

From left, Marissa Shartel, Emily Schell, Erin Williams and Sarah Musa all received roses of different colors in honor of their diversity projects at the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Diversity Awards ceremony.



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Obama Visits NVCC

President asks students to share prosperity and responsibility.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Part stump speech, part pep rally, President Barack Obama (D) was relaxed and conversational as he addressed 600 students and faculty on Tuesday, April 19 at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale campus.

The president briefly outlined his plan to tackle the nation's \$14 trillion-plus debt, offering a plan he called "shared prosperity and shared sacrifice."

He said his plan would put the nation on more solid financial footing, but still continue investments that grow our economy and keep America competitive. He empha-

President Barack Obama took questions from three students at the town hall meeting, after giving a speech about his plan to reduce spending and cut the deficit

sized the need to preserve education and research programs, saying that reining in spending does not mean "sacrificing the America we believe in."

He frequently joked with students about their own budgets.

"Let's see a show of hands. Any students on a tight budget? I've been there," he said, to laughter and applause.

He promised to comb the budget for savings. "I'm not going to quit until we've found every single dime of waste and misspent money. I promise you that. ...

We're going to check under the cushions, you name it."

But his message to students was direct and serious: speak up and let your voice be heard.

"This is probably my most important message today: I'm going to need your help. I can't afford to have all of you as bystanders in this debate. I want everybody in the game. I want you to hold me accountable. I want you to hold all

of Washington accountable," he said, cautioning students that the price of not being heard would be steep.

"There are powerful voices in Washington," he said. "There are powerful lobbies and special interests in Washington. And they're going to want to reduce the

"I really wanted to hear what he had to say, and hear it from him directly."

— Kenza Jabali, 18

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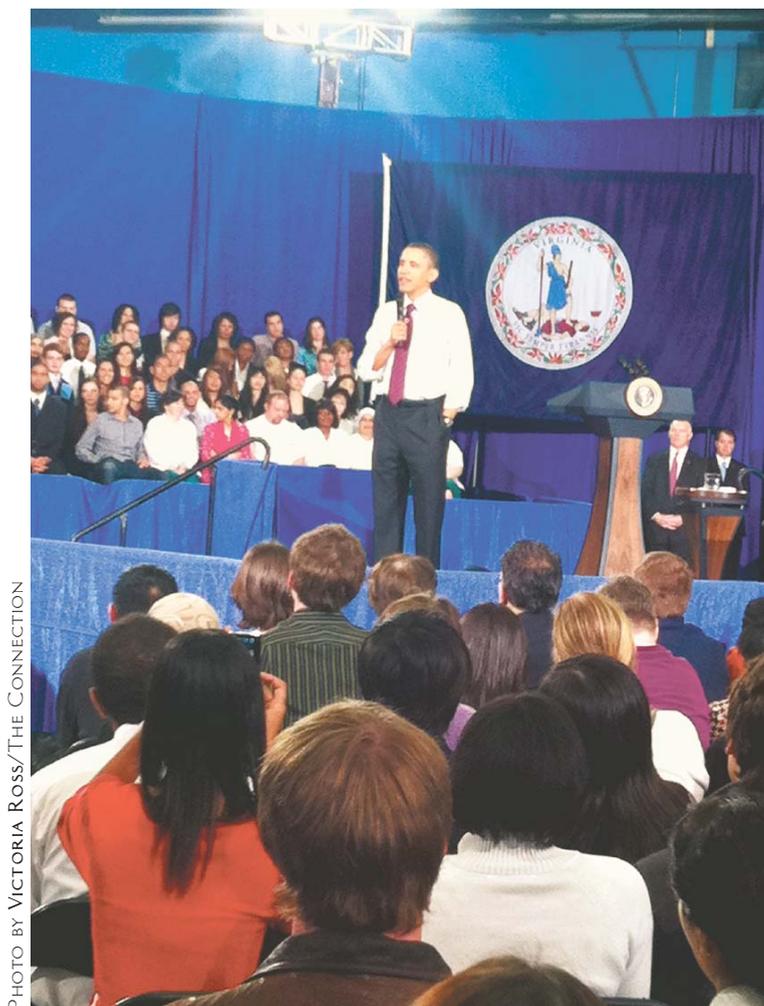


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Going Green? It's in the Bag

Fairfax celebrates Earth Day with fun, facts and amphibians.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Quick — What's the simplest way to make the planet clean, green and healthy? BYOB. And that's not the same BYOB on party invitations.

"It stands for 'Bring Your Own Bag,'" said Jennifer Cole, executive director of Clean Fairfax, a nonprofit that partnered with Fairfax County to sponsor the Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration at the Fairfax County Government Center on Saturday, April 16.

"Say no to plastic, and bring reusable cloth bags to the grocery store. It's the easiest way to be more eco-friendly, and it has a huge impact on our environment," Cole said.

Eliminating plastic, in grocery bags, water bottles and other plastic convenience items, is one of the greenest actions residents can take to lower their eco-footprint. Cole said about 2.5 million plastic bags are used every hour in the U.S., a single plastic bag can take up to 1,000 years to degrade and every square mile of ocean has about 46,000 pieces of plastic floating in it.

Despite the downpour from Mother Earth, about 150 residents put on their rain gear and visited the Fairfax County Government Center to learn ways to go green, from simple things like not using plastic water bottles to tips on master gardening, planting trees, recycling and composting, eating healthy and learning ways to lower energy consumption.

"In spite of the rain, the event was a rousing success," Cole said. "This year we put the 'earth' back in Earth Day. Every activity and event also had an important message about helping our planet," Cole said, adding that this was the first Earth Day event to take place at the government center.

"Say no to plastic, and bring reusable cloth bags to the grocery store."

— Jennifer Cole, executive director of Clean Fairfax

Children tossed rings over recyclable cans and bottles, got tattooed with recycling logos, journeyed with Stormy the Raindrop to explore watersheds and planted seedlings. The also enjoyed the Reptiles Alive show, where visitors got up-close and personal with a 50-foot Anaconda, a blue-tongued skink, an iguana, turtles, invertebrates and lizards.

Baiteli Aibek, 3, of Vienna, was mesmerized by all the animals, said his father, Aibek Akmat. "The turtle is his favorite. We were searching for something to do on this rainy Saturday, and we found this event, which has been a lot of fun for both of us."

"Most of the animals are rescued as exotic strays," said Jennifer Pennington of Reptiles Alive. "They come to us from animal rescue groups, shelters and

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Danielle Wynne, left, an ecologist with Fairfax County's stormwater planning division, helps Stephanie Wagner and daughter Zoe find fish amid the trash in the pond.

Learn About the Environment

As part of Supervisor John C. Cook's (R-Braddock) Community Engagement Initiative, which aims to empower neighborhoods through civic participation and leadership training, Cook is inviting 30 current or future community leaders to take part in a day of information and sharing on the environment. The event takes place Saturday, May 7, at the Oaks Community Center, 5708 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. The event runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Participants will hear from area experts in recycling, litter control, storm water and erosion management, native vegetation and home energy efficiency. Participants may register by calling 703-425-9300 or e-mailing Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. Registration is limited.

Shredding Collects 6 Tons

Burke Presbyterian Church conducted its third annual Free Community Shred Event on Saturday, April 16. Cyndee Julian of Long & Foster Realtors sponsored the event, which was organized by Carol Bryan of BPC.

Looking to beat the rain, drivers began lining up an hour before the 10 a.m. start time and a steady flow of vehicles moved smoothly through to the event's end at 1 p.m. Volunteers unloaded boxes and bags of documents that were then transported into a large mobile shredding truck.

The event collected 6 tons of shredded material to be recycled. Jim Knight of Secured Shred provided shredding services.

Participants received a reusable red tote bag containing various items including church information, a listing of recent home sales, a pencil, and even a Tootsie Pop.

The church received \$602 in donations toward its mission work in Kibwezi, Kenya.

Volunteers included team of Mark and Cyndee Julian, Jill Kurtz, Jim Whitfield, Charlie Cleveland and Rick and Carol Bryan. A group of Boy Scouts also helped out. Next year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012.

50 mph Means 50 mph

Fairfax County and Virginia State Police have launched a two-week initiative, "50 Means 50," along the Fairfax County Parkway. This campaign began Sunday, April 17, and targets aggressive and reckless driving, including speeding, texting while driving, following too closely and failing to pay full time and attention.

Motor squad officers, along with patrol officers from several district stations throughout the county, plus State Troopers, will be assigned specific enforcement duties along the parkway. They'll use a variety of vehicles, such as motorcycles, Mustangs, Camaros, Impalas, pickup trucks and other unmarked and marked police vehicles.

The stepped-up enforcement will take place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until its conclusion on Saturday, April 30. The intent is to reduce the overall average speed on the parkway and decrease the number of property-damage, injury and fatal crashes, thereby making the parkway a safer place for everyone.

Dogs Available for Adoption

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has taken in seven dogs from a West Virginia hoarding case in which nearly 60 dogs were found in a mobile home without ever having access to the outdoors. The shelter is working in a regional partnership with the Middleburg Humane Foundation which obtained the dogs and asked the animal shelter and other organizations to help place them in new, adoptive homes.

The seven dogs are estimated to be between 10-weeks and 4-years-old and are likely Shetland Sheepdog/Corgi/Chihuahua mixes. They range between 12-15 pounds. Shel

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Local Teens Promote Diversity

Programs range from helping girls in India to helping children in Head Start.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Joanna Shows still remembers the surprise she felt when, in the late 1940s, she told her college advisor that she wanted to be a world history teacher. He told her to stick to something more appropriate for a woman, insisting she could not possibly teach world history because she had not fought in any war.

"It was that moment, and I think everyone has those moments, when I knew I wanted to do something to level the playing field," Shows said.

Shows told that story to the students and parents gathered at the 10th annual American Association of University Women (AAUW) Diversity Awards ceremony, which took place Thursday, April 14, at the Braddock District Government Center.

A retired world history teacher from Lake Braddock Secondary School, Shows started the Springfield-Annandale AAUW diversity awards program as a way to encourage diversity and community service.

This year's awards went to four high school juniors, who received grants from Apple Federal Credit Union. Dawn Davis, director of business development for Apple Federal Credit Union, gave each award-winner a grant for \$500.

Sarah Musa, a West Springfield High School student, started a foundation to raise money for a girls' school in India. Emily Schell, a student at Lake Braddock Secondary School, launched a non-profit called "promise for preschool," that bolsters area Head Start programs. Erin Williams, an International Baccalaureate diploma candidate at Robert E. Lee High School, started the school's International Night; and Marissa Shartel launched an AIDS awareness campaign called "SAFE: Stopping Aids for Everyone."

"These girls really exemplify what the diversity committee is all about," said Deborah Bullock, chair of the Springfield-Annandale AAUW Diversity Committee. "They can achieve so much."

The awards are open to high school girls who are actively involved in "bridging the gap" between the various cultures they come in contact with every day, Bullock said.

Schell said she was motivated to help Head Start when she was an eighth-grader, and she volunteered



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The girls — Marissa Shartel, Emily Schell, Erin Williams and Sarah Musa — pose with their parents after the American Association of University Women Diversity Awards ceremony. The parents are, from left, Stratton and Lupe Shartel, Julie Petruzelli, Patricia Williams and Joseph Musa.

at a local Head Start preschool program as part of a school project.

"I remember this one little girl, who came to America in a tire across a river, and she didn't have the things she needed to compete with other students. Moved by the girl's plight, Schell secured a grant on her own, and then raised an additional \$2,000 by giving concerts and illustrating books. She

helps Head Start programs purchase backpacks and other school supplies. "I want to keep giving back to these schools," she said.

Julie Petruzelli, Schell's mother,

said her daughter has always been creative and driven. "She served as an ambassador to China, and spent six weeks living in Shanghai. She is so motivated, and she does it on her own initiative."

Williams, who is active in Lee High School's student government and tutors Spanish, said she started International Night as a chance for everyone from different cultures to be proud of their heritage.

"We feature cultural performances, food from various cultures, and then we have a fashion show where students wear clothes from other cultures. Learning about other cultures has been a life-changing experience for me," Williams said.

Musa showed the guests at the ceremony a video she created about the girls' school she raises money for in New Delhi. Musa helped create her school's chapter of Girls Learn International, a nonprofit that partners with high schools around the country, and

"I've always felt that if we don't accept one another, we're not going to make it as a world."

— Joanna Shows of AAUW's Diversity Committee

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Wade Enters Supervisor Race

Wade second Democrat to declare bid to challenge incumbent John Cook.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Christopher Wade, a manager at the MorganFranklin Corporation in McLean, is the second Democrat to file for a chance to unseat Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), the incumbent on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Wade will be competing against Democrat Marc Greidinger in the Aug. 23 primary.

"I was brought up believing that elected officials should represent the views of the people they serve. I am entering this race to put into practice the principles of open, transparent and accessible government and to ensure an informed and ongoing dialogue about problems and solutions that affect residents of Braddock District and of Fairfax County," Wade said in an April 11 news release.

Wade, who has lived with his wife and three children in Fairfax for nearly 10 years, has been a business owner and vice-president of sales for a technology company. He is a board member of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Fairfax County Public Schools Business and Advisory Committee. He is also an adjunct professor at George Mason University's School of Management. He is active in the Young Families Ministry at the Church of the Good Shepherd and has coached youth soccer for the past three years.

WADE SAID transportation issues and the Fairfax County's dependency on real estate revenues are his top two concerns.

"I am the only Braddock District candidate who commutes to work regularly, so I experience first-hand the problems facing Braddock workers," he said. "A critical question to any transportation solution is how much will it cost and who is going to pay for it?"

Wade said the Board of Supervisors should work with businesses to encourage teleworking opportunities. "We should work with businesses to foster remote work alternatives like the one

I implemented successfully at SAIC. As a result of my innovation, SAIC had more dedicated and more productive employees," Wade said. SAIC is a Fortune 500 scientific, engineering and technology applications company headquartered in McLean.

He said the board also needs to look at options to diversify the county's sources of revenue. He noted that approximately 63 percent of the county's revenue comes from real estate taxes, which creates a dysfunctional boom-bust cycle.

"A business that received 63 percent of its revenue from one client is very vulnerable and more susceptible to failure. Why should we allow our government to operate with this vulnerability?"

GREIDINGER, a lawyer specializing in civil rights and environmental issues, announced his candidacy in March. Both he and Wade are seeking an endorsement from the Braddock District Democratic Committee.

Greidinger said his top priorities are education and environmental issues. "Teachers have not had a pay raise in three years. We need to have teachers paid for their work to maintain the high quality of education we've come to expect from Fairfax County Public Schools," Greidinger said. "I also think it's important to give emergency and social services the resources they need to do their job."

A strong environmental advocate, Greidinger said he supports the Environmental Protection Agency's and Gov. Robert McDonnell's (R) efforts to clean up the Accotink watershed.

Greidinger said Wade was a "very nice smart young man, however he's a Republican and should be running as a Republican. He's never voted in a Democratic primary, but he wants the job," Greidinger said.

"I am excited about discussing the issues facing our community," Wade said in response to Greidinger's comments. "I look forward to working with Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), where I hope to utilize my operations and finance experience to assist in her efforts to navigate the county through these challenging economic times."



Christopher Wade

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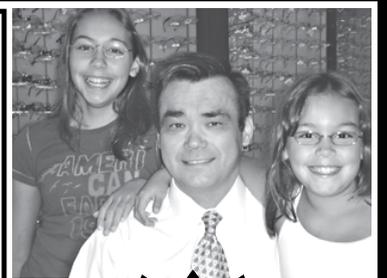
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Call for Mother's Day and Father's Day photos; send in prom photos as well.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations, great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8, and once again the Connection will publish a selection of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, businesses, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos in jpeg format as soon as possible, including the full names of the people in the picture, hometowns, the approximate date and location the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about the people and/or event.

Father's Day is June 19, so a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren.

While Connection photographers and writers will likely attend some proms as schedules permit, we also urge parents and students to document their proms (or alternative activities) and send in photos in jpeg format, and also including who, what, where, when and why.



Connor Kenealy at his grandmother's 86th birthday together with, clockwise, his mother Rosanna Kenealy, sister Alina and grandmother Eileen.

Send photos and text to springfield@connectionnewspapers.com.

Share Your Poetry

April is National Poetry Month, and we're

extending an invitation a little late in the month this year, but we invite poets to send in submissions for inclusion in our papers and/or online. Are you a poet? The Connection will print poetry submitted by readers this spring, and occasionally throughout the year.

When a Plan Is Not a Plan

BY JEFFREY D. MCKAY
SUPERVISOR (D-LEE)

Those of us who live or work in the South County area at ground zero for BRAC. For months, we have been braced for the coming disaster in September when thousands of BRAC workers, military, and hospital patients relocate to Fort Belvoir and the Mark Center.

There is some good news. The April 13 passage of the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011 that appropriates \$150 million to widen Route 1 adjacent to Fort Belvoir is an important first step in addressing the added traffic congestion that BRAC will bring. This appropriation moves us a few inches from ground zero. We can thank U.S. Reps. Moran (D-8) and Connolly (D-11) and Sens. Warner (D) and Webb (D) for their recognition that BRAC's success is tied to local infrastructure improvement.

That's the good news. The bad news is that the state — with the largest responsibility for our transportation infrastructure — still hasn't noticed the existence of Route 1. That's hard to imagine when Route 1 will be home to home to a good chunk of the impending BRAC moves to Fort Belvoir.

As the May date for the Commonwealth

Transportation Board (CTB) to act on Gov. McDonnell's (R) transportation plan is less than a month away, it's one minute to midnight for Route 1. The things we don't do now will have an impact far beyond the seven miles of potholed, unimproved road that is the front door to Fort Belvoir. Route 1 has suffered from an unfair allocation of state transportation dollars for far too long.

COMMENTARY

Just how operationally ready and protected do you think Fort Belvoir is going to be when something as routine as a traffic accident today can close Route 1 in both directions and jam up traffic on all the alternate routes. We don't have to look any further than the March 14 and 21 accidents with fatalities and numerous injuries that closed the road in both directions. Now imagine Route 1 once the new community hospital on the Post opens this August with all the BRAC employees, along with the contractors that will come with them. And this on a road that hasn't been widened since 1971 and relies on only buses for public transit. You have only to experience the daily log jams on the highway around the base now to realize the critical need to upgrade Route 1. It's going to be hard for our military to use that impressive new hospital if they can't get to it.

So how does the governor's plan address this critical need? First, of its 900 projects, only 31 of them are in Fairfax County, representing 6.65 percent of the total plan. We need to do

Supervisor calls on Richmond to help Richmond Highway.



Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

much better if we are going to begin to address BRAC impacts.

If the state is really serious about addressing its infrastructure needs with a multi-million dollar transportation plan, then it can't ignore the emergency situation that's already at its front door. It's time for the CTB to take a hard analytical look at how the Commonwealth allocates its transportation dollars and then match real-time needs to real dollars. Route 1 needs widening, it needs better transit, and it needs it now. The longer we delay, the harder and more costly the fixes will be.

Now is the time for the state to step up to its responsibilities and become a true partner.

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Diversity Awards

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links them to girls' schools in other parts of the world. "Girls Learn International empowers girls to know about their rights, and to learn that all people are free and equal in their rights and dignity," Musa said.

Shartel said she thought the goal of AAUW's diversity program was an important one. "We need to learn about other people and other cultures, so there won't be so much prejudice. The more you know about other cultures, the more accepting you can be," she said.

Shows said the four young women are an inspiration to other students. "You will inspire other strong women who will make strong families, and that's what makes a strong world."

Shows said the awards program was created in support of AAUW's mission statement, which promotes diversity and advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

"In my heart of hearts, I've always felt that if we don't accept one another, we're not going to make it as a world. The community should take pride in knowing that there are girls like these today who are consistently working to promote better relations among diverse people in our society," she said

Police Stations Collecting Flags

Fairfax County police stations are now accepting worn flags in bins located in their front lobby areas. Flags will be ceremoniously disposed of by Honor Guard members, in coordination with the Fire Department. To learn more about the FCPD Honor Guard and its role within the community, call 703-449-7289.



Pitching In

To help celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week, independent living volunteers at Greenspring decorated 150 hats for children at Shelter House on Tuesday, April 12.

SCHOOL NOTES

Northern Virginia's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Power Camp runs June 27-July, at Key Middle School. Local High School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. Christian coaches and athletes provide instruction to youths, ages 8-12, in the following sports: boys-baseball, football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis and wrestling; and girls-basketball, cheerleading, soccer, lacrosse and tennis. Registration \$200 for week. Go to www.novafca.org or call 703-225-0070.

Two students in **Leann Kniller's** sixth-grade AAP class at Springfield Estates Elementary School were named finalists in the 2010 National Veterans Day Poster and Essay Contest. **Grace Mika** and **Brendan Macbeth** were

among 10 fifth and sixth-grade finalists out of more than 800 entries. The contest, which was sponsored by the Paralyzed Veterans of America, required students to explore the theme of "Veteran's Day: A Time to Honor a Veteran in Your Family or Community."

Maria Ali, Kyle Belfort, David Harris and Adrianna McQuillen, seniors at Lake Braddock Secondary School, were named semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Kazumi Ashton-Hughes and Nshira Turkson, seniors at West Springfield High School, were named semifinalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

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Always schedule a pre-wedding hairstyle "dress rehearsal" to find out what works and what doesn't. At **The Kindest Cut SpaSalon**, we love it when you bring in photos and tear sheets from magazines of your dress or better yet a picture of you in your dress. Stylists get a much better feel of the look you are going after by seeing the dress. Photos of hairstyles you like will also help. We also have photo albums you can peruse. Remember, this is a practice and usually you will not want to schedule pictures nor can you expect it to be perfect this day. The practice is best done 1-2 weeks before the wedding and ensures that the day of the wedding things will run smoothly.

The Kindest Cut SpaSalon stylists will want to see the head piece at time of the practice. Headpieces can determine what has to be done to the hair, so if you know who your stylist will be, ask her for suggestions on the type of headpiece to buy. Some headpieces leave you no options as to how the hair is styled and once bought most of the shops will not take them back.

Schedule facials 2-3 weeks before the wedding and, if you're having professional make-up applied, make-up artists may prefer you to have had a facial before the practice takes place and it never hurts to have glowing skin too!

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COMMUNITY

New Law Helps Protect Victims of Dating Violence

Sen. George Barker's expanded protective order bill signed into law.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

When Sen. George Barker (D-39) originally introduced legislation in 2010 that would allow anyone in an abusive relationship, regardless of family relationship, to get a protective order, the bill was shunted to the Virginia Crime Commission for review.

But interest in the bill was renewed May 2010 when University of Virginia lacrosse player, Yeardey Love, died of severe head trauma, after her boyfriend allegedly slammed her head into a wall.

ACCORDING TO news reports, Love's friends and family said Love and her boyfriend cycled through violent periods during their turbulent relationship. On Monday, April 18, a Charlottesville Circuit Court grand jury indicted the 23-year-old fellow lacrosse player on first-degree murder charges.

"[The murder] certainly helped galvanize interest in this legislation and get people focused on this bill. It was not a matter of should we do it anymore, but what and when should we do it," said Barker. Renewed interest in the issue led to reintro-

duction of the bill, and unanimous passage in both chambers of the General Assembly in February.

At a ceremony in Richmond on Friday, April 15, Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) signed into law SB 1222, Barker's comprehensive legislation that expands the safety net for those requesting protective orders against a physical abuser. Beginning July 1, men and women in dating relationships, as well as extended family members and other in-

dividuals, can acquire a protective order when the threat of violence or force places them in fear of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury.

"Virginia was one of a handful of states that

only allowed people in the same family, or living in the same house, to get a protective order," Barker said, adding that an e-mail from a constituent led him to draft the original legislation.

"This legislation will be helpful to anyone in an abusive relationship, but it will have a tremendous impact for young women who are exposed to violence and threats from boyfriends," Barker said.

"This law will help us turn more victims into survivors," said Gena Boyle, a domestic violence advocacy manager for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, a statewide coalition that includes several Northern Virginia shelters and do-

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— Sen. George Barker (D-39)



Gov. Bob McDonnell (R), sitting, shakes hands with Sen. George Barker (D-39) on Friday, April 15, after signing into law SB 1222. Also on hand for the ceremony are Del. Rob Bell (R-58) and Sen. Janet Howell (D-32). Bell carried the bill in the House of Delegates.

mestic violence agencies.

"The Action Alliance strongly supports the new law which, for the first time in Virginia history, treats all victims of sexual and domestic violence equally in terms of access and enforcement of protective orders," Boyle said.

Barker said The Virginia Crime Commission studied the issue, and determined that expanding the class of plaintiffs to whom a protective order is an option clearly reduced the incidence of violence and death.

"A protective order can be very effective in preventing further acts of violence when it is properly enforced," Boyle said.

According to Boyle, the new law allows victims of stalking, dating violence and sexual assault to petition for protective or-

ders and be treated the same way in the petition process as people who are family or spouses under the law.

"Currently, these victims are required to obtain a criminal warrant just to be eligible for a civil order of protection. The new law also makes changes to how law enforcement responds to violations of protective orders issued for non-family members, requiring them to make an arrest for violations, which they are currently required to do for violations of protective orders issued to family and spouses." Barker said the legislation would help citizens "remain safe at school, in their homes, and wherever they may be at risk." Del. Rob Bell (R-58), who carried the bill in the House of Delegates, was also on hand for Friday's signing.

FAITH NOTES

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road in Burke, has announced its upcoming events. Contact the church at 703-455-2500. Saturday, April 23 at 4 p.m. Easter egg hunt and party.

in Springfield, will hold a Good Friday Service on Friday, April 22 at 8 p.m., with a sermon by radio host Ron Kronz, interpretive dance and music. 703-455-7800.

The Truro Parish Choir presents the Duruflé Requiem as part

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

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, will host a small group Lenten Study through April 23. Small groups will meet on a variety of days and times throughout the week to explore John Indermark's book *Gospelled Lives: Encounters with Jesus* which covers varied

responses of biblical characters to direct encounters with the living Christ. Choose a group that meets at a time convenient to your schedule. Open to all. www.BurkePresChurch.org or 703-764-0456.

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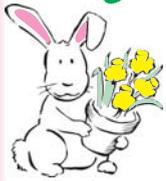
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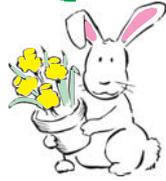
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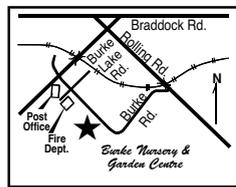
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Shakespeare for Modern Era

Hayfield stages updated 'Two Gentlemen of Verona.'

BY BRIANNA LAU
WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Two boys fall for the same girl, a mother tries to wed her daughter off to a classmate and a girl dresses up as a boy to spy on her boyfriend — there's nothing quite like freshman year in college. Hayfield Secondary School's recent production of William Shakespeare's "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" brought to life a 300-year-old play with a modern twist.

Originally set in Verona and Milan, this contemporary version takes place in Charlottesville (following Hayfield graduates to college at the University of Virginia) and Hayfield (where other graduates have opted to attend local George Mason University). In parting, Valentine (a freshman at UVA) chides his friend Proteus for deciding to attend GMU just to go to school with his love Julia. But then Valentine himself falls "head over boots" in love with the beautiful Silvia at UVA. All seems fine until Proteus's father decides that his son needs to attend a school farther away. After a tearful goodbye to Julia, Proteus arrives in Charlottesville only to fall in love with Silvia. What ensues is a madcap comedy that features Julia disguising herself as a boy to check on her boyfriend and Silvia's mother attempting to chase away her suitors.

As Valentine, Carter Plemmons took the stage with bold movements and meaningful line de-

livery. Plemmons' characterization was carefully balanced between the maturity of the character's age and the immaturity of the more childish lines. As Proteus, Jesse Eftis kept his monologues fresh and interesting, never afraid to speak directly to the audience. Paige Horwitz played Julia with strong commitment to character, and the affection between Horwitz and Eftis was evident when they appeared together. Libby Dowell shone as Dr. Duquette, the caring, though interfering mother of Silvia (played with innocence by Katie Hardy). Dowell physically and vocally portrayed a believable older character quite well.

Standout Taryss Mandt as the off-beat Lance brought her own brand of odd-ball comedy complete with a puppet show (using shoes), modern language add-ins, and a canine companion named Crab. Mandt's organic portrayal of a weird but lovable girl (made more impressive by her ability to work with the dachshund) was one of the highlights of the show, especially in her scene with Speed (Yvonne Fox). Fox's sarcastic humor and know-it-all persona provided an excellent foil to Mandt's unconventional comedy.

Costumes by Libby Dowell and company were natural and varied, with special touches dotted throughout. For example, Julia wore bright floral dresses as a girl who contrasted with the oversized neutral jackets she wore as a boy. Similarly, Dr. Duquette always sported a smart suit and a smart phone holster, adding to her secondary role as the capable chancellor of UVA.

While there were issues with focus, there was never a dull moment on stage. As a whole, the cast appeared secure with the difficult language, using just the right amount of gestures to convey the meaning. Hayfield's lively production of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" proved that Shakespeare is still relevant, sincere, and loads of fun.

CAPPIES REVIEW

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Comes See a Duck Only a Mother Would Love

Lee High presents 'Honk! The Musical.'

BY MEGAN DUMOND
WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Have you ever felt different? Have you ever wondered why you're not quite like everyone else? These questions are the focus of Ugly, a duckling unlike the others and the central character of "Honk! The Musical," performed this weekend at Robert E. Lee High School.

"Honk! The Musical" is an adaptation of the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale of "The Ugly Duckling" by Anthony Drewe and George Stiles. Ida, a mother duck anxiously awaiting the hatching of her newest batch of eggs, is shocked when her largest egg produces an uncom-

mon offspring. Ugly struggles to get along with his normal duckling siblings, and his bond with his mother is the only positive relationship he has. A mischievous cat preys on Ugly's vulnerability and sways him to leave his mother to have lunch with him. Soon, Ugly is lost from his family and struggles to find his way home. Along the way he meets a boisterous frog, a commanding set of geese, and a beautiful swan. While Ida desperately searches for her son, Ugly learns more about himself and finds that he might be much more than a different duck.

The Lee ensemble was absolutely adorable and performed this unique show in a very special way. Each character brought something new to the show and made the performance a memorable one. The Lee

ensemble worked with the resources well and created a strong show even with some challenges.

Nathanael Jones was cute and endearing as Ugly, combining a strong character voice and genuine physicality to embody the struggle of being different and searching for yourself. Johanna Olson's beautiful and emotion-filled vocals were just right as maternal Ida. Jones and Olson complemented each other marvelously, creating a believable mother-son relationship.

Noah Holberton added a great deal of comedic spice to the show as The Cat, dazzling the audience with his sly movements and strong vocals. Victoria Murray adeptly portrayed a more sophisticated cat by the name of Queenie, charming the audience with her superior vocals and high energy.

Ugly's "normal" duckling siblings Beaky (Elian Zarour), Billy (Vincent Zhao), Downy (Emily Kelly), and Fluff (Randi Chambers)

were a terrific ensemble that developed well from innocent toddlers to boundary-pushing teenagers. The obvious chemistry and strong comedic abilities of each duckling created an entertaining and beloved group.

Costumes (Susan Swicegood) were the highlight of the show. Rather than using literal animal costumes, Swicegood created cohesive and bright pieces that allowed for the characters to symbolically represent the animals they were portraying. Another strong element of the show was the orchestra. With only thirteen total members, the Lee orchestra created the sound of an orchestra twice its size.

Lee High School's production of "Honk!" was anything but ugly. The great cast and crew created a show that was definitely a swan.

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/APRIL 21

Paws for Reading. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice reading skills with a trained therapy dog. Age 6-12. Register at 703-249-1520.

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

Book Discussion Group. 7:15 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Adults. 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

Lorton Library Book Club. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Help by Kathryn Stockett. Adults. 703-339-7385.

"The Road to Forever." 1 p.m. Spot-Lyte Company, Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A story of determination and loyalty, the importance of friendship and paying attention to the little things. For ages 7 and up. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

"Cinderella, Cinderella!" 10 a.m. Spot-Lyte Company, Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An audience-participation version of the classic fairy tale. For ages 3 and up. \$5. www.workhousearts.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 22

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus. 1 p.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.

Vocalist Azam Ali. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$30-\$65. A sophisticated exploration of Iranian, Turkish, Lebanese, and Kurdish lullabies. cfa.gmu.edu.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 23

Holiday Hunt Easter Eggstravaganza. 10 a.m. South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. For ages eight and under. Easter egg hunt and face painting, pictures with the "Bunny" and arts and crafts. \$10 per child. Register at South Run RECenter or 703-866-0566.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus. 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.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.

Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. For preschoolers to sixth graders. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Civil War "Both Sides Tour VI." 8 a.m. Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road,

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Franconia. Follow the Union and Confederate troops as they converge on Manassas for the first major battle of the war. Start with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum, then board a bus to the local Union Fort, then west to meet Jackson and his men as they march from the Shenandoah Valley. Buffet lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas. Proceed to the nearby Battlefield Visitors Center to view artifacts and information before reliving the battle. Cost includes bus ride, lunch and a snack card well as the entrance fee to the Visitor's Center. \$100 per person. 703-971-4984.

Breakfast with the Birds. 8-11 a.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Participate in a guided search for bald eagles, waterfowl, and more. Binoculars and field guides suggested, but not required. Coffee and muffins will be available at the visitor center following the birding session. For adults. Free. Register at 703-569-0285 or 703-569-3464.

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SUNDAY/APRIL 24

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus. 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$7-\$15. www.ringling.com or 202-683-3238.

MONDAY/APRIL 25

What's Hidden in Hidden Pond? 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Learn about life under the surface of a pond. Presented by the staff of Hidden Pond Nature Center. Age 6-12. 703-451-8055.

TUESDAY/APRIL 26

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Inside the WikiLeaks Revelations. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. David Sanger, discusses WikiLeaks and what the release means to the world. Adults. 703-451-8055.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 27

Thirty Seconds To Mars. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. \$32.50-\$39.50, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available at 703-993-3035. www.thirtysecondstomars.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

Travel Club. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Bring lunch and enjoy discussion. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Fun for 2's and 3's. 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-971-0010.

THURSDAY/APRIL 28

"Dracula." 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake



The Northern Virginia Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society is hosting a show on Saturday, April 30 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3500 Old Lee Road in Fairfax. There will be museum quality scale models, a modeling contest, vendors, raffle prizes, a Make & Take event for children, doll houses, Lego, Ho & N Scale model Railroads, radio control models, lectures by area historians and more. Food concession will be on site. Admission is \$8 adult, \$10 entire family. www.novaiipms.org.

Road, Burke. Tickets are \$10 at lbtheatre.com. 703-426-1070.

FRIDAY/APRIL 29

"Dracula." 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Tickets are \$10 at lbtheatre.com. 703-426-1070.

"Odd Couple." 7:30 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. The male version of the play, with Felix and Oscar. wtwtdrama.org or 703 503-4759.

SATURDAY/APRIL 30 Women Supporting Women

Family Fun Fest. 1-5 p.m. Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter, 13000 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Music, crafts, shopping, refreshments, silent auction, raffles and more. All proceeds will benefit Artemis House, formerly the Fairfax County Women's Shelter. Rain date May 14. brandland@mac.com.

Kylie Minogue. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$55-\$125, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com.

Northern Virginia Chapter, International Plastic Modelers Society. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3500 Old Lee Road, Fairfax. Food concession on site. \$8 adult, \$10 entire family. www.novaiipms.org.

Fairfax CASA Run for the Children. 8:30 a.m. Fairfax Courthouse, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 10K and 3k. Food, prizes and entertainment for runners and spectators. Runners will help raise awareness for the CASA program while also raising money to support the recruitment, training, and supervision of volunteers from the community to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates. \$25-\$30. Register at www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com or 301-871-0400.

Junior League of Northern Virginia Children's Health Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Kings Park Shopping Center, 8970 Burke Lake Road, Springfield. Fitness challenges, nutrition games, interactive booths, a drawing to win a Nintendo® Wii and Wii Fit and more. Exhibitors include Giant Food, Inova Health System, Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition, and TopKick Martial Arts. Free. 703-442-4163 or kitk@jlnv.org.

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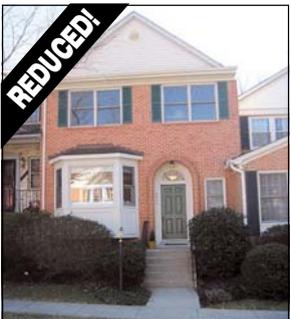
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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
7802 VIRGINIA DR #LOT 2	5	4	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$850,000	Detached	0.00		SABINA ESTATES
7414 SEABROOK LN	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$769,000	Detached	0.21		MIDDLEFORD
5400 MEADOWOOD FOREST CT	5	4	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$755,000	Detached	0.40		MEADOWOOD FOREST
5400 BACKLICK WOODS CT	6	4	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$729,900	Detached	0.35		BACKLICK RUN WOODS TWO
6603 GREEN GLEN CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$669,000	Detached	0.11		KINGSTOWNE
6358 ALDERMAN DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.10		KINGSTOWNE
7202 GRAY HEIGHTS CT	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$659,900	Detached	0.11		WINDSOR KNOLL
8504 SHADEWAY PL	4	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$635,000	Detached	0.95		LAURELWOOD
6570 TRASK TER	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$571,000	Townhouse	0.06		KINGSTOWNE
7713 GRALNICK PL	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$569,000	Detached	0.31		LAKEWOOD HILLS
5292 SANDYFORD ST	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$559,000	Townhouse	0.05		KINGSTOWNE
6211 WINDHAM HILL RUN	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Townhouse	0.07		KINGSTOWNE
6509 RIDGEWAY DR	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$546,750	Detached	0.47		SPRINGVALE
8726 WHITSON CT	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$546,750	Detached	0.23		ROLLING VALLEY
8512 ETNA DR	6	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$540,000	Detached	0.36		KEENE MILL STATION
8803 SHADOWLAKE WAY	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$530,000	Detached	0.24		LAKEWOOD HILLS
6712 COACHMAN DR	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$525,000	Detached	0.29		ORANGE HUNT ESTATES
7205 FLOWER TUFT CT	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$525,000	Detached	0.23		ROLLING VALLEY
9112 FISHERMANS LN	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$525,000	Detached	0.23		LAKEWOOD HILLS
7708 HILLTOPPER CT	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$495,000	Detached	0.32		MIDDLE VALLEY
6202 WINDHAM HILL RUN	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$493,000	Townhouse	0.05		KINGSTOWNE
7402 ROUDSBY CT	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$472,500	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
5593 JOWETT CT	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$464,990	Townhouse	0.05		KINGSTOWNE
5305 SANDYFORD ST	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
5536 CALLANDER DR	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$459,000	Detached	0.26		KINGS PARK
6655 KELSEY POINT CIR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$457,900	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
7917 VALLEYFIELD DR	3	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$452,000	Townhouse	0.05		SOMERSET AT SOUTH RUN
5301 NUTTING DR	4	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$447,500	Detached	0.27		RAVENSWORTH
8411 DERBY CT	4	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$445,000	Detached	0.36		KINGS PARK
8409 GREELEY BLVD	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$445,000	Detached	0.24		ROLLING VALLEY
8518 DURHAM CT	5	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$440,000	Detached	0.25		KINGS PARK
5517 ROLLING RD	3	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$440,000	Detached	0.24		KINGS PARK
5628 HEMING AVE	4	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$437,000	Detached	0.24		NORTH SPRINGFIELD
7009 BENTLEY MILL PL	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
7004 DARBY TOWNE CT	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.03		KINGSTOWNE
7009 GILLINGS RD	4	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$432,750	Detached	0.20		ROLLING VALLEY
7804 HAYFIELD RD	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$431,000	Detached	0.20		HAYFIELD FARM
8001 LAKE PLEASANT DR	5	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$427,000	Detached	0.26		SARATOGA
6710 PORTREE CT	5	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$425,000	Detached	0.25		ROLLING VALLEY
6009 KEBLE DR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$423,500	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
7251 WORSLEY WAY	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$407,000	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
7106 CAPTAINS COVE CT	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$405,000	Townhouse	0.05		LAKE D EVEREUX
6505 SERENADE PL	3	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$401,000	Townhouse	0.04		WESTHAVEN
5608 HEMING AVE	3	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$400,000	Detached	0.25		NORTH SPRINGFIELD
6537 MILVA LN	3	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$399,000	Townhouse	0.04		WESTHAVEN
7306 ELGAR ST	3	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$395,000	Detached	0.24		NORTH SPRINGFIELD
8411 GAMBRILL LN	3	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$394,000	Detached	0.16		GAMBRILL ESTATES
8449 CARMELA CIR	3	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$390,000	Townhouse	0.03		THE FOREST AT SOUTHRUN
7606 DUNSTON ST	4	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$389,000	Detached	0.26		NORTH SPRINGFIELD
8111 BLAIRTON RD	4	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$383,000	Detached	0.30		KEENE MILL MANOR
7721 VICEROY ST	4	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$381,000	Detached	0.25		NORTH SPRINGFIELD
7721 ELGAR ST	3	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$381,000	Detached	0.27		NORTH SPRINGFIELD
8612 THAMES ST	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$380,000	Detached	0.24		KINGS PARK
7776 NEWINGTON WOODS DR	4	4	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$375,000	Detached	0.19		NEWINGTON WOODS
7728 HAYFIELD RD	5	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$372,400	Detached	0.23		HAYFIELD FARM
7947 HIDDEN BRIDGE DR	4	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.10		COVERED BRIDGE
7340 MALLORY CIR	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$369,000	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
5614 ASHFIELD RD	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$363,000	Detached	0.31		HAYFIELD FARM
8118 BULLOCK LN	5	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$360,000	Detached	0.25		RAVENSWORTH
7309 TREETOP HILL LN	3	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLDE OAK RIDGE
8138 CLIFFVIEW AVE	3	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$351,000	Townhouse	0.06		FOREST VIEW
5946 NORHAM DR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.04		KINGSTOWNE
7706 SHADOWCREEK TER	3	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.04		SHADOWBROOK
5402 BLACKSBURG RD	2	1	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$344,000	Detached	0.25		EDSALL PARK
6649 ROCKLEIGH WAY	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$343,500	Townhouse	0.05		AMBERLEIGH
7011 UTICA ST	2	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$340,000	Detached	0.42		SPRINGVALE
6476 BRICKLEIGH CT	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.03		AMBERLEIGH
7914 ORANGE PLANK RD	4	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$339,900	Detached	0.23		CHANCELLOR FARMS
6272 RATHLIN DR	3	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$339,500	Townhouse	0.04		SHANNON STATION
7203 BONA VISTA CT	3	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$335,000	Detached	0.14		BEN FRANKLIN PARK
7282 OLDE LANTERN WAY	3	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$335,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLDE OAK RIDGE
8205 SMITHFIELD AVE	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$335,000	Detached	0.26		WEST SPRINGFIELD
6030 AMHERST AVE	3	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$330,000	Detached	0.23		SPRINGFIELD
5521 MITCHAM CT	3	2	4		SPRINGFIELD	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.04		DANBURY FOREST
6521 COACHLEIGH WAY	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03		AMBERLEIGH
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THE CONNECTION

Skip Chaples and the Brown family have known each other for years, since Jeff and Cheri Brown's son, Aaron, was in his Boy Scout troop.

Aaron Brown was shot and killed by an off-duty Alexandria police officer outside an International House of Pancakes restaurant on Duke Street in Alexandria in February 2006. The officer, who was moonlighting as a security guard in the restaurant and was wearing his police uniform at the time, shot at the Jeep owned by one of his friends because the group ran out of the restaurant instead of paying their dinner tab. His parents later filed for, and received, a \$1.1 million settlement from the city in a wrongful death suit.

After Aaron Brown's death, Chaples wanted to do something to address the violence that cut short the life of the happy, music-loving teenager he'd known since Aaron first joined his troop.

Chaples looked into Guitars Not Guns, a non-profit organization that helps give children who might otherwise get into trouble after school because their communities don't have a lot of other options. The organization was originally started in 1992 by Ray and Louise Nelson, a California couple who learned through their years as foster parents that children benefit by having positive influences around them through as they grow up, and music was a way to engage kids. The children are given free guitar lessons and, if they make sufficient progress, are allowed to keep the guitar.

The Aaron Brown Chapter of Guitars Not Guns started in September 2006 with a handful of youngsters at the Essex House Boys and Girls Club in Alexandria. Now, five years later, the organization has been renamed Guitars Not Guns National Capital Area and has grown from 24 students in three locations to 32 teaching locations in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.,

serving over 300 children each year with eight-week sessions running the duration of the school year.

"Today, we are in nearly all the Boys and Girls Clubs in the area, several community centers, three special education schools, homeless shelters and low income housing projects" Chaples said. "When we started, our fund raising was primarily selling T-shirts and collecting individual donations at small venues in the area. Today, we are members of the United Way, CFC, World Bank Campaign and major participants in several area music festivals where we raffle off new electric guitars donated by our sponsors."

"We give them a chance."

— Skip Chaples, president, Guitars Not Guns National Capital Area

For his dedication to children and providing them opportunities, through Boy Scouts and GNG, Chaples is being honored as a

Fairfax County Champion by Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock).

"He's been involved in this community for a long time in several capacities," Cook said of Chaples. "He's always been very active in civic associations, and as a former civic association president, that's important to me."

CHAPLES SAID he remembers meeting Cook at a civic association meeting, because he makes a point to talk to every elected official he meets to let them know about GNG.

"GNG is a little out of the ordinary," Cook said of the group. "It's an idea that's so simple, which is what makes it so great. He's a great guy."

Chaples said the group is important because children need to have activities in order to keep them from falling into situations in which they might be led astray, into scenarios where they could be involved in violence.

He also sees it as a way to replace the music and arts programs that are falling by the budgetary wayside as school funding gets nicked at every year in favor of math, science and other activities.



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Skip Chaples, a longtime Boy Scout troop leader and founder of the local chapter of Guitars Not Guns, is being recognized by Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) as a Fairfax County Champion.

"I like being able to provide something that no one else is doing," he said. "It's a lot of fun and I really like meeting lots of interesting people."

And it's a different world from being involved in Boy Scouts, he said.

"We want to kids to stay with the program and stay involved, not just be with us for eight weeks and go," he said. "Some of the kids who have learned things are helping the younger ones. It's a music and mentoring program."

Chaples acknowledged that there's "no shortage of musicians or guitar players" in the world, but "most kids don't come in looking to learn to play guitar. But we give them a chance. Maybe about half of the kids finish the program, but they get some experience and learn it's something they can do if they want."

Of being recognized for his work with GNG, Chaples said he doesn't do the work for the glory.

"I don't care about that stuff," he said. "I'd rather do things [than get attention for it]. But I know we need publicity. If nothing else, it gets us some exposure. We always need more volunteers and getting our name out there can help us— people either

don't know about us or have forgotten."

Jeff Brown hasn't forgotten.

"Skip first came to us with this idea right after Aaron's memorial service," he said. "We asked people to make donations in Aaron's name to Guitars Not Guns, and he came to us after with the idea of starting a chapter in his name."

Chaples and the Browns live down the street from each other, and Brown said the two families speak often. Jeff and Cheri Brown are still involved in the organization.

He understands Chaples' hesitation in the spotlight but believes the honor is deserved.

"His drive to keep this going and to expand it is what makes it happen in this area," Brown said. "We had no idea it'd get this large this quickly."

Ray and Louise Nelson have also congratulated Chaples for his impressive work, taking a handful of kids in a handful of community centers and expanding it regionally, Brown said. "They're more than thrilled by how much it's taken off."

It's still fun for Chaples, which he said is "why you do things like this. I'm learning as I go, but we do see it makes a big difference."

How To Help

To volunteer for Guitars Not Guns or to learn more about the organization, go to www.gngnca.org/index.html.

SCHOOL NOTES

Threshold, the literary magazine of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology received a Best of Show Award in the Literary Magazine category for staff, editors and Emily Orser, adviser. The awards were presented at the Journalism Education Association-National Scholastic Press Association fall convention in Kansas City, Mo.

The following students from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology received the recognitions during the Write-Off Contest held in conjunction with the recent Journalism Education Association-National Scholastic Press Association fall convention in Kansas City, Mo.:

Arya Dahl, Excellent award in Advertising; **Bart Bachman**, Honorable Mention in Editorial Writing; **Akshay Seth**, Honorable Mention in Newswriting; and **Mallika Patkar**, Honorable Mention in News Editing-Headline Writing.

Kerrigan Strong of West Springfield High School was one of the 28 Fairfax County Public Schools students that performed Sunday, Feb. 20, at Carnegie Hall in New York City, as part of the wind ensemble Flutopia. The students performed in A Breath of Fresh Air presented by the Distinguished Concerts International New York series as part of a larger concert. Among the pieces they performed were "Eyes Wide Open" (Eric Jackson),

"October" (Eric Whitacre), "Heaven's Light and Fate of the Gods," (Steven Reineke) and the overture to the "Marriage of Figaro" (Mozart).

Katy Maher and **Evie Masterson** of Lee High School were among the 28 Fairfax County Public Schools students that performed Sunday, Feb. 20, at Carnegie Hall in New York City, as part of the wind ensemble Flutopia. The students performed in A Breath of Fresh Air presented by the Distinguished Concerts International New York series as part of a larger concert. Among the pieces they performed were "Eyes Wide Open" (Eric Jackson), "October" (Eric Whitacre), "Heaven's Light and Fate of the Gods," (Steven Reineke) and the over-

ture to the "Marriage of Figaro" (Mozart).

The following students from Lake Braddock Secondary 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: **Seamus Anderson, Allison Kraft, Lauren Lee, Taylor Morgan, and James Vercouteren.**

Patricia (Tricia) Goldberg, a student from West Springfield High School, was elected as HOSA State Historian at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference



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On Wednesday, April 13 at South County Secondary, Stallion student-athletes gathered to celebrate their recent college signings.

Stallions Sign on Dotted Line

The following South County Secondary School student/athletes recently signed collegiate letters of intent to play sports in college.

They are: baseball players Mike Perez (Old Dominion), Luke Bondurant (Pitt Community College), Tyler Frazier (University of North Carolina, Greensboro), and Evan Beal (University of South Carolina); basketball player Nik Biberaj (Christopher Newport University); field hockey players Erica Binzer (American University) and Madison Tettelbach (LaSalle University); football players Joe Winbush (Glenville State) and Ronnie Vandyke (Virginia Tech); gymnast

Brooke Parker (University of Alabama); soccer players Kristen Lauria (Christopher Newport University), Kelley Johnson (East Carolina), Summer Peterson (East Tennessee State University), Liz Hodges (George Mason University), Zach Crandall (Longwood University), RJ Best (Radford), Ashleigh Smith (Randolph Macon), and Caitlyn McLaughlin (St. John's University); softball player Julia Kastner (Temple University); track athletes Loren Dyer (Marshall University) and Sarah Chandler (undecided); and volleyball player Simone Antwi (University of Florida).



Sing-Along

From March 23-April 1, Paul Reisler, founder of the Kid Pan Alley children's songwriting project, performed for the children at Springfield Estates Elementary School in an intergenerational songwriting residency. Lynchburg-based singer/songwriter Paddy Dougherty joined Reisler for the workshops and concert. Seniors from the neighborhood surrounding the school visited the students to tell the children about what the world was like when they were growing up.

SPORTS NOTES

Registration for the Spring 2 Session of Lil Sluggers Baseball and SoccerTots for the Greater D.C. area opened on Tuesday, April 5. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. The Spring 2 Session will begin the week of May 9-15 at Blue Box Sports' indoor locations in Chantilly, Falls Church, Greenbelt, Haymarket, Lansdowne, Manassas and Tysons Corner. Online registration is available by visiting www.BlueBoxSports.com or by calling 703-953-1667. At this time, Lil Sluggers registrations can only be taken over the phone.

Blue Box will again offer the Grand Slam Discount for the Spring 2 Session. Children registered for both SoccerTots and Lil Sluggers this session are eligible to save up to \$33 for the 6-week program. Lil Sluggers classes fill quickly. The discount is only applicable over the phone. Blue Box Sports operates DC SoccerTots & Lil Sluggers Baseball early childhood development programs for ages 18 months-to- 6 years old in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

The Run for the Children, a 10K Race and 3K Run/Walk hosted by Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and made possible through a generous partnership grant from Verizon and other local corporations, will take place on April 30 in historic Fairfax City. This is Fairfax CASA's first community awareness event. Participants will start from the Fairfax County court house complex in a symbolic nod to the CASA volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children under the court's protection. For more information on the race and CASA, visit www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com.

The following is the Baseball Top 10 Northern Region Coach's Poll for the week of April 11. The top 10 is as follows: 1. South County; 2. Westfield; 3. Lake Braddock; 4. WT Woodson; 5. Stone Bridge; 6. Madison; 7. Oakton; 8. West Springfield; 9. McLean; 10. Marshall and Hayfield (tied). Other teams receiving votes: Chantilly and Yorktown.

Marshall High School is pleased to announce the hiring of Chad Scott as its new head women's basketball coach. Coach Scott has been coaching in Fairfax County Public Schools since 2006 and has been a Marshall High girls' basketball assistant coach for the past three years. In addition to his coaching experience, coach Scott is a physical education instructor for Fairfax County Schools.

FAITH NOTES

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St. Peter's in the Woods, 5911 Fairview Woods Drive in Fairfax Station, has announced several Holy Week events. Contact the church at www.SPIW.org or 703-503-9210.

❖ **Agape Dinner & Holy Eucharist.** Thursday, April 21, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the service at 7:30 p.m. Bring a Mediterranean-inspired dish to share. Childcare available immediately following the dinner.

❖ **Good Friday service**, Friday, April 22 at 7:30pm.

❖ **Easter Sunday services.** Sunday, April 23 at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and a family-friendly service at 10:15 a.m. An all-ages Easter egg hunt will take place immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Bring a basket and hunt for eggs on the church grounds.

❖ **Community Yard and Bake Sale.** Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Shop for bargains or rent a space for \$15 to sell your own merchandise.

Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, has announced their Holy Week events. Contact the church at 703-978-3934 or www.providencechurch.org.

❖ Thursday, April 21. Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m.

❖ Sunday, April 24. "Why Easter Mat-

ters". Sing the Hallelujah Chorus with choir, organ and brass at 9 and 11 a.m. services, or rejoice with praise band at 11:15 a.m. Brunch at 10 a.m.

The Institute of Catholic Culture will host a lecture entitled, "Divine Mercy: Understanding the Sacrifice of Christ," featuring Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR, on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Free. www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org or 540-635-7155.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax, will present an Easter Cantata on Sunday, April 28, at 11 a.m. The public is invited to sing in the Cantata. Practices will be on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. 703-383-1170. www.jccag.org

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will be held at Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield, on Wednesdays, April 27 through June 15 at 7:30 p.m. Conducted by trained facilitators, eight regular sessions with a special session on finances. The workshop and childcare are free. Resource books are available for \$12. Childcare must be requested at registration. rringler@messiahumc.org.

County Offers Green Earth Day Tips

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animal control agencies. We do our best to provide a good home for exotic animals that otherwise would have nowhere to go and teach people about the importance of these awesome creatures."

Residents could also pick up information on other green initiatives, such as the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's guide to year-round yard care, or stormwater management's brochure on the right way to wash cars, called "Only Rain Down the Drain."

MEMBERS OF Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB) also had an information booth. "We want to make Fairfax more bicycle-friendly. Riding a bike makes our community more livable and helps the environment," said Bruce Wright, chairman of FABB. FABB volunteers distributed Fairfax County bicycle maps and provided information on ways residents can gear up.

"What I think is really important is that it gives residents some concrete ideas and more information to take the next step," said Danielle Wynn, an ecologist with Fairfax County's stormwater planning division. "All of the information can be overwhelming, and sometimes it's hard to know where to start, so this event gives them an opportunity to see what Fairfax County is doing, and how they can help."

Mayra Portalatin, a Fairfax resident, brought her children to the event. "We like to expose our children to environmental concerns and sustainability issues. They

Celebrate a Favorite Tree

Ever climbed a tree rested in its shade, or enjoyed its fruit and flowers? Why not celebrate a favorite tree by nominating it as a Celebrated Tree of Fairfax County.

As part of Fairfax County's Earth Day Celebration, the county also celebrated Arbor Day, a national observance that has encouraged tree planting and care since 1872.

The county's tree commissioners, who provide advice on tree conservation efforts to the Board of Supervisors, were on hand Saturday, April 16, to promote the county's urban forest.

"We really push hard for tree preservation," said Harry Glasgow, chairman of the Tree Commission.

One way the commission is doing this is asking every resident to nominate his or her favorite tree for the Celebrated Trees program of Fairfax County.

Andy Bernick, a tree commissioner from the Lee district, said the Celebrated Trees program is a way to encourage residents to think about the beautiful trees around them. "They provide shade, storm water management, they're aesthetically impor-

tant and they balance our environment," Bernick said.

Residents can nominate trees that mean the most to them in the one or more of the following categories: big tree, historic tree, commemorative tree or favorite tree.

Eligible trees will receive an honorary designation as a Celebrated Tree of Fairfax County. They also will be included in a database on the county's website. Historic, commemorative and favorite trees will be included in a database of the county's most special trees. Big trees will go into the county's Big Tree Database, as well as be submitted for consideration in the Virginia Big Tree Program.

Only trees in Fairfax County may be nominated, and nominations may be submitted any time of the year. To request a nomination form, or for more information, contact the Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770. Nomination forms can be filled out and submitted electronically (with attachments) to treemail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

— VICTORIA ROSS

really learn and can absorb from a young age what's recyclable and what's trash," she said.

Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, greeted visitors. "It's important that we take care of our natural resources, and our children continue to have clean air and clean water," she said.

Founded in 1970 by Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day is officially celebrated worldwide

every April 22. This year's theme is "A Billion Acts of Green," a people-powered campaign to generate a billion acts of environmental service. The year-round mission of Earth Day is to broaden, diversify and activate the environmental movement worldwide, through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer campaigns.

To learn about Fairfax County's environmental services, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling.

Obama Asks for Prosperity, Responsibility

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deficit on your backs. And if you are not heard, that's exactly what's going to happen."

Some of the loudest applause and cheers came when President Obama declared that we needed to end tax cuts for the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans.

"I suspect there are a bunch of young people in this gym who are going to end up being wealthy, and that's good, that's what we want ... (But) if we're asking community colleges to sacrifice, if we're asking people who are going to see potentially fewer services in their neighborhoods to make a little sacrifice, then we can ask millionaires and billionaires to make a little sacrifice," he said.

"We can't just tell the wealthiest among us, you don't have to do a thing. You just sit there and relax, and everybody else, we're going to solve this problem," he said, adding that he would not reduce the deficit by cutting education and eliminating scholarships.

"In a world where our students face stiff competition ... why would we make it harder for you to compete?"

His message resonated with the enthusi-

astic crowd.

"I really wanted to hear what he had to say, and hear it from him directly," said KENZA Jabali, 18, a student government volunteer from McLean. "I liked what he had to say about education, because financial aid is my biggest worry. A lot of students go here not because they can't get into other schools, but because they can't afford other schools."

Darlene A. Griffin, a program manager for NVCC's Health Information Systems on the Springfield campus, said she thought President Obama gave an excellent speech.

"He emphasized education and talked about how important it is. You can tell he has a passion for education, and that he cares about students because he can relate to them," she said.

Pat Lee, director of the Cultural Center, where the town hall was took place, said President Obama shared her concerns about students' futures.

"I'm inspired by his vision. Young people have to come after us, and it won't do us any good if we don't help young people get the education in math and science that they need to compete in the world," she said.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, (D-11) said he was "heartened" by the president's speech.

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ABC LICENSE
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PUBLIC NOTICE VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM

In accordance with the Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) public participation requirements of 9 VAC 20-160-120, the general public is hereby notified that the property identified as Oakton Shopping Center in Oakton, Virginia is requesting a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Remediation from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) through VRP. The property was recently remediated to address a release of solvents from a dry cleaning business that vacated the shopping center prior to its redevelopment in 2007. Among other remedial activities, an institutional control will be established by the property owner that specifies that "groundwater beneath the property shall not be used for any purpose other than environmental monitoring or testing". Anyone with an interest in this remediation may call or write Oakton Shopping Center through their environmental representative, Mr. Jeff Lund, ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC, 14026 Thunderbolt Place, Suite 100, Chantilly, VA 20151 (703-471-8400). Comments will be accepted for 30 days following the publication of this notice.



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 Stunning home on 5 private acres just outside historic town of Clifton! Sought after main level master suite w/cozy fireplace! Beautiful kitchen renovation with granite and stainless appliances! Gleaming hardwood floors! Walk out lower level w/rec room, poss media room, more! 4BR, 3.5 Baths, 3 car garage! Move in ready, truly a turnkey property! Virtual tour at www.seetheproperty.com/75599
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Lake Ridge **\$379,900**
 Lovely 3-level colonial with 2 car garage on cul de sac lot! Updates include gourmet kitchen, windows, carpet, A/C, HWH, roof & siding - the list goes on! Hardwood floors, finished basement fireplace, deck and fenced treed yard! Convenient to school & shopping.
Pam Boe 703-503-1888



Laurel Hill **\$750,000**
 Immaculate 5 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial with fantastic open floor plan. Gorgeous hardwood flrs & custom blinds throughout. Great open floor plan with gourmet kitchen, breakfast room & large family room with gas FP. Master suite with luxury BA & large WIC & 4 more bedrooms on upper level! Great walk-up LL ready to be finished the way you like. Entertain on your composite deck & fenced rear yard with sprinkler system!
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Fairfax Station **\$769,000**
 Near Burke Lake! New home to be built! 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, eat-in kitchen next to family room, master suite, basement, 2 car garage on 3/4 acre lot. Floor plans and other models you can choose from. Customize to your needs and tastes! Let's meet with the builder and build the home that you desire!
Cheryl Hanback 703-864-4321



Lorton **\$825,000**
 Immaculate 4BR, 3.5BA Colonial in Laurel Hill. Open floor plan w/main level office, gourmet kitchen & morning rm bump out. Master Suite w/WIC & luxury bath. Finished walk-up lower level with game room, recreation rm w/surround sound, 2nd kitchen, dining area, den & full bath. Fantastic level yard irrigation system & flagstone patio overlooking waterfall & stream.
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Burke **\$282,000**
 Updated exceptional 3 BR, 2.5 BA townhome! Like new with gleaming hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen is totally updated with adjoining dining area and walkout to patio w/ new fence. Great cul-de-sac location with ample parking spaces.
George Flood 703-209-0230



Lake Anna Waterfront **\$669,000**
 Excellent Home with 140' Water Frontage. 2400+ sqft Rambler with Water views from Front & Back. 3 Bedrooms, Master with Sitting Room, 3 Full Baths, Open Living & Family Room w Fireplace, Large Deck Overlooking Boathouse and Waterfront.
David & Janet Lewis 540-972-9115



Lorton **\$924,500**
 Hallowing Point Estates. Year-round Water View! Superb all brick 4BR, 2BA Colonial on .83 ac. lge kit w/SS appl & granite counters, hwd & tile flrs, bonus room, screen porch, gunnite pool. 10 min from Belvoir, close to VRE & main arteries.
Edie Bierly 703-690-1257



Springfield **\$834,900**
 Superb design lets you live on just one level or enjoy all three finished levels! Grand foyer, two story family room w/fireplace, gourmet kitchen with tons of granite counter-tops, breakfast room, large formal dining room and living room PLUS spacious master suite with luxury bath on main level. Upper level features 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and lower level is finished with huge recreation room, large den/office and full bath plus tons of storage! Two car side load garage plus beautifully landscaped lot with trees! Just minutes to I95, metro, Ft Belvoir and shopping.
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Chantilly **\$335,000**
 Immaculate End Unit! This 3 BR, 3BA, Garaged townhouse features gourmet Kitchen with Granite & 42" Cabs & SS Appl. 2 UL MBR's with private Baths, Trex Deck & Much, Much More!
Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803
Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948



Lake Anna **\$349,900**
 Water View Retreat! Rustic & Private newly renovated 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA lakehouse, approx 3000 sq ft on 2 acres with huge pines. Lots of light & open spaces. 2 glassed in porches, huge 2 car garage.
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Falls Church **\$209,900**
 Check out this condo on the 3rd floor overlooking treed courtyard at Savoy Park! Upgraded appliances, ceramic tile floor, neutral decor, open floorplan plus washer/dryer! Garage parking, community pool and super convenient! See pics at Pamboe.com
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Falls Church **\$147,900**
 Fully Remodeled Home in the Sky! A wall of windows allows you to enjoy the stunning view from the 12th floor of this fully remodeled condo. New appliances, carpet, paint, title, granite kitchen and bath counter tops. Too much to mention.
Diana Khoury 703-401-7549



Fair Lakes **\$348,975**
 Beyond Ordinary Quality Condo! Large 1 MBR w/Den/Guest Room, 1.5 BA. New in 2007, at 66/50/Fairfax County Pkwy; close to free shuttle bus to Metro/DC. All cherry hwdws, lux baths, SF-size gourmet Kit; gas incl in fee; balcony 5th fl view, open, sunny, rarely offered unit.
Carol Ford 703-503-4027



Woodbridge **\$269,900**
 Great 5 BR, 3 BA single-family home. Hwdw floors on main level featuring, kitchen with granite counter tops, separate living & dining rms, Master BR with private bath, 2 more BRs & updated hall bath. LL with large rec rm with fireplace, 2 more BRs & updated full BA; walks out to large level fenced-in yard with patio & swing set.
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Fairfax Station **\$825,000**
 Stunning, 4 bedroom, colonial, custom built, 5+ acres, solarium, great room, many upgrades, extensive landscaping with breathtaking views, peaceful, private, energy efficient, Lake Braddock schools.
Mary FitzHenry 703-503-1825



Annandale **\$479,950**
 Nice 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on a .41 acre lot. Great curb appeal, beautifully landscaped backyard, spacious room sizes, carpeting protecting hardwood floors, located on a quiet cul-de-sac in the sought-after neighborhood of Oak Hill. Conveniently located near 495 and Route 236, close to shopping, schools and express bus route to Pentagon Metro Rail. Best buy in neighborhood!!!
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Fairfax **\$669,000**
 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3 fin levels Dutch Colonial sited on cul de sac on nearly an acre. Updated Kitchen w/ Breakfast Room opens to great deck overlooking spectacular yard. Sunny walkout lower level opens to terrific patio. Gleaming wood flrs & custom colors throughout!
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Alexandria **\$401,900**
 Beautiful lot. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths. Wood & ceramic tile floors throughout. Enclosed breezeway to 2 car side load garage. 2 sheds.
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Burke **\$269,777**
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Christine Zinser 571-215-3037



Manassas **\$127,500**
 Beautifully upgraded end townhome with one car garage. New neutral carpet & paint throughout. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Fireplace in living room. Grilling deck off dining room.
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Stafford/Aquia Harbour **\$239,500**
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