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Nebu Teklu pays tribute to her fallen classmate Abdul Chadli at a candlelight vigil at Van Dyck Park Thursday, May 27.

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Maybe Next Year

School Board commits to future pay hikes.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County teachers will not see an increase in their pay in the fall but, but the School Board has promised to boost public schools' staff compensation for the following academic year.

Fairfax School Board members voted 8-4 to "commit" to an increase employees' pay for the 2011-12 school calendar on May 20. At the same meeting, the

"I can't imagine what it would be like to make our employees go three years without a raise."

— School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill)

School Board also approved next year's public schools' operations budget, in which employee compensation was frozen for the second year in a row.

"If I can't commit to giving our employees a raise in 2012, I don't know what I can commit to. I can't imagine what it would be like to make our employees go three years without a raise," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

If Fairfax County does not increase teachers' pay in the next budget cycle, the local school system will start to lose employees to surrounding localities with better benefits, said School Board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), who sponsored the resolution.

"If we go without a pay increase for our staff next year, we will harm the quality of our education," he said.

A system-wide pay increase for public schools' staff is not cheap. By declining to give the automatic "step increase" in staff pay this year, for example, the School Board saved approximately \$40

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Bell Tolls For Those Who Gave All

Legion Post 177, VFW Post 8469 host traditional Memorial Day service.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County has made more than its fair share of sacrifices on foreign soils over the years to ensure freedom for all Americans and protect their quality of life. Though nothing that can be done to fully repay the fallen and their families for that sacrifice, once a year, the county tries to do just that.

American Legion Post 177, which is located in Fairfax, and VFW Post 8469 of Fairfax Station hosted a traditional Memorial Day program Monday, May 31 on the lawn of the city's Old Court House. The event, attended by several local dignitaries, gave area residents the chance to honor and remember those that gave their lives in service of the country.

"It's important that we pause and think about our family and friends who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) "We thank them so much for all of the sacrifices they have made to keep our country safe."

The event, attended by U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly

(D-11), Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), Supervisors John Cook (R-Braddock), Herrity (R-Springfield) and Bulova and Fairfax City Mayor Robert Lederer and Councilman Joan Cross, began with the presentation of the colors by members of the American Legion. VFW Post 8469 Cmdr. Floyd Houston followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer and each of the dignitaries in attendance were given a chance to speak.

Each of the speakers stressed how important it is to remember the sacrifices that all of the country's war veterans made in countries across the world to protect the things we value at home. Several of the speakers implored those in attendance to also remember the significance of the day and carry it to the rest of the year instead of viewing Memorial Day as simply a day off from work and a chance to lay by the pool.

"Memorial Day is a very important time of remembrance," Connolly said. "But it isn't enough to honor our 24 million veterans only once a year. We have to walk the walk as well as talk the talk and support them and their families."

Following the speeches, Houston asked for volunteers to come to the podium to read the names of county residents who lost their lives in World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Enduring Freedom and on Sept. 11, 2001. Each politician and all of the veterans in attendance read 10 names each until all 350 were announced. In keep

"It's a great demonstration of the real purpose of Memorial Day."

— Hank Roeder, American Legion Post 177

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World War II veteran Avon Blevens rings the bell after each name of the war dead is read.

Lighting Candles for Chadli

Fairfax High students gather at park to remember fallen classmate Abdul Chadli.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The death of Abdul Chadli was surreal to many in the Fairfax High School community. Chadli died Friday, May 21, but by the time most of his classmates found out about the tragedy the next afternoon, his funeral was already over.

His fellow Rebels, unwilling to let Chadli go without saying goodbye, organized a candlelight vigil for their fallen friend Thursday, May 27. The vigil at Van Dyck Park drew several hundred Fairfax High students and others to honor and remember a young man whom friends say always brightened up the room.

"He was always a great person to have around," said Craig Franklin, Chadli's wrestling coach. "He had a great sense of humor and had the ability to make anyone laugh at anytime. He was just a pleasure to be around."

Vigil organizers and Fairfax High seniors Cole Allen and Scott Mattocks said that the

event was put together and funded entirely by the student body. Chadli was struck and killed by an SUV at the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway and Forum Drive on Friday, May 21, shortly after 4 p.m., but Allen said that he and Chadli's other friends did not find out for more than 24 hours. As word came trickling in, Allen said, he and his friends were even more stunned to learn that Chadli's funeral, in accordance with Muslim tradition, had already taken place.

"It's Muslim tradition that the funeral has to be within 24 hours of death," Allen said. "So people didn't even know that he was dead before he was buried."

SO, EARLY Sunday morning, after reality sunk in and grief emerged, Allen and Mattocks decided that the only way to heal their devastated community was to bring it together. The two started making plans for a candlelight vigil and by that afternoon, sent a Facebook message to the entire Fairfax High School student body announcing the vigil and requesting donations for candles

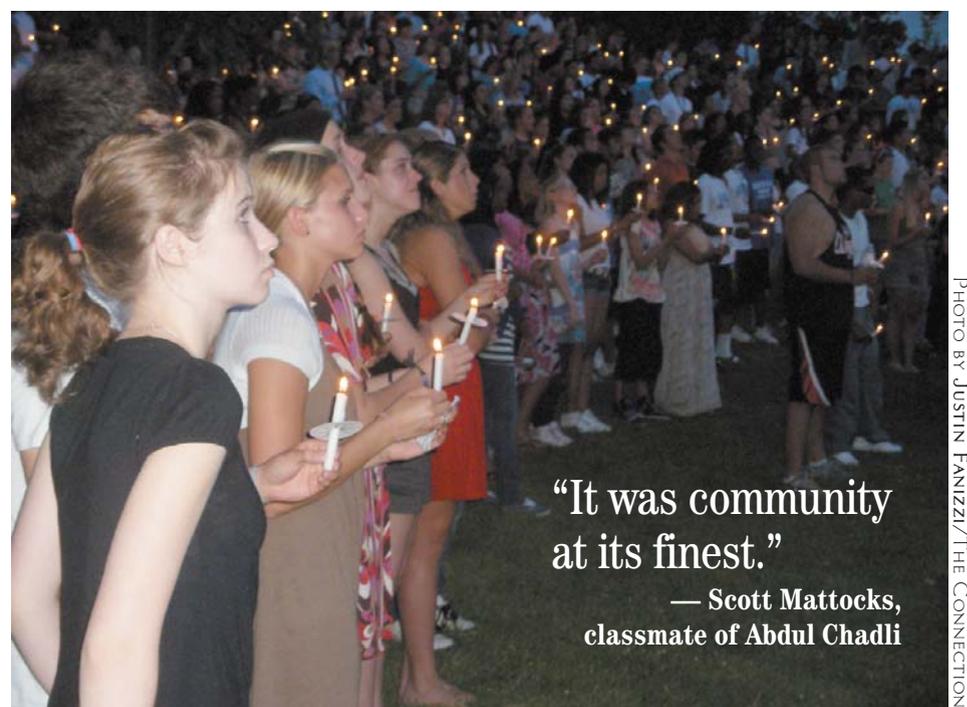


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"It was community at its finest."

— Scott Mattocks, classmate of Abdul Chadli

The Fairfax High students hold candles in honor of Chadli.

and other supplies. The next morning, it was clear how much Chadli meant to his fellow students.

"By 9 a.m. Monday, we had already collected \$350," Mattocks said. "In addition, [Chadli's] neighbors offered to make food and teachers offered to help us set up and even though our school couldn't sponsor the

event, they did everything they could to help us along the way. It was community at its finest."

A group of students began the ceremony by singing an a cappella rendition of Hanson's "I Will Come To You," which was

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Republican Primary June 8

Registered voters living the 11th Congressional District in central and southern Fairfax County can participate in a Republican primary election June 8.

Oakton businessman Keith Fimian and Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) are competing for the Republican nomination to Virginia's 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The winner will take on incumbent U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) in a November election.

Voters do not register by political party in Virginia. Any person registered to vote and living the congressional district is legally allowed to participate in the Republican primary this week.

People who wish to participate should report to their normal polling station between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Police Bike Rodeo June 5

The public is invited to the City of Fairfax Police Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Daniels Run Elementary, 3705 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. The Bike Safety Rodeo teaches parents and children about bicycle safety, the importance of wearing a helmet, proper helmet fitting and traffic-safety tips. Children will also receive a bicycle-safety inspection and will have their skills tested on an obstacle course. Children participating must bring their bike, be accompanied by an adult and wear a helmet.

Former County Employee Charged with Identity Theft

Fairfax County police have charged a former employee of the county's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) with felony identity theft with the intent to defraud. She is Leslie Y. Jones, 40, of 14100 block of Betsy Ross Lane in Centreville. Police allege that she used a client's personal information to fraudulently rent an apartment in Centreville.

The DHCD began investigating in March 2009. Then, a few weeks ago, they turned the case over to the police department's Financial Crimes Section. Detectives obtained a criminal warrant for Jones and, last Wednesday, May 26, she turned herself into the police.

Detectives are asking anyone who might be a victim of a similar crime involving Jones to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637, or call police at 703-691-2131.

Internet Safety Meeting Set

On Thursday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m., Supervisors Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and John Cook (R-Braddock) will host a town hall meeting at W.T. Woodson High School. The meeting will focus on educating adults with the knowledge and resources needed to protect the children under their care from online dangers. The meeting will feature presentations from Internet safety expert and Enough Is Enough (EIE) President Donna Rice Hughes and a Fairfax County Police Officer from the Child Exploitation Unit.

The program will cover the essential safety basics adults need to know to protect children from online threats of pornography, sexual predators and cyber bullies. It will also instruct on how to keep kids safe on social networking and gaming sites and mobile devices. The event will have footage from Enough Is Enough's award-winning multi-media Internet safety program, Internet Safety 101.

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Riding To Remember

Motorcyclists come together for annual Ride of the Patriots in Fairfax.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

The gleam of chrome and the smell of leather filled Fairfax Boulevard Sunday morning, May 30, as more than 3,500 motorcycles and their owners gathered for the 12th annual Ride of the Patriots.

It's become a Memorial Day weekend tradition, drawing bikers, a large number of whom are veterans, from across the country to Patriot Harley Davidson, where they gather to talk about their rides and share memories of those they served with and those who didn't make it home.

"If you ride a Harley, it's on your bucket list of things to do," said Keith Lansberg, who rode in from Phoenix last week with his friend and fellow fireman, Roger Vigil. They left Arizona last week Monday and arrived in Fairfax on Friday, delayed a day due to bad weather in the southeast.

Lansberg and Vigil joined the other bikers gathered at Patriot to ride to the Pentagon, where they joined the massive, national Rolling Thunder procession down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., past the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The ride serves as reminder that those who have died in service, as well as those who were taken hostage in combat, are not forgotten.

Mike Buxbaum, a command sergeant major in the Army stationed at Fort Belvoir, remembered the 23 men from his group that were killed in service.

"I keep their dog tags on my desk and look at them every day," said Buxbaum, who was riding his Army-themed Honda Goldwing with his daughter, Christina. It was his second year doing the Ride of the Patriots, which he thinks is one of the better ways to commemorate the holiday.

"Too many times people forget that we're a nation at war," he said. "This is the way to make sure they don't forget. There are still people missing. We need to remember them and those who gave their lives."

His daughter, excited for her first big ride, said that while she always supports the troops, events like the Ride of the Patriots and the larger Rolling Thunder parade were great ways to draw attention to soldiers, past and present.

"It's awesome to be here," she said, grinning ear to ear. But there's a seriousness as well, one she knows firsthand.

"When my dad goes over to Iraq, it worries me," she said. "You don't want to think about it, but you can't help thinking he might not come home. Some people don't."

PRIDE AND patriotism were as plentiful as helmets Sunday morning, as a brief ceremony kicking off the events featured a handful of speakers, including Fairfax Mayor Rob Lederer; Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At Large); her son, Del.



A pair of bikers rides out of the Patriot Harley Davidson parking lot Sunday morning as the annual Ride of the Patriots kicks off, heading toward the national Rolling Thunder rally at the Pentagon.

David Bulova (D-37); state Sen. Chap Peterson (D-34) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11).

Shortly after his election, Connolly kept a campaign pledge to visit troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, one that brought the war home for him.

"The hardest call you can make is to notify a family that their loved one isn't coming home," he said, before asking for a moment of silence to remember the fallen.

Mo Smith, director of the Fairfax County chapter of the Harley Owners Group, said she learned of the importance of paying tribute to veterans from her father, a Vietnam vet.

"Everyone in this crowd, in one way or another, are impacted by a veteran, either currently serving or retired or someone they've lost," she said. "We do this parade every year to keep their memories alive and to remind everyone that freedom isn't free."

For the veterans in the filled-to-capacity parking lot, she gave her thanks, saying that "mind, body and spirit, the scars of war that stay on you, we thank you for that sacrifice. We thank you for bearing those scars on our behalf."

KEYNOTE SPEAKER this year was Ret. Gen. Richard Myers, a former chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, whose 40 year career in the Air Force ended just last year.

"These are challenging times, but instead of falling into a deep despair, we're rising to the challenge," he said. "That's what Americans have done since the beginning of our nation."

He praised the numerous organizations that have

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Board Commits To Increasing Staff Pay

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million to cover the cost of popular programs like elementary band and strings and foreign language immersion.

"This is going to be difficult. We are going to have to cut things that are dear to us to give this pay increase," said School Board member Tina Hone (At-large), who still supported Storck's motion.

But a few School Board members felt uncomfortable making such a promise to employees given the economic forecast for county revenue next year. Even without an increase in teacher pay, several School Board members anticipate they would have to cut more programs to balance the budget for the 2011-12 calendar year.

"When this board increases compensation for staff, this board will have to lay off staff and cut programs to do it," said School Board member Jim Raney (At-large), who voted against the measure.

SOME MEMBERS of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors also criticized the School Board for passing the measure.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) called the School Board irresponsible for making a promise to increase their staff's pay before the Fairfax government has a clear idea of what next year's financial picture will be.

County tax revenue historically accounts for 75 percent of the school system's overall funding in a given year and the supervisors, not the School Board, is the group responsible setting local taxes.

"I am for giving teachers a pay raise. Most people are for giving teachers a raise. But I don't know what the situation is going to be like next year. What else am I going to have to cut to do that?" said McKay.

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VFW, Legion Honor Veterans

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ing with tradition, Avon Blevens, who served in both theaters of World War II, rang a bell after each name.

The service concluded after the reading of the names with two more traditional elements. VFW member John McAnaw placed a wreath on the city's Fairfax War Memorial, located on the same lawn and

American Legion Post 177 Cmdr. Robert Sussan then led the audience in a closing prayer. American Legion member Hank Roeder officially ended the ceremony by playing taps as the veterans saluted the flag.

"This was s a continuing demonstration of VFW Post 8469 and American Legion Post 177's dedication to commemorate the war dead and it seems to be growing," Roeder said. "It was s a great demonstration of the real purpose of Memorial Day."

Teens Remember Classmate

followed by short speeches from Franklin, Allen, Mattocks and a wrestling teammate. Each speaker, like Franklin, described Chadli's mischievous personality through anecdotes. After the speeches, small white candles were handed out to every person in attendance and lit. The students then released white balloons and had a moment of silence. After the vigil concluded, the students were invited to sign a banner made in Chadli's honor.

While the students were free to leave after the

moment of silence, nearly everyone remained to offer condolences to one another and share memories of the person who always made them laugh. The loss was tremendous, they all agreed, but the fond memories and good times they shared with Chadli will be stronger and more lasting than any grief they are feeling now.

"Abdul never had a bad intention, ever," said classmate Nebu Teklu. "He was always happy and always made sure everyone else was happy too. The only time he was serious was on the mat. We will miss him so much."

COLLEGE NOTES

Samuel Baldwin of Fairfax, a junior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences was chosen to be the Foxtrot Company first sergeant in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets for the spring semester 2010.

Peter Laclede of Fairfax, a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences was chosen to be the regimental commander in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets for the spring semester 2010.

Jason Oberoi of Fairfax, a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences was chosen to be the Executive Court chairman in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets for the spring semester 2010.

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The footage will include personal stories from children, parents, victims and a convicted sex offender. It will also provide advice from clinicians, child safety advocates, law enforcement and technology insiders.

This event is open to parents, educators and other concerned adults in the community. Some of the material is not appropriate for young children.

Workhouse Arts Center Calls for Photo Entries

The Workhouse Arts Center is accepting entries for the Second Annual Juried Photographic Competition Exhibition. The selected works will be featured in an exhibition from July 21-Aug. 15, upstairs in Gallery W-16. Both professional and amateur photographers, 18 and older, are invited to submit up to three photographic images for consideration. Entry forms can be found at www.WorkhouseArts.org or at the Workhouse in Gallery W-16. Entries must be post-marked no later than June 5. An awards reception, open to the public, will be on July 25, from 2-4 p.m. in Gallery W-16. David Adamson, an internationally renowned master printer, will be the juror for the competition.

New Library Branch Hours Begin July 1

The Fairfax County Public Library will change its hours as a result of countywide budget reductions. The new hours will take effect at branches July 1. Regional and community library branches, with the exception of Access Services, which is located at the Fairfax County Government Center, will alternate

morning and evening hours four days a week. Although the change represents a reduction in the overall number of hours the library is open each week, the new schedule allows branches to extend their evening hours from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Here are the new hours:

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❖ Community Branches: Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-9 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday, 1-9 p.m.; and Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday hours remain 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and community branches are closed on Sunday. Community branches include Burke Centre, Dolley Madison, Great Falls, Herndon Fortnightly, John Marshall, Kings Park, Kingstowne, Lorton, Oakton, Patrick Henry and Woodrow Wilson.

The renovated Thomas Jefferson, Martha Washington and Richard Byrd branches will reopen in June and July with the new hours.

Volunteer Opportunities

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is expanding its Thrift Shop and looking for adult volunteers to work at the store for three hour shifts. The store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and located at 9683 Fairfax Boulevard near Fairfax Circle. Contact inovafairoakshospitalthriftshop@inova.org or call the Thrift Shop at 703-273-3519.

The Auxiliary Gift Shop located at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is also looking for adult volunteers to work Tuesday afternoons, 4-6 p.m., to work the register and assist customers. Contact Rena Mobley at 703-391-3056 or rena.mobley@inova.org.

Ride of the Patriots Rolls Out

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sprung up in support of both active duty and retired troops since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, saying that other countries don't necessarily treat their armed services in the same way.

He recounted two visits to Walter Reed Military Hospital, where he met with one soldier who lost a leg but maintained a cheerful attitude, which impressed and humbled him.

"He told me, 'I was prepared to die for my country, and I only had to give my leg,' and I knew he meant it," Myers said.

Another time, he was asked into the hall by the mother of a young man who lost both his legs. The request made him nervous, because he wasn't sure what she'd say to him about her son's service.

"She told me that her son always wanted to be an Army ranger, and they were wondering if losing his leg would keep him from his dream," Myers said.

With a solemn pair of trumpeters playing "Taps" from the roof of Patriot Harley, the bikers returned to their rides, fired their engines, and made their way down Fairfax Boulevard and Nutley Street to Interstate 66, to join their brothers and sisters in arms, and of chrome, for their annual celebration.

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Together, We Can Make an Impact

Turn out for the cure.

BY AMBASSADOR NANCY G. BRINKER
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For nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness about breast cancer and to raise funds to discover the cures of tomorrow and fund breast health services that might save the lives of their neighbors today.

We can be proud of how far we've come. What started out as 800 women walking around a shopping mall in Dallas, Texas has grown to include more than 1.5 million people walking or running in more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure events worldwide this year. People are walking in Richmond and Rome; Cleveland and Cairo. It has truly become a global movement.

ALL THIS WALKING has paid off too. In the U.S. we have entered into a new era of awareness, early detection and personalized medicines. This new era is saving lives and providing hope of one day putting an end to the suffering for good.

Yet for all of our successes, this hope is not universally shared. In capitals across the globe, women and their families do not yet fully understand this disease or appreciate the benefits of early detection. And they live in communities with health care systems which are unable to adequately screen or treat the disease.

Here too, in the heart of our nation's capi-

tal, many women do not fully understand the disease, are confused about early detection, and must navigate a significantly fragmented health care system that is unable to properly serve many areas of our community, particularly for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Together, we can make an impact, both here and abroad. On June 5 on the National Mall, we will host the 21st running of the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Up to 75 percent of all the funds raised by the Komen Global Race will stay right here to help local women. The rest will go to support our efforts to share the lessons we have learned educating low-resource women in the U.S. with women in low-resource countries of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

And let me be honest — we have a lot of work to do.

In recent years Komen has sought to raise awareness about breast cancer, particularly in low-income and underserved communities, and to break down barriers that have prevented some women from getting the care they need. And we've had some great successes, such as drastically decreasing the time women at some clinics have to wait in order to get a mammogram.

Yet we are far from satisfied. Komen just finished a comprehensive review of the National Capital Area, and what we found has given us a renewed call to action. Despite our success in raising awareness, women diagnosed with breast cancer in Washington, D.C. are still more likely to die from the disease than women in the rest of the country.

While there are many reasons for this, two

saddened that their sacrifice did not end when their service did, but the good news is that we can work to make their lives better. Many just need help to break down barriers and connect them to needed support.

I had the privilege of meeting one such hero recently. Over the winter, Joe, a veteran from the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars who was living in the woods in Fairfax, came into Fairfax County's Hypothermia Prevention Response Program, a partnership between the government, nonprofits and the faith community to provide shelter, hot meals, services, and companionship for our area's homeless.

Even though he was homeless, Joe was attending NOVA under the GI Bill. His goal was to attain an associate's degree and then become a certified electrician. Through the Hypothermia Program, he was able to find indoor places to study for his various classes. Working with FACETS' staff, Joe was urged to meet with a mental health worker, which he

credits with helping him overcome issues related to post-traumatic stress.

Today, Joe is out of the woods—literally and figuratively. He is living in supportive housing where he continues to have access to needed social services. In addition, he has earned his degree and is ready to work.

There are many other veterans like Joe who have goals and dreams. They volunteered to serve our nation and have fallen on tough times.

That's why during this time of remembrance, it's important to not let these veterans become fallen heroes. We can and must reach out to them, offering them a chance to fully participate and succeed in the democracy that they helped protect.

As we honor our veterans, I hope people will have more compassion for our nation's homeless heroes. It's time we welcome more of them home.

Amanda Andere
Executive Director
FACETS

For the Cure, June 5

Late Registration: Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill Congressional Rooms A & B (Follow the signs from the lobby) 400 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, June 2, 3, 4, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
See www.globalraceforthecure.org

things popped out at us.

WE LEARNED that awareness is not enough — women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We found that myths and misconceptions are still widespread. Many women are afraid of screening, thinking it is painful and that a cancer diagnosis equals a death sentence. Others are confused by media reports with conflicting messages about who should get a mammogram and how often. This confusion is not limited to the health care consumer, but is also prevalent among health care providers.

Notably, we also found that the region's overly fragmented health care system produces substantial barriers to accessing care for major segments of the population. Many women cannot access affordable screening because there is too little funding for programs that provide free and low-cost mammograms. These women face economic and transportation barriers that keep them from seeking help.

No woman should have to die just because of where she lives or where she was diagnosed. While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

Connolly Cut Tax Rate

To the Editor:

Rob Paine was accurate in his letter ["Herrity Walking the Walk?" Connection, May 20-26, 2010] questioning Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) for supporting a 13 percent property tax increase in Fairfax County — but he was all wrong when he tried to paint U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) with the same brush.

The writer ignored the fact that when Connolly was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, he was responsible for the two largest real estate tax rate cuts in the county's history. As documented in the minutes of the county board meetings, Connolly was the driving force behind a 13-cent reduction in the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2006 and an 11-cent cut in the rate the following year. Overall, those documents show that Connolly cut the real estate tax rate five times during his

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Help Homeless Heroes Too

To the Editor:

On Memorial Day, it's important to remember the millions of people who have served our nation, protecting and defending those less fortunate as well as our principles and way of life. As the head of FACETS, a nonprofit serving vulnerable and homeless people in the greater Fairfax area, I know first hand how tragic it is when veterans are not remembered. That's because we serve many heroes who have become homeless.

It's hard to fathom that so many brave soldiers are now living in shelters, motels, cars and even the woods. In fact, about 25 percent of our clients are veterans and this number is growing. Lately, we have seen an increase in the number of veterans that are severely mentally ill and older seeking help. Most of these veterans also have deteriorating health conditions and access services through the Veteran's Administration. I am

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To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

THURSDAY/JUNE 3

Riverdance. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Brendan James and Chase Coy. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. jamminjava.com.

Johnny A. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.

Lighters and Matches Are Tools for Grownups Only. 10:30 a.m.

City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Puppet show presented by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department on the importance of fire safety. Participants will receive a helmet, activity book and parent brochure. Age 3-7 with adult. 703-293-6227.

FRIDAY/JUNE 4

International Fashion Show. 7 p.m. at Fairfax Church Of Christ, 3901 Rugby Road, Fairfax. Includes silent auction of artwork. Proceeds help Project A.S.H.A. Bangladesh raise money for the Dhaka Shishu Hospital, providing medical care to impoverished children. Tickets \$10, under age 5 free. fatima.m.hayat@gmail.com.

Memphis 59. 7:30 p.m. at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. A combination of rock, alt-country and pop. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Riverdance. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Ari Hest and Sarah Siskind. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.

Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles with Memphis 59. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

White Elephant Sale. 5-8 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Furniture, antiques, toys, books and more. Preview, \$5 admission. 703-323-0345.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

SATURDAY/JUNE 5

City of Fairfax Police Bike Rodeo

2010. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Rodeo focuses on teaching bicycle safety, the importance of wearing a helmet, proper helmet fitting, and traffic safety tips. Children will receive a bicycle safety inspection and a helmet fitting check and their skills will be tested on an obstacle course. Children participating must bring their bike, be accompanied by an adult and must wear a helmet. 703-273-2889 or PIO@Fairfaxva.gov.

Riverdance. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line

dance lessons beginning at 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Couples and singles welcome. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Nathaniel Rateliff. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Mista Forty's Birthday Special with DIA, Mista Forty, Sonny Black and Socz and DJ StarChild. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

City of Fairfax Band Alzheimer's Benefit Concert. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Singers Debbie Fravitte, Michael McGuire and Christiane Noll and music director Robert Pouliot. 703-328-8036 or jmellish@fairfaxband.org.

White Elephant Sale. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Furniture, antiques, toys, books and more. Free admission. 703-323-0345.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, techniques and advice. 703-293-6227.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer and navigate the Internet. Call to reserve. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.

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Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Gardening tips and strategies. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Read to the Dog. 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-644-7333.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 noon, at 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

SUNDAY/JUNE 6

American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras. 3 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. New musical director Daniel Spalding's inaugural concert as conductor of the American Youth Philharmonic. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$10 age 62 and up, \$10 students with ID, free for ages five and under. Tickets can be purchased at www.aypo.org or at the door.

Riverdance. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Athlete and Carney. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

White Elephant Sale. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Furniture, antiques, toys, books and more. Free admission. 703-323-0345.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Gardening tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

MONDAY/JUNE 7

Jeff Beck. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$74-471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. jamminjava.com.

Calling All Guys. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Book discussion group for boys. "Have Space Suit - Will Travel" by Robert A. Heinlein. Age 9-12 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Tales for Twos: Summertime Fun. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Join us for stories, songs and activities all about having fun in the summer. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Gardening tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

TUESDAY/JUNE 8

Cary Hudson with Judd and Maggie. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Procul Harum and Jethro Tull. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SmartMarkets Weekly Farmer's Markets. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the corner of Monument Drive and Government Center Parkway in Fairfax Corner. Every Tuesday through Oct. 26. www.smartmarkets.org.

Fairfax Bibliophiles Book

Collecting Group. 7:15 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Topic to be announced. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Let's Hear It for the Girls. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Mother-daughter book discussion group. "Chasing Vermeer" by Brett Helquist. Age 9-11 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Daytime Book Discussion Group. 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" by Milan Kundera. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 noon, at Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax..

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 9

Not So Modern Jazz Quartet. 7:30 p.m. at Mason District Park Amphitheater, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. A combo playing in the club venue styles of the '20s, '30s and '40s. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Tom Russell. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$22. jamminjava.com.

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m., at 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.

THURSDAY/JUNE 10

Swing Dance with King Teddy. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Sally Seltmann and Tamarama. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave.

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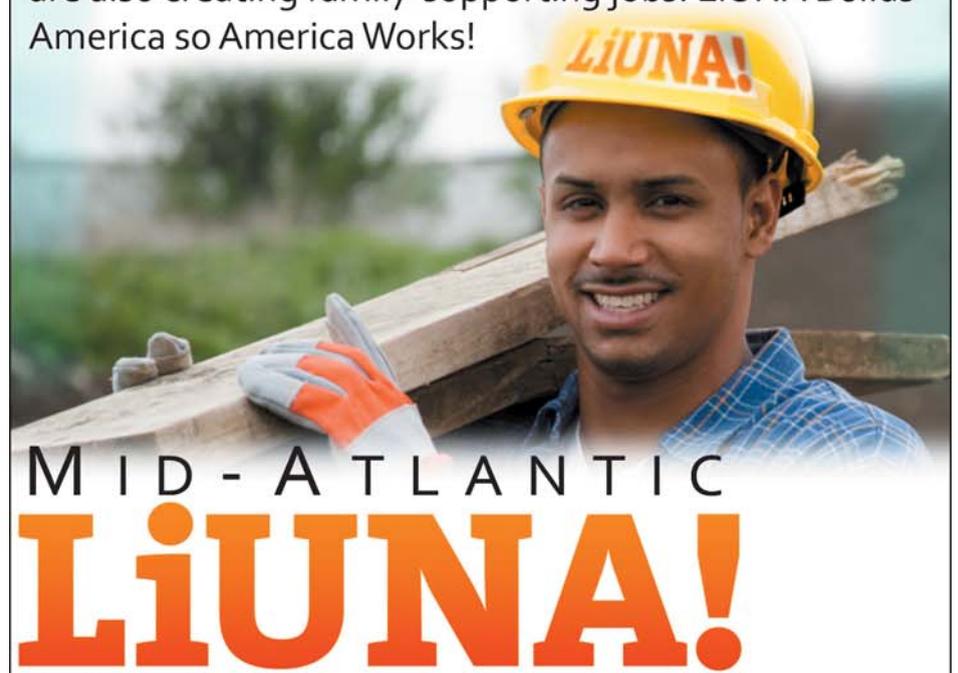
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E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.
Civil War Railroads Talk. 7:30 p.m. at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Semi-annual meeting of Historic Fairfax, Inc., with speaker Ron Beavers on "Railroad Use in the Eastern Theater of the Civil War." Free. 703-385-8414.

FRIDAY/JUNE 11

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. 6 p.m.-12 a.m. on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Rusted Root performs at 8 p.m. General admission seating is

available for all performances at the Bud Light Main Stage. Six stages will be located throughout the festival site. All shows are free with daily tickets to the event. 703-324-3247 or www.celebratefairfax.com.

Paul Reisler & Friends. 7:30 p.m. Mason District Park Amphitheater, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

TimbaSon La Original. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Traditional and new Cuban folk music. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Cirque Dreams: Illumination. 8:30

p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$245. 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.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Choice selections offered by the Friends of the Pohick Regional Library. 703-644-7333.

SATURDAY/JUNE 12

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. 10 a.m.-

12 a.m. on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Carolina Liar performs at 3 p.m., KC & The Sunshine Band at 8 p.m. General admission seating is available for all performances at the Bud Light Main Stage. Six stages will be located throughout the festival site. All shows are free with daily tickets to the event. 703-324-3247 or www.celebratefairfax.com.

Cirque Dreams: Illumination. 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$245. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

DinoRock. 10 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax

Station. A musical fossil fantasy that opens in the bedroom of a little boy named Nelson who is afraid to go to sleep. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Spring Festival and Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fairfax Christian Church, 10185 Main St., Fairfax. Free children's games, moonbounce, face painting, bake sale, burgers and more. FairfaxChristianChurch@gmail.com.

Knit in Public Day. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Kitty Pozer Garden, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Bring chairs, snacks to share and a project. Goodie bags will be raffled. 214-727-3160.

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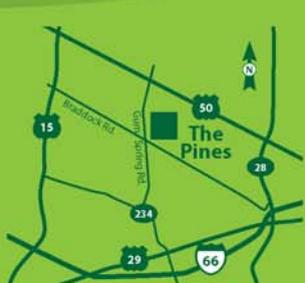
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Robinson, Woodson Nominated for Cappies

'The Boy Friend,'
'David and Lisa'
recognized.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

When the 2010 Cappie award winners for high-school theater are announced Sunday, June 13, at the 11th annual Cappies gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. students from Robinson Secondary and Woodson High will be listening intently and hoping for victories.

Robinson's musical, "The Boy Friend," was nominated for six awards, including costumes, orchestra, choreography, male dancer, and both comic and supporting actress in a musical. Woodson was honored for stage crew and supporting actress in a play for "David and Lisa."

"I'm delighted," said Robinson Theater Director Chip Rome about his musical's nomination. "It was an unfamiliar show but, once word got out, the crowds came in and we sold out, our second weekend. This one really had to prove itself, and it did, so that was very gratifying."

Previously, he said, Cappies critics came to opening night of Robinson's play. This year, though, said Rome, "They came the second weekend, when the show had found its legs [and ironed out all the minor details]."

He said it's always "icing on the cake" to get outside recognition from the Cappies. "I'm particularly pleased that we were recognized across both acting and tech categories," said Rome. "The thing we were curious about is how Logan Hillman — the brother of last year's Cappie-winning cho-



Couples dance in Robinson Secondary School's production of 'The Boy Friend' which received six Cappies nominations, including best choreography.

reographer — would do, and he was nominated for choreography along with Erica Heer."

Karly Hirst and Annie Stringer are costumes nominees. "Karly won it for costumes last year for 'Fiddler on the Roof,' so it gave her more enthusiasm to work even harder," said Rome. "And, boy, did she create a lot of costumes."

As for the orchestra nod, he noted that Jose Justiniano, who was the actual fiddler in last year's musical, was part of "The Boy Friend's" orchestra, dubbed the Bearcats. Rome also said that male dancer nominee Alex Alferov "did a mean Charleston with Erica Heer," who's also nominated for comic actress in a musical.

"She really owned the stage and kept a buoyant energy that pushed the show over the top toward the spoof it's supposed to

be," said Rome.

Nominated for supporting actress in a musical, Madison Auch "was so solid, both as the mothering head mistress, caring for her little chickens, and also letting her inner French sizzle loose when she rediscovered her old flame," said Rome. "And a lot of critics noted how consistent her French accent was, both singing and speaking. But I think it was really her stage presence and lovely singing voice that held the day."

Over at Woodson, Theater Director Terri Hobson was pleased with her school's nominations for "David and Lisa." Emily Adler is in the running for supporting actress in a play, and Jennifer Grape, Nora Hayman, Jessica MacDonald and Jenna Pratz are stage crew nominees.

"I think it's great," said Hobson. "Emily is a fabulous actor and is going to Virginia's

"This one really had to prove itself, and it did, so that was very gratifying."

— Robinson Theater Director
Chip Rome

Governor's School for the Gifted, this summer, for theater, as is another Woodson actress, Emily Vanni."

She said Adler will "jump into any project, and it just goes to show there are no small parts. Emily didn't have a lead role, but she made the most of it. A lot of times, high-school actors who play older characters take it over the top and make them stereotypical and exaggerated. But she has great instincts and knew what to do to make the role her own and believable to the audience."

Regarding the stage crew nomination, Hobson said the four nominees are the stage manager and three assistants, but "there were nine other kids who moved walls throughout the entire show. The story's about two, mentally ill adolescents in a residential home, trying to work their way out of the mazes in their minds."

So, she said, the set was instrumental in helping to convey this information to the audience. "We had 19 wall units, and nine moved constantly throughout the show to create the different spaces the scenes were in," said Hobson.

"At the end of the show, I let them take a curtain call, which I never do for my tech crew, in honor of their hard work," she said. "They were really a part of the company, and it was all choreographed, along with the acting. It's nice to be recognized, and all our nominees deserve all the recognition they can get, but I was awfully proud of that show, no matter what."

COLLEGE NOTES

Graham Brouder of Fairfax, a junior at Gettysburg College is spending the spring 2010 semester studying in Spain.

The following students from Fairfax were named to the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Commandant's List: **John Kim**, a Marine cadet, is a freshman Honors majoring in physics in the College of Science; **David Fulbrook**, an Air Force cadet, is a junior Honors majoring in biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Scinjit Gadamsetty**, an Air Force cadet, is a junior majoring in engineering science and mechanics in the College of Engineering; **Laura Hinton**, an Army cadet, is a junior majoring in French in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Peter Laclede**, an Air Force cadet, is a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Paul McManus**, a civilian track cadet, is a senior majoring in chemistry in the College of

Science; **Alexander Cutts**, an Army cadet, is a freshman majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Daniel Marotto**, an Army cadet, is a freshman majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; and **Jason Oberoi**, an Army cadet, is a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. In order to make the list, cadets must earn a 3.0 or greater grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the previous semester.

Philologia, an undergraduate research journal in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Science at Virginia Tech, rolled out Volume 2 at a celebration on Monday, April 12, in the Owens Banquet Hall on campus. **Phillip Murillas**, a senior communication major from Fairfax, served as Philologia's Web editor.

John Awbrey has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester. Awbrey is from Fairfax. To be

eligible for Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and take a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours.

Arnold Boedihardjo of Fairfax, a computer science student in the Virginia Tech College of Engineering, received second place in the Ph.D. Poster Presentations.

Mark Umansky of Fairfax, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech, won a first place award for a sports photo in the Virginia Press Association's College Newspaper Contest. Umansky won the award as a photographer for The Collegiate Times.

Kimberly N. Clum of Fairfax qualified for the spring semester honors list at Mary Baldwin College. Honors lists students have a grade point average of 3.75-4.0 and are degree candidates. Clum is the daughter of Diane and Jeffrey Alan Clum.

FAITH NOTES

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W.T. Woodson signed 37 athletes to collegiate teams on May 27.

Woodson athletes make decisions final at commitment ceremony.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

W.T. Woodson honored student athletes in a college commitment signing ceremony on May 27, ending the recruitment journey for 37 Cavaliers.

Participating in nearly every sport Woodson has to offer, the 37 former college recruits, now upcoming freshman, will be going to schools such as Boston University and the University of Chicago.

For some of the athletes, the signing ceremony was the end of a long recruiting process that took months, sometimes years.

Some exceptions exist, however. Track runner Patrick Taylor was one of the few who never expected to be signing an athletic letter of intent for any sport in his career.

"This is just awesome," he said. "I never expected to be here. At the beginning of the year, I was just trying to get a letter for track."

Taylor will be joining the U.S. Military Academy at West Point's track team next year.

"I was looking at Rutgers, but then West Point contacted me," he said. "I decided to take the free education and save my parents money. I wanted to go into the military anyway."

George Mason University tennis recruit Michael Phaup said the ceremony helped shed some light on his tennis team, which he said can be overshadowed by other popular sports.

"I've worked with tennis all my life," he said. "So it feels really good to be recognized because tennis isn't a really well known sport."

While some students see college as a chance to get away from home, Phaup said he had GMU penciled in as his top choice throughout the recruiting process.

"George Mason was my No. 1 choice," he said. "I really had my hopes up about Mason. I'm not one of those guys who wants to leave home right away."

Lacrosse recruit Emily Whitman, who will attend Longwood University, said that the event helped her realize how many of her peers were going to play sports at the next level.

"It's nice to see everyone from our grade and see where everyone is going," she said. "We've had really strong sports teams this year, too."

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- ❖ Emily Whitman - Lacrosse - Longwood University
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- ❖ Heather Michalak - Swim and Dive - College of William and Mary
- ❖ Kevin Vest - Swim and Dive - UNC Wilmington
- ❖ Michael Phaup - Tennis - George Mason University
- ❖ Dalton Echard - Track and Field - University of Mary Washington
- ❖ Erica Howes - Track and Field - University of Miami Ohio
- ❖ Kevin Montgomery - Track and Field - Radford University
- ❖ Jon Steenberg - Track and Field - University of Mary Washington
- ❖ Patrick Taylor - Track and Field - U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- ❖ Tiffany Vu - Volleyball - Virginia Intermont College
- ❖ Bob Hauser - Wrestling - Bucknell University

While the ceremony honored the class of 2010, University of Massachusetts soccer recruit Sagie Madnick said that the athletes' accomplishments would help strengthen Woodson sports in the future. "Even though we were here for four years, we're setting the standard for future generations," he said.

Rams Win, Cavs Fall

Woodson girls lose to Langley in region lacrosse title game.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A championship game day turned into an opportunity lost on Wednesday, May 26, when the Saxon boys could not hold onto a late lead in their region finals game and lost to Robinson. The loss came a couple hours after the Langley girls had earned their first-ever Northern Region title crown.

It was a grand try for the Langley boys, who were aspiring to capture their second straight region crown in the nightcap contest of a girls'-boys' region championship double-header evening at South County Secondary School in Lorton. The Saxons, leading by a couple of goals and with possession of the ball with just under three minutes remaining in regulation, ultimately lost to the Rams, 11-10, in overtime.

In the evening's first game, the Langley girls fought off a talented W.T. Woodson team on way to a 13-11 finals triumph.

Both Langley teams will next compete at the Virginia state tournament along with the Robinson boys team and the Woodson girls team. The tournament is set to begin later this week.

The Langley girls (16-3), under head coach Richard DeSomma, led Woodson in the finals game by as many as six goals in the first half and were up by five scores with 11 minutes remaining in the latter half. But the Saxons never could entirely shake the scrappy Cavaliers and could not truly exhale in relief until the game's final seconds.

But what a win it was for Langley, which two weeks earlier had captured the Liberty District crown with a title game triumph over Madison before sweeping four straight region playoff games to garner its second championship this postseason.

"It's so exciting, everyone stepped it up," said Langley midfielder Margo Swomley. "Our coaches are fantastic. Woodson was tough but we played as a team."

Swomley, a sophomore transfer student from Colorado who earned Second Team All-Region recognition this spring, had to sit out the title game as a result of a knee injury that had occurred four days earlier during tryouts for an underclassman All-American team. But the 10th grader, who made such a positive impact on her new team throughout the season, could not have been more thrilled for her Saxon teammates following the win over Woodson.

"We have great leadership on this team," she said.

Langley had four players with multiple goals in the win. Sophomore midfielder

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

tenure on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Paine's letter also conveniently sidestepped U.S. Rep. Connolly's record of independence and fiscal responsibility in the House of Representatives where he has worked to energize the Northern Virginia economy by bringing federal contracts and private sector jobs into the region, saved the jobs of Fairfax and Prince William teachers to maintain quality education in our schools, secured funds for vital transportation projects like the completion of the Fairfax County Parkway and Rail to Dulles and defied his own party leadership by voting against the \$154 billion spending bill, arguing that unused and repaid TARP funds should be used, instead, to reduce the federal deficit.

Jennifer Heinz
Springfield

It's a Shame

To the Editor,

It's truly a shame that we have both voters and political candidates that don't seem to understand something as simple as Fairfax County real estate taxes. The annual re-assessments are based on the recent sales price of similar homes in the same neighborhood. The county supervisors must adjust the tax rate to compensate for substantial changes in the average assessed value of our homes.

Letter writer Rob Paine ["Herrity Walking The Walk?," The Connection, May 20-26, 2010] and candidate Keith Fimian are both claiming his opponent, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), raised our property taxes with his vote to increase the tax rate to compensate for the drop in assessments. In actuality, the average real estate tax owed decreased rather than increased due to a drop in county spending. This is easily verified by accessing the county's website and examining the recent yearly budgets. Any homeowner having to pay more tax this year is simply lucky his home dropped in value less than the county's average.

I suspect that candidate Fimian understands this perfectly well as he has a degree in business administration, but instead, is trying to mislead voters for political gain — a severe character flaw in my opinion.

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Robinson goalie Keenan Kevan, seen here in the Concorde District finals match against Chantilly, is one of the reasons the Rams upset the Saxons in the Northern Region lacrosse finals.

Robinson Upsets Langley

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Nicky Pritchett led the way for the Saxons with five goals. Torrie Zarella, a junior attack, scored four for the winners while Saxon players Elspeth McGarry, a senior midfielder, and Anna Helmer, a sophomore midfielder, both contributed two.

Earning the win in the net for Langley was senior goalie Mary Riley Pembroke.

Woodson, which at one point had trailed 8-2 during the latter stages of the first half, got within striking distance at 13-11 when Rachel Obregon (team-leading three goals) scored on the move from 8 yards out with 4 minutes, 44 seconds left in the second half.

Pembroke, an Honorable Mention All-Region selection this spring, could not have been happier for her teammates in winning the championship game.

"We play real well as a team," she said. "Woodson had a great game but we came out big in the end."

Woodson and head coach Meaghan O'Leary are looking forward to states.

"It is tough to loss such a big game, and to come very close to winning," said O'Leary, of the finals loss to the Saxons. "But getting to the regional finals game is a great accomplishment for our team. We will learn from our loss and get ready for the state tournament."

THE LANGLEY BOYS looked poised to win their second straight region title following a close-range, fastbreak goal off the left side by sophomore attack Sean Ahearn — the assist coming off a pass from teammate Jack Curry. The transition score, which came about following a nifty save on the other end of the field by Langley goalie Andrew Spivey, gave the Saxons a 10-8 lead with 4 minutes, 37 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter of their region title game versus Robinson. While the contest was still far from over at that point, the Saxons had

positioned themselves nicely for a win.

But Langley could not hold off Robinson, which in the moments following the timeout gained possession of the ball before getting a crucial goal from junior midfielder Tom Petrocci — a 12-yard bouncer shot from the left corner — with 1:59 left to get the Rams within 10-9.

Later, Petrocci (game-high five goals, four after halftime) came up big again, this time in the closing seconds of regulation when, in the most important Robinson possession of the game and perhaps the season, he moved right and threw in a shot from nine yards out for the equalizer with 18 seconds left.

The Rams, to a man, were thrilled to be heading into overtime. The Langley team, meanwhile, was a bit stunned.

"After we gave up that goal, it felt like we were losing even though it was tied," said Langley senior Ethan Bailey, a First Team All-Region attack player this spring who could not play in the title game due to a concussion he had received two days earlier in Langley's semifinals win over Westfield. "They had the momentum."

It was late in the 4-minute overtime session that Robinson scored and won the game when Rams' senior attackman Thurmond Shaw (three goals), on a straight-on shot from 10 yards out, found the top of the net, igniting a spontaneous, joyful on-field Robinson celebration.

"I thought Robinson played real well and we played well," said Bailey, who viewed the entire game from the Saxons' sideline. "We had a lead in the fourth."

Langley, the defending state champions, will be looking to defend that crown when it begins state tournament play later this week.

"This year, as opposed to last year, we're always getting teams' best efforts," said Bailey. "Teams always know they're playing the state champs and they are gunning for us harder."

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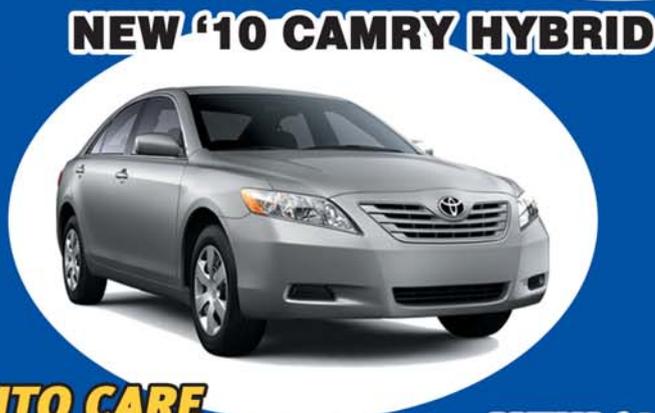
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