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## NEWS

# Incinerator Purchase Goes Up In Flames

Board of Supervisors chooses to continue lease agreement at Lorton facility.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors ruled out a government purchase of the \$432 million Energy Resource Recovery Center in Lorton, a privately owned facility better known as the county's trash incinerator, on March 29.

The supervisors voted 9-1 to extend Fairfax's public-private partnership with Covanta Energy, which currently owns the plant, under a new agreement. Fairfax County staff is expected to finalize the new contract with Covanta and bring it back before the board for approval over the next 60 days.

"Renewing the contract on the terms county staff has negotiated provides an economical, safe and secure way to ensure Fairfax County residents have reliable, affordable and environmentally preferable trash disposal for the next 30 years," said Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

Under the new agreement, Covanta will own and operate the incinerator until 2041, but Fairfax will continue to own the land on which the incinerator sits, said Bulova. This arrangement requires Covanta to lease the incinerator property from the county, even though the private company owns the facility outright.

**IN FEBRUARY**, Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin had recommended that the supervisors purchase the incinerator rather than sign a new lease agreement with Covanta. The company had been asking too much of the Fairfax and buying the plant appeared to be cheaper for the county in the long run, he said.

"Staff believes it is still negotiating with Covanta but [the agreement] is not to a level that we should continue a long-term relationship with them," said Griffin on Feb. 22.

At that time, the supervisors also indicated they weren't satisfied with the deal Covanta presented. The county board unanimously voted to give Covanta a list of "must haves" for Fairfax in the new contract.

If Covanta declined to accept these terms, the supervisors said they would be likely to

move forward with the purchase of the waste management plant.

Bulova said the threat to purchase the incinerator did ultimately produce a better financial deal for the county this month. The new agreement saves Fairfax \$300 million over the life of the 30-year contract when compared with previous agreements that had been presented, she said.

"When we looked into purchasing the incinerator, it gave us some leverage with Covanta and put us in a much better bargaining position," said Bulova.

Other supervisors characterized the new agreement and success of this month's negotiations differently, saying the contract closely resembled the one had been on the table in early February.

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— Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)

"There has not been any substantial change to the contract," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

"The terms we laid out were not accepted by Covanta. That is why I think the purchase [of the incinerator] remains the better option. Nothing has moved substantially since Feb. 8," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland

(D-Mount Vernon).

Hyland, who represents the communities that surround the incinerator, was only county board member to vote against extending the county's agreement with Covanta.

"That agreement, in my opinion, does not go far enough," said Hyland, who wanted the county to move forward with purchasing the facility.

In an interview, Bulova acknowledged that the county didn't get everything it wanted from Covanta.

"Time was out and I think we negotiated as good a deal as we possibly could have," she said.

**FAIRFAX'S NEW ARRANGEMENT** with Covanta doesn't give the county enough power over what outside waste might be burned at the facility, said Hyland.

Given the shortage of landfills and other waste management options on the East Coast, the supervisor worries that the Lorton incinerator might attract trash from several neighborhood states. More trash trucks on the roads could aggravate the traf-

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## Building Homes and Professional Pride



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From left, Alexei Ely, Bryan Smith, supervisor Marcial Rubio, Dalton Humann and Jake Cawthorn gather in the home's state-of-the-art kitchen.

### Fairfax County students learn construction from the ground

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**A**lexei Ely, 19, wanted to learn construction and building as a way to feel connected to his birth father.

"I guess I wanted to follow in his footsteps. We both liked to build things," said Ely, a West Springfield High School student who was adopted from Russia when he was 5. "My father passed away, so this is a way to experience something he did."

Dalton Humann, 17, a Lake Braddock Secondary School student, wanted to learn the construction trade "hands-on" to better prepare him for a career as an architect.

Jake Cawthorn, 16, who also attends Lake Braddock, said he liked the physical work of construction, and it would help him in his efforts to secure an ROTC scholarship at the University of Connecticut.

Although students in Fairfax County Public School's residential construction program have different goals, one thing they all learn pretty quickly: to work

as a team and take pride in their work.

"I always tell them, when I leave a house, I leave a part of me there. You sweat here, eat here, breath here almost every day for a year," said Marcial Rubio, the building trade teacher who supervises the students.

"They've heard me say a thousand times: 'What would you do if this was your house?' There are different personalities, and there are times when everyone's not in agreement, but I am proud of them and they should be proud of themselves," Rubio said.

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— Chad Maclin

Foundation for Applied Technical Education (FATE) to build one home each year. Students learn the latest building techniques and practices through a curriculum developed by the National Association of Home Builders.

This year's model, a 3,400-square-foot house that more than 90 students from eight high

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## 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

**T**ricia 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-in-

fections 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 fam-

ily 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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## Pothole Repair Ties Up Fairfax County Parkway

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 department 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 lasting 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

## McDonnell Vetoes Extra Physical Education

Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) vetoed a bill on March 24 that would have required all elementary and middle school students to have at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week. McDonnell described the bill, which earned his very first veto, as an unfunded mandate for local school systems.

Fairfax County Public Schools had lobbied for the governor's veto, stating that it would cost well over \$10 million for the school system to implement the new physical education requirement.

"I think the governor did the right thing for the right reasons. I think he understands what challenges we face," said School Board Member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

Some were surprised that McDonnell vetoed the bill, which passed the House of Delegates in a 55-40 vote and the state senate 38-2 in February.

McDonnell's wife, Maureen, has made fighting childhood obesity a priority during her tenure as Virginia's first lady. A state wide government survey taken in March 2010 revealed that one in five children ages 10 to 17 is obese. The survey found that the obesity rate in Northern Virginia was approximately 20 percent among students this age.

Several local Northern Virginia legislators supported this bill during its initial vote.

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## NEWS

# Sharing a Love of History

## Mary Lipsey, cemetery preservationist, historian, selected as Fairfax County Champion.

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ary Lipsey is a great friend of history, especially in Fairfax County. The former history teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary School has spent the past few years extensively researching the genealogies of families and connections lost to time in a far-flung group of private cemeteries across the county.

A quick glance at the website for her organization, the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, shows that she's helped organize restorations in almost a dozen private cemeteries since her first project, a restoration of the final resting place of John and Mary Marshall in April 2008.

"We get a lot of candidates for Eagle Scout projects come out with their groups and they clean up the cemeteries while we supervise," said Lipsey, of the organization, now a fully-fledged non-profit organization. That status means they can accept donations from area businesses or good neighbors who want to help Lipsey and her team reclaim historic cemeteries.

The Marshall cemetery was a disaster area when she first came across it, and, along with fellow History Commission member Lynne Garvey Hodge, Lipsey found her calling.

"We thought it would be a great project for the History Commission, but then we decided it'd be better off as a non-profit."

The secret to cleaning tombstones, especially ones that are hundreds of years old, is a soft brush and distilled water, she said.

"It's really rewarding," Lipsey said. And the research that goes along with the restoration work provides for great stories.

"We had a man from Nebraska contact us through the website whose family found letters that said a relative had fought in the Civil War near Camp Franklin in Alexandria in 1861," Lipsey said. "I did as much research as I could and found Camp Franklin in there but no record of a cemetery. He fought at the beginning of the war, but who knows? It's possible they may have moved bodies after the war, or the bodies could still be there."

She gets calls from across the country from people trying to track down their family history, which at some point had a connection to Fairfax County.

When a loved one died, they were buried near a family member's house, because burying them at a nearby cemetery meant they could only pay their respects once a month when they went to services, she said.

"These families thought so much of their loved one that they wanted them nearby," Lipsey said. "Now, no one's here anymore because we've become so mobile as a society. That's not right. No one's around to take care of the cemeteries anymore and they're all overgrown."



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**Mary Lipsey is Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Sharon Bulova's choice for the Fairfax County Champion Award.**

The work isn't just important to Lipsey, but to the entire county, and that's why she is the choice of Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) for this year's Volunteer Fairfax Champion award.

"She's an outstanding, wonderful person," Bulova said of Lipsey. "She's really generously donated and given of her talent."

Bulova and Lipsey worked together a few years ago on Bulova's book, "Braddock's True Gold," and the two spent time identifying the families and cemeteries around the district to get a better idea of what made the Braddock district and county into what it is today.

"I believe she's now working on a history oriented event for the Oak Hill Celebration Day, which is one of the old mansions that was built around the same time as Mount Vernon," Bulova said.

"When she retired from the school system, Mary said if she could spend the rest of her life doing research, she'd feel like she died and gone to heaven. I think she's living her dream now and I'm so happy to recognize her for her work."

Lipsey doesn't care about the recognition but is happy if the award brings some attention to her work, along with some volunteers.

"I love learning the history of these families," she said. The recognition "humbles me. I do this because I feel it's something we need to preserve."

"Mary works so hard. I think of her as a sister historian," Garvey Hodge said. "In Fairfax County, we're so rich in history. This award makes a statement about how important it is to keep it and not lose it. It's so important to preserve and protect history so we can share it."

Lipsey is a "wonderful servant of history," Garvey Hodge said. "She's also an excellent committee person. She's a delight to work with and her follow-through skills are impeccable."

### How To Help

For more information about the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, go to [www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org](http://www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org).

# Supervisors Decide Not To Purchase Incinerator

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fic congestion in Lorton and along Interstate 95.

"Additional truck traffic would be a problem," he said.

Hyland had also wanted Covanta to provide more generous community benefits. The company currently helps pay for Fairfax's mass document shredding as well as computer and electronic disposal events, but Hyland said Covanta had done more in other communities where it operates.

Potential innovation in energy production and the power industry lead Bulova to steer clear of purchasing the incinerator.

Under the scenario presented the county executive, Fairfax was not expected to reap any financial benefits from buying the trash burner for another 17 to 20 years. By that time, advancements in technology could render the incinerator obsolete, said Bulova.

"There were many questions about changing technology and what the recycling market will be like 20 years from now. There are no short-term savings with the purchase option and there could be no long-term savings," she said.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce also lobbied hard for the supervisors to reject incinerator purchase option.

"We are very pleased with the decision. Chairman Sharon Bulova has shown a lot

of leadership on this issue," said Jim Corcoran, president and chief executive officer of the Fairfax Chamber.

"It would have sent a very negative message for Fairfax to take over a facility from a private business," said Corcoran, who confirmed that Covanta is a chamber member.

The entire Board of Supervisors is standing for reelection in Fall 2011 and the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is one of the most influential players in local politics. Over the last 15 years, the chamber's political action committee has donated approximately \$47,639 to Fairfax supervisors' political campaigns, according to the Virginia Public Access Project, a nonpartisan organization that tracks campaign finance data.

Perhaps more importantly, individual members of the chamber are also among the most generous donors to county board campaigns and frequently give more money to candidates endorsed by the chamber.

When asked if he felt the chamber's outspoken opposition to the incinerator purchase made a difference, Corcoran said: "I think it did. I think that was truly democracy in action."

Bulova and Hyland continue to worry about one aspect of the county's lease extension with Covanta.

The county is obligated to provide the facility with a certain amount of trash, oth-

erwise it has to start paying Covanta a financial penalty, said Hyland. The incinerator also has to receive a large amount of trash in order to produce the energy Fairfax ends up selling to Dominion Power every year, said Bulova.

So a decline in the amount of trash coming into the Lorton incinerator could result in the county have to pay a fine to Covanta and potentially losing revenue from the sale of energy to Dominion, costs that would ultimately have to be covered by the taxpayers.

Until recently, Fairfax has been able to guarantee that a significant amount of trash goes to the Lorton incinerator by requiring that all the county's homeowner associations, civic associations and businesses send their waste to the facility. But it may no longer have the authority to force the flow of all local trash to the local plant.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a locality can only compel residents and businesses to use a particular trash disposal facility if a local government was using bonds to pay for the facility's upkeep. A municipality cannot force homeowners and businesses to use one particular waste management site if it is privately owned.

Fairfax finished paying off the municipal bonds taken out to pay for the incinerator's renovations in February and Hyland fears some trash haulers will start taking waste

elsewhere.

"Businesses do not have to continue to use the mass burner. There are [trash] haulers have their own private landfills in other parts of Virginia," he said.

This would not have been an issue if Fairfax had decided to purchase the incinerator this week. The county would once again be using municipal bonds to pay off debt on the facility and could require all local trash flow to the facility, said Hyland.

"Yes. It is absolutely an issue. It was the most compelling reason to support the purchase option," said Bulova.

The business community tends to think it is better to have more flexibility in the marketplace, like the option for businesses and homeowners group to have their trash hauled to a site of their choosing, even if it is not the incinerator.

"We really believe in the forces of the free market," said Corcoran of the trash flow issue.

Herrity also downplayed the threat of Fairfax falling short of its trash quota at the Lorton incinerator.

Open landfills and other trash disposal facilities are still quite a distance from Fairfax County. As long as the incinerator continues to have competitive rates, it was unlikely businesses or homeowners associations were going to find a cheaper for getting rid of their waste, he said.



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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>.

### LETTERS

**Kathy Smith**, Chairman  
Fairfax County School Board

## New Vision Of Leadership

To the Editor:

At a public hearing on March 29, I shared with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors how to prevent future governors from denying Fairfax County our fair share of funding for basic education. I shared how to increase local control, how to increase support from

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.

The biggest boom in the county will come in the next few years in Tysons Corner, where the county must engage every creative mechanism to boost housing opportunities for every income of Tysons worker.

## 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](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com).

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placing other children in substandard facilities. We will protect and strengthen our safety net of human services. We will award a pay raise to county and school employees for the first time in years. We will provide tax relief. Our budget is a statement of our community's values, not just a book of numbers. We will honor our local priorities.

Supervisors have done their best at a difficult time. The question remains, of course, whether they will do this work or wait for new leadership.

**Will Radle**  
Franconia

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# PEOPLE



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## Democracy in Action

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 856 visited the March 9 meeting of the Park Authority Board at the Herrity Building in Fairfax, as board members were sworn in. Clerk of the Court John Frey administered the oath of

office. Sponsored by Springfield United Methodist Church, Troop 856 was represented by Russell Cestone, Daniel Carballo, Eric Schmidlein, Pourash Bhandari, John Waters, Eric Weiler, Sasha Thurman, Ned Cooley, Michael Dunning, Clayton Mottley, Jonathan Cooke and Tony Quispe. Accompanying the troop was Merit Badge Counselor Paul Helt, Scout Master Mike Cooley, Assistant Scout Masters Paul Cestone and Renee Carballo, and Treasurer Cindy Schmidlein.

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# COMMUNITY



Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation Executive Director Margery Leven 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 Leven 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 fund-raising events taking place at the Dress Up with Grown-Ups Gala.

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# Students Get Hands-On Building Training

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schools built, is currently on the market in Springfield for \$775,000. Located at 7001 Springville Court, it is the second home constructed on the 13.48-acre parcel of land near the intersection of Spring Village Drive and the Fairfax County Parkway, where a total of 18 homes will eventually be constructed by students. It's the first house in the series to incorporate elements of Universal Design, which make the home livable through all stages of life.

Chad Maclin, FATE's executive director and FCPS' industrial education coordinator, said the program builds self-esteem for many students.

"The best thing about this program is believing in the students, and having the faith to put them in charge of a nearly million-dollar project. It's great to see the resiliency of students and what they can do, and the pride they get from that. For some students, this is where they shine," Maclin said.

Maclin said home-buyers recognize the quality and effort put into these homes. A few years ago, the buyer of FATE's 15th home in McLean also purchased the 16th home, for \$2.1 million.

"That's a testament in recognition of the hard work and strict standards that apply to our program," he said.

Many home builders, he said, "race to the roof," churning out the most homes in the shortest amount of time. But Maclin said FATE's model is to build one house per year, and do it right the first time. "I like to say that we 'Tai-Chi' to the roof, building in a slow and purposeful way," he said.

"If the wall goes up and it's wrong, the wall comes down," Rubio said. "We make it right before we put it back up. We view ourselves as training the next generation of builders and contractors."

The hands-on program teaches students to build a house literally from the ground up. They frame floors and walls, hang doors and win-

dows; read blueprints; lay foundations; construct stairs; and install hardwood flooring, cabinets and crown molding.

Small groups of students also receive instruction in masonry, concrete finishing, painting, plumbing, and heating and air conditioning, Rubio said.

More than 30 students from the electrical construction and engineering program at Edison Academy worked on the Springfield house. Worked under a licensed master electrician, the students learned to install the electrical system of the house, including low-voltage lighting and TV-cable-data connections.

Maclin said the program is self-sustaining, with profits from one sale pay for the costs of building the next home.

A Universal Design house incorporates aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and includes features such as a first-floor bedroom with accessible bathroom, 36-inch doorways throughout, wide hallways, an intercom system, nonslip flooring, raised outlets, lowered switches.

"Universal Design homes appeal to buyers who are looking for features that make the home more accessible to an individual with limited mobility," said Realtor Connie Stiger of Integrity Real Estate Group, the listing agency. "This home has a neat feature where the stacked closets can be converted into an elevator shaft."

But potential homebuyers at the first open-house on Sunday noticed the open floor plan, natural light, first-floor bedroom, covered-porch and gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless appliances and cabinet drawers that self-close when pushed gently.

Wray Johnson of Springfield, brought his wife and mother-in-law to view the home. "This house has a lot of possibilities. It's great for families and multi-generations," Johnson said.

"Some students may not be able to visualize text in a story, but they can visualize a two-dimensional drawing into a 3-D reality, and it's cool to actually see something you've built," Maclin said.

## CALENDAR

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### THURSDAY/MARCH 31

#### "Design for Murder." 7 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. A murder mystery by George Batson. This performance is a dinner show. Tickets are available online, \$30 adults, \$25 youth, and must be purchased online before March 25. 703-660-2611 or [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.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](http://www.tickets.com).

#### "Design for Murder." 8 p.m.

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#### Cinematic Tourist Series:

##### Japanese Film & Animation.

7:30 p.m. Gallery W-16, Second Floor, Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A screening of the film classic "Rashomon," in Japanese with subtitles. \$5-\$7. [www.WorkhouseArts.org](http://www.WorkhouseArts.org).

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❖ 3 p.m. Kimekomi Doll Demonstration.

❖ 4 p.m. Ikebana Demonstration.

❖ 5 p.m. Oshie Demonstration with Storytelling.

❖ 6 p.m. Vegetarian Sushi Culinary Demonstration.

❖ 7:30 p.m. Film screening, title to be announced. Film tickets \$5-\$7.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 3

#### The Virginia Opera: Puccini's

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#### "Design for Murder." 2 p.m.

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### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

#### American Red Cross Blood Drive.

1-7 p.m. Silverbrook Elementary School Gym, 9350 CrossPoint Drive, Fairfax Station. Register at [FNA5810@cox.net](mailto:FNA5810@cox.net) or 703-690-5810.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 9

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## FAQs About Laser Hair Removal: Part 1 in a 3-part Series

Laser hair removal has grown in popularity over the past few years and for good reason. For most people, it is a very effective and more permanent form of hair removal than other techniques.

In Part 1, we will look at the most popular questions we get and hope we can shed some light on the subject.

### Who Can Benefit from Hair Removal and How Young Can You Start?

Anyone with unwanted hair growth can benefit from Hair Removal. It can be done on both men and women. Robin, **The Kindest Cut SpaSalon's** licensed and certified Master Aesthetician, does not recommend that teens start until they are 18. However, as their bodies are still growing and, if hair removal is started at too early an age, it will have to be repeated later.

### What Areas Can be Treated?

Laser hair removal can be done on most body areas where there is hair growth and most any area where you don't want hair. For example: underarms, legs, chest, nape of the neck, stomach, ears, face, etc. Yet, there are some types of hair that is not treatable. For example very fine blonde hair, red hair or gray hair. The darker the hair, the more effective the treatments will be long term.

### What are Some Other Reasons to Remove Hair?

Hair removal does more than just remove hair. The laser will reduce and eliminate razor bumps and redness. The Bikini Area in women and the Beard Area for men are common areas for folliculitis (an inflammation and infection of the hair follicle) and are common areas where laser treatment is most popular. We have found the laser has been extremely effective in reducing and eliminating hair growth, and diminishes and stops recurrent folliculitis.

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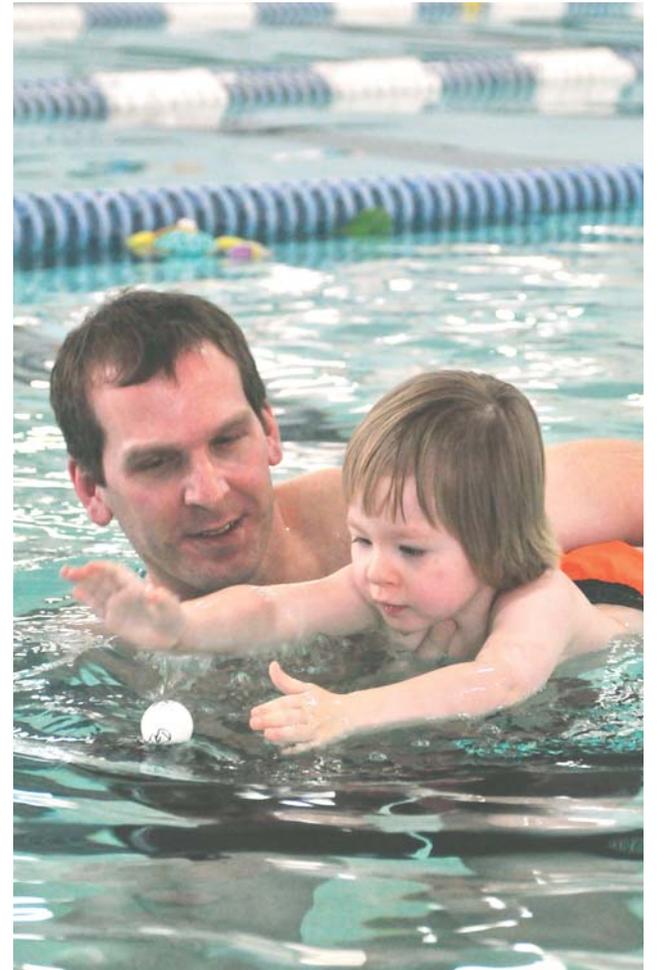
## COMMUNITY



Miss Arizona Kathryn Bulkley gets a high Five from Hayden Parker.



At the dock at the entrance to the new Harbor Sprayground are Miss Arizona 2010 Kathryn Bulkley and Bob, Paola, Regina, Vincent, Tom, Matt, Carmen and Christina Pizzano.



Paul Cirino goes after a ping pong ball in the water. With Paul is his water buddy Travis Middleton.

# Miss Arizona Previews Sprayground



Water safety instructor Leanne David and the volunteer water buddies let the children, one at a time, float across the top of a parachute in the pool.

## Miss Arizona 2010 visits Harbor Sprayground site at Lee District Park.

**O**n Monday morning, March 28, Miss Arizona 2010 Kathryn Bulkley toured the nearly complete Harbor Sprayground, a handicap-accessible theme park, at the Lee District Park.

On hand to meet Bulkley were eight members of the Pizzano family: Bob, Paola, Regina, Vincent, Tom, Matt, Carmen and Christina. William Pizzano was not able to attend as he was in class. The Sprayground has been completely funded through donations made to the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund (JPMF).

In 1998, Robert and Paola Pizzano created the fund in memory of their 6-year old son Joey who drowned. JPMF founded the Splash program in 2001. With the mission of improving the lives of children with special needs, Splash teaches the children how to have fun and be safe in the water.

Bulkley is a registered lifeguard and swimming instructor in Mesa, Ariz. Her platform for the Miss America pageant was drowning prevention and awareness.

After touring the Sprayground, Bulkley joined a SPLASH! class in the Lee District swimming pool.

For more information about the JPMF, visit [www.jpmf.org](http://www.jpmf.org).

The grand opening of the Harbor Sprayground is scheduled for May 21, at 1 p.m.

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# CAMPS & SCHOOLS

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**Olga V. Achapkin**, a resident of Springfield, has received a master of science in banking and financial services Management degree from Boston University.

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, contact Suzanne Metz at [semetz@fcps.edu](mailto:semetz@fcps.edu).

The following students from Edison Academy had top five finishes at the recent the Virginia SkillsUSA competition: **Byung Cheong and Danilo**

**Herrera**, second place in Web Page Design; **Thomas Birch**, third place in Action Skills; **Randy McConchie**, fourth place in Industrial Motor Control; **Andrew Nguyen-Hoang; Cameron Harvey; David Bourne; Demetrius Toler; Kaytlan Williams, and Stefanos Amanuel**, fifth place in Quiz Bowl.

**Daniel Schirmacher** of Hayfield Secondary School finished second place in Automotive Service Technology at the recent the Virginia SkillsUSA competition.

**Rachael Domer**, technology education teacher at Key Middle School, was

presented with the 2010 Virginia Technology Association Middle School Program of the Year award at the VTEA conference in August.

**Kathryn Hughes, Nadia Laher, Elise Orlick, Katherine Sandfry, Laura Smith, Michael Stewart and Yi Yan**, seniors at Lake Braddock Secondary School, were named semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

**Christopher Pan and Rita Zevallos**, seniors at West Springfield High School, were named semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The following students from Lee High School have been named to the Virginia All-State Chorus for 2011 and will perform as a group April 30 at the Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School in Virginia Beach: **Amanda Ngo and Johanna Olson and alternates Lyndzey Elliott, Luke Hartman, and Nathanael Jones.**

**Dorothy Cliatt**, a health and medical science student from Hayfield Secondary School, won a first place award at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference. Cliatt won in the physical therapy category.



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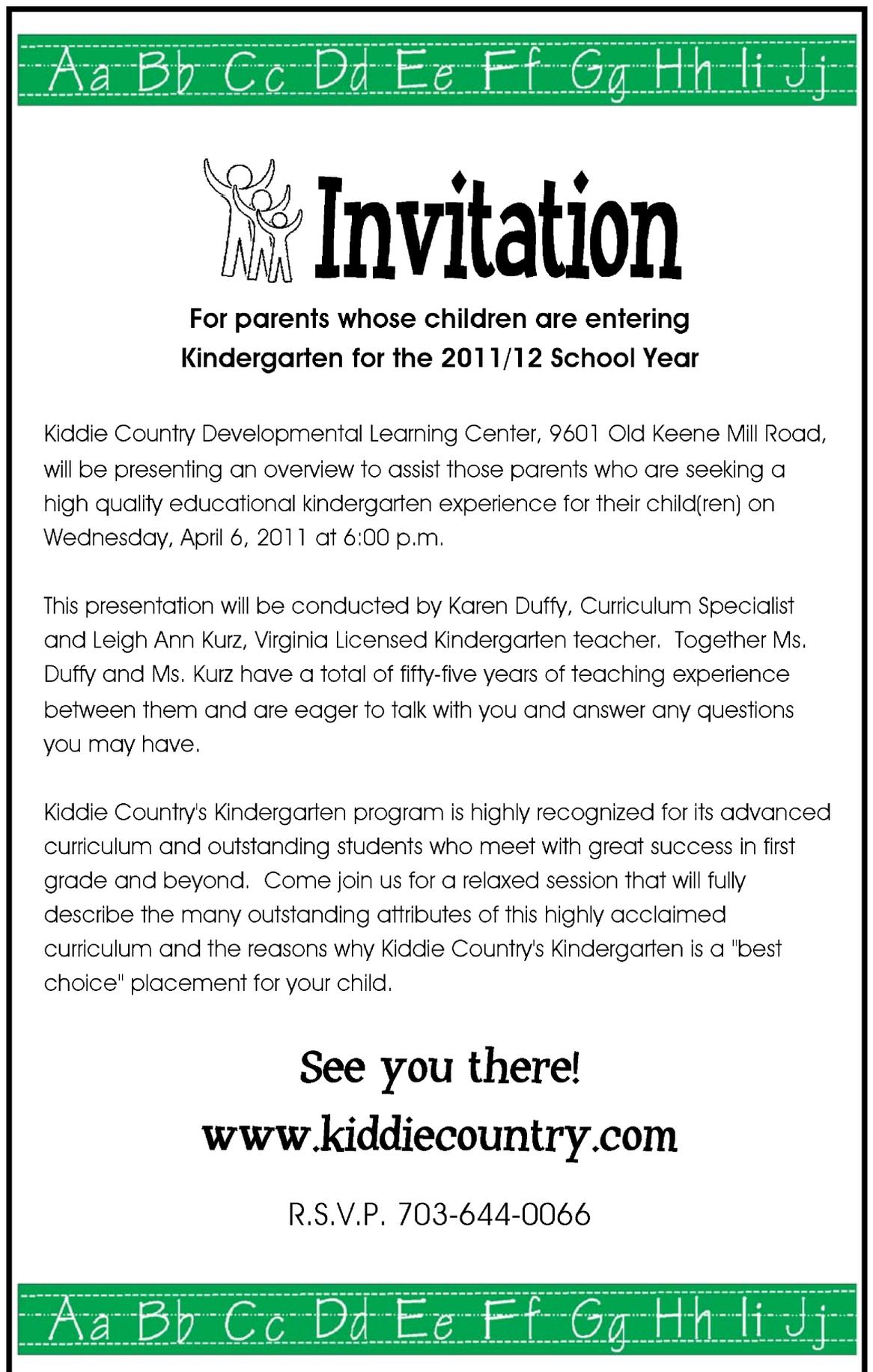
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## CRIME

# Loan Officer Charged in Mortgage-Fraud Scheme

## Mortgage-fraud scheme involves 15 homes in Northern Virginia.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**J**avier Siveroni, a 48-year-old Springfield man, was arrested Friday, March 25, and charged with conspiracy to commit mortgage-fraud involving approximately 15 homes in the Northern Virginia area. According to court documents, the total amount of mortgage loans approved through the alleged conspiracy exceeded \$6.5 million.

Neil H. MacBride, United States attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and James W. McJunkin, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, made the announcement Friday after the federal indictment was unsealed.

According to the five-count federal indictment returned on Thursday, March 24, Siveroni is charged with engaging in a conspiracy to defraud financial institutions into making fraudulent mortgage loans and profiting from salary, commissions, bonuses and incentives. The conspiracy allegedly involved four loan officers and two loan officer assistants, previously employed in the Falls Church, Va. branch of SunTrust Mortgage, who prepared and approved fraudulent loan applications.

After being taken into custody by U.S. marshals, Siveroni made an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge John Anderson on Friday, during which he was officially notified of the charges, according to Peter Carr, a spokesman for the United

States Attorney's Office.

"He surrendered his passport, and was released later that afternoon. We are not seeking detention," said Carr.

Carr said that an arraignment, where Siveroni would plead guilty or not guilty, would be scheduled later this week. As of Monday, Siveroni had not listed an attorney of record.

The indictment alleges that Siveroni and his co-conspirators prepared and submitted false, fraudulent and misleading mortgage loan applications for unqualified buyers — individuals who lacked the finances, credit rating or legal status to obtain a certain loan amount. The fraudulent mortgage loan applications contained false information regarding the applicant's employment, income, assets, immigration status and intent to live in the property as a primary residence.

According to the indictment, Siveroni allegedly created fake documents to corroborate false information contained in fraudulent loan applications. The indictment also said Siveroni also taught his co-conspirators how to and directed them to alter documents in support of fraudulent loan applications. In July 2005, according to the indictment, Siveroni set up a transaction to purchase a home at 5207 Dalton Road in Springfield for \$500,000, using two mortgages from Sun Trust. Siveroni was the loan officer and earned a commission on this transaction.

In 2005, according to Mortgage Originator Magazine, a national trade publication,

Siveroni was listed as one of the "Top 200" mortgage brokers, personally closing \$79 million in loans for Sun Trust.

In related matters, three loan officers have pleaded guilty for their roles in the alleged conspiracy: Preston Cherouny, 45, of Washington, D.C.; John Leone, 44, of Vienna; Alejandro Alquinta, 35, of Springfield; Maria Teresa Sanchez, 44, of Burke; and Yolanda Salazar Camacho, 35, of Alexandria, also pled guilty for their roles as loan officer assistants in the alleged conspiracy.

The FBI's Washington Field Office is conducting this ongoing investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Uzo Asonye and Charles Connolly are prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

"The public is reminded that an indictment only contains charges and is not evidence of guilt, and neither are guilty pleas in related cases. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty," said Carr.

According to the FBI's website, foreclosure, short sale and mortgage fraud is a growing crime threat that is hurting homeowners, businesses, and the national economy.

Although there are many different types of schemes, the FBI summarizes mortgage fraud as a form of bank robbery where the bank is not even aware it has been robbed

until months or years later.

Mortgage fraud perpetrators often obtain loans based on falsely representing the value of the collateral or their qualifications to receive the loan and steal the proceeds without an intention of repaying the borrowed funds. Lending institutions are subsequently left holding the inflated collateral and incurring significant losses.

One of the ways the FBI becomes aware of mortgage fraud is through the analysis of Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs), which are filed by federally insured financial institutions. Mortgage fraud SARs have increased from 6,936 in FY 2003 to 67,190 in FY 2009. These SARs provide valuable intelligence in mortgage fraud trends and can lead to the initiation of mortgage fraud cases, as well as the enhancement of current FBI investigations, according to the FBI's website.

"While I cannot comment on this ongoing investigation, the FBI is tasked with investigating allegations of fraud and works to uncover and develop cases that can be brought for prosecution. The bottom line is if someone misrepresents information on an application to a bank, and the bank relies on this inaccurate information to fund a loan, it's something that the FBI would investigate," said Lindsay Godwin, a spokesman for the FBI's Washington Field Office.

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— Peter Carr, spokesman for U.S. Attorney's Office

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**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS)** will host an open house at the LDS meeting house at 6942 Sydenstricker Road in Springfield on Saturday, April 9, from 3-6 p.m. The open house will provide an opportunity

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**Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus.** 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$7-\$15. www.ringling.com or 202-683-3238.

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# Snow Leads Bruins

**Bruin midfielder scores six goals.**

**A**s players returned to the field after a timeout with 16:38 remaining in the second half on Tuesday, March 29, Lake Braddock girls lacrosse coach Victor Chen encouraged the Bruins not to be comfortable with their two-goal lead against an athletic T.C. Williams team.

"You've got to keep pulling away," he shouted from the sideline. "They're too dangerous to keep close."

Freshman midfielder Allie Snow took it upon herself to make sure Chen's instructions didn't fall on deaf ears.

In less than a minute, Snow padded the Bruins' lead with a pair of goals, part of a 6-1 run that helped Lake Braddock secure a 19-15 victory at Minnie Howard in Alexandria. The Bruins' record improved to 3-0, including 2-0 in the Patriot District.

Snow led Lake Braddock with six goals. After the freshman scored back-to-back goals coming out of the timeout, she found the net for the final time with 12:56 remaining, giving the Bruins a 16-11 advantage.

"I can't say enough things about her," Chen said. "As a freshman, what an incredible talent."

Snow is just one member of Lake Braddock's corps of young talent. Sopho-

**Lake Braddock freshman midfielder Allie Snow scored six goals during the Bruins' victory against T.C. Williams on Tuesday.**

more midfielder Taylor Livick scored four goals for the Bruins, and freshman midfielder Kristen Gaudian and sophomore attack Alexis Torres each added three.

"Probably some of the best talent that Braddock has seen in a long time," Chen said, "has finally come through and pays off."

Junior attack Summerlin Meredith scored two goals for Lake Braddock and junior midfielder Shelby Crow added one.

Lake Braddock trailed 6-4 late in the first half when the Bruins responded with five consecutive goals and led 9-7 at halftime.

TC pulled with one on three occasions in the second half, but Lake Braddock always found a way to gain separation.

The Bruins' 19 goals were a season high, surpassing a 12-goal effort against West Potomac on March 25, but the 15 goals al-

lowed were also tops for the season. The Titans were the first team to score at least 10 goals against the Bruins.

"That's something that we can't do," Chen said. "We're not a team that can go blow-for-blow, especially against a team like TC that's really dangerous [and] that can score quickly. We've just got to play better team defense."

Lake Braddock will host West Springfield on April 4, at 7:15 p.m.

"If we're competitive and we do our job," Chen said, "then everything else will fall into place."

— JON ROETMAN

**"I can't say enough things about her. As a freshman, what an incredible talent."**

— Victor Chen

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# Robert E. Lee Girls' Soccer Gets Off to Quick Start

**Lancers at home this Friday night to meet T.C. Williams.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**F**ollowing three wins to start the season, the Lee High Lancers girls' soccer team lost a pair of 2-1 games — at home against Langley on March 24, and at Annandale High earlier this week on Monday, March 28 — to see its record slip to 3-2.

Still, the Lancers, under new head coach Nicole Giunta, have played solid soccer throughout the first several weeks of the spring campaign.

"In terms of how my girls are playing early on this season, I think that they are playing with a lot of heart," said Giunta. "I have a great group of girls who are ready to work hard and who do the best they can."

The coach said the Lancers have shown good improvement since the team's first pre-season scrimmage against Oakton. But, for any team, there are always areas on the field to improve on.

"I think we still need to iron out a few wrinkles such as playing the ball to feet, more movement off the ball, and just calming down," said Giunta. "Our girls get so excited for the game that they sometimes panic when the ball gets to them so we are working on having them come in calm and confident. [But] I have already seen such a great improvement in my girls since our first scrimmage so I'm confident that with their continued work ethic, that they will continue to grow together as a team."

A year ago, under former coach Kevin Quaglia, Lee went 11-7-2. The Lancers ex-

perienced a strong postseason in 2010, getting to the Patriot District Tournament finals before losing in the championship game to South County, 3-0. Then, at the Northern Region playoffs, Lee, in a road game, upset defending state AAA champion Chantilly, 1-0. The Lancers' season then ended with a setback to Stone Bridge, 3-0.

"The team did very well last year," said Giunta.

**THIS YEAR'S LEE**

squad opened the season with the three wins, victories over host Hayfield, 2-1, on March 14; visiting Mount Vernon, 3-0, on March 16; and home team Edison, 3-0, on March 22. That was followed by the one-goal losses to the Saxons and Atoms.

Giunta said her team has played together and that everyone has made contributions to the team's three wins thus far.

"I truly believe all my girls are the keys to success," said Giunta. "When any of them

are missing, it takes many different considerations to fill their gap. We have defensive players who lead the back line, midfielders who have a great vision and develop the play for us, and we have some extremely fast forwards who help finish off the plays."

Four of the Lancers' top players this year have been defender Nicole Puddy, defender/midfielder Meghan Cox, outside midfielder Emily Blake and forward/

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# 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.

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

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

— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)

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](mailto:lyme@phc.edu).

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

## 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 be 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.

## Lee Girls Soccer

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midfielder Dani Neves.

"Nicole Puddy is the heart of our defense," said Giunta. "I can always count on her to clear the ball out and win the one-on-one battle."

Cox, a defender/midfielder, has also been an invaluable member of the Lancers' defense.

"She is an important member of our defense who will push up into the midfield," said Giunta. "She wins almost all 50-50 balls, holds great possession and gets her head up to be a real nice play maker."

Blake, meanwhile, has been a playmaker all over the field for her team.

"Emily hustles up and down the line to help with both defense and offense effectively and never stops working the entire game," said Giunta.

And Neves also displays great versatility.

"She gives us speed up top and constantly pressures," said Giunta. "She even drops back to help the midfield. She is a constant hustler."

The coach loves her team's desire to play hard and to play as a unit.

"I think the strengths of this year's squad are their work ethic, their individual skill, their cohesiveness and their tight team bond," said Giunta.

Lee was scheduled to play a non-district game at Centreville High on Wednesday, March 30 and will be at home Friday, April 1, at 7 p.m., to take on the Titans of T.C. Williams in a Patriot District matchup.

Next Tuesday, April 5, the Lancers will play at district rival West Potomac before coming home on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., to play district opponent West Springfield.

## Schultz Runs For School Board

Four years ago, Elizabeth Schultz hosted a campaign fund raiser for School Board Member Liz Bradsher (Springfield) in Schultz's Clifton home. Now, the education activist is hoping to take Springfield School Board seat from Bradsher if necessary.

Schultz kicks off her campaign for the Fairfax County School Board's seat in the Springfield District April 2. The School Board race is technically nonpartisan, though Schultz is seeking the "endorsement" of the local Republican committee.

A mother of four boys, Schultz became active in local education issues approximately two years ago, when the school board started deliberating over whether to close Clifton Elementary, the local school some of her children attend.

Schultz was particularly upset that Bradsher, who represents Clifton's attendance area, voted with the majority of the school board members to close the school last July. She has since become upset about other issues in the school system, including parental notification about disciplinary matters.

The Clifton resident sits on the executive board of the Fairfax Education Coalition, an umbrella group for local parent advocacy groups. She is also a founding member of Save Our Community Schools, which was put together after the school board voted to close Clifton and move a Falls Church school, Graham Road Elementary, over the objections of some of parents.

"It is important everywhere in the county that we preserve community schools. The school system seems to prefer elementary schools with 1,000 students now," said Schultz.

Schultz's family has been active in the Southwestern Youth Association, where her children play football, lacrosse, basketball and soccer. She is active member of the Republican Women of Clifton.

If elected, Schultz said she would try to address issues surrounding school facilities. She would like to look at ways to accelerate several school renovation projects.

"Why is it taking so long to renovate schools?" said Schultz.

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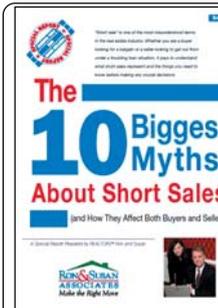
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