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Board OKs Affordable Housing Project



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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large) points out the property that will be used for the workforce housing project behind the Fairfax County Government Center.

Supervisor Herry calls project 'luxury housing' that competes with private sector.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

On Tuesday, March 8, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in a 7-3 party-line vote, approved the development of a 270-unit apartment complex on 8.2 acres of county property adjacent to the Fairfax County Government Center.

The \$44 million project, called the Residences at the Government Center, will be developed by the Jefferson Apartment Group, which will lease the land from the county, and will be available to local residents earning between 50 percent and 100 percent of the area median income (AMI) — approximately \$52,000-\$100,000 for a family of four.

The project is the first workforce housing development to be built in Fairfax County since the adoption of the County's Workforce Housing policy in October 2007.

Rents are expected to be about \$700 to \$1,100 for one to three-bedroom units. According to a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) report released in 2010, "fair market rent" for a two-bedroom apartment in Northern Virginia was \$1,494.

Supporters of the project, including Board of Su-

pervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At Large), said the project would help satisfy a need for "workforce housing," a key objective of the "Blueprint for Affordable Housing" adopted two years ago by the Board of Supervisors.

The Blueprint is a strategy for how the county can make sure housing stock is available to serve the spectrum of housing needs for workers and residents.

"We are proud of this project," said Bulova. "It's critical to the success of our community by providing housing for young professionals, firefighters, teachers and others who provide essential jobs, but cannot afford to live in the community where they work."

The board's three Republican members —John Cook (R-Braddock), Michael Frey (R-Sully) and Pat Herry (R-Springfield) — voted against the devel-

opment. Herry released a report after the board meeting calling the apartment complex "subsidized luxury housing" which would compete directly with the private sector.

Herry said the issue is not partisan. "This is a commonsense issue. The county subsidizing luxury housing to compete with the private sector fails the commonsense test miserably. I am not aware of any business group that supported this project. There are right and wrong ways to improve our stock

of affordable housing. This is not one of them," he said.

"The Residences at the Government Center is not a publicly-funded construction project," Bulova said. "No county tax dollars are being used to build or

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"No county tax dollars are being used to build or operate this development."

— Board Chairwoman
Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)

County To Recognize Debt Manager Len Wales

County's debt manager helped Fairfax sail through 30 years of economic swings.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In late September 2005, Len Wales was part of the second emergency response teams from Fairfax County deployed to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, one of the costliest natural disasters, as well as one of the five deadliest hurricanes, in the history of the United States.

"As we were coming into the city, it felt like the day after the apocalypse," Wales said. "The streets were deserted, garbage was piling up they were still struggling to get the electricity back on."

Wales and his team were housed on a ship in the Mississippi River and set up emergency management operations in a hotel ballroom behind the Superdome. Wales' job was to find warehouse space for the tons of emergency supplies pouring in from all

parts of the country. Because New Orleans was a just-in-time supply port, the city did not have many warehouses pre-Katrina, and little storage space post-Katrina. Every day, Wales's logistics team scouted places that could be used as secure warehouses — schools, airports and garages — and then proposed solutions to city officials.

Wales' ability to stay focused, solve problems under pressure, and find inventive solutions to tricky problems made him an invaluable part of the logistical coordinated response team that helped keep the New Orleans' city government functioning during the worst disaster in its history.

Those same skills have profited Wales for the past 30 years in his career as Fairfax County's go-to guy for innovative financial solutions to thorny budget issues, from finding creative financing for the county's hundreds of capital improvement projects to

managing the county's borrowing program.

His official title is Fairfax County debt manager, but his friends and colleagues say that title doesn't begin to describe Wales, who is more of a renaissance man than a money manager.

"Len has a great mind, and we have just

really been fortunate to have had him as part of our Fairfax County family," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large). "In addition to having a brilliant

mind, he also has a wonderful sense of humor, and he's also grounded and pragmatic."

Wales, who will be honored for his service to Fairfax County at the March 29 Board of Supervisors meeting, said he has loved

working for such a vibrant and vital community. In fact, he plans to continue consulting for the county while he pursues a degree in history at Virginia Tech.

"It's been exciting working here," Wales said. "There's a quality to Fairfax County that other areas can't compete with. The

county is always facing new and interesting challenges, and I enjoy looking at my job as someone who solves problems or puzzles."

"During the many years that Len has been our county debt

"During the many years that Len has been our county debt manager, he's amassed quite a sterling reputation."

— Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee)

manager, he's amassed quite a sterling reputation," said Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee), who sponsored the board motion to honor Wales.

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Man Dies in Three-Car Crash

A 54-year-old Fairfax Station man died Monday, March 14 after a three-vehicle crash on Richmond Highway near Fairfax County Parkway.

Police responded to the crash around 5:22 p.m. and determined the victim, Paul J. Krause, 54, of 7912 Glenbarr Court in Fairfax Station, was driving a 2010 Ford Fusion northbound on Richmond Highway when a man driving a 1994 Honda Civic, traveling in the same direction, apparently lost control of his vehicle and struck the Fusion. The Fusion was pushed into the southbound lanes of Richmond Highway and struck a 2010 Mercedes-Benz head-on.

Krause was flown to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 7:44 p.m. The driver and passenger of the Mercedes, a 77-year-old man and 73-year-old woman, were ground transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Carlos Sanchez-Ramos, the driver of the Honda, took a 3-year-old boy from his car and left the scene on foot. Police apprehended him nearby. The child was not injured. A 31-year-old man was also in the suspect's vehicle but remained at the scene; he was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries.

"I don't know the relationship between the suspect and the child. It could have been his son, but the child was returned safely to his mother," said FCPD spokesperson Tawny Wright.

Sanchez-Ramos of the 8000 block of Grannview Court in Springfield, was charged with aggravated involuntary manslaughter, driving while intoxicated, driving on an alcohol-related revoked license, child endangerment and two counts of felony hit and run.

"The suspect was arrested, taken to jail, and the case was turned over to the Commonwealth Attorney's office for trial," Wright said.

— VICTORIA ROSS

Take Advantage of SoberRide

In anticipation of St. Patrick's Day, City of Fairfax Police remind drivers to consider all available options before deciding to drink and drive. Making arrangements to rely on a designated driver, calling a cab or spending the night are all alternatives police recommend to avoid tragedies resulting from impaired driving.

They also encourage St. Patrick's Day partiers to use WRAP's SoberRide program. It provides free taxi rides (up to a \$30 fare) from Thursday, March 17, at 4 p.m., to Friday, March 18, at 4 a.m. To take advantage of this program, customers with AT&T wireless telephones may call 1-800-200-8294 (TAXI) or #8294. People must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service.

Rabies Canvass Underway

Fairfax County Animal Control officers will be conducting a rabies-vaccination and dog-licensing education campaign this month in several neighborhoods across the county. Police are targeting neighborhoods where animals tested positive for the rabies virus in 2011 or late 2010. So far, eight animals have tested positive, with a total of 23 since October 2010.

Rabies is a deadly virus transferred through the central nervous system tissue or saliva of an infected animal. Rabies vaccinations are mandatory in Fairfax County for all dogs and cats. The goal of the door-to-door campaign is to remind pet owners about the laws requiring all dogs and cats, 4 months and older, to be inoculated against rabies. All dogs, 4 months and older, must also have a dog license; failure to license a dog or inoculate pets against rabies may result in fines of up to \$250. Residents should expect to see the roving officers from March 26- May 28. For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals.

NEWS



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The first place winner of Jennifer Schoechle's work is 'Self Portrait.'



Joan Fegan was the second place winner for student work 'Cockerel Waltz.'

Teacher Inspired Her Students

Former students gather to celebrate art teacher who died in 2010.

BY SALMA CHADHA
THE CONNECTION

Many former students of Jennifer Schoechle spent Saturday afternoon, March 12, celebrating their beloved teacher. They brought family and friends to the Jennifer Schoechle Memorial Art Show Program at the Plum Center for Life Long Learning in Springfield.

Schoechle died on June 5, 2010.

"She did not want a funeral or a service, but she would have liked this art show with her students" said Judy Burnam, who coordinated the show.

Schoechle was an artist and art teacher who taught classes with Fairfax County's Adult Continuing Education (ACE) program beginning in the late 1990s at various locations throughout the county. She also taught privately through her Annandale studio. Her classes included drawing to paint, chiaroscuro, oil painting, pastels, portrait and figure. Former students donated more than 50 pieces of their own work for the show at the Plum Center to showcase her teachings.

In addition to Schoechle's own art, postcards from all of her shows and retrospective storyboards of how she taught various mediums were on display. Guests and artists had an opportunity to vote for "Best in Show" of students' work and on Schoechle's work.

Joan Fegan, second place winner for "Cockerel Waltz," took classes for seven years with Schoechle.

"She was a huge part of my life," Fegan said.

"Her knowledge was limitless," said Mary Anne Niksch, who reminisced about a smear technique

"She was a very moving and motivating teacher."

— Stephanie Krapp

that she learned from Schoechle, in which a brush is used to smooth when working with pastels.

"She knew the most about color," said Anne Hart, who described a gray chart Schoechle created that showed how to mix multiple colors to create a variety of grays. Schoechle believed in always using the correct color and discouraged the use of black.

Yosiko Doherty said Schoechle had a vast knowledge of art and remembered learning about chiaroscuro painting as the underpainting and starting point for all oil painting.

Judy Burnam explained this is as a technique used to create light and dark colors by using one color mixed with turpenoid laid on canvas. Every beginning student was instructed to use this method to paint.

Schoechle was a graduate of George Washington University where a scholarship for art students has been set up in her name.

Matt Banks, assistant vice president of development and alumni relations, was in attendance and accepted a check for the scholarship.

"She was a very moving and motivating teacher and always wanted everyone to do their best," said Stephanie Krapp who took ACE as well as private classes with Schoechle for 10 years.

Two groups of Schoechle's former students gather together weekly and monthly to paint and expand on the techniques they learned from their teacher. They inevitably end up using Jenniferisms, interesting things Schoechle used to say to encourage her students or give them insight. "Never use black" or "think of fractals and cuttlefish" and "turn it upside down."

Schoechle had six simple principles for growth as an artist — keep a sketchbook, make a thumbnail sketch, identify big shapes and simplify by squinting, practice some restraint and use a limited palette, strive for good design and keep it simple.

The show will be on display through April 22, at the Plum Center, 6815 Edsall Road, Springfield.

PEOPLE

For 30 Years, Wales Has Served Fairfax County

FROM PAGE 3

"Our AAA bond rating is in no small part thanks to Len's good financial counsel. We've kept that rating through good economic times and bad, ensuring that Fairfax County remains attractive to the type of investment that maintains its excellent quality of life."

So what, exactly, is a debt manager? The simple explanation is that Wales plans and monitors all county bond sales and debt payments.

"The county has over \$2 billion of general obligation debt outstanding as of this moment, but in my 29 years with the county, I have probably overseen closer to \$5 billion of both new and refinanced debt," Wales said. "Our debt service budget is approximately \$290 million per year."

Debt, Wales said, can be a good thing.

Almost every major project undertaken by the county in the last 20 years that affects a citizen's day-to-day life has been financed with debt of some kind — new schools; police and fire stations; roads, like the Fairfax County Parkway; the county's share of the Metro system; and most parks and recreation facilities.

Like an orchestra conductor, Wales coordinates all that activity within the county and with outside experts and advisors.

"A big part of my job involves negotiating the financial details of the public-private partnerships that the county has become involved in just the last 10 years," Wales said. "Most governments are not used to thinking in private-sector business terms.

We have had to learn in order to ensure that the county gets the best deal possible in these negotiations."

"A lot of folks expect government to be rigid, but that's not my style. You have to stay flexible," he said.

Wales' intuitive ability to troubleshoot made him successful during a six-year stint in the U.S. Navy, and a 30-year parallel career as a naval reservist. As a reservist, he spent six months in the North Arabian sea on a mine sweeper during Operation Desert Storm. His early experience in the U.S. Navy helped him navigate the minefields of a career not only on the volatile economic markets, but the unpredictable nature of local politics.

In his office, there's a photo of the burning oil fields of Kuwait that he took through the windshield of a Huey helicopter while he was engaged with U.S. and international minesweeping forces during Operation Desert Storm.

"We worked to clear the sea lanes to Kuwait of literally hundreds of mines laid by the Iraqis," Wales said. "We traveled all over the northern Arabian gulf to coordinate and plan with the various scattered elements of the international force," he said.

During his career with Fairfax County, he said he is proudest of one of the smaller projects he negotiated — the Lorton Arts Foundation.

"The original deal was that the foundation was going to rent the old minimum security facility from the county, after we got the old prison from the federal government, for \$1 a year, and they would raise



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Len Wales, Fairfax County's debt manager, is being honored by the Board of Supervisors for his 30 years of service.

all the funds necessary to rehabilitate and turn it into a vibrant arts center," he said.

"They found out pretty quickly that it was a great idea, but they were short on donors," Wales said. So Wales started thinking of other ways to finance the project. Working with the LAF and county staff, Wales and his team came up with the idea that the county would continue to contribute \$1 million of operating funds for at least five

years, about the same amount if the facility remained vacant, and the LAF would attract donors.

But banks, being banks, still wanted county credit support, something the county usually does not do. Wales and his team floated the idea of a lease-back arrangement, where the county was the guaranteed tenant of last resort.

"Sounds a bit crazy, but it was enough to satisfy the bank that the county was committed to the project, LAF got its loan and the risk of the county actually having to step in is minimal because LAF has been able to rent 100 percent of its space since they opened," Wales said.

Debt, he said, doesn't have to be scary. It's all about leveraging assets, not overextending, making sure there is solid market support, and, of course, political support.

"Basically, I try to figure out how to make all these great ideas happen," he said, laughing at the idea that some colleagues say he has a wand-waving ability to get things done. "If I had to sum up my life in a sentence, I would say it is a lifetime of public service, hoping I have done some good along the way," he said.

A McLean resident, Wales has been married to his high-school sweetheart for nearly 30 years. They have two grown sons.

Before moving on to his next project, whether it's as history teacher, or financial consultant, or historical fiction novelist, Wales and his wife plan to sail the Chesapeake on their 30-foot sailboat, navigating the waters of calmer seas.



Angelus Academy Students Stage 'Hamlet'

The fifth grade students of Angelus Academy performed a 12-scene adaptation of William Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' for family and friends. Fifth grade teacher Elizabeth Held, prepared the students for each of their roles. Angelus Academy is an independent, Catholic, pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school located in Springfield.

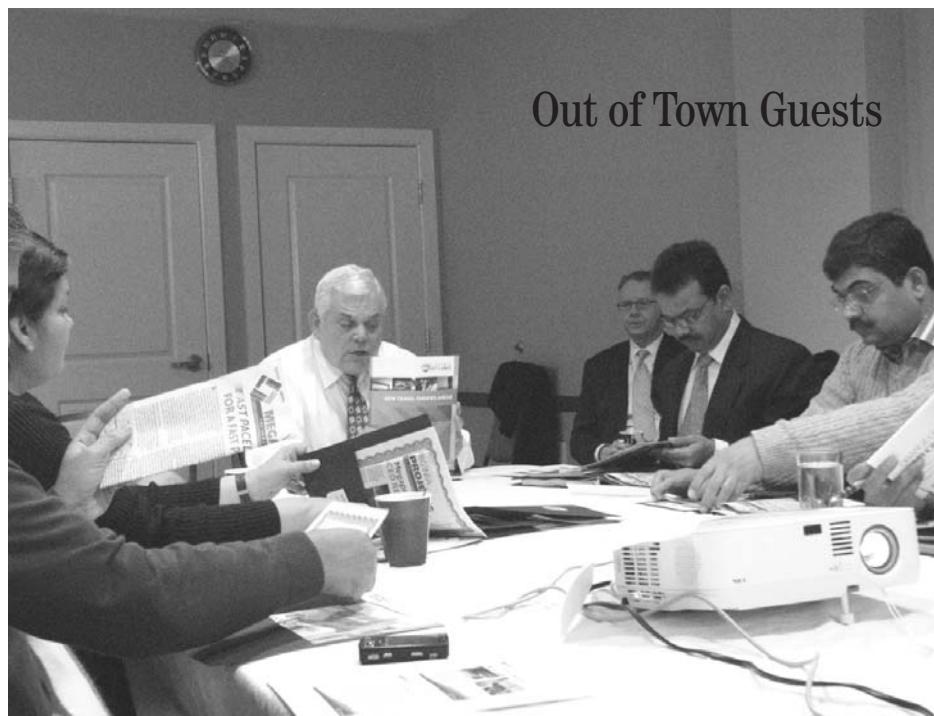


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On Wednesday, Jan. 26, Virginia Department of Transportation's Megaprojects office in Springfield hosted a delegation from India that was in town learning about public private partnerships. "Public Private Partnerships have been a very useful tool in providing VDOT a mechanism to leverage available capital in building large and complex projects," said Steve Titunik, at the head of the table. Titunik is the VDOT communications director. "Leveraging investment dollars through Public-Private Partnerships offers VDOT a creative method to get important infrastructure projects built," he said.

OPINION

Prepare To Race for the Cure

Global Race for the Cure is Saturday, June 4.
Run, walk, sleep in or pitch in.

Last year, Komen Global Race for the Cure conducted a study of breast health in the Washington Metropolitan area, showing that women diagnosed with breast cancer here are more likely to die from breast cancer than the national average.

One conclusion is that health care infrastructure in the area is overly fragmented, producing significant hurdles for many women, particularly women who are poor or whose first language is not English.

In announcing grants to local organizations and kicking off registration for the 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure, the organization cited the diverse population locally as a reason for more aggressive outreach here.

In Arlington, for example, there are women from at least 128 different countries speaking at least 95 languages. The event brings almost 50,000 runners and walkers to the National Mall in June and raises millions of dollars for breast cancer outreach and education.

Some women are afraid of the screening pro-

cess, some are worried about cost, some don't have a way to travel to medical appointments, some don't know what resources are available, some don't understand the benefits of early detection or the urgency of follow-up, and many aren't aware of the success of modern cancer treatments, believing a cancer diagnosis is a death sentence.

EDITORIAL In the current environment, some immigrant women worry that accessing programs for the uninsured could lead to issues with immigration.

Based on its findings, Komen announced local grants of about \$4.5 million to improve both patient and provider education and to reduce fragmentation to enhance capacity to screen and provide follow-up care.

Two grants will focus on provider education, helping doctors and other breast health providers develop a better understanding of the myths, fears and needs of the different cultural populations of the women they serve. The grants will encourage partnerships between

providers in the region so that patients can be easily and efficiently referred from screening all the way through to survivorship, limiting difficulties with travel and work requirements, wait times, and financial assistance.

Eleven grants focus on patient education in a culturally competent manner to convey the importance of screening, effectiveness of modern treatments and survivorship. Among local organizations receiving grants: Arlington Free Clinic, From Education to Access; Prevent Cancer Foundation - Celebremos la vida! Providing Educational Outreach and Screening, in Alexandria; Vietnamese Resettlement Association - Breast Cancer Education, Screening and Follow up, in Falls Church; Nueva Vida - Comprehensive Support Services for Latinas with Breast Cancer; American Association on Health and Disability - Bridging the Gap: No Woman Left Behind, in Rockville.

The 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

You can run or walk the 5K, or even "Sleep In for the Cure," and there are special activities for children 12 and under.

For more, visit www.globalraceforthecure.org or call 703-416-RACE (7223).

Fourth Option

The following is testimony presented at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's public hearing concerning the purchase of the Lorton Incinerator.

Boardmembers:

With 20 years experience serving on state, regional and local public committees as well as non-profit boards, my focus remains creating effective, sustainable solutions to the challenges confronting our community.

Friends, you have the privilege and the responsibility of advocating the best interests of Fairfax County and our people. We have an interesting history. In 1988, Fairfax County issued \$251.9 million in revenue bonds to construct this incinerator following a unanimous vote by the board to issue up to \$300 million in revenue bonds on Oct. 28, 1986. [Supervisor] Tom Davis made the motion and Chairman Jack Herrity voted for it. Now, you may buy the same incinerator at fair market value and keep the same operator.

Fairfax County is engaged in active discussions with Covanta at this time because of our previously negotiated purchase option. I am here to provide good counsel. Rather than renting the incinerator through 2031 when Covanta's land lease expires, or buying the incinerator now, or facing an unknown market in five years and

competing for trash solutions, I recommend a fourth choice that has not been discussed. In my opinion, a wiser choice would be acquiring another purchase option set for 2016.

This new purchase option benefits both the county and our contractor as it will put our decision point at or near the change point of 2016. Covanta will be able to offer terms at that time, and we will make an informed decision, knowing better the trash and energy markets as well as the regulatory environment of 2016. Our community will be more certain of the consequences and benefits of our decision in 2016.

My plan lowers risk and costs. I recommend we structure the new purchase option as a compromise between the "Do Nothing" and the "Rent" options put forward by the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. Rather than increasing tipping fees by 30 percent and then up to 50 percent by 2016, we cut the proposed fee increases in half leading up to 2016. Our reserve posture in negotiations remains doing nothing and entering the open market in 2016 for at least 15 years. According to county staff, doing nothing remains the lowest cost option for the next five years. Fairfax County should not reduce our revenue participation when we may grow

energy revenues exponentially through PJM. As increased revenues materialize, we can offset increased fees.

In closing, let's see a show of hands. Who is ready to look in the eyes of a parent, a parent of a child who does not have access to full day kindergarten and explain how you voted to invest \$417.5 million to buy an incinerator with the hope that maybe, perhaps in 18 years we can burn trash more cheaply? Or, explain it to a driver sitting in the worst traffic congestion in the nation? Remember them when you vote.

LETTERS **Will Radle**
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Workforce Housing

To the Editor:

While we acknowledge Supervisor Pat Herrity's (R-Springfield) difference of opinion regarding the role of local government in housing, we continue to be troubled by his inaccurate and careless portrayal of the facts regarding housing programs in Fairfax County. The Residences at the Government Center, a mixed-income community of 270 units serving a range of households from 50 percent to 100 percent of area median income, is the latest housing initiative under attack by Mr. Herrity.

Approval of the Residences at the Government Center supports multiple county goals and objectives, including addressing a critical shortage of workforce housing. In its March 8 presentation to the Board of Supervisors, the Economic Advisory Commission reported that one of the strategies essential to the county's success in recruiting business is the availability and affordability of housing.

The Residences at the Government Center leverage underutilized county land to attract private capital in the form of low income housing tax credits to develop a mixed-income residential property. This development will include green building principles, and, when completed, will provide new tax revenue to the county. The location of the Residences in the vicinity of the Fairfax County Government Center, a major shopping mall, and numerous service and retail centers, provides housing opportunities in close proximity to jobs.

There is broad-based support for this particular land use strategy among constituent groups in Fairfax County. In addition to the business community, TOD proponents, organizations supportive of land use policies that are more compact, green and sustainable, members of faith communities committed to expanding housing

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choices for residents in the county and community-based organizations who serve the needs of low and moderate income households so essential to the workforce in the county all support this new development.

With the Residences at the Government Center, Fairfax County joins Arlington and the City of Alexandria in implementing a strategy that puts underutilized land to better use through a public private partnership. The result is development that provides attractive housing for the workforce, and new tax revenue for the county. For high growth, high cost areas like Northern Virginia this is truly a best practice, and a win-win for all partners involved.

The Alliance applauds the leadership of those Fairfax County Board of Supervisors members who voted to support this development thereby adopting a creative solution to address one of the county's most challenging issues. The future depends on our elected officials who possess the vision to support smart, strategic investments in areas that are critical to the well-being and sustainability of the county. Housing opportunities for our workforce is one of those areas.

Michelle Krocke
Director
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One More Word

To the Editor:

Imagine if your name was retard. Take any sentence you might use the word retard in and replace it with your name. "That's so Nancy." "You're such a Bobby." "I feel like such a Morgan." Imagine your name meant stupid, misguided or dumb.

Although mental retardation isn't our name, it is often the first way that people with intellectual disabilities are introduced. For example, in the press, we frequently see that Sarah Palin has a Down syndrome baby. Not a baby with Down syndrome or a baby named Trig.

For people with intellectual disabilities, the battle over the "r" word isn't simply about the use of a word. It is a movement that will allow us to rediscover our names. We also hope that it will open the hearts and minds of everyone else so that we can all benefit from a community where everyone belongs and, as the "Cheers" gang used to say, "Every body knows your name."

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Lake Braddock's Symphonic Band celebrates after receiving its 30th consecutive superior rating on March 12.

Bruin Band Celebrates Big 3-0

Lake Braddock Symphonic Band brought home its 30th consecutive Superior rating, marking 30 years of superior ratings from the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA). No other high school band in the state of Virginia has achieved such a distinction.

Every year, bands are rated twice by a panel of four judges — once for their marching production in the fall, and once for their concert performance in the spring. Lake Braddock scored a superior rating in marching during their season this past October, but that was only half of the final rating. Performing a difficult repertoire for the judges Saturday night, March 12, which included "Pas Redouble" (Camille Saint-Saens/trans. Arthur Frackenphol), "Armenian Dances (Part I)" (Alfred Reed) and "Tulsa" (Don Gillis/trans. Maurice Ford),

Lake Braddock scored straight 1's on a scale of 1-5, 1 being Superior, continuing the streak that began long before these students were born.

Directors Roy C. Holder and Michael C. Luley begin working with the more than 200 members of the band in August, before the start of the school year. In less than three weeks, the students have memorized nine or 10 pieces of music and hundreds of complicated drill moves.

During the school year, students practice and perfect the marching show after school, and work on concert selections during their band period, which requires much concentration and focus as the students learn not only the score, but tempo, key signature/change, pulse, rhythm, dynamics, style, accents, all while doing their best to interpret the music with the correct emotion and tone.

SCHOOL NOTES

On Saturday, April 2, children and adults will be competing in a **Speed Stacking tournament at North Springfield Elementary**. Students grade K-6 and adults (parent/child event) are invited to bring their best skills to the table where they can compete in three rounds of single stacking

and pair up later in the day for doubles stacking. Registration is \$3 at the door. Light snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Doors open at 8:30 am. Awards will be handed out at the end of the tournament and each participant will receive a certificate. North Springfield Elementary is located

at 7602 Heming Court, Springfield. To learn more, e-mail semetz@fcps.edu.

Brittany Sholes, Emily Patnode, and Jasmine Close of Edison Academy finished first place in Community Service at the recent Virginia SkillsUSA competition.

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Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. 703-451-8055.

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"Design for Murder." 8 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. A murder mystery by George Batson. Tickets at the door \$15 adults, \$12 youth and seniors. 703-660-2611 or www.acctonline.org.

"I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning." 8 p.m. Clifton Dinner Theater, Clifton Town Hall, Clifton. A murder-mystery comedy. \$30. Cliftontheatertickets@gmail.com.

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Arts and Craft Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Garfield Elementary, 7101 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. More than 65 vendors selling handcrafted items, children's craft activities and raffle. Free admission. 703-866-5523.

Artists' Reception for "Lighthouses in Two



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Home Life Style

Reaching for the Garden of Your Dreams

Landscaping design trends for 2011.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

It's not just fashion that is influenced by Michelle Obama. Ever since the First Lady opened a vegetable garden on the South Lawn of the White House in 2009, landscaping trends have followed suit to include a variety of edibles along with the hardscaping elements to prepare and serve them.

"Edible plants and trees are very popular now," said Vanessa Wheeler, co-owner of Holly Woods and Vines nursery and design center in Alexandria. "The trend is to combine the edible elements with easy, low maintenance and water-saving designs."

No room for an orchard? The new 'fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruits from a single tree.

"We have an apple fruit cocktail tree and one that produces apricots, plums, peaches and nectarines," Wheeler said. "Since they are all in the same family, the fruits will cross pollinate so you only need one tree if that's all you have room for."

Throughout the region, there is a strong growth in demand to incorporate eco-friendly, low maintenance plants into garden designs.

"No one wants to do heavy pruning and watering," said Rebecca Hughes, manager of the Burke Nursery and Garden Center. "And ground covers like pachysandra and periwinkle are replacing mulch and traditional grasses."

Wheeler suggests drought-tolerant plants to conserve water.

"Yucca and aloe plants are great water-conserving choices," Wheeler said. "And a non-invasive bamboo is drought resistant and can grow in the shade."

While visions of color dance in every gardener's head, experts say that the area's last frost date can be as late as Mother's Day, so the immediate focus should be on lawn care and design preparation.

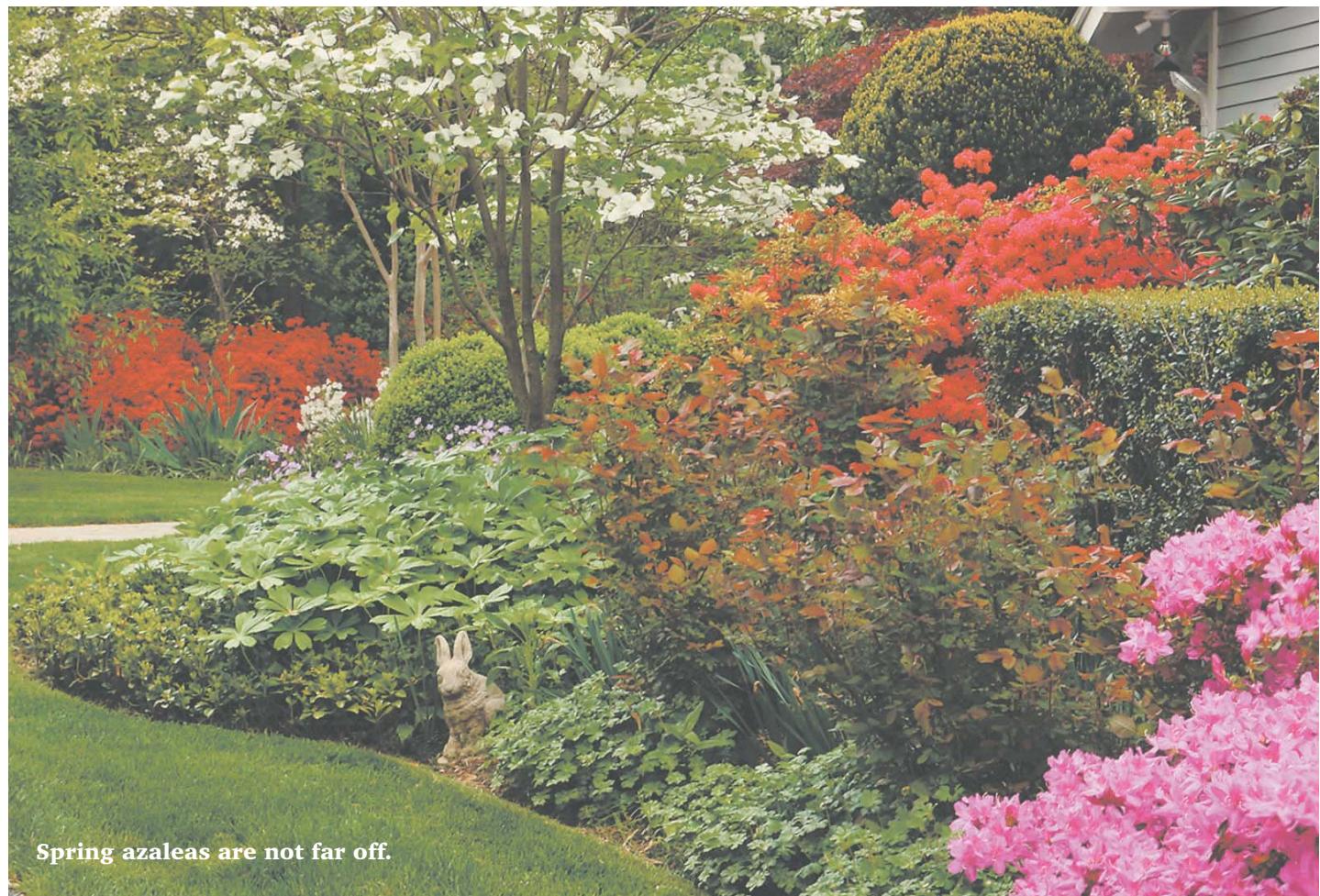
"Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish," said David Watkins, manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Merrifield. "Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal?"

According to Watkins, incorporating more hardscaping into landscaping designs is a rapidly growing trend.

"Patios with fire pits and outdoor grills are very popular," Watkins said. "Our volume of work in that area has increased tremendously in the last few years, especially when it comes to designing outdoor kitchens."

According to Hughes, now is also the best time to do your spring yard clean up.

"There was a lot of storm damage the last



"Hardscapes," including patios, fire pits and outdoor living areas, are in high demand in landscaping.



Merrifield Garden Center's designers like to have photos of their clients' yards to help guide the design.

Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal? Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish.

- David Watkins, manager, Merrifield Garden Center

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Landscaping Tips

EDIBLE AND COLORFUL

There are blue potatoes, red carrots, yellow carrots and purple cabbage. Cabbages come in more colorful varieties each year, as do lettuce and the extremely colorful Swiss chard. 'Fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruit on a single tree.

ECO-SCAPING

Transforming large tracks of turf into sustainable landscapes is achievable with the right plants that require less water and pesticides. Choose native plants that are low-maintenance and attract wildlife and beneficial pollinators like butterflies, bees and birds. Drought-resistant plants like yucca and aloe require less water.

LOW MAINTENANCE

Use plants that are native and require less upkeep to maintain. Choose sun and shade-tolerant varieties that suit your location as well as species that require less pruning. Ground covers can sometimes replace traditional lawns to reduce upkeep.

CREATE OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES

Invest in your own outdoor retreat. Fire pits, gourmet grills and outdoor kitchens top the list of trends in outdoor living spaces. Much more than just a barbecue grill and a lawn chair, outdoor rooms can be created for a fraction of the price typically required for indoor living spaces.

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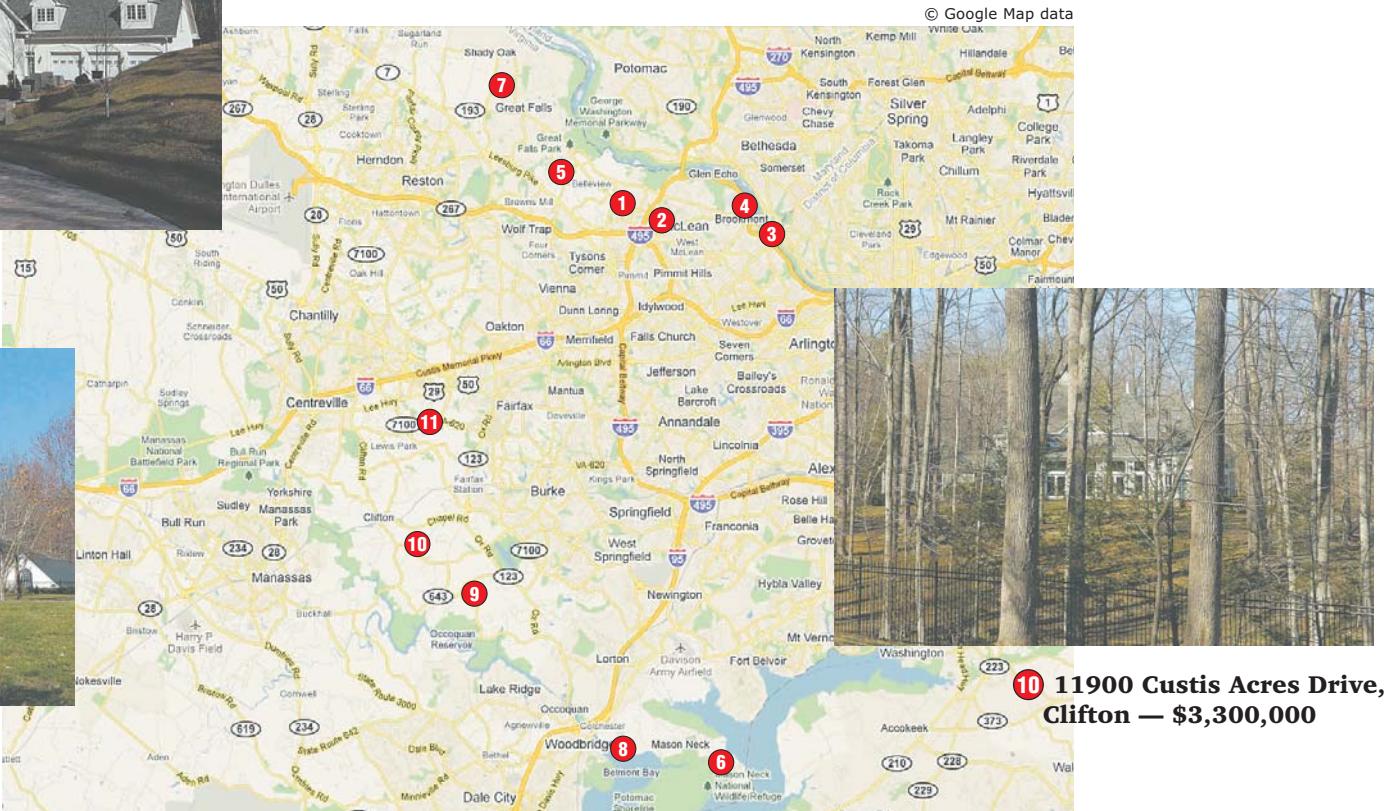
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Home Life Style

Garden Dreams

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two years, especially to dogwood trees," Hughes said. "Many people are going 'bare bones' - starting over and replacing aging and storm damaged areas. Landscapes do age out at times."

Experts suggest walking your property and taking pictures of areas that might need some work or design help.

"We love for customers to bring in photos," Watkins said. "It makes it so much easier for us to help find effective design solutions that stay within a budget."

Watkins acknowledges that any landscaping project can be intimidating.

"People are afraid to jump in because they think they'll end up spending tens of thousands of dollars," Watkins said. "But not everyone needs a \$30,000 project done. Sometimes \$300-\$500 spent on azaleas and some screening trees can get the results you are looking for."

For some early spring color, pansies remain popular but there are other choices.

"For an early burst of color, think apricot trees, forsythia and winter jasmine," said Peggy De Wilde, manager of trees and shrubs at Cravens Nursery in Fairfax. "And container gardening allows you the flexibility to move things indoors if necessary to protect plants from the elements."

Don't worry if you're still thinking snow instead of sod.

"If you haven't started your planning, you're in the majority," Watkins said. "But it's never too late to think about what you want to do. There's almost never a bad time to start landscaping."



Water elements add interest to any garden.

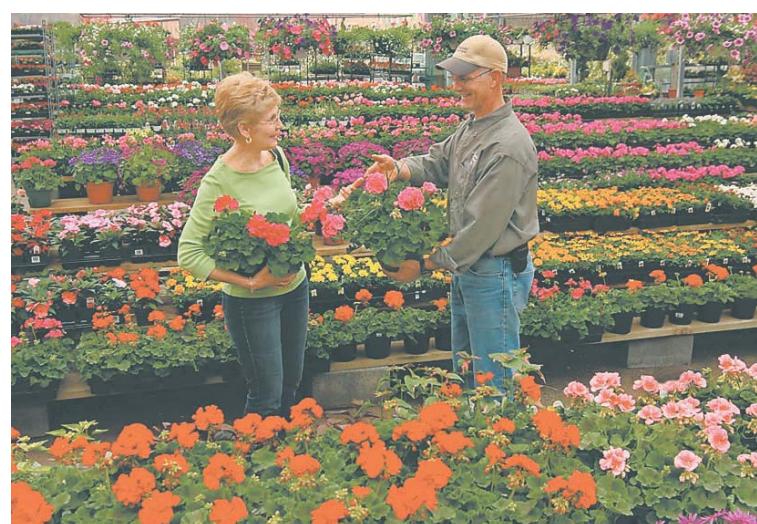


Hellebores are colorful and reliable in early spring.

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"Many people are going 'bare bones' - starting over and replacing aging and storm damaged areas. Landscapes do age out at times."

- Rebecca Hughes, Burke Nursery and Garden Center



Annual flowers can add brilliant color to your garden, but remember that frost is still possible until after mid-May, so stick to pansies or other frost-tolerant plants until then.

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CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Splash-A-Thon Benefits Lee District Waterpark

Students at Paul VI High in Fairfax raise money for planned accessible waterpark.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Joey Pizzano was the third of Robert and Paola Pizzano's eight children. He and two of his brothers had intellectual disabilities, making it difficult for this Vienna family to go on outings together.

"So we got a place on Virginia's Northern Neck, on the Chesapeake Bay, where we could have family time and the kids could have fun on the water," said Robert Pizzano. "But in 1998, when Joey was 6-years-old, unfortunately, a gate was left open and he got out. We searched for 20 hours, 250 people came and helped, but he'd fallen in the river and drowned."

The Pizzanos then started a fund in Joey's honor to help other families with special-needs children. And in 2001, the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund (JPMF) formed a public-private partnership with Fairfax County to promote water safety for the special-needs community.

Running throughout the year, the JPMF Splash Program teaches five, basic, water-

safety rules. Under an instructor, children are paired up with volunteers who help them learn water skills and swimming safety.

"We do 1,500 sessions a year in Fairfax County," said Robert Pizzano. "My wife, who's a former lifeguard, developed this program with others and it caught on. We now do it in seven different Fairfax County Rec Centers."

Work is also proceeding on Our Special Harbor Sprayground, the county's first and only fully accessible waterpark, at the Lee District Rec Center. "We wanted to bring the joy we had during our special family time on the Chesapeake to other families," said Pizzano. "And that's the dream behind Our Special Harbor."

The waterpark is now 70 percent completed and is slated to open on Memorial Day. The Pizzanos are just halfway to their \$1 million fund-raising goal to make it a reality, so Splash-A-Thons held by various swim teams are critically important.

The Paul VI Swim and Dive team recently conducted such an event at the Oak Marr Rec Center. Students either solicited dona-

tions or received pledges for the number of laps they swam during an hour. The school has an Options Program for students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, and the swimmers are their mentors, so their special-needs buddies came and cheered them on.

A few also expressed their feelings about the new, accessible spraypark. "I like the fact that they have a pool for special-needs people, and I feel very welcome to go to it," said junior Becca McKenna. "Sometimes, at the other pools, people aren't very nice to you, at all. They aren't respectful or don't talk to you." And she likes to swim because "it helps me form muscles and gives me exercise."

Senior Evan Patchett also enjoys swimming. "I go to three or four different pools during the summer," he said. "I can go underwater and swim like a fish." As for Our Special Harbor, he said, "It's going to be awesome. There'll be water slides, fountains and spray areas."

Also excited about it is senior Sean Cross. "Both of my sisters were on swim teams," he said. "And I like to play in the water and swim."

Organizing PVI's Splash-a-Thon was junior Sarah Plombon, who said 52 students participated. "We don't have a fund-raising

goal," she said. "We just want to raise as much money as we can."

"I feel that PVI has a great connection with the Options students, and this is another way to help them and raise awareness of the school," said Plombon. "I did 110 laps today, and it makes me feel great. I'm swimming for a cause now, not just to improve my time."

As of March 1, Paul VI students raised \$2,500 from the Splash-A-Thon, 80 percent will go to the JPMF for the spraypark and 20 percent will go toward the Paul VI swim and dive team.

Similarly, sophomore Kyle Weitendorf, a freestyler, logged 54 laps, fueled by flat donations from his parents and grandparents. "I like to help the special-needs students as much as I can," Weitendorf said.

Once the park is completed, he'll turn it over to the county Park Authority, which will maintain and operate it, free of charge, to the users. The wheelchair-friendly, zero-depth sprayground will include a beach area, two-masted schooner, skipjack, crab boat, water tables, spray areas and Chessie the Sea Serpent.

For more information, see www.jpmf.org. To contribute to the fund-raising, go to www.jpmf.org/donate.html and put "Our Special Harbor" in the description.

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Spartan Girls' Run Ends in State Semifinals

Battle suffers injuries to both ankles.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield standout Logan Battle stood in agony near half court at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center with the Spartans' season on the line. The junior forward suffered injuries to both ankles during the game, a AAA state semifinal matchup against Stonewall Jackson, and was trying to play through the pain.

Junior point guard April Robinson walked over to her struggling teammate and offered words of encouragement. Robinson and Battle, the 1-2 punch that had carried the Spartans this far, stood next to one another with one quarter remaining in the contest. Unfortunately for West Springfield, Battle couldn't continue and was helped off the floor.

"I just wanted her to suck it up," Robinson said. "Obviously, she couldn't."

With Battle out of the game, Stonewall Jackson had its way. The Raiders outscored the Spartans 15-5 in the fourth quarter en route to a 47-42 victory on March 9. West Springfield ended its season in the state semifinals for the second consecutive season. The Spartans' final record was 28-2, with both losses coming against Stonewall Jackson.

A jumper by Jordan Miller gave West



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Junior point guard April Robinson led West Springfield with 12 points during the Spartans' AAA state semifinal loss to Stonewall Jackson on March 9.

Springfield a 39-32 lead early in the fourth quarter. But Stonewall responded with an 11-0 run to take control.

WITH BATTLE, a 5-foot-10 athlete being recruited by Georgetown, on the bench, momentum shifted to the Raiders.

"Personally, I don't think we lose with Logan," West Springfield head coach Bill



Logan Battle, an integral part of West Springfield reaching the final four, was hobbled by injuries to both ankles.

Gibson said. "We don't lose that game. ... I think we had the game, I really do. The kids felt confident, they felt good about what we were doing, felt good about things. But if you take [away] a 5-foot-10-inch kid whose got the reach of Michael Jordan and makes it tough passing and doing other things for the other team, [it hurts]. And, we lost that along with [her] rebounding

"I just wanted her to suck it up. Obviously, she couldn't."

— April Robinson about injured teammate Logan Battle

and scoring."

Robinson led the Spartans with 12 points. Miller scored 10 points and Battle and freshman Amy Berglund each added eight.

The good news for West Springfield is the Spartans will return seven of the eight players who saw action against Stonewall, including four of five starters. Robinson said the Spartans were more relaxed during their second consecutive trip to the final four and the team will work to get back.

Senior Nora Osei played her final game for the Spartans.

"They've been an excellent group of girls," Gibson said. "They've played hard. Some of the kids have really grown up. Probably the biggest thing is maturity that they developed over the years.

"Some of the younger players have really matured. April and Logan have matured a whole lot from the beginning of the season to where we are now about understanding more about the game and game control. They've grown immensely."

"It's just a shame to lose somebody down here in a tight game like this that's one of your key players, which [Battle] is. Her and April are obviously the two key players and either one of them goes out and we're a different team."

For Seniors, Spring Means Drama, Finality

The final leg of the high school sports year goes by in a flash.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A majority of the high school sports year is now behind us. There have been thrilling football games, breathtaking autumn field hockey playoff contests, as well as dramatic wrestling and basketball matchups that have brought us through the majority of the cold months and up to the final phase of the prep school sports calendar, the seemingly more laid back springtime sports season.

Now, with all of the local high school sports teams competing outdoors, coaches and athletes are hoping that the Northern Virginia spring will cooperate with lots of sunshine and good temperatures. Usually around this area, spring time weather is fickle with cold temperatures and overcast skies, and even an occasional March snow dusting. Over the years, many early spring

season high school sporting events have been played in temperatures anywhere from the 30s to 40s. Baseball is my favorite sport but I can recall covering countless high school games which seemed endless and to be moving at a snail's pace because of the bitter cold weather conditions.

Many of the area prep school teams will travel to warmer areas over the upcoming

spring break, such as Florida or South Carolina. This will, quite likely, allow them to get in a full week of quality practice time and games without having to endure cold temperatures. By the time they return to Fairfax County, the weather here will hopefully have turned the corner and there will be blue skies and good reason to dress in short sleeves.

Of all the high school sports seasons, the spring time athletic calendar seems to whoosh by in a flash. Once teams have gotten through the rocky first month or so, often spending practice time indoors because

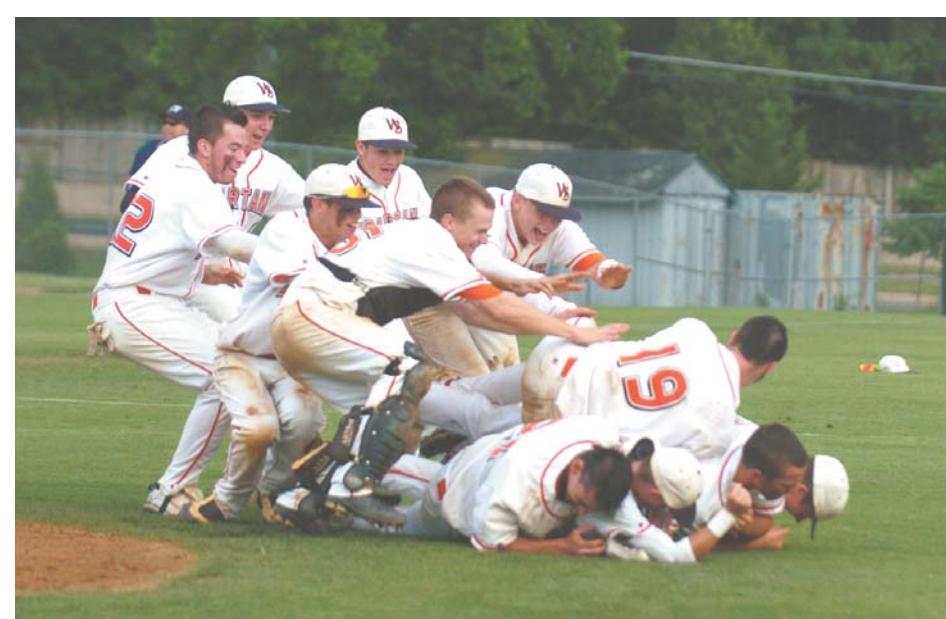


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As the spring moves on, temperatures warm up and the high school sports action gains more and more intense and exciting.

of the poor weather, spring break has come and gone and they are in the heart of their respective schedules with the postseason only a few weeks away. The two or three weeks leading up to the playoffs are filled

with lots of games, including make-ups from earlier season postponements, over a short period of time.

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SPORTS

Spring Sports Go By Fast

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For seniors, this is a bittersweet time in their high school athletic careers because it marks the final stage of their playing careers as representatives of their home town schools. Whereas three-sport senior athletes can complete their fall and winter sports seasons realizing they still have their spring sports season ahead, there is no such extension following the spring season. Seniors, as the spring sports season begins winding down, have lots on their plates such as finishing their season and high school playing careers strongly, winding up their scholastic work, finalizing college plans for the following fall and, of course, preparing for graduation day when family members and friends will celebrate what has been accomplished over their four years of the high school life.

MANY STUDENT-athletes will go on to play sports in college. Most will find that the college sports world is more challenging than high school as coaches teach and insist that their freshmen improve their dedication and all around play to a higher level. While athletics will remain fulfilling, perhaps even to a greater extent, at the college level, the demands of balancing time dedicated to their sports and excelling in the classroom will be difficult but at the same time quite rewarding as student-athletes prove to themselves what they are capable of accomplishing with hard work.

But there is really no rush to push things faster along than they are already moving for today's high school senior athletes. We're not even at Easter yet, so the bulk of the spring sports season is still ahead. There will be lots of game-winning soccer goals, brilliant catches in the outfield, and races won at the wire to fill up scrapbooks and a lifetime of sporting memories.

While the spring sports playoffs in the months ahead will be going up against all of the graduation parties, preparations for final exams, and summer-time plans, student-athletes will, make no mistake, still be able to focus on the task ahead and end their respective seasons and careers with a bang. Seniors, realizing it's their final chance to shine as members of their high school team, will give it everything they've got over the final few weeks of the season and on into the playoffs. District, regional, and even state playoff games will be played in spectacular fashion as athletes and their teams look to leave a lasting mark on the school year and their playing careers.

For area sports fans who have enjoyed high school sports over the course of the past fall and winter seasons, this is no time to put a halt to attending high school sports events. There is a great spring season ahead as area school teams give it all they've got on their fields of play. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. If it does, get ready for an exhilarating, fast-moving spring season of high school sports action.

FAITH NOTES

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, will host a small group Lenten Study through April 23. Small groups will meet on a variety of days and times throughout the week to explore John Indermark's book *Gospel Lives: Encounters with Jesus* which covers varied responses of biblical characters to direct encounters with the living Christ. Choose a group that meets at a time convenient to your schedule. Open to all. www.BurkePresChurch.org or 703-764-0456.

The Messiah United Methodist Church Festival Chorus will offer "Requiem" and "Revelations" by Bradley Ellingboe, on Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. at Messiah UMC, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield. 703-569-9862, ext. 205.

The Truro Parish Choir presents the Duruflé Requiem as part of the Good Friday worship services on Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. The Requiem, op. 9, by Maurice Duruflé is a work in which most of the thematic material comes from chant. The choir will be accompanied by organist Andrea Boudra. 703-273-1300.

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Classes meet at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Center, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Contact Carolyn Smith at carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

The Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road in Annandale, Bible Study Fellowship will study of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Day Women's Class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and offers a children's program for ages 6 weeks to 6 years. rdmarotto@cox.net.

Congregation Adat Reyim, an independent Jewish congregation, offers services Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:40 p.m. Hebrew School is Sundays at 9:30 and Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Hebrew High is Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Preschool is Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m. Adat Reyim is located at 6500 Westbury Oaks Court in Springfield. For more information, contact us at 703-569-7577 or visit www.adatreym.org.

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, worship services are Saturday Coffeeshop at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.BurkePresChurch.org.

One God Ministry Church, 4280/4282 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, now has a Web site with news, events, training, conferences, fellowship programs and more. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m., and Wednesday Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Women, Men, and Youth Bible Studies are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more call 703-591-6161 or visit www.onegodministry.org.

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Board Approves Workforce Housing

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operate this development. Fairfax County is not competing with the private sector — this development is the private sector."

Advocates of the project said the lack of affordable housing for working families is a business and economic development issue, not only a humanitarian concern.

"Businesses today are seeking young creative professionals with state-of-the-art technology skills. These young men and women are often starting their careers and families and will be interested in this project. As such, it is fuel for the growth of our technology and other businesses," said Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

"As part of our ongoing effort to make SAIC an employer of choice, we understand the need for multiple levels of housing for employees, especially close to our headquarters in Tysons Corner," said J. Douglas Koelemay, vice president at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). "Opportunities to live close to where they work helps employees reduce commute time and improve their quality of life. And that translates into a business advantage."

The day before the board's approval of the Residences at the Government Center, the County's Economic Advisory Commission, comprised of Fairfax County business leaders and co-chaired by Herry and Supervisor John W. Foust (D), highlighted this shortage in its report to the board, and recommended that the county "reduce obstacles and/or create incentives" for the creation of more workforce housing.

"We have a robust economy, and the D.C. metro area has been proven to be resilient in the face of the economic downturn, but there's still a tremendous need for workforce housing. New housing supply has not kept pace with the growth in economy and jobs," said Paul DesJardin, director of Community Planning and Services Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), which prepares official forecasts of jobs and households for communities.

According to COG's 2009 report on the

What Is Workforce Housing?

Workforce housing is housing for the occupations needed in every community, including teachers, nurses, police officers, fire fighters and many other critical workers. In the Northern Virginia area, there is a mismatch between where these jobs are located and where affordable homes are. Often, working families must choose between paying high housing costs to live close to their jobs or enduring lengthy commutes from areas with more affordable housing. In areas with particularly high housing costs, employers may have difficulty retaining employees because the workers do not make enough to afford nearby homes and tire of long commutes.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Washington, D.C., metro area median income (AMI), the indicator often used to determine housing affordability, has one of the highest median incomes in the country, with an AMI that hovers just above \$100,000 for a family of four. Only New York, San Francisco and Boston have higher area median incomes.

The Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University determined that for Fairfax County, a deficit of 37,700 households will exist to satisfy the projected demand of 142,500 additional households by 2025.

What is considered "affordable" by a

family earning \$100,000 a year will likely be out of reach for another family that earns only \$25,000 a year. Incomes and housing costs also vary by location. A typical home in one community might cost \$500,000, while that same house would cost half as much in another part of the country.

Rules of thumb often are used to determine affordability. For example, the federal government considers housing to be affordable if a family spends no more than 30 percent of its income on its housing costs, including utilities. Using this benchmark, a family earning \$30,000 a year could afford to pay up to \$9,000 a year (or \$750 a month) on housing. In the private sector, lenders underwriting home purchases typically require that families spend no more than some set percentage of income (such as 28 percent) for mortgage payments, taxes and insurance.

Information provided by Housing Virginia at www.housingvirginia.org. Housing Virginia is a broad-based statewide partnership of public and private organizations.

For more information, residents can view these sites:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/t_y_s_o_n_s_c_o_r_n_e_r/gmu_housing_study_12102007.pdf

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area, job creation in Fairfax County continues to outpace housing growth by 50 percent. From 2005 to 2025, COG forecasted job creation at 213,700, while housing growth during the same period was projected to be 104,800.

Bulova said the way the project is structured is a model for economically-viable, public-private partnerships, and will help an essential portion of the workforce take advantage of job growth in the Northern Virginia area, near metro and urban areas

undergoing revitalization.

"The savings the Jefferson is able to realize in land costs will help to reduce their rents, allowing lower income service employees, young entry level workers and county employees a chance to work close to their jobs, an opportunity they might not otherwise have," she said. "Because the developer has made use of Federal tax credits to keep costs and rents affordable, units will also be available to neighboring private sector workers in the area."

According to COG's 2009 report on the

Jimmy Lange scored a 10-round unanimous decision over Jimmy "The Fighting School Teacher" Holmes last week at the Patriot Center, utilizing an effective jab especially in the middle-through-late rounds to help earn his 35th career victory. Lange, headlining his 12th show at the George Mason University venue, improved to 35-4-2, 24 KOs, while Holmes dropped to 19-2, 10 KOs.

Lange and Holmes fought a back-and-forth slugfest through the early part of their bout with each attempting to establish control in the ring. The two traded plenty of punches with Lange taking the lead in the sixth round using a string of strong combinations and a consistent jab that penetrated

Holmes' defense.

Lange continued to press in the seventh, only to have Holmes respond and maintain his poise in front of the partisan crowd and Holmes' first fight outside of the Midwest. Late in the round both fighters had some blood coming from cuts above the left eyes. The ninth and 10th rounds belonged to Lange as he had Holmes on the ropes numerous times, although he was unable to capitalize and finish his opponent. The rhythm of the 10th round was disrupted twice as repairs to tape on Holmes' glove caused extended delays, preventing Lange from attempting his traditional, last-minute knockout win.

"I thought the quality of my jabs tonight

was very good, I just did not have enough quantity," said Lange.

"I was a little disappointed in the fight tonight because I thought we could get Jimmy (Holmes) out of there a little earlier," remarked manager/father Johnny Lange at the post-fight press conference. "But other fighters really get up to fight Jimmy and come into the Patriot Center with nothing to lose."

"I thought I got in some good work tonight. He is a very long fighter and I usually fight shorter guys so I had to make some adjustments," said Lange, who plans to fight out of town once or twice before returning to Fairfax this fall.

— RICH SANDERS

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Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 54, Section 2, The Tall Woods, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 4542 at page 720, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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Improved by the premises known as
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Commonly known as 6604 Palamino Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150.

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OBITUARY

PEPLANSKY, C.M.F., REV. JOSEPH
Rev. Joseph J. Peplansky, C.M.F. passed away on March 13, 2011 after a prolonged illness. Father Peplansky was born on February 8, 1933, in Chicago, IL. He was the son of the late Thomas and Marie (nee Kretz) Peplansky. He is survived by his brothers, Donald and Edward Peplansky and sisters, Arlene Karpus, Mary Ann Busse and Catherine Leslie. Father Joe made his religious profession as a Claretian Missionary on July 16, 1954 and was ordained a priest on June 11, 1960. As a priest he served as pastor in the United States. During the 1960's, Fr. Peplansky ministered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Chicago, IL and was also the Claretian Vocation Director from '67 to '69'. From 1969-1976 he served as a campus chaplain and Director at the Catholic Student Center at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. In preceding years he served at Holy Cross Church in Chicago from '76 to '84; St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, VA from '84 to '90; St. Paul's Church in Chicago, IL from '90 to '96, and Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, Missouri from '96 to 2005 before a brief assignment as administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church that ended in 2006. Visitation on Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 3-9pm with prayer service at 8pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 3200 E. 91 Street, Chicago, IL 60617, (773) 768-0793. Visitation will also be on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of the Resurrection at 9:30am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery - Hillside, IL. Memorials can be made to Our Lady of Guadalupe School c/o The Claretian Missionaries @ 205 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL, 60606 or a charity to help the poor. Elmwood Chapel Chicago, IL in charge of arrangements. 773-731-2749.
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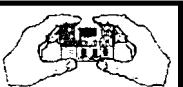
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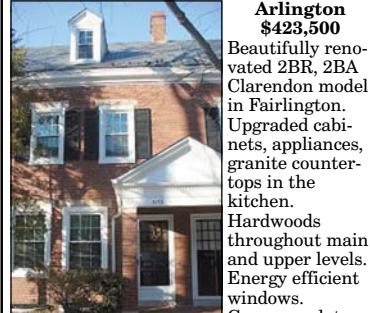
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Arlington \$423,500

Beautifully renovated 2BR, 2BA Clarendon model in Fairlington. Upgraded cabinets, appliances, granite countertops in the kitchen.

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Gainesville \$327,900

Fantastic Opportunity! 4BR SFH with hardwood flooring, 2 story foyer, finished basement with full bath. This home is 5 years young. Great lot located in Morris Farm Community backs to trees. Gorgeous kitchen with stainless steel appliances, deck. Master suite offers walk in closets, jetted soaking tub & separate shower. So much to offer for less-3rd Party Approval.

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WOW... 1 acre in Fairfax Station for under \$600K! 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, gleaming hardwood floors, screened-in porch, 2-car side-load garage, all on a 1 acre, fenced lot. Hurry before someone steals it from you.

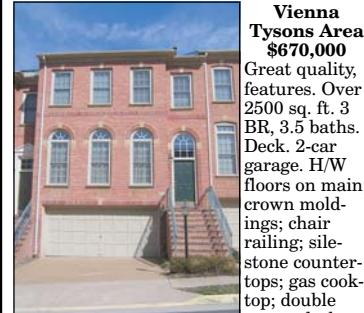
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Vienna \$670,000

Great quality, features. Over 2500 sq. ft. 3 BR, 3.5 baths. Deck. 2-car garage. H/W floors on main; crown moldings; chair railings; silestone counter-tops; gas cook-top; double ovens; deck; whirlpool; huge rec room with walkout to patio, gas fireplace and bookcases.

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Clifton, N. \$799,500

Gorgeous 4 BR, 3.5 BA redwood & stone contemporary rancher on 5.75 pristine acres! Open one-level living, 40x33 sun drenched great rm, cathedral ceiling, hdwd flrs, chef's kit w/2 islands, large MBR suite. Fin LL w/in-law suite, steam rm, rec rm, kit, 4800+sf Deck, pergola, patio, 2 car garage. Walk to Town of Clifton!

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West Springfield \$544,500

Renovated Top to Bottom
A perfect 10+, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 2 car garage in sought after West Springfield ES/HS school district! Spacious family room addition with cathedral ceilings, skylights, and cozy fireplace! Gourmet granite kitchen w/42" maple cabinetry! Freshly painted inside and out! New HVAC, all baths renovated! Walkout LL w/rec rm and full bath! Move right in, it's perfect! Virtual tour at www.seetheproperty.com/74701

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Waterfront Estate
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\$909,500
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