts against Chantilly, the Rams finally broke the streak with a Concorde District title win on May 15.

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Sister to Sister Times Three

In W.T. Woodson girls' lacrosse game, scoring and stopping goals is a tri-family affair.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

After W.T. Woodson sophomore attacker Elena Obregon scores a goal, her first order of business is to touch sticks with whoever assisted her—a lacrosse player's "thank you" for the pass.

More often than not, the person on the receiving end of that stick tap is her older sister, senior Rachel Obregon.

"Sister to sister!" teammates yell after the duo combines for a goal.

"It's a mind thing," Elena Obregon said. "We always know where we are on the field. I just love how we set each other up."

At faceoff dot, senior Michelle Montgomery celebrates with the midfielders and freshman Devon Montgomery cheers from the sidelines while taking mental notes on her sisters' play.

Behind the play and between the pipes, first-year goalie Victoria Vinall meets with her defenders for a quick chat. One of those defenders is her sister, junior Melissa Vinall.

Souped-up by sister-power, the Cavaliers won their first-ever Patriot District girls' lacrosse title on May 14 in a 14-12 thriller over district front-runner Annandale.

The game featured many sister-to-sister stick taps.

The score sheet is littered with goals from the Obregons, assists from the Montgomerys and critical saves from the defensive-minded Vinalls.

The Obregons alone accounted for half of the Cavaliers' goals (three for Elena, four for Rachel).

"It [was] so amazing," Melissa Vinall said. "We were supposed to be the underdogs."

For the three families, there's more to the district title than adding another plaque to the school's ever-expanding trophy case.

All three sister sets have played lacrosse through the youth levels, and the beginning

of the playoff season signals the beginning of the end of their tag-teams.

Two of the three family sets will be separated by graduation next year.

With limited time to play together, Elena Obregon said she's taken time to learn as much as she can from her older sister.

"She's taught me a lot of my skills: how to place my shots, how to fake, stuff like that," she said. "It's going to be hard without her next year."

Freshman Devon Montgomery spent a fair amount of time watching the Patriot District finals from the sideline, but she also kept an eye on her sister Michelle Montgomery's play.

"I'd be jealous of her because she'd be running down the field and I'd say 'I'm not that good yet,' Devon Montgomery said. "[But] she's taught me to be more aggressive."

Michelle Montgomery said she's "leaving the team in good hands" with her sister. As one of the senior leaders, she has had a hand in her sister's lacrosse development.

"It's been so much fun watching her grow," she said. "It's insane to think about how great she's going to be. She can already play with all of us. It's just such a blessing

"It's been so much fun watching her grow."

— Michelle Montgomery

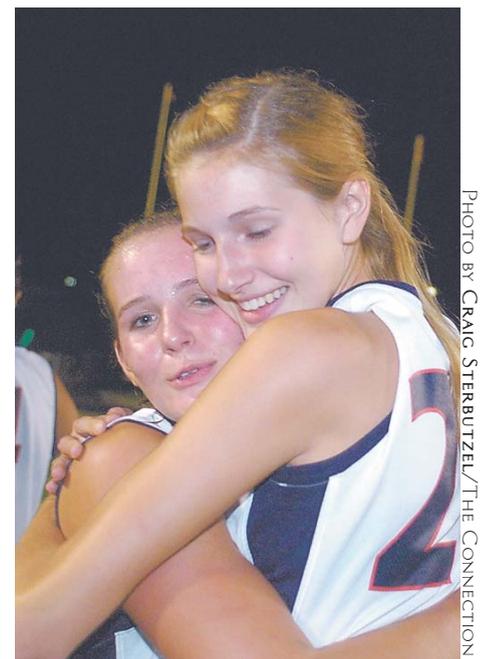


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Devon Montgomery hugs her sister Michelle after the Cavs' Patriot District title win on May 14. Woodson's girls' lacrosse team features three sets of sisters playing together.

[to have played with her]."

The remaining sister duo, the Vinalls, still have at least two more seasons on varsity together. Given that the Vinalls consist of the team's starting goalie and starting de

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SPORTS



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Woodson boys' lacrosse team celebrates with the school's first-ever Patriot District lacrosse banner after defeating Annandale 13-10.

Cavs Ride Out Storm to Title

W.T. Woodson outlasts Annandale in rain-delayed Patriot District final.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

W.T. Woodson senior attacker Davis Mayberry could have found motivation in his team's chance to capture their first-ever Patriot District title. Or that they could avenge an 8-6 loss to Annandale from earlier in the season.

Instead, the first team all-district attacker thought about a verbal barb thrown at his team earlier in the year before the Patriot District boys' lacrosse finals against Annandale on May 14 at Robert E. Lee High School.

"In the fall tournaments, we lost to Annandale by one goal," he said. "A parent said, 'Welcome to the Patriot District.'"

With a chip on their shoulders, Mayberry and his teammates didn't just win the school's first Patriot District lacrosse title they sent a message back to the Annandale faithful.

"We're telling them this is our district now," he said.

W.T. Woodson defeated Annandale 13-10 in a rugged, see-saw battle where isolated thunderstorms added to the drama.

Just how much drama? Well, about four hours worth.

The first whistle blew at 5:30 p.m. to start the district final.

Woodson gave up an early goal to Annandale, but then took over the momentum and sprang to a 4-1 first-quarter lead. As Annandale began their comeback in the second quarter, thunder clouds drifted over Lee High School.

With the score at 6-5, referees spotted lightning and sent the players and their handheld lightning rods inside for cover.

"It was difficult going in [because of weather]," W.T. Woodson and first team all-district goalie Brian Beatson said. "You get out of the focus of the game."

After 45 minutes, the referees rushed the players onto the field to start the game again at 6:45 p.m.

The third quarter began with Woodson scoring a flurry of goals, spreading their lead to 9-6, but once again, thunderclouds started to drift toward the field.

Minutes after the fourth quarter began, lightning struck and the players were back inside with just 9:20 left to play.

For Woodson, the second rain-delay might have been a blessing in disguise. When the referees postponed the game, Annandale had brought to score to 9-7 and appeared to have slowed down the Cavaliers offense.

"It was good and bad," Woodson senior attacker Clayton Wainer said. "But I just wanted to go out there and win the game."

The Woodson boys spent their time in the locker room staring out the window at rain falling horizontally and debated if they were even going to play the final quarter.

At 8:50 p.m., referees sent word to the coaches that the game would resume. The Cavaliers, who

had been praying for the game to end, returned to the field charged up to play.

"Everyone was running in saying, 'It's on,'" Mayberry said. "So we came out really sharp and we tore it up."

Woodson opened the remainder of the fourth quarter with a three-goal run, courtesy of defender Donde Fell, Mayberry and Wainer, and held off another Annandale goal-scoring surge to win 13-10.

The time of the final whistle: 9:30 p.m. The girls' final, which was scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m., was pushed to 10 p.m. because of the boys' delays.

Woodson head coach Jon Fitzgerald said the game was one of the longest he has been involved with in his 23-year coaching career.

"It just goes to show how mentally tough both teams have to be," he said. "It just was a test of how strong a team could be mentally over a long period of time. Thank goodness we could get in the whole game."

"This is our district now."

— Davis Mayberry

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Cavs Named to All-District Lacrosse Teams

On May 14, the following W.T. Woodson boys' and girls' lacrosse players were named to the Patriot District All-District lacrosse teams.

Boys' first team: Davis Mayberry, Logan Hancock, Marcus Berry and Brian Beatson.

Girls' first team: Rachel Obregon, Melissa Vinall, Emily Whitman and Shelly Montgomery.

In addition to being named to the all-district team, Rachel Obregon shared the Patriot District girls' player of the year honor with West Springfield's Naomi Ngalle.

Boys' second team: Clayton Wainer, Neal Cormier, Steve Montgomery, Sean Meacham, Donde Fell, Scotty Williams and Tyler Stellwag.

Girls' second team: Elena Obregon, Denali Ostebo and Taylor Scott.

W.T. Woodson head coach Meaghan O'Leary was named the Patriot District girls' lacrosse coach of the year.

Bruins Named to All-District Lacrosse Teams

On May 14, the following Lake Braddock boys' and girls' lacrosse players were named to the Patriot District All-District lacrosse teams.

Girls' first team: Taylor Livick and Vicky

Sica.

Boys' second team: Kurt Tobias, Ricky Tkac, Mason Berry and Jeff Berger.

Girls' second team: Colleen Garrott and Alex Kelly.

Fairfax Girls Advance in Districts

On May 17, the Fairfax varsity girls' soccer team defeated Thomas Jefferson High School 3-1 in the first round of the Liberty District tournament.

Meg Murphy scored one goal in the game and Ellie Jordan provided the second two goals.

The Rebels will return to the field on May 19 to face Stone Bridge in the semi-finals at Fairfax High School at 5 p.m.

Braddock Tennis Wins District

On May 12, the Lake Braddock boys' tennis team completed a three-peat, winning their third consecutive Patriot District title.

The team finished the regular season with a perfect 14-0 record.

Ian Huang, Scott Huang, David Kim, Matt Belcher, Brett Jones, Don Lawhorn, Geoff Lawhorn and Shean Kim all received first team all-district nods.

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Bike Ride

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person and click on it to reach that person's home page and donate.

Although the Lake Tahoe course will be hilly, so are the local areas — such as Naked Mountain in Gainesville and Sugarloaf Mountain in Maryland — where the riders have been training. So Gogoel and Schaffstall aren't daunted by what lies ahead.

"I'm mostly excited about it," said Gogoel. "My dad and brother Patrick, 21, will fly out with us. It'll be great just being there, plus going to the LLS dinners before and after the ride, because it'll be nice meeting all the survivors and the people currently battling blood cancers."

Schaffstall's parents, John and Monica, live in Fairfax's Briarwood community, and she has one brother, Ryan, 24. When she attended Robinson, her dad was the offensive coordinator for the Rams' football team.

Like Gogoel, Schaffstall is happy to participate in the biking fund raiser for LLS. "It's a great organization and seems to be doing a lot with the money it receives," she said. "They say Lake Tahoe is ridiculously beautiful, and it'll be awesome to say I went there and biked 100 miles."

At first, though, training was tough for her because she began it shortly after a friend of hers was diagnosed with melanoma. Then in April, she died at age 23. "She was one of my best friends from college, so it was difficult for me to train during all that," said Schaffstall. "But it gives me even more motivation because I don't want anyone else to have to lose another good friend at such a young age."

She also learned that leukemia primarily affects children and young adults under age 20. So, she said, "It's something I can really relate to. And it seems like everyone on the Team in Training knows someone who's been through it, so it's good for me to have that kind of support."

Benefit Concert

A fund-raising concert for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society takes place Saturday, May 22, at 7 p.m., at the Heart in Hand Restaurant in Clifton. Katie Gogoel, Samantha Schaffstall and Sylvia Rosales are the hosts, and \$10 is the suggested donation. Performing will be the City Dwelling Nature Seekers, the band of former Clifton resident, Matt Booth, and Clifton guitar virtuoso Colin Thompson will join in. "Matt and I went to preschool together, and he's agreed to play for free," said Gogoel. "This event will be lots of fun,

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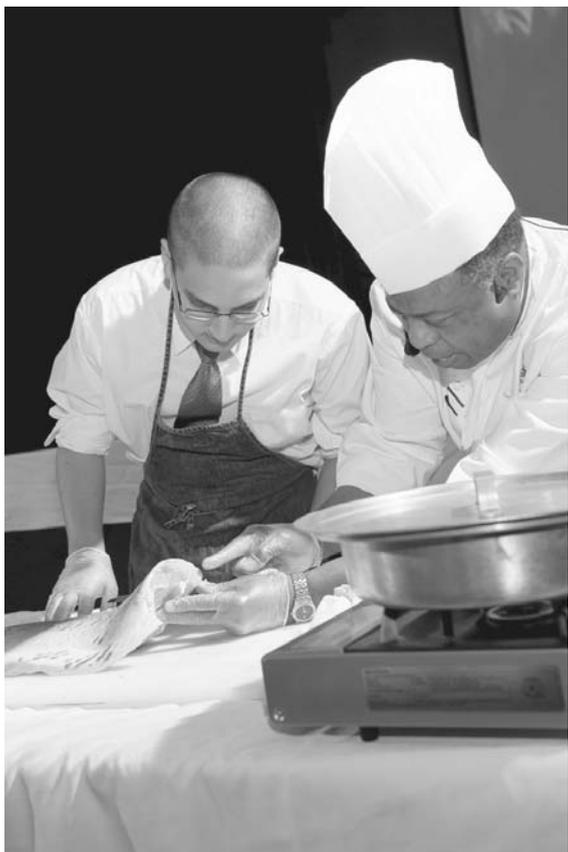
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Chef Arnym Solomon, Trustee Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the Culinary Institute of America, shows Andrew Valenzuela, Fairfax High School senior, the important parts of a salmon before he lets Valenzuela filet the fish.



Chef Amanda Hammonds, Culinary Demonstrator, Culinary Institute of America, pours tempered chocolate into chocolate moulds. She is assisted by James Spaninger, 2009 Chantilly Academy Culinary Arts graduate, whose base school is Fairfax High School. Spaninger just completed his first year at the Culinary Institute of America and is currently doing an 'externship' in Washington, D.C.



Chef Fritz Sonnenschmidt, Certified Master Chef and retired Culinary Dean of the Culinary Institute of America, entertains all participants, including his assistant, Lauren Lucas, a Fairfax High School senior. Lucas will be attending the Culinary Institute of America in the fall.

'Mellon Baller Or Parisienne Scoop?'

Culinary Institute of America demonstrates culinary techniques.

The Chantilly Academy hosted a demonstration by the Culinary Institute of America Ambassador Program on Thursday, May 6. In attendance were Culinary Arts students from throughout Fairfax County. Three guest chefs demonstrated culinary techniques, fielded questions from students in the audience and shared thoughts on their personal experiences in the food service and hospitality industry.

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Robinson Lacrosse

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pionship.

The result, it turned out, was Robinson playing one of its best games of the season in a 9-4 championship game triumph, earning the Rams their first district tournament crown since 2007.

"We tried to take a very relaxed approach to the game," said Robinson head coach Justin Fitzgerald. "We wanted to keep our guys loose. We didn't want to focus so much on the fact that we were playing Chantilly. We have tremendous respect for them."

Saturday's game, postponed from the evening before when play never got started due to a thunderstorm, got underway at 11 a.m. under beautiful skies and in front of an excited, vibrant crowd. Robinson, for most of the game, seemed to be in command and the more physical team.

"They're a very talented team and well coached," said Chantilly head coach Kevin Broderick, of the Rams. "We just didn't have our 'A' game today."

Robinson led 3-0 nearly midway through the second quarter and held a 5-2 advantage following a close range goal by senior attack Thurmond Shaw (off an assist from senior midfielder Drake Platenberg) early in the third quarter. But the Chargers got right back into the contest later in the third quarter on consecutive scores from senior attack Kevin Egan, the latter goal coming with three minutes, 10 seconds remaining in the stanza.

Just like that, Chantilly was right in striking distance.

But the Chargers lost the game's momentum again less than a minute later when Robinson junior attack Jason Stein, after receiving a pass from behind the Chargers' net, found the net from five yards away to give the Rams a little breathing room at 6-4 with 2:36 remaining in the third.

"They just got a quick score," said Broderick, of Robinson's answer to Egan's back to back goals.

Robinson took that two-goal advantage into the final quarter. There, the Rams outscored the host team three goals to none on way to their 9-4 victory. Stein scored two of his three goals in that final quarter. Robinson's other goal in that fourth period came from junior midfielder Thomas Petrocci.

"It's a tough loss," said Chantilly senior midfielder Joe Marson, who scored one goal in the game. "I think Robinson played well as a team. We had a couple bad bounces on ground balls. We couldn't clear the ball [consistently enough]."

Both teams are now set to move on to this week's 16-team Northern Region tournament. Chantilly was scheduled to meet visiting West Springfield earlier this week on Tuesday, May 18.

"We need to get our heads straight and forget about this one," said Travis Abatamarco, a Chantilly senior long stickman, following the loss to the Rams. "If we play our best lacrosse [at regionals] we can beat anyone."

Sister Act at Woodson

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fender, it's a good foundation for the team to build on next season.

The Vinalls also have endured a trial by fire together as Victoria transitioned from defense to goalie.

"I wasn't that good [at goalie] at first, and it was scary and made me nervous," Victoria Vinall said. "Having [Melissa] on defense helped me so much, I feel so much more comfortable."

Sensing her sister needed help in net, Melissa Vinall said the two held shooting practices together to try to bolster the new goalie's confidence. Victoria Vinall appreciated the help, but she said a defender's shot isn't exactly the same as an attackers.

"She's not a very good shooter," Victoria Vinall said jokingly.

While Victoria Vinall was getting used to a new position, Melissa Vinall said the move also helped her better understand her role as a defender.

"She teaches me a lot of tricks from a goalkeeper's point of view," Melissa Vinall said.

Herrity, Fimian Face Off in June 6 Primary

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said they would want to be part of the small business committee.

BOTH CANDIDATES have said social issues would not be a top priority in the campaign.

"I think the issues of concern to people today are the issues of what will happen to their children and grandchildren and their jobs," said Herrity.

But both candidates describe themselves as pro-life and against legal abortion.

They support the Defense of Marriage Act, in which the federal government defined marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman. Both candidates also say they are defenders of the constitutional right to own a gun.

"I am fearful that if competent men and women don't run, we will drive this country off a cliff."

— Keith Fimian

WHERE THE CANDIDATES differ is experience and background.

Fimian has spent most of his career building and running U.S. Inspect, a multi-million dollar business that now operates nationwide. He has never held public office and has not been involved to any great extent in the larger local civic or business associations of Northern Virginia.

By contrast, Herrity, whose father Jack Herrity served on the Board of Supervisors from 1972 to 1988, has deep roots in the county.

A West Springfield High School graduate, Herrity is the sitting supervisor for the Springfield District in Fairfax. Prior to being elected in 2007, he served on the board of directors for two of the county's largest and most influential business associations, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

He also participated on and coached local sports teams, including several in the Southwestern Youth Athletic Association.

"I have a long record of service to this community. I have everyone from rank and file citizens to the business community supporting my efforts," said Herrity.

Herrity said his record of service in Fairfax would make him a stronger candidate to go up against Connolly in November.

Fimian has characterized Herrity's work in Fairfax County as that of political insider who has always aspired to serve in public office. To get a truly different kind of politician, voters need to elect Fimian.

"It takes an entirely new kind of leadership. I am fearful that if competent men and women don't run, we will drive this country off a cliff," said Fimian.

According to the Oakton businessman, he grew his company, U.S. Inspect, from just \$150,000 he made off a real estate investment when he was 29. Capitol Hill needs more people who understand what it means to start a business and create jobs, said Fimian.

He does not consider Herrity, who has worked as a chief financial officer for several local government contractors, to have similar business experience.

"When you join a company as a CFO, you are guaranteed a salary. There is no risk to you. I lived hand-to-mouth for eight years. I have created jobs from nothing," he said.

HERRITY said his work in government contracting and for high tech companies has created jobs. He has often been brought in to turn around troubled firms and help grow their business, which has in turn has led to new positions at the companies.

Herrity's familiarity with government contractors also means he has a good understanding of how Fairfax County's largest industry works.

"This has an impact on the local economy. This is our number one industry in Fairfax County," he said.

Herrity's experience in local government will be valuable in the U.S. Congress, he said.

"I have had to say 'no.' I have had to challenge things from affordable housing to the tree ordinance. I took on the penny for affordable housing. That was not an easy thing to do," said Herrity.

BUT FIMIAN has criticized Herrity for not saying 'no' to enough as a county supervisor. The businessman accused Herrity of voting to raise taxes while in elected office.

Herrity, along with every other member of the Board of Supervisors, voted to raise

the real estate property tax rate in 2009. But an increase in the tax rate does not necessarily correlate to an increase in a resident's property tax bill.

Though the property tax rate went up in 2009, property taxes for most households in Fairfax County decreased because of a sharp decline in home values. Because of this, Herrity has said it is unfair to accuse him of raising taxes.

Herrity said he only voted for the county budget in 2009 because it included a tax break for most property owners. He did not vote in favor of the county budget this year because it included an increase in taxes and fees for the average citizen.

Still, Fimian contends that property tax rate increase resulted in a larger tax bill for some residents of Fairfax County, whose home values did not decline as significantly as the average county property.

Fimian has also criticized Herrity for voting for a special tax district in the Dulles area set up to help fund the construction of the new Metrorail line.

Dulles area landowners that would be taxed brought that proposal to the supervisors themselves in December. These landowners asked the supervisors to approve their request to pay more taxes to fund the construction of Metro stops close to their property.

Without the special tax district, Fairfax County would have had to find another way to pay for stations in the Herndon and Dulles area or scrap those stops altogether, said several supervisors at the time.

IN KEEPING with his political outsider image, Fimian is calling for an end to all congressional earmarks.

"Earmarks are bribes. People get all these bribes to vote for other people's legislation," said Fimian.

Critics often refer to earmarks as "pork barrel" spending. They allow local congressman to secure federal funding for local projects, organizations and businesses and donors that haven't had to compete for money.

Frequently, a congressman's seniority or position on a committee is of more importance than the merits of the project, com-

pany or organization receiving the funding.

All of Fairfax's current and past congressmen — including Connolly, Davis, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) — use earmarks. That money has been used for several well-regarded and popular projects, including the construction of the Fairfax County Parkway to support and a regional anti-gang initiative.

CONNOLLY won his seat two years ago under good circumstances for a Democrat.

With the Republican brand weak, Democrats picked up 19 seats, including Virginia's

11th Congressional District, in the U.S. House of Representatives and secured 60 votes in the U.S. Senate as a result of the 2008 election. In Virginia, Connolly also shared the ticket with two well-liked candidates, President Barack Obama (D) and U.S. Sen.

Mark Warner (D-Va.), who won with 57.01 percent and 65.46 percent of the vote respectively in Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

But several Republicans said the political climate has changed headed into the 2010 election.

"It is a completely different atmosphere. Bush is gone," said Davis.

Republicans also had a good showing in Virginia's 11th Congressional District during last year's general election. Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) received 55.25 percent of the vote; Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling (R) received 52.62 percent of the vote and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R) received 52.28 percent of the vote in Connolly's district.

But Davis warned that Republicans have to keep their focus on selecting someone who would appeal to the general electorate in November if they want to beat Connolly.

The strong anti-government sentiment coming from some conservatives in other parts of the country is probably not a message that would appeal to Northern Virginia voters, many of whom make their living either directly or indirectly from the federal government.

"What may work in some other parts of the country doesn't work here. Beating up on the government isn't necessarily a winner," said Davis.

"I have had to say 'no.' I have had to challenge things from affordable housing to the tree ordinance."

— Pat Herrity

COLLEGE NOTES

Tyler O'Connor of Fairfax has been named to the dean's list for the 2009 fall semester in the Villanova School of Business (Villanova, Pa.). Tyler is a freshman. To qualify for the dean's list in the Villanova School of Business, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average

of 3.5, with no missing or non-passing grades.

Frances Greenberg of Fairfax was named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Greenberg is a graduate of W. T. Woodson High School and is enrolled in the university's School of Engineering &

Applied Science. To qualify for the dean's list in the School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.60 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

Renee Beth Kramer of Fairfax was named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester at Washington University in St.

Louis. Kramer is a graduate of Fairfax High School and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the dean's list in Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

John McAdams of Fairfax was

named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester in Villanova University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Villanova, Pa.) McAdams is a junior. To qualify for the dean's list in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester GPA of 3.5.

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Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) talks about the history of Woodglen Lake while Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) look on.

Repairs to Woodglen Dam

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our people, our business and roads from the ravages of flooding.”

According to John Peterson, board member of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, Woodglen Lake was built in 1981 when the conservation district partnered with the county and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to construct six flood control dams in the Pohick Creek watershed. The dams were installed under authority of the federal Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (PL-566) and were planned to protect homes, business and infrastructure from flooding during large storms, like 2006’s Hurricane Ernesto.

However, two years ago, the county asked the NRCS to do a series of studies on the Pohick Dams to ensure that they would be able to handle another flood event and the results showed that the dam did not meet state or federal safety requirements. So, planning immediately began to repair dams at Woodglen Lake, Royal Lake, Huntsman Lake and Lake Barton, with Royal Lake receiving the first work.

“We have a number of PL-566 lakes and dams in Fairfax County, and it was a wise and innovative thing we did here,” said Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

According to the NRCS’ Eastern Region Conservationist Leonard Jordan, the work at Woodglen Lake will focus on the auxiliary spillway. A main spillway releases col-

lected storm water from the dam downstream, and if the water level exceeds the amount of water flowing out of the main spillway, it will pour into an auxiliary spillway. Jordan said that the auxiliary spillway will be widened so that the lake will be able to hold more water and release it more slowly downstream. These changes will protect 435 residents, 157 homes and businesses and two major roads from flooding and will prevent natural erosion of the dam.

“This is a very important project and retrofitting these dams is a very important mission.”

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

“I’ve been privileged to see most of the 10,000 dams that were federally assisted across this country, and I don’t think there’s a better partner for a watershed project than Fairfax County,” Peterson said. “The board has known its responsibilities and has carried them out.”

According to the county, the total cost of the project will be slightly more than \$2 million. The county will use money collected from the 1.5-cent storm water management tax to contribute \$600,000 to the project, while stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will cover the remaining \$1.45 million. According to Peterson, the typical amount of time to complete a project of this nature is nine months, but the target completion date given by the contractor, Environmental Quality Services, is Aug. 23.

“This is a very important project and retrofitting these dams is a very important mission,” said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). “We know what could happen, god forbid, during an emergency, and this will minimize flood risk and protect our residents, homes and roads.”

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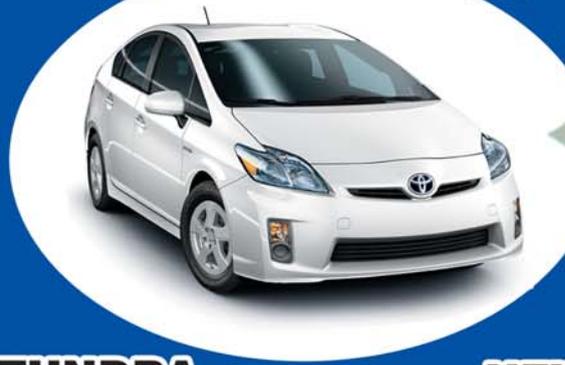
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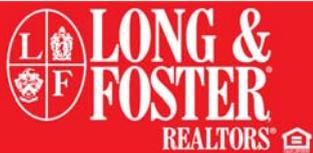


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