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W. Jeffrey Carlton was awarded the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson Memorial Award Saturday, March 26, at GMU's Mason Inn. Here, he dances with his daughter Reagan Carlton, right, and Lindsey Klaff.

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Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Plans Building Program

Patients could receive oncology, radiation services.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Currently, many local residents needing radiation or other oncology treatments have to go to Inova Fairfax Hospital to receive them. But a new, fourth, medical office building being built on Inova Fair Oaks Hospital's campus would bring these services closer to home.

Inova Fair Oaks is currently seeking approval from Fairfax County to construct that building, as well as more parking and a new entrance from Rugby Road. Also on the horizon is a future hospital addition that would provide more beds.

"The key element that's driving this project is the medical office building," said land-use attorney Tim Sampson, representing the hospital. "We hope to have it completed and occupied by the end of 2013."

He explained the plan last Tuesday, March 15, to members of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use



SEE HOSPITAL, PAGE 6 **Plans for the new addition to Inova Fair Oaks Hospital.**

Herrity: Lyme Disease Epidemic 'Largely Ignored'

Governor's Task Force on Lyme disease hears stories of loss, pain and frustration.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Tricia Platas, a Springfield mother of four, sat in front of Gov. Bob McDonnell's Lyme Disease Task Force on Tuesday, March 24, clenched her hands together, and testified about losing her 9-year-old daughter, Amber Marie, to Lyme disease.

"It was a few months after her ninth birthday when we really knew something was wrong," Platas said. "She woke up one morning in so much pain that she could not walk to the bathroom. This was a little girl who loved to laugh, loved to sing and dance, Amber was the light of our lives."

Platas cried when she told the panel and 120 attendees how desperate she was to make the many doctors she saw with Amber to take her daughter's "mysterious" illness seriously. In her frantic search for a cure, she took Amber to a doctor who strapped the little girl to a bed, and waved foul-smelling oils in her face. "Amber was screaming. I just can't believe anyone would do that," she said.

"I wanted them to treat my little girl right, so I wouldn't always ask the right questions, or demand answers. I feel terrible about that," she said. "You have to push for answers."

Amber Marie Platas died on April 22, 2002, at Children's National Medical Center.

Platas was one of 25 area patients and caregivers who testified about their experiences with Lyme disease at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield. They shared stories of pain, fear and fatigue with the eight-member panel of health department officials and legislators' representatives. It was the fifth public testimony hearing about the spread of Lyme disease in the Commonwealth.

Led by Michael Farris, chancellor of Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, the task force will propose recommendations to the governor after its final hearing April 25. Farris' wife and seven of his 10 children have been diagnosed with Lyme disease. The task force is comprised of physicians, wildlife officials, veterinarians and other experts.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 900 new cases of Lyme disease were reported in Virginia in 2009, a number the CDC acknowledges could be ten times higher due to under-reporting and inaccurate diagnostic tests. In Fairfax County, 250 cases were reported last year, according to the Fairfax County Health Department.

A deer tick takes about 36 hours to transmit Lyme disease, according to the CDC. The longer the disease goes undiagnosed and untreated, the greater the chances are for brain, heart and joint problems.

"We're here tonight to listen to people's stories, hear their recommendations and advocate for more public awareness and education," Farris said.

A well-known constitutional lawyer, Farris is the founder of the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSDLA) and Patrick Henry College, a Christian liberal arts college that is aimed at home-schooled students.

"Lyme disease is dramatically misdiag-

nosed, and there is too much denial by doctors that chronic Lyme does not exist," Farris said.

Mikey Pedersen, a 14-year-old Vienna resident, told the panel that his case of Lyme disease went undiagnosed for a year despite seven doctor visits. He said doctors attributed his symptoms to growing pains. The delayed diagnosis allowed Lyme and co-infections to spread throughout his body causing rashes, severe joint pain, and fatigue.

Kristina Sheridan, a Vienna mother of a teenage daughter with Lyme disease, told the panel her family spent four years seeing 30 doctors, visiting seven hospitals and receiving more than 15 diagnoses before they found a team of doctors determined to get her daughter well.

She gave the panel a list of specific recommendations for the panel to consider, including spraying the edges of school fields and soccer fields with Permethrin, an in-

"It saddens me to see how many people are still being made sick by this horrible little bug."

— Tricia Platas

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Penderbrook Man Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement

A Penderbrook man accused of stealing more than \$700,000 from an organization that helps the world's poor pleaded guilty March 4 to three counts of embezzlement. He is Eun Tae Lee, 51, of the 12100 block of Wedgeway Court in Fair Oaks.

Deputy Charles Perinis, an investigator with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, explained the case against him in a March 30, 2010 affidavit for a warrant to search Lee's home for possible evidence.

According to the affidavit, on March 26, 2010, members of the SEED International, a faith-based, nonprofit in Sterling, told authorities that their former financial officer, Lee, had embezzled "in excess of \$700,000 from their organization. They informed [Perinis] that Lee accomplished this by gaining control of the church's bank accounts and writing checks from these accounts to individual accounts he'd established in his own name."

The deputy wrote that Lee then used this money "to support a lavish lifestyle that included his residence on Wedgeway Court, the rent for an apartment at 4602 Commons Drive, No. 103, in Annandale, the purchase of a 2006 Porsche Cayenne [SUV] and his personal living expenses."

Furthermore, wrote Perinis, when members of SEED International asked Lee about the missing money, he "produced counterfeit financial documents and bank statements to show a falsified investment of the church's funds." The deputy noted that, upon questioning, a bank representative confirmed that the bank letters and statements "were, in fact, counterfeit."

SEED International assists missionaries from a Sterling-based church with funding. The group's Web site states its goal as "to provide humanitarian aid and services to the poorest of the poor in the developing world, especially in the areas of Survival, Education, and Economic Development" (SEED).

Lee turned himself in to the Loudoun Sheriff's Office on April 15, 2010, and was charged with 16 counts of embezzlement. Then on July 12 of that year, the Loudoun County grand jury indicted him on every count.

After various delays, he was scheduled for a March 14 jury trial but, instead, pleaded guilty to three counts of embezzlement on March 4. In exchange, the other 13 counts were dropped. Judge Thomas Horne then set his sentencing for June 30.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Ex-GMU Professor Pleads Guilty: Child Porn Charges

A 41-year-old McLean man pleaded guilty in court Monday to six, sexual offenses involving a 15-year-old Centreville girl. He is Joshua Gessler of 1300 block of Nina Court.

Fairfax County police began an in-depth investigation in May 2010 after the girl was reported as a runaway. During the course of the investigation, detectives linked Gessler to her through a series of online interactions.

Police then arrested him, Aug. 9, 2010, with detectives initially charging him with five counts of possession of child pornography and one count of production of child pornography. Authorities alleged that the girl and Gessler met in person and he took photos of a sexual nature and transmitted them electronically.

But that's not all. Following further investigation by detectives assigned to the Child Exploitation Unit, on Sept. 16, 2010, police charged Gessler with 10 additional counts of possession of child pornography.

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NEWS



First grade students from Valerie Sesso's class goes to the garden at Eagle View Elementary for a science lesson.

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Vandals Trash School Garden

Eagle View Elementary learning garden targeted.

Vandals tore apart a flower garden planted by young students at Eagle View Elementary School on Tuesday, March 22, leaving flowers and dirt strewn on the sidewalk.

"Coincidentally, this happened the night before our newsletter went out, which featured a story about the flower garden that was blooming," said Jessica Chinn, an art specialist at the school. "Both first and second graders saw their garden bloom before the vandalism occurred, and they took the news hard."

According to Chinn, first-grade students planted the garden last year with funds from the PTA. The elementary school is located at 4500 Dixie Hill Road in Fairfax.

"The Fine Arts Committee and the first-grade team here at Eagle View worked together and spearheaded the project," Chinn said. "We installed our two garden beds in June next to our preschool playground on the side of the building."

The first graders worked for three hours to build the garden with eight staff members. Last October, a new group of first-graders added to the garden, after learning about plant life, creating murals and taking nature walks.

"This year's first graders were so proud to see the crocus, tulip and daffodil bulbs that they planted last fall starting to poke their heads above ground," Chinn said.

"Our staff, students and parent community were deeply saddened by this awful event but hope to rebuild an even better garden for our students," Chinn said. She added that Eagle View students were planning an addition to the garden for the first-year anniversary, but will now have to rebuild.

In the newsletter article, Chinn said first-grade teacher Val Sesso summed up what the garden sym-



Vandals destroyed a learning garden at Eagle View Elementary.

bolized for the students. "The garden continues to be a source of inspiration throughout our school."

According to Fairfax County Police Department spokesman Bud Walker, there are no leads and no suspect information on the destruction of property. Walker said anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477.

Chinn said the school is asking for volunteers to lend a hand rebuilding the garden Saturday, April 2 at 9 a.m. "There's still hope for our garden to thrive but in a more visible and safer location," she said.

— VICTORIA ROSS

NEWS

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He was indicted by the grand jury, Jan. 18, on all 16 charges, and was slated for a jury trial, Monday, March 28, in Circuit Court. Instead, he pleaded guilty to six offenses and the other 10 charges were dropped.

Represented by attorney Peter Greenspun, Gessler entered guilty pleas to five counts of possession of child pornography. His charge of production of child pornography was reduced to contributing to the delinquency of a minor – a misdemeanor – and he pleaded guilty to it, too. Judge Jane Roush then set his sentencing for May 27.

Gessler was a corporate and securities attorney with the law firm of Arnold & Porter in McLean. He obtained his law degree in 2000 from GMU, where he was an adjunct professor from 2007-2009.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Police Arrest Local Man

City of Fairfax Police have charged a local man with malicious wounding and abduction following an incident last Wednesday, March 23, in the 4000 Block of Barbour Drive. According to police, that day at 4:30 a.m., a 33-year-old Annandale woman reported that, during the course of an altercation, a male acquaintance allegedly assaulted her.

She told police that Robert Kennedy, 26, of 4000 block of Barbour Drive, reportedly attempted to detain her in a room, tried choking her and cut her hand with a knife. She was subsequently treated at a hospital. Following an investigation, Kennedy was arrested and held without bond in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Business Owner Faces Indictment

In December, City of Fairfax Police charged a City business owner with embezzlement for allegedly failing to pay nearly \$26,000 in City of Fairfax meals tax collections. Cindi Azzouz, 35, owns Pizzarama at 9639 Fairfax Blvd., and police contend that she owes meals taxes collected at her business between Dec. 12, 2006 and June 28, 2010. Now, her case is moving forward in the legal system. A Fairfax County grand jury indicted Azzouz last Monday, March 21, and she's now slated to enter a plea on April 5.

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Hospital Expansion

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Committee. After he answered their questions, they voted to recommend approval.

The office building would be four floors and 90,000 square feet, with a 25,000-square-foot cellar. It would house a new oncology center made possible by the relocation of a portion of the radiation/oncology services from Inova Fairfax to Inova Fair Oaks.

"It would be for doctors' and patients' convenience," said Sampson. "It would also be beneficial to the area roads because people would have to drive less of a distance to reach these services."

WFCCA's Judy Heisinger asked how many more cars and parking spaces are associated with this project. Sampson said the medical office building is expected to generate 290 morning-rush trips and 273 evening-rush trips.

"But most of the traffic would be generated during non-rush-hours when patients are visiting the medical office building, wouldn't it?" asked Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger.

"That's right," Sampson said.

Although the office building would displace 100 current parking spaces, Sampson said the proposal also entails some 450 new parking spaces — 150 in an area of new, surface parking on the northwestern part of the campus, plus about 300 in an existing garage that has extra space.

The medical office building won't be taller than 60 feet, and additional space inside not used for oncology/radiation may serve a variety of purposes, such as doctors' offices, a pharmacy and possibly a delicatessen.

A new, five-level parking garage is slated for construction in a future phase, but the surface parking is scheduled to come online with the medical office building. Planning Commissioner Jim Hart (At-large) asked how high the parking garage would be, and Sampson said it would be four stories and 50-feet tall.

The developer, J. David Sittler, said the parking-garage lights would be 15 feet tall. But, said Hart, "More and lower would be better, with the neighbors across the street."

Regarding the addition to house more patients, Inova Fair Oaks already has approval for a 160,000-square-foot, hospital-bed tower expansion north of the existing

hospital. It's now proposing to increase it by 39,175 square feet for a total of 199,175 square feet.

"But it will be within the same footprint [of what's already approved]," said Sampson. "And we've kept it within the built environment of the campus."

Like the hospital-bed tower, the new entrance to the campus is anticipated for one of the later construction phases that could happen before or after 2019. It's earmarked to go between the two, existing entrances and will be about 600 feet down Rugby Road, north of Alder Woods Drive.

"It's to better distribute traffic trying to get in and out of the campus and improve the Alder Woods/Rugby Road intersection," said Sampson. "It also relieves congestion at the other two entrances."

All of these improvements, he said, are "to allow the hospital to continue to meet the needs of the community for health-care services. The campus is really starting to pull together cohesively now, more than ever before."

"We'd appreciate having additional radiation services out here," said WFCCA's Judy Heisinger. However, she noted that Inova Fair Oaks would "probably need a shuttle bus to get patients from the parking lots and garages to the medical buildings."

Todd McGovern, assistant vice-president of growth with Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, said the hospital would consider it.

"You serve 94,000 households, close to half a million people," said Litzenberger. "Does that count those who live over the [Loudoun] county line?"

"People use the hospital closest to where they live, and that includes people from South Riding," said McGovern.

If that's the case, Litzenberger expects business to be booming once the new, medical office building opens up. "I've gotten a ton of e-mails from people excited to have the radiation/oncology services closer to their homes, instead of their having to drive up and back in traffic to [Inova] Fairfax Hospital," he said.

The WFCCA then voted unanimously to approve the proposal, subject to an OK from county staff and provided Inova Fair Oaks Hospital makes every effort to buffer the community from lighting and other possible adverse impacts. The matter now heads to the county Planning Commission on June 23.

Encore Helping Earthquake Victims

Encore Theatrical Arts Project's new dance musical, "The Show Must Go On," will be Friday, April 1, at 2 and 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m., at Northern Virginia Community College's Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center. According to Director

Raynor van der Merwe, a percentage of all ticket sales will be donated to the American Red Cross to help the Japanese earthquake victims. Tickets are \$15-\$25 and may be purchased at www.encore-tap.org. Call 571-643-4760 for group bookings.

Lyme Disease Task Force

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sect repellent, to kill ticks as well as West Nile Virus.

"I've no doubt both my kids got bitten by ticks on soccer fields," she said. Sheridan also said parents of children diagnosed with Lyme need to understand the process for Special Education Certification for "other health issues."

"This certification provides families and the school with the flexibility needed to handle the waxing and waning symptoms, the additional days of absence," Sheridan said.

Sarah Beasley, a 29-year-old Fairfax woman, told the panel that she is living proof chronic Lyme exists. In 2000, she was a senior at James Madison University and participated in Army ROTC for fun. But then she started having serious muscle and joint pains.

"We have an epidemic that we're largely ignoring."

— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)

"As soon as each day was done, I'd limp to my apartment and crash into bed," she said.

"My whole life, I had been a six-hours-kind-of-sleep-girl. Suddenly, I would sleep for 13 hours and wake up feeling like I had been hit by a Mac truck." After 10 years and more than 10 different doctors, Beasley, the director of a local education association, said she is on the path to wellness.

At the end of her testimony, she dumped out a large bag of medications, herbs, supplements and vitamins. "Please understand that it takes all of these to keep me going in the way that I need to function," she said. "Without them, I will be that girl that is confined again to the downstairs couch." She added that she wants the panel to encourage research and protect doctors who actually understand "this spreading, debilitating disease."

Marjorie Veiga, a Lyme disease patient consultant and mother of a teen daughter diagnosed with Lyme disease, said the biggest myth about Lyme disease is that it is easily diagnosed and treated.

"It is difficult to diagnose due to the unreliable screening tests and due to the migrating and remitting symptoms," she said. "Also, ticks can carry multiple pathogens. If these are not diagnosed and treated, the patient may continue to be unresponsive to multiple therapies."

"These heartrending cases of misdiagnosis, financial ruin, and social isolation are difficult to hear as we travel throughout Virginia," Farris said. "But it is important to gather first-hand testimonies about the personal impact of long-term illness. One of our most important goals is to allow people to be heard."

The final Task Force hearing on the educational needs in Lyme and tick-borne disease will be Monday, April 25, at 1 p.m. in Fairfax. A location has not been announced yet.

"I was so moved by all the stories given at the meeting that night," Platas said in an interview after the three-hour hearing. "It saddens me to see how many people are still being made sick by this horrible little bug."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) attended the hearing, and has listed Lyme Disease Awareness as one of his priorities.

In 2009, Herrity, along with Supervisor Michael

Fairfax County Tracks Lyme Disease Cases

For the past 10 years, reported cases of Lyme disease have been on the rise in Fairfax County. In 2009, the number spiked to 260 cases.

"Approximately 250 cases of Lyme disease were reported to the Fairfax County Health Department in 2010," said Dr. Peter Troell, medical epidemiologist with the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD). "These reported cases represent only a portion of the cases of Lyme disease in our community and are used primarily to follow disease trends. We know that many other cases go undiagnosed and/or unreported."

The good news, Troell said, is that Fairfax County employs a more comprehensive approach than many other areas in the nation, where the focus is solely on how to avoid ticks.

The county's approach includes: tracking human cases, tick surveillance, outreach to health care providers to promote early diagnosis and treatment, deer management and public education.

In May 2010, Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence) hosted a town hall meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center, featuring county staff and two of the two of the nation's leading experts on Lyme disease.

"Lyme disease is on the rise in Virginia and the United States, according to the CDC," said Bulova. "As people spend more time outdoors because of the warm weather, we want them to know how to protect themselves from the ticks that transmit Lyme disease."

— VICTORIA ROSS

Frey (R-Sully), conducted a town hall symposium on Lyme disease at Centreville High School. He said he became concerned about the prevalence of the disease after hearing from many of his constituents afflicted with the disease.

"We have an epidemic that we're largely ignoring," he said, adding that he hopes the panel considers that one of their recommendations should be to pass legislation similar to that enacted in Connecticut, where doctors are allowed to prescribe extended doses of antibiotics without fear of malpractice lawsuits.

According to "The Connecticut Post," passage of the bill in May 2009, which allows physicians to diagnose chronic Lyme disease, and treat it with long-term antibiotics was one of the "cornerstone moments of Lyme disease politics over the last decade."

Similar bills have been introduced in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and Maryland that would compel insurance companies to pay for antibiotic treatment for chronic Lyme disease CLD.

"For Swine Flu, we went on full red-alert, but more people are afflicted with Lyme disease, and it's time we take it seriously," Herrity said.

Those who did not attend the hearings, but want to share how they've been affected by the disease may e-mail Farris at lyme@phc.edu.

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OPINION

In Praise of Workforce Housing

Fairfax County needs more affordable housing of all varieties.

After a recent vote to approve 270 apartments that would be rented to families with a variety of income levels, the three members who voted against it — John Cook (R-Braddock), Michael Frey (R-Sully) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) — called the project “subsidized luxury housing” which would compete with the private sector.

Fairfax County desperately needs a mix of affordable housing. The county offers a wide variety of options, from tiny efficiency apartments for a single person that can cost less than \$400 a month including utilities, to three-bedroom apartments that cost \$1,100 a month for families of four or more who could earn \$100,000 a year.

But there is not nearly enough such housing available. There are more than 12,000 families or individuals languishing on a waiting list that could take three years or more. Some families are waiting in homeless shelters.

This isn't a case of wanting to spread the wealth around. This is a serious economic development issue.

“Businesses today are seeking young creative professionals with state-of-the-art technology skills,” said Gerald Gordon, of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, calling workforce housing and this project in particular “fuel for the growth of our technology

and other businesses.” These workers often cannot, at the beginning of their careers, afford to live in Fairfax County.

“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,” said Douglas Koelemay of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).

EDITORIALS

More than 70,000 households in Fairfax County have income of less than \$50,000 per year, less than half the area median income for a family of four, \$102,700, according to the 2008 US Census Bureau's American Community Survey. More than 26,000 households in Fairfax County have income of less than \$25,000 per year.

Think about it for a minute. If you're reading the Connection in newsprint, chances are that your household has annual income of more than \$200,000 a year. How can any family survive on less than \$25,000 here?

Fairfax County has the largest number of renters with what is described as “worst case housing” in Virginia: More than 12,000 Fairfax County renter households pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing costs, have incomplete plumbing facilities and/or live in severe overcrowding.

cuss recommended changes.

The School Board and staff are committed to a safe and secure learning environment for all students and that will not change. But we also recognize that any process involving students can and should withstand periodic review that can lead to new procedures. I believe we can make improvements to our discipline process that will benefit our students, parents and schools. I encourage you to stay involved with our progress by visiting <http://www.fcps.edu/news/discipline.htm>.

Kathy Smith, Chairman
Fairfax County School Board

Lazy Thinking

To the Editor:

When the governor vetoed last week the proposed physical education requirement for our schools, my first thought was “laziness.”

Not the physical laziness from students failing to get the daily activity. Rather, it was the intellectual laziness that arises from smart people blindly adopting state-

ments from our educational establishment when those statements are contrary to fact.

The backdrop for this issue is the rapid increase in childhood obesity that now impacts one-third of all schoolchildren. Our children are heavier than at any time in U.S. history. By every objective measure, they engage in less physical activity.

The bill passed by the General Assembly requires at least 150 minutes of weekly physical activity from kindergarten through eighth grade. To provide time for implementation, the law's effect was delayed until 2015.

Rather than embracing this modest use of our public schools to promote healthy living, the proposal was assailed by critics in the educational establishment. Normally, I defer to the leadership of the school system on curriculum issues. Not this time. In fact, these criticisms suffer from inconsistency if not hypocrisy.

CRITICISM #1: The law is an “unfunded mandate” which will cost millions to implement.

RESPONSE: Nonsense. Every school in Virginia has open space and recreational facilities. Nearly all in Fairfax County have full-size

Fairfax County is smart to take underused county-owned property, like the land around Government Center and other “surplus” property to help create more opportunities to expand lower cost rental apartments.

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Redistricting Maps To Be Released

Don't miss your only opportunity to comment locally in Northern Virginia on newly drawn state district lines for Virginia Senate, House of Delegates and U.S. Congress. The public hearing is Saturday, April 2, 10:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Auditorium.

Or travel to Loudoun, the only other Northern Virginia hearing, on Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. in the Loudoun County Board Room, Leesburg.

New districts are on a fast track to approval in time for summer primary elections.

For more, see <http://www.vpap.org/updates/redistricting>, and <http://redistricting.dls.virginia.gov> and www.connectionnewspapers.com.

— MARY KIMM

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Discipline Process

To the Editor:

One of the hallmarks of a great community is its ability to share, listen to and understand the diverse viewpoints of its members. An effective governing body also must be open to new ideas that may challenge traditional ways of operating.

The Fairfax County School Board is currently considering changes to the school system's student discipline process. We know that this is an emotional issue, and we are listening carefully to the concerns that some parents have shared.

As a result, in March the School Board spent several hours outlining the issues that need further exploration, such as the length of time it takes to move through the process; timing of parental notification when a student is involved in an incident; and balancing the consistency of consequences with individual circumstances. In April, the School Board will review applicable state law requirements as well as an analysis of relevant data. In May, the Board will dis-

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LETTERS

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demic offerings. Today's educational elite would rather invest money in "Mandarin for kindergarteners," rather than old-fashioned sports and exercise.

But our kids need movement every day. Sitting at a desk all day makes for a round student, not a well-rounded one.

Therefore, the legislature should over-ride the governor's veto and put some muscle back into the school day.

Sen. Chap Petersen
D-34th District

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Irish Dancing Year-round

Hugh Conway teaches Irish ceili and set dancing in Fairfax City.

BY JAMES CULLUM
THE CONNECTION

Missing St. Patrick's Day already? Don't fret, lads and lasses. Every Tuesday, Hugh Conway teaches Irish ceili and set dancing at the Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, in Fairfax. There, the lilt of Irish jokes and laughter abound.

"Irish dancing is not that difficult to get the basics down, unlike ballroom dancing," said Conway, whose father was Irish. "It takes time to learn the dances from memory. At a major ceili [an Irish social dance, pronounced kay-lee], there's no calling. Everybody knows the names of the dances and they do them."

Maureen Dale has danced with the Tuesday Night Ceili Club for four years. Born and raised in England, Dale often danced at home. "If we ended up having something at my mother's house, we would end up doing steps," she said. "When I was young, it wasn't very fashionable to do Irish dancing and I never told my friends about it. But now, the trendier pubs in Ireland are playing the Irish music. They play it much faster and it's lots of fun!"

Jessica Martin and friend Ashley Ried of Alexandria started the year-round course in January. "I lived in Ireland for over a year and Ashley came and visited me for a month," Martin said. "And while we were there we took a road trip, which is what got us interested in the City of Fairfax's Irish Festival. We found out about ceilis, which is how we met Hugh."



PHOTO BY JAMES CULLUM/THE CONNECTION

Hugh Conway dances with Ashley Ried at the Tuesday Night Ceili Club at the Green Acres Center.

"Irish dancing is not that difficult to get the basics down, unlike ballroom dancing."

— Hugh Conway

A brand-new \$400 snap-lock dance floor greeted last week's class. "There's an industrial grade carpet on that floor and this is so much better. We can break that floor up and take it away in a half-hour if necessary," said Conway. "There's a Scottish dancing group on Mondays and a group of cloggers and they love it because it took a lot of stress off their feet."

Conway, whose other hobbies include reading and pistol shooting, began Irish dancing when he retired as a bank examiner with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1996. Apart from Tuesdays, he can be found at Frying Pan Park, which hosts a ceili the second Saturday of every month.

"When I started, there was an Irish dance class every Saturday at the Woods Center in Fairfax, but I couldn't find a class on a weekday, so I decided I would teach one," he said. "Once I got into it, I was dancing three or four nights a week so that I would be good enough to teach. See, if you go out and jog on the street, you think: 'Oh, when is this going to be over?' But with Irish dancing, you're sorry when it's over."

For more, go to <http://www.ceilidance.com/>.

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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/MARCH 31

Burn The Ballroom, Safety Word Orange and Turtle Recall. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.
John McCutcheon. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk singer/songwriter. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 1

The Virginia Opera: Puccini's "Madama Butterfly." 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.
The Guggenheim Grotto and Galen Curry at 7 p.m., and Mista Hyde, Shux, Twizm and Nooky Beats at 10

p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.
Fairfax Art League Photographers' Show. 3-7 p.m. Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. With photographers Don Allen, Spencer Cake, Carol Caputo, Glenda Kirkman, Larry Oskin, Allen Pearson, Joan Singer and more. Free. Light refreshments. www.fairfaxartleague.net.
Roger McGuinn. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. The former front man of the Byrds. \$27. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Willy Porter at 7 p.m., and "Far from the Moon" Featuring: Raphael Bhatti, Alex Flynn, Ryan Linde and Shelby Neal at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.
Cravin' Dogs 25th Anniversary Celebration with The Michael Clem Trio. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap

Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk/roots-rock. \$16. www.wolftrap.org.
"A Little Night Music." 7:30 p.m. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. With the all female a cappella group Reveille from The College of William and Mary. Dessert reception to follow. Free. www.BurkePresChurch.org or 703-764-0456.
Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Advanced beginners "Two Step" lesson 7:30 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha and more. Couples and singles welcome. \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.
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THURSDAY/APRIL 7

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FRIDAY/APRIL 8

William Fitzsimmons and Slow Runner. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

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Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation Executive Director Margery Leveen Sher and W. Jeffrey Carlton, recipient of the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson Memorial Award pose for a photo Saturday night, March 26.



Mindy Rubin of Kaiser Permanente; Harry Klaff, Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation board member; Margery Leveen Sher, executive director of the foundation; and Jorge A. Ramallo-Pardo, far left, a former recipient of foundation services exchanges before the meal begins.

Gala Evening

Foundation marks 25th years of service with gala at GMU's Mason Inn.

The Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a Dress Up with Grown-Ups Gala on Saturday, March 26 at the George Mason Inn in Fairfax. The organization was established in 1986 as a public/private program to help children from low-income and uninsured families receive health care. Since 1986, the foundation has served more than 85,000 children. Currently the organization serves 9,000 children in Fairfax County.



Wendy Meil and grandson Zachary Meil of the Meil Family Foundation check out items in the silent auction.



Brooke Reynolds and Will Dolin, both of Oakton, help raise funds at the Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation by selling small items table to table. Checking out the goods are Sean and Susan McDermott of Oakton. Sean McDermott is on the Foundation's Board of Directors.



Jorge A. Ramallo-Pardo, a former recipient of Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation services, takes a moment with his former foundation caseworker, Graciella Jones, and his mother Deysi Pardo de Ramallo.



Brian and Eva Williams of Fairfax take a moment to look at items in the silent auction, one of the fundraising events taking place at the Dress Up with Grown-Ups Gala.

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The W.T. Woodson High football program is going through some changes as a result of the recent departure of head coach Trey Taylor, who is now at the helm of the Robinson Rams.

Cavs ISO Football Coach

Former coach Taylor now in charge at Robinson.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Woodson High School will begin the interview process for a new head football coach beginning the week of April 11, according to the school's director of student activities Dan Checkosky.

"We closed the position on April 5 and are forming a [interview] committee," said Checkosky.

The opening is the result of Trey Taylor recently stepping down as the Cavaliers' head coach. Taylor, two years ago, guided Woodson to a 13-2 record and a trip to the Division 6 Northern Region finals where the Cavaliers lost to Lake Braddock, 27-20. This past fall season, Woodson struggled and finished 3-7.

Taylor resigned at Woodson in order to become the new head coach at Robinson Secondary, historically one of the top football programs in the region. So Taylor, whose Woodson team competed in the Patriot District, will now be the leader of a Rams' program that is part of the Concorde District.

Robinson, under long time head coach Mark Bendorf, went 9-3 this past season and got as far as the Division 6 region semifinals where their season ended with a 24-23 loss to Lake Braddock.

Bendorf, following the winter school break, informed Robinson personnel of his intentions to retire from both coaching and teaching. Shortly thereafter, he told his players of his plans.

"The kids were shocked," said Marty Riddle, the Robinson director of student activities. "But they have handled it well and that's a tribute to them."

Bendorf will conclude this school year as Robinson's physical education chairman.

"It was perfect timing with his age and the number of years he has in Fairfax County," said Riddle, of Bendorf's retirement timing.

Riddle said Bendorf has helped the coaching tran-

sition by continuing to work with the Rams' players in the weight room this offseason.

"If you had walked into the weight room [in recent weeks], you would not have known he had retired," said Riddle. "[The football program] is maintaining the type of work ethic and preparation that has been a hallmark of Robinson football. Mark's really helped in that respect to make sure the training continues."

RIDDLE SAID six candidates were interviewed for the Robinson football head coach position. Bendorf was not a part of the interview process but Riddle did ask the heralded coach, at the beginning stages in the search for a new coach, for his input on which individuals from around the region should be on their radar screen.

"His knowledge basis was very helpful in knowing a lot of people," said Riddle.

Riddle said Robinson has the right man to take over for Bendorf in Taylor.

"I think he has a solid background in the Northern Region having coached for 15 years," he said, of Taylor. "He brings the experience of having been a head football coach."

Riddle said, in regards to football philosophy, that Taylor believes in building a staunch defense and, on the offensive side, running the football with success. At Woodson, Taylor's teams, at times, had good success both running and throwing the football.

"There will be a [continued] emphasis in the weight room and preparing kids to play in the Concorde District and continuing the Robinson success," said Riddle. "Mark emphasized the same type of approach."

At Woodson, Checkosky said the plan is to bring in a new football coach who is "a strong character person with great knowledge of football."

Checkosky was naturally disappointed to lose Taylor, who will continue the school year as a weight instructor at Woodson, as the Cavaliers' head football coach. But he also wishes Taylor the best in the future.

Fairfax Enjoys Early Season Success

Under new coach, the Lady Rebels are 2-1-1 following win over Jaguars.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

New Fairfax High girls' soccer coach Gino Leon, going into the current season, thoroughly believed he would enjoy coaching Northern Region high school girls' soccer. He was excited when he was named the Rebels' new coach this past season and could hardly wait for the spring season's opening practices to start up.

Now, a month or so into the spring campaign, Leon, who has coached travel team soccer over the years and is currently an assistant coach of the Bishop Ireton High girls' program during the fall season, is quite pleased by the progress he has seen from his players. He said the Rebels' senior leadership has been outstanding and that the girls are working hard to improve their games and cohesiveness as a team.

"I'm having a blast and am enjoying this so much," he said.

Fairfax improved its early season record to 2-1-1 earlier this week on Monday night, March 28 when it defeated Falls Church High, 4-0, in a non-district home game. Meg Murphy, a senior forward, scored two of her team's goals in the win.

"We started a little sloppy," said Leon, of the win over the Jaguars. "We were up 1-0 at half-time but came out strong in the second half and scored three more goals."

Fairfax, which went 7-10-1 last year under former coach Michelle Dierkes, has received good play across the board, from both its starters and back-up players. Leon has taught a possession-style of play which the Rebels have taken well to.

"It's coming around," he said. "Last year they played more kick and run. I've emphasized ball control and possession. At times, we've looked brilliant."

Murphy, who is set to play college soccer on scholarship at George Washington University next year, gives Fairfax a strong

"I'm having a blast and am enjoying this so much."

— Gino Leon

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Robinson Tennis Wins

The Robinson Rams shut out the Oakton Cougars on the home courts on Thursday. Freshman Aaron Christian at No. 3 ran away with his match, winning 10-1. Jacob Schreiman played well at No. 6, using numerous passing shots to win 10-2. David Smiley won easily at No. 4, 10-4. Seniors Tim Ferrell and Michael Cable also won, 10-5 and 10-4, respectively. The most competitive match was at No. 5 where Dillon Meyer fell behind 5-2 but staged a big comeback to win, 10-7. His Oakton opponent started out blazing hot. He took Dillon's high bouncing forehands early and controlled the points, hardly missing on his forehand. However, Meyer kept his focus and gradually turned the tide. The Cougar lost his focus and faded out of the match. That completed the singles shutout.

Ferrell and Christianteamed up to win 8-2 as did Amit Gupta and Meyer. Stephen Paul and Dayton Coupland pulled out the third doubles, 8-6.

SPORTS



Paul VI senior Scott Christ greets an O'Connell attackman at the top of the crease.



Senior Tyler Aunon rips a goal at Oakton.

PHOTOS BY PATRICK MCCORMICK

Paul VI Boys' Lacrosse Ranked Seventh in Nation

Private school rolls over DeMatha, Oakton and O'Connell.

The Paul VI Boys' Lacrosse team has started off the season with a strong run of victories. On Tuesday, March 22, the Panthers traveled to Arlington to face off against rival O'Connell.

PVI scored the first goal of the game in 61 seconds and never looked back, beating O'Connell 14-4.

The Panthers were led by sophomore Connor Murphy (four goals three assists), sophomore Logan Aunon (one goal, three assists), sophomore Scott Primeau (one goal, three assists), senior Danny Barcklow

(three goals), and senior Ty Aunon (one goal, two assists). Sophomore Zach Tuell had an impressive game making 13 saves.

The following night, they didn't have to travel very far to face a traditionally strong Oakton team. The boys once again jumped out to an early start, scoring 55 seconds into the game and once again, never looked back.

The only thing able to stop the Panthers that night was the lightning, as PVI took an 8-1 lead into a 30-minute lightning delay half way through the third quarter.

After returning to the field, PVI was able

to finish what they started with a 14-5 victory with strong performances by Murphy (four goals), Aunon (one goal, three assists), junior Brandon Fullerton (two goals, one assist), Ty Aunon (two goals), and Primeau (two goals, one assist). Tuell finished the game with 11 saves.

The week was capped off with a Friday night face off with DeMatha on Panther Field. DeMatha, who has won seven of the last nine WCAC titles, looked impressive jumping out to a one goal lead just 45 seconds into the game. Four minutes later, they scored again making the score 2-0. However, Barcklow found the back of the net making the score 2-1 at the end of the first.

DeMatha scored the first two goals of the second quarter giving them a three-goal

lead, but the Panthers went on the offensive, scoring three goals in a 2-minute stretch to tie the game halfway through the second period.

DeMatha was able to score before half-time, giving them a one-goal lead. PVI scored the first three goals of the second half and never looked back, pulling off the upset over DeMatha 10-8.

The Panthers were again led by Murphy (two goals, two assists), Logan Aunon (two goals), Barcklow (two goals, one assist) and Ty Aunon (one goal, two assists).

The PVI boys' lacrosse team has started the season 5-0 and are currently ranked seventh in the nation by Laxpower.

— PATRICK MCCORMICK

Rebel Girls Start Off Soccer Season Strong

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frontline player up top. A second year starter for the Rebels, Murphy is a former player at Bishop O'Connell High in Arlington. She transferred to Fairfax following her sophomore year at the Catholic school and has been a nice addition to Fairfax soccer over the past year-plus.

"Her ball skills are strong," said Leon. "She can dribble against anyone, has the size and can protect the ball well. And she can blister the ball with either foot. She's a fun player to watch."

Another senior who had a fine game against Falls Church was goalie Samantha Cormode, who will be playing at Virginia Tech next year.

"She had a super night," said Leon, of his goalie's play on Monday. "She's very experienced. She has a great work ethic during practice and her focus during a game is admirable. She's so into the game."

In the midfield, senior Melody Salmeron has played solid soccer during her second season as a Fairfax starter.

"Her ball distribution is great and her

dribbling skills are very good," said the coach.

Also playing quality ball in the midfield is junior Sally Dillinger, who played outstanding against Falls Church.

Other team members who have played stellar soccer thus far include sophomore center defender Allison Garris, junior forward Stephanie Spitz, junior midfielder Maddy Thompson, and sophomore outside defensive back Shannon Cosgrove.

Of Garris, Leon said, "she has great field vision and her defensive skills are great."

Spitz, at forward, netted a scorching, 20-yard goal against Falls Church. The Rebels received good play off the bench from several players, including sophomore midfielder Barb Rajendra, who scored a goal in the win.

"She really gave us some great minutes," said Leon.

COACH LEON has emphasized good physical conditioning and playing fundamentally sound soccer to his players. He believes the result of good conditioning and learning the building blocks of the game will

result in wins.

"It's all about developing good players," he said.

And, of course, good team chemistry also helps.

"The team unity here is great," he said. "The girls get along with each other and are playing with and for each other. Our seniors are molding [their underclassmen teammates] for next year. I'm really happy with the results I'm seeing."

Fairfax opened the season on March 14 with a 1-0 win at Chantilly High. The Chargers' goal in that contest came from Cosgrove, who along with playing in the back is also a strong player in the midfield when called upon.

Following the season-opener win over the Chargers, Fairfax lost a home game to local rival W.T. Woodson on March 16, then played Liberty District opponent and guest Madison to a 2-2 tie on March 22 before, most recently, defeating Falls Church.

This week, the Rebels were scheduled to play a pair of district road games at Marshall on Wednesday, March 30 and at Langley on Friday night, April 1 at 7 p.m.

May 14 Event To Honor Retiring Robinson Coach

Recently retired Robinson Secondary football coach Mark Bendorf will be honored with a special tribute, themed, 'Live The Legacy,' the evening of Saturday, May 14 at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. The special event will celebrate Bendorf's 30 years of coaching "Legacy and Excellence."

The May 14 evening's festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers. Cost is \$25 per person; \$12.50 for youngsters ages 7 to 12; and free for children six and under. Dress: business formal (shirt and tie, no jackets required). For more information on the event, please contact Dan Adams at 617-365-6868.



Kevin Murray, left, Gordon Canyock and Andrew Knoche rehearse a scene from 'Live Wire.'

PHOTO BY TODD MESSECEE

Old Time Radio Alive and Kicking

Mason's Theater of the First Amendment presents 'Live Wire.'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

For a very short time a special treat is coming courtesy of the George Mason Theater of the First Amendment. A treasure trove to feast the eyes and ears called "Live Wire" will be making its way to both Fairfax and Manassas in the coming days. Audiences will find themselves within the powerful ambiance and "adrenaline rush of doing live radio back before the days of tape and digital precision," said Rick Davis, director of Mason's limited run production of "Live Wire."

Davis described "Live Wire" as fast-moving and creative. "Everyone will find something to connect with," he said. Yet, the production is far from merely paying tribute to "a vanishing aspect of American life and culture" in its authentic, vivid re-creations. Using a variety show format with an assortment of comedy, music and serious issues "the audience will recognize a lot of their own daily lives," said Kevin Murray, managing director of Mason's Theater of the First Amendment.

"Live Wire" material was drawn from George Mason University's extensive Federal Theatre Project archives. With the foresight of the late Lorraine Brown, Mason houses an extensive library of American theatrical history. The Federal Theatre Project existed for a few short years between 1935-39 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). To Murray, The Federal Theater Project is noteworthy and to be remembered. "For a brief period, there was a government-supported theater program that was designed to put thousands of performing artists back

Where and When

The George Mason Theater of the First Amendment will pre presenting performances of "Live Wire" at two locations — the Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas, and George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The show is presented in Manassas on Friday, April 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$35. Call 888-945-2468 or visit: Hyltoncenter.org. The show is presented in Fairfax on Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$18-\$36. Ca

to work," he said.

For Ilona Dulaski, one of the "Live Wire" cast, the production will allow audiences to be part of a moment in time when the imagination soared as voices and sound effects streamed into American homes through the broadband and wireless technology of the day, "cutting-edge radio." The production will give the audience the wonderful opportunity to be "transfixed and transported to an amazing period of time."

"Live Wire" will be interwoven vignettes using newly discovered material in the Mason Federal Theater Project archives. These will run the gamut from comedy to mystery, musicale and the "strong, vigorous, muscular" writing of the late 1930's about "hot" issues all while using the radio and theater devices of the day according to Davis. For example there will be a "Living Newspaper" segment; a dramatic play within the play inspired by and scavenged from the blistering news of the late 1930's made into a dramatic sketch. The comedic skits will use every day events and human foibles as their starting point.

One feature of "Live Wire" will be pre-performance discussions about historic costumes and attire, free to ticket holders. The inter-active discussions will be conducted by Howard Vincent Kurtz, a professor at George Mason University and Associate Curator of Costumes and Textiles at the Hillwood Museum and Gardens in Washington, D.C. the former residence of Marjorie Merriweather Post.

classic tale of star-crossed lovers and family hatreds. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$27-\$54. Youth through grade 12, half price. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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"Romeo and Juliet." 8 p.m.
George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With choreography by Petipa and music by Tchaikovsky. Based on Shakespeare's

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Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools Dr. Jack Dale presents the 2011 scholarships to James Anthony Caracoglia from Oakton High School and Firas Nasr, a senior at James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School.

Two Receive Scholarships

For the sixth year, the In Hope Freedom Rings Foundation presented two \$10,000 scholarships to two local high school seniors to attend college. The presentation took place on Monday, Jan. 10 at the Historic Blenheim & Civil War Interpretive Center in Fairfax. The foundation has awarded \$110,000 in scholarships to college bound students attending Fairfax County high schools.

Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools Dr. Jack Dale presented the 2011 scholarships to James Anthony Caracoglia from Oakton High School and Firas Nasr, a senior at James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School.

Eight local businesses donated the \$20,000 in scholarship money. The businesses are: Burke Centre Automotive; CouponsToGo.com; Cropp-Metcalf Services; Hadeed Oriental Rug Cleaning; Mow Cow Lawn and Landscape; Papa John's Pizza; Springfield Lorton Dental Group; and Virginia Tire & Auto.

With the highest grade point average in

his class, Caracoglia boasts a list of academic and athletic achievements. Among his accomplishments include being named the Northern Region (VA) Scholar-Athlete six times, the Vienna Optimist Club Excellence Award in Academics, Oakton High School Cougar Commendation in Academic Achievement. He is fluent in both speaking and reading Spanish and served as the 2010-11 captain of the varsity track team (distance) and varsity cross-country team.

Firas received the "Discus Award," an academic and extra-curricular-based award presented to select students from around the country who demonstrate well roundedness. He is co-captain of the speech and debate teams, co-president, English honor society and president of the Spanish honor society. With a school letter in orchestra, he plays the violin in a national award-winning philharmonic orchestra and is a Third Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. In addition, he is an entrepreneur and founder of Luna Jewelry where he designs, creates and sells unique jewelry pieces.



MinJoo 'Deborah' Kang's award-winning poster exemplified the theme of this year's Lions International Peace Poster Contest — 'Vision of Peace.'

Peaceful Art Garners Award

Frost Middle School student MinJoo "Deborah" Kang, 12, was named a merit award winner in the 23rd annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The theme of this year's competition was "Vision of Peace."

Kang's poster was selected for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's theme. She is one of 23 merit award winners chosen from more than 350,000 entries drawn by children ages 11 to 13 from 65 countries.

"The seed of peace will bloom into a beautiful flower when people put aside cultural differences and unite to make a difference," said Kang. "The earth doesn't make peace; peace makes the earth, and the results will last for generations to come."

As a merit award winner, Kang will receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement by the Fairfax Host Lions Club, local sponsor of the contest.

Kang enjoys swimming, dancing, playing the flute, writing and spending time with her friends. She is also involved in her school's art club, community service and art



MinJoo 'Deborah' Kang

projects at the Erae Art Studio.

The 24 finalists' peace posters will be exhibited at children's museums and various locations throughout the United States. They will also be featured prominently at the 94th annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Seattle, Washington, USA.

Barbour Indicted For Abduction

City of Fairfax Police arrested a 47-year-old Alexandria man last June following an alleged abduction attempt. They said that, on June 16, 2010, Charles Robert Barbour reportedly tried to kidnap a 7-year-old boy from his mother outside the 7-Eleven store at 10911 Main St.

In February, in Fairfax County's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, his case was certified to the grand jury. Then, last Monday, March 21,

Barbour was indicted and is now scheduled for a June 13 jury trial.

Pothole Repair Ties Up Parkway Traffic

A contractor of the Virginia Department of Transportation tied up traffic in the Burke area along Fairfax County Parkway on the morning of March 29. Workers blocked lanes of traffic during morning rush hour in order to repair potholes on the thoroughfare.

In early March, Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) directed Virginia's transportation de-

partment to undertake a "pothole blitz" to fix roads that were damaged during the winter.

In Fairfax County, workers are supposed to refrain from starting morning repairs until 9 a.m., when the traffic on local roads is not as heavy. Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said it was clear that the contractors had blocked off the road well before 9 a.m. on March 29.

McKay got caught in the backup on Fairfax County Parkway and was late for a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting as a result.

McKay's commute, which normally takes between 30 and 45 minutes, ended up last-

ing 2-1/2 hours, he said.

When McKay finally got up to the Burke area of the parkway, he found that workers had whittled down the road to just one lane northbound, the source of much of the traffic problems.

"It was absolutely ridiculous," said McKay.

The supervisors voted to send a letter to the Virginia Department of Transportation, complaining about the incident.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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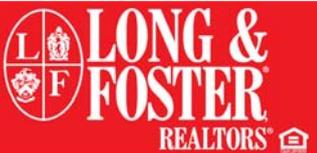
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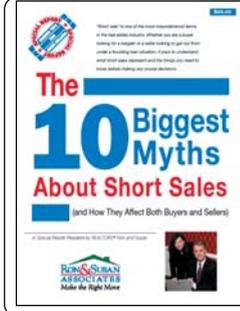
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