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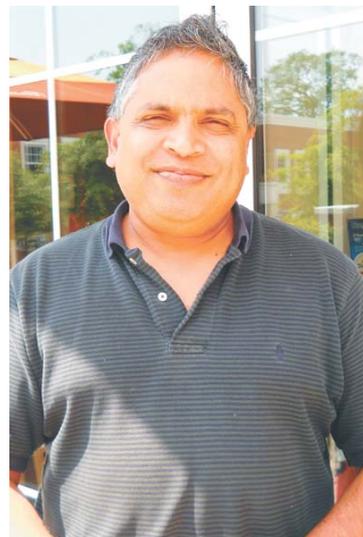
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"I think what happened, it's more of a psychological thing. I probably don't feel safer. If you travel outside of this country, all bets are off depending on what part of the world you're in. After a while, you get desensitized to it."
Len Vaz, Fairfax Station

"I was surprised to hear it, and it will be interesting to see how it's used in the election. I don't feel safer. I was never really scared of that. Actually, I'm more afraid of people who text and drive."
Mike Spec of Oakton

"I agree with President Obama and President Bush. I think this shows that we finish what we start. I don't feel any more or less safe because of it."
Mike Lesperance of Arlington



"I'm really worried, because I don't know if this is the end or the beginning of more trouble. I think this is good for those who lost sons, fathers, wives, family members on Sept. 11, because it will probably give them some comfort. I'm worried about retaliation here and abroad. It's a little scary now."
Carmen Cuellar, Burke

"My first impression was, 'Thank God, the president finally got something right.' My hat's off to the Navy Seals. With all the technology and information that we have, it's amazing that it took us 10 years to get him. Today is my birthday, and it's undermined the celebration of my birthday."
Sid Bennett, Reston

"I'm very pleased, and I hope this settles two things. I hope it lowers the level of fear a bit, and gets us away from mistake that all Muslims are to be blamed for this. ... I think it's commendable that we have the capability to finally get him. I'm sure it was very difficult. I don't feel safer, because I think with everything that's happened [since 9/11], we've had positive preventive measures and overreaction on some things."
John Napolitano, Fairfax

"I was shocked, because we hadn't heard about Osama in so long, I was like, he's really on the radar still? I didn't see it coming. I actually think this was something Obama wants/can use to in his 're-elect me campaign.' It's good politically because everything else is going to pot here in the U.S., gas prices, food prices. No, I don't think it's safer. I think Osama had a fantastic, well-trained network that will bide its time. They are very patient people, and it won't come out immediately. I still cry when I think about 9/11. I worked at Fairfax Inova Hospital, and we had it on live feed at the hospital. We saw when the second plane hit, and people were throwing themselves off buildings. ... It's still, to this day, hard to believe we live in a world where people do this."

Beatrice Barry with daughter Gabriella, 4, Fairfax City

Are We Safer?

Fairfax residents share thoughts on death of terrorist Osama bin Laden.

By mid-day on Monday, May 2, Northern Virginians had had some time to process the news that U.S. forces had raided a Pakistani compound the day before and killed Osama bin Laden. The Al Qaeda leader had taken credit for the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon in Arlington and the World Trade Center in New York City.

In the City of Fairfax, residents offered their opinions about bin Laden's death and answered whether they felt any safer because of it.

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY VICTORIA ROSS

Governor Signs Tank Farm Safety Bill Into Law

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Swift, vocal and synchronized opposition to Gov. Robert McDonnell's (R) proposed overhaul of legislation upgrading safety standards at the Picket Road

Tank Farm influenced him to reconsider his position and sign the original bill on Monday, May 2.

"Citizen input was critical, both from organizations like Mantua Citizen's Association and individuals who called or emailed us on this issue," said Senator Chap Petersen, (D-34), who, with Del. David

Local officials lobbied hard to sway governor to reconsider overhaul.

Bulova, (D-37) sponsored the original measure that unanimously passed both houses in February.

During the General Assembly's

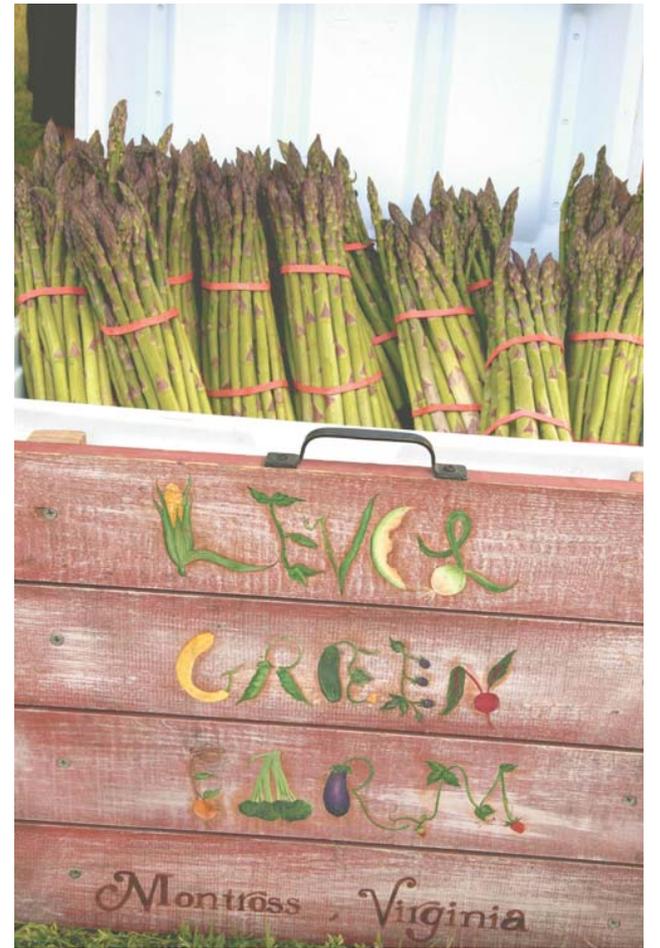
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Signs mark the entrance to the farmers market in Van Dyck Park. The market is open Tuesdays, May 3-Oct. 25, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



Markos Panas bags pastries from Bonjour La Parisienne at the Fairfax Farmers Market.



Level Green Farm from Montross, Va., sells asparagus in Van Dyck Park on Tuesday, May 3.

To Market, To Market

Farmers Market returns to Van Dyck Park in Fairfax.

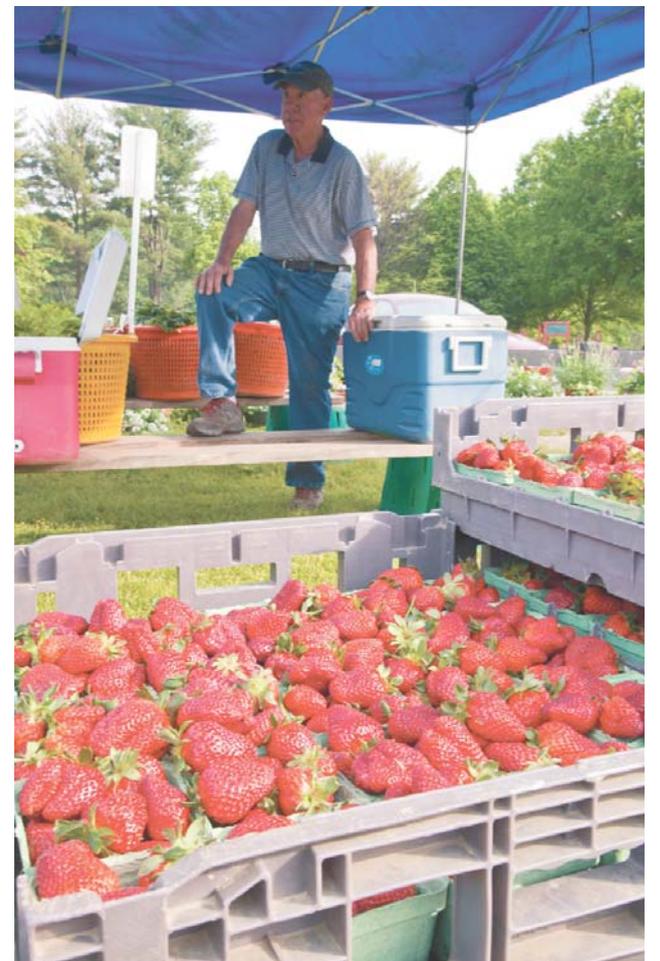
On Tuesday morning, May 3, the Fairfax Farmers Market officially opened for the year. Located in Van Dyck Park, at 3720 Lee Highway in Fairfax, the market is open Tuesdays,

through Oct. 25, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Each week, shoppers can pick up fresh produce, cheeses, meat and baked goods.

PHOTOS BY GINA URICOLI



Fresh strawberries wait for customers at the Fairfax Farmers Market. All produce sold at the market is from an area within 125 miles of Fairfax County.



James Christopher mans the booth for Level Green Farm at the Fairfax Farmers Market on Tuesday, May 3. This is Christopher's 18th year as a vendor in the market.

CAPPIES REVIEW

Paul VI Stages 'Happy Days'

BY NOAH HABENSTREIT
ALBERT EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL

Richie, Pinky, the Malachi Brothers and, of course, "The Fonz," Paul VI Catholic High School invited the audience to take a trip back to 1959 with the characters from the beloved TV show "Happy Days."

The musical "Happy Days" was written by Garry Marshall and Paul Williams, and is based on the hit ABC show of the same name. In it, The Fonz struggles with his identity as a "tough guy." Eventually, he beats the villainous Malachis in a wrestling match and wins the girl of his dreams.

Paul VI's show was well-cast. Every actor clearly fit in his or her character. The ensemble was enthusiastic during most scenes, and the technical elements were very solid. However, the leads carried the show.

Arthur Fonzarelli is an incredibly iconic character, and Jake Miller did a great job with it. He had the perfect mix of egotistical tough guy and confused teenager searching for his identity. He was very believable and realistic in the role. On top of that, his singing was excellent and filled with emotion. As his

love interest, Pinky Tuscadero, Alexa Bechara created a convincing character, displaying excellent acting skills and chemistry with The Fonz.

Perhaps the most convincing actress was Sean Pugerude, as Marion Cunningham. As a semi-feminist housewife, she lit up the stage whenever she entered. Her singing voice shone, especially in the number "What I Dreamed Last Night."

The ensemble was very animated and seemed to be woven into the town of Milwaukee. Though the singing was unclear and fuzzy at some points, the cast members had clearly taken the time to develop their characters, which was obvious in all ensemble scenes.

Some of the technical elements were very strong. The lighting team, led by Megan Wehner, did an excellent job creating the world of the 1950s.

Paul VI's show was clearly a valiant effort by all members of the cast and crew. The lead and supporting actors were spot-on, and the ensemble was exciting and fun to watch, which made up for some weak ensemble elements and pitchy singing. Overall, Paul VI Catholic High School created a realistic portrayal of "Happy Days."



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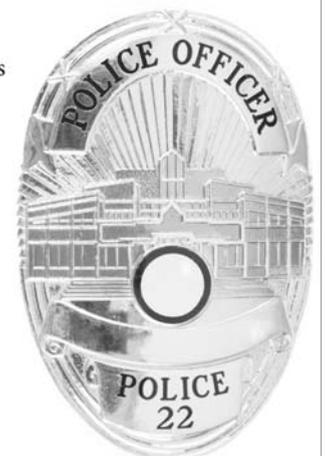
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OPINION

World Press Freedom Day

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day, a time to remember that in 2010, 44 journalists were murdered around the world to stop them from reporting the facts. In 2011, so far, 16 journalists have been murdered.

The day serves as a reminder to governments of the need to respect press freedom, also serves as a day of reflection on professional ethics and press freedom for those who work in media, a day of support for journalists and organizations of all kinds who are targets, and a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

The UN General assembly proclaimed May 3 as World Press Freedom Day in 1993, as a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered.

At the Connection, we are reminded of the importance of press freedom internationally by the daily presence of Kemal Kurspahic. Of

the 50 World Press Freedom Heroes named 10 years ago, who were honored again in Vienna, Austria last September, one is Kemal Kurspahic, managing editor here at the Connection. Kurspahic is managing editor and community editor for the Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, Reston and Oak Hill/Herndon Connections.

In December 1988, Kemal Kurspahic was named editor-in-chief of Oslobodjenje, Sarajevo's 70,000 circulation daily newspaper, the first elected by the paper's staff. Before that, the Communist Party had controlled all editorial appointments. Then after the communists were ousted and Bosnia's first democratic elections held, Kurspahic battled to maintain editorial independence against a coalition of nationalist parties through a constitutional court case in 1991.

During the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, despite snipers' bullets, constant shelling, and newsprint shortages, the paper's multi-ethnic staff of Bosnians, Serbs and Croats, guided by Kurspahic, worked day and night in a nuclear

bomb shelter to put out a daily issue of the paper, providing one of the city's only sources of information.

In the United States, freedom of the press is protected by the Constitution.

While the challenges in Northern Virginia pale in comparison, we also remember that there are miles to go in openness and transparency in government.

More: www.wpfd2011.org, www.cpj.org, www.freemedia.at/awards/world-press-freedom-heroes

Happy Mother's Day

Around the world, but more so in our area, mothers run the company, the town, the schools, the county, the world, as well as the family, the PTA, the soccer (and lacrosse, softball, baseball, football, track ...) team.

Thanks, moms, for all you do, and for demonstrating to all of us that anything is possible.

- MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIALS

Osteoporosis Awareness

To the Editor:

During this year's General Assembly session, my first legislative bill to pass the House of Delegates was a resolution to designate May 10 each year as Osteoporosis Awareness Day in Virginia. May has already been recognized as National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month. As we approach the Commonwealth's first annual Osteoporosis Awareness Day, I wanted to take this opportunity to outline a few facts and prevention tips.

Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for Americans 50 years of age and older. In this country, it is estimated that 10 million individuals already suffer from this disease, with nearly 34 million more estimated to have low bone mass, placing them at increased risk for osteoporosis. Half of all women, and up to 25 percent of men over the age of 50, will break a bone due to osteoporosis. By 2020, half of all Americans over age 50 are expected to have low bone density or osteoporosis.

In addition to drinking milk, calcium and vitamin D are important prevention aids, and can be found in other dairy products, certain fruits and vegetables, or in supplement form. In addition, regular exercise is essential for maintaining normal bone density. Avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol use can also decrease the risk.

If you learn you are at risk, talk to your doctor. If you are at risk — a bone mineral density test can diagnose Osteoporosis before symptoms (such as breaking a bone) develop.

To learn more about National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention month, please visit www.nof.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have questions about Osteoporosis Awareness Day or other legislation introduced during the past legislative session. I am always available to meet personally with you to discuss any issues and I can be reached directly by e-mail at Eileen@EileenFillerCorn.com or by phone at 571-249-3453.

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn
D, 41st District

Reform on The Road

To the Editor:

Following too closely on the road is dangerous, yet most of us are tailgating every time we get in the car. Tailgating leads to accidents, which lead to injuries, and in the worst cases, deaths. According to smartmotorist.com, "Over 95 percent of motor vehicle accidents involve some degree of driver behavior." The website sciencedaily.com claims that in 2006 there were 1.8 million rear end collisions in the U.S. "That's 29 percent of all the injury crashes

in the United States," the site claims. Still, each and every day people ride the bumper of the car in front of them with little to no regard for their own safety or the safety of others.

According to the Virginia DMV website, not allowing "3 seconds distance between yourself and the vehicle ahead" is following too closely. In Fairfax County, the penalty for this offense is a traffic ticket. The Fairfax County government website lists the costs for a following-too-closely violation as a \$32 fine with a \$62 processing fee, totaling to only \$92. The fee for trespassing in a cemetery at night is \$107. A ticket for fishing without a license will cost you \$150. The imbalance of these figures is ridiculous. Driving in a manner that increases your risk of a car accident should have a higher penalty. Tailgating is a serious issue and should be treated that way. An increase in tickets and fines for the offense is necessary. People don't think about this issue enough, which is evident by the shocking number of tailgaters on the road. If a stricter penalty isn't enforced, people won't change their dangerous driving habits. Increasing the dollar amount on a ticket won't stop people from getting into accidents altogether, but it will make people think — even for a moment — about their dangerous tendencies on the road, which may prevent them from becoming another statistic.

Kim Bishop
Student, NVCC

Cruel Training

To the editor:

If people knew more about who the elephants traveling with the Ringling Bros. Circus really are, they'd think twice about supporting these animals' miserable existences by buying a ticket.

Ten-year-old Sara ["Very Big Birthday Girl at GMU," Fairfax Connection, April 21-27, 2011] is a survivor of the cruel training [www.ringlingbeatsanimals.com/] practices used by Ringling that were brought to light by a former circus employee. She was ripped from her mother's side, tied down by all four legs and battered into submission. Sara is skinny — her face is hollowed and her bones jut out. This young elephant has suffered from chronic lameness for at least two years, but Ringling has not conducted adequate diagnostics, developed a treatment plan, or ensured that she receives prescribed treatments. It's little wonder Sara is nervous and appears fearful of her trainer. She displays neurotic behavior including swaying and bobbing her head. She frequently thumps her trunk on the ground, one of the few ways to express her anxiety since elephants in circuses spend most of their lives in chains. Before you take your child to the circus, please ask yourself: Is teaching your child that beating animals into submission and keeping them afraid and lonely what you really want to do?

Jennifer O'Connor
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LETTERS

Lyme Disease Statistics

This letter was submitted in response to "Lyme Disease: A Public Health Controversy," Connection, April 28-May 3, 2011.

To the Editor:

The 250 cases reported to the Fairfax County Health Department in 2010 may represent as many as 10,000 cases in a single year in that county if Virginia is anything like Georgia, where a researcher found that doctors were diagnosing 40 times more cases than were reflected in official state statistics.

According to the 2010 Census, the population of the Fairfax County is 1,081,726, which makes the incidence of Lyme disease about 1 percent. And since up to half the people with Lyme continue to suffer from symptoms even if treated, that adds up to a huge burden on state resources, as people lose their jobs and health insurance due to poor health, and school children require accommodations under Title II of the ADA.

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Williams Launches 'Whistle Stop' Campaign Tour

Republican challenges Bulova for chairman of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Michael "Spike" Williams kicked off his campaign for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman with a "whistle stop" caravan on Saturday, April 30, swinging through the county's nine voting districts in 10 hours.

Williams started his tour at the Mount Vernon Government Center at 9 a.m., and crisscrossed the county with a four-car caravan, ending with a stop in Herndon at 7 p.m.

Williams, who has served as the Republican committee chair for the Hunter Mill District since 2009, was accompanied by a slate of state and local Republican officials and candidates throughout the day, including Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Elizabeth Schultz, Springfield District candidate for the Fairfax County School Board.

Evoking President Harry S Truman's his-

toric 1948 whistle stop campaign, Williams said he wanted to launch his campaign by traveling the county he was born and raised in, and "talk straight" with voters about his top issues: the county's budget, transportation and education.

No "Give 'em Hell, Harry" moment emerged, but Williams' GOP allies rallied supporters with call-and-response questions that engaged the 30 to 40 people at each stop.

"I am your hometown guy."

— Spike Williams

"I am your hometown guy," Williams said to the brunch crowd at Milano's restaurant in Springfield, the second stop of the tour. "Growing up, I lived all over Fairfax County,

and we had to scrape by sometimes, but my mom did a great job raising me and my brother as a single mother," he said.

WILLIAMS TOLD the crowd that trimming the county's \$3.3 billion budget was his signature issue.

"We don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem," he said. "Our taxes have doubled in the past decade. It's

an outrageous increase. ... For all of our investment, what do we have to show for it? Is your child getting twice the education?"

"Not in Clifton," said Schultz, drawing laughter and applause.

"Two questions for you," said Rich Nilsen, a representative for Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R), at Milano's. "First, are you ready to retire [Fairfax County Board Chair] Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)? Are you ready to hire Spike Williams?" Nilsen announced that Cuccinelli endorsed Williams.

Herrity introduced Williams at Milano's, telling the crowd that it was "time for a change and real leadership" in the county. "If it weren't an election year, you all would be the proud owners of an incinerator," Herrity said, a swipe at the Democrats on the Board of Supervisors who considered purchasing the Lorton trash-to-energy plant operated by Covanta Energy. "It's time to stop the tax-and-spend Democrats," he said.

Williams said he would work with Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) to "champion innovative solutions to our transportation needs." He said he supports hot lanes, increased use of mass transit and teleworking for employees and bolstering the county's transportation funding. "Strategic, long-

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Spike Williams with daughter, Nora, 13, center, and classmate Deanna in front of Milano's restaurant in Springfield. Nora Williams was her father's official photographer for the day.

Governor Signs Unaltered Bill Passed by Legislature

FROM PAGE 3

marathon veto session on April 6, Petersen and Bulova mobilized lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to reject McDonnell's proposed amendments. Then they organized local opposition.

On April 8, Petersen and Bulova sent a FedEx package containing nearly 100 e-mails and letters from constituents urging the governor to sign the bill. On April 11, they requested a formal meeting with McDonnell.

Over the next week, McDonnell received a flurry of letters from U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), City of Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) condemning the governor's amendments that officials said would "gut" the safety bill.

"After consultation with the patrons, the governor was satisfied that the legislation was the best opportunity to address the issues facing this community," said Jeff Caldwell, spokesman for the governor. "While the amendments he proposed would have given the agency more tools to address this and similar problems around the state, the governor had to make his decision based

on the original bill presented to him."

David Bulova said McDonnell put the health and safety of the community first by signing the bill into law.

"I am grateful for the governor's support. Even more, this was truly a team effort. It is a real testament to our community that so many people were willing to call, write and e-mail the governor to advocate for this legislation," he said.

The new law requires owners of the tank

"Now the Pickett Road tank farm will have to meet the same safety standards as any other above ground facility in the Commonwealth."

— State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

farm to comply with current safety standards by reinforcing the bottoms of its 40-plus petroleum storage tanks to prevent any leaks. The owners of the tank farm have 10 years to bring the tanks up to code.

"The improvements will protect Fairfax families and the Chesapeake Bay watershed from future oil spills that have plagued the Pickett Road Tank Farm for decades," said Petersen.

Connolly, a Mantua resident who led the

fight to stop leaks at the tank farm when they were first discovered in the 1990s, applauded the efforts of Petersen and Bulova.

"This is a major step forward in our efforts to bring an end to the environmental problems which have plagued the Pickett Road tank farm and endangered residents and the watershed in that area on the border of Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax," Connolly said. "The governor also deserves recognition for signing the bill, even after his amendments were rejected and the legislation was returned to its original form," Connolly said.

"While it was impossible to completely undo the damage the tank farm has caused in the past, there is absolutely no reason that we shouldn't do all we can to prevent new leaks from spoiling our environment even more. While it is not the last step, it is certainly an important one in the right direction," David Bulova said.

Although lawmakers unanimously adopted the legislation in February, McDonnell surprised legislators on March 26 by returning the original bill to the General Assembly, striking language that required the double-hulling of the tanks and calling into question the constitutionality of the language that specifically targeted the

Fairfax site.

Petersen called the governor's constitutional analysis a "red herring" and said restricting the legislation to the Fairfax tank farm ensured smooth passage of the bill.

On Monday, the governor's spokesman responded "no," when asked if McDonnell still had questions about the constitutionality of the bill.

"Gov. McDonnell did the right thing and signed this common sense solution into law" Petersen said. "Now the Pickett Road tank farm will have to meet the same safety standards as any other above ground facility in the Commonwealth. As the requirements take effect, the owners will have two choices: come up to safety standards or shut down their business."

"This is great news and the result some vigorous and effective collaboration among our state reps, the city and the county. We will all benefit from upgrades to the tank farm facilities which will allow for better monitoring of safety conditions," said Sharon Bulova.

"This law is very important," said Mantua resident Roger Cryan. "It's a step toward the policy the state must take to a tank farm in the middle of a residential neighborhood — in the middle of my neighborhood: 'Get it right, or get out.'"

According to Caldwell, the governor may have a signing ceremony this week in Fairfax.

Williams Starts Campaign

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term planning is what the county needs," he said, adding that he would demand more money from Richmond to improve the county's roads.

"I think Spike is a great candidate. He's fiscally responsible, and he's good at managing. He will give us the biggest bang for our buck," said supporter James Parmelee, chairman of the Northern Virginia Republican PAC.

Williams lives in Herndon with his wife, Julie, and their three children. He and his wife own Williams Realty, a small real-estate brokerage firm in Herndon with eight employees.

"As a small-business owner and father, I

know and understand the challenges and difficulties families face in this economic environment," he said. "Now is not the time to be raising taxes on working families."

Williams, who goes by the nickname "Spike," said he got the name after college when he went to work as a bartender at Champions Bar & Grill in Fairfax. "The manager told me he had eight other Mikes, so I said 'How about Spike?' That's been my name ever since," he said.

He will face Bulova in the general election on Nov. 8 for the only at-large seat on the Board of Supervisors. In 2007, Williams ventured into politics for the first time. Running as an Independent, he lost a four-way race for the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's seat to Cathy Hudgins (D).

COLLEGE NOTES

Brevard College in Brevard, N.C., has named **Robert Carter Stevens** of Fairfax to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2010-11 academic year. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full-time and earned a 3.50 grade point average or higher for the semester.

Zoe Hanley of Fairfax recently received a master of science degree in applied ecology & conservation biology from Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Md., during its 137th commencement ceremonies. FSU President

Jonathan C. Gibraltar conferred nearly 400 undergraduate and graduate degrees at this December commencement.

Kristen Brockway, a resident of Fairfax, was among the students from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne who were named to the dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December. Brockway is a Physics major. To be included on the dean's list, a student must complete 12 or more graded credits in a semester with a semester grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.4.

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"Mulan, Jr." 7 p.m. Lake Braddock Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road in Burke. Disney's Mulan as presented by Lake Braddock Middle School Theatre. \$5. lexmsb@hotmail.com.

"Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose. 7:30 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Performed by the senior class of Trinity School at Meadow View. Admission \$5.

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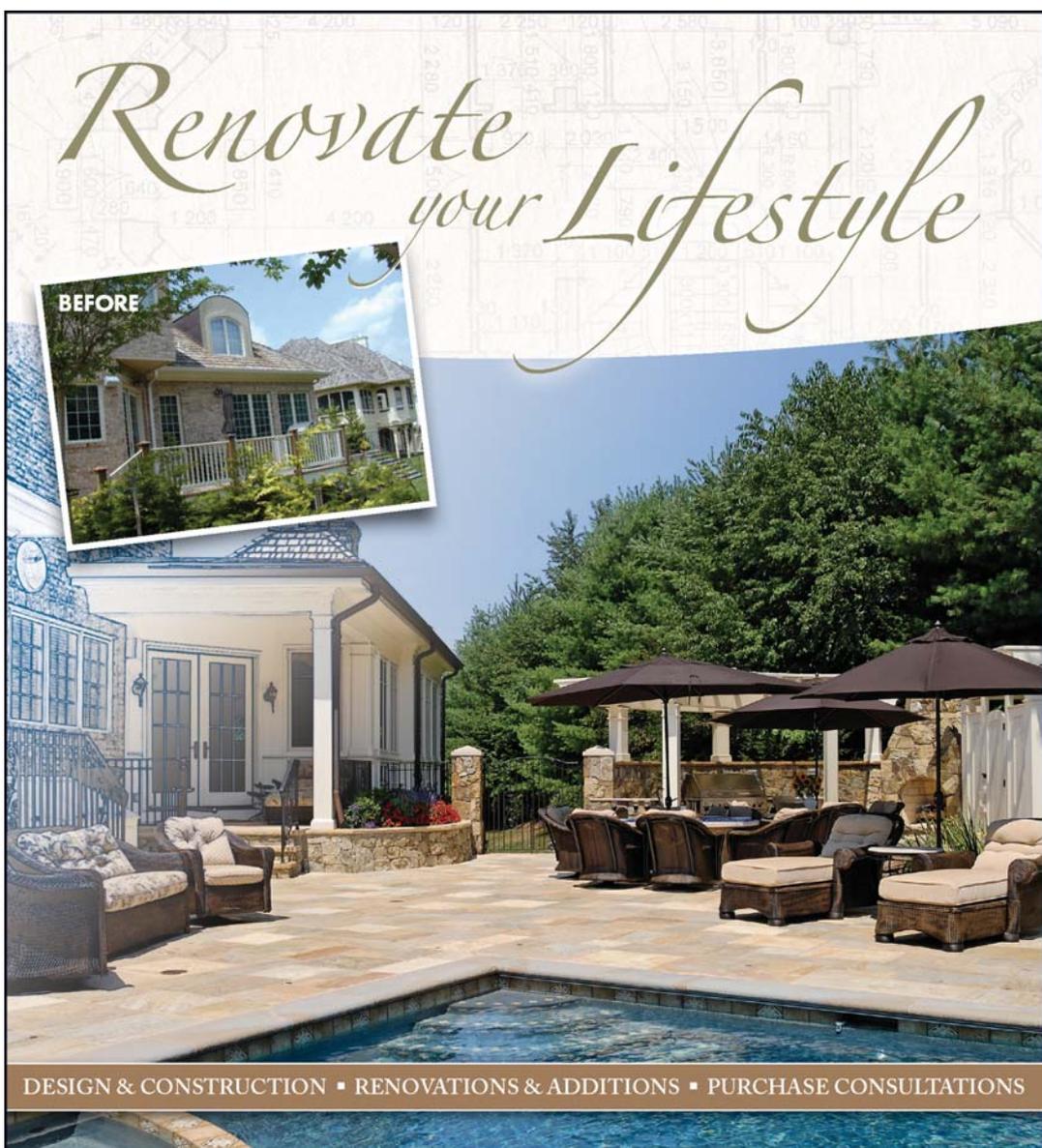
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Fairfax High presents the musical 'Grease.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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With girls in poodle skirts, boys in black leather jackets and a cast and crew of 70, Fairfax High's exuberant musical, "Grease," is set to burst upon the stage.

The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, May 6-7 and 13-14, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance at www.fxplayers.org or \$12 at the door.

"Almost all the roles are double-cast because we had so much talent," said Director Wendy Knight. "A month before opening, they knew all their songs and dances and lines."

This will also be her last production as theater director. After seven years, she's decided to do something different. "I didn't envision this as my last show but, with each rehearsal, I liked it more and more — and it's now one of my favorites," said Knight. "Having two different casts, I enjoy seeing two different perspectives on the characters, plus my own. And

we've put our own Fairfax spin on it."

The set is totally student-designed and nearly entirely student-built. And, said Knight, "It's the most ambitious set we've ever attempted." The set includes two, 8-foot-tall, rolling, L-shaped staircases and two large cubes that can be spun around to portray different locations — the school, the gym, a girl's basement and the Burger Palace diner.

The same students who won a Cappie Award last year for the costumes in Fairfax's production of "Chicago," did "Grease's" costumes. The actors wear 1950s vintage clothing. Girls will don skirts, dresses and cardigan sweaters,

and boys will wear rolled-up, stonewashed jeans with black dress shoes, white socks, white T-shirts and leather jackets.

"I'm looking forward to enjoying this musical with this extremely talented, funny, intelligent, energetic, creative group of kids," said Knight. "It'll

be one of the most fun shows the audience ever sees."

Junior Anne Norland will play Sandy, the first weekend, with classmate Kaitlin Nelson taking over, the second weekend. The story takes place at a high school, and Sandy's the new student.

"She's innocent, sweet and naïve about the way people are treating her," said Norland. "She doesn't

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— Director Wendy Knight

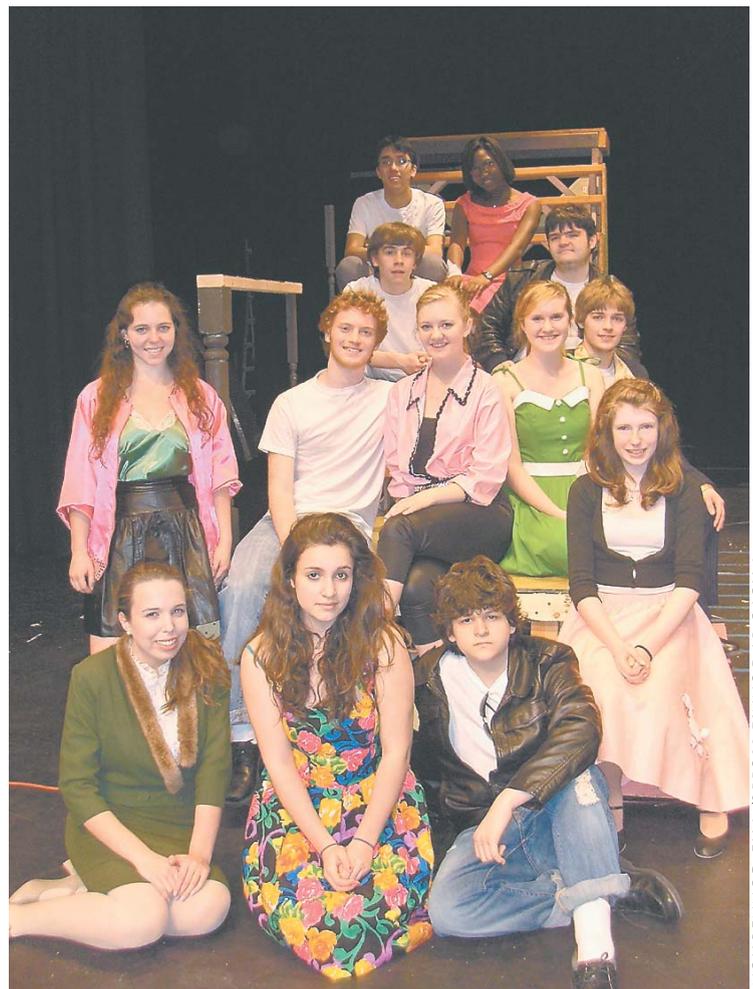


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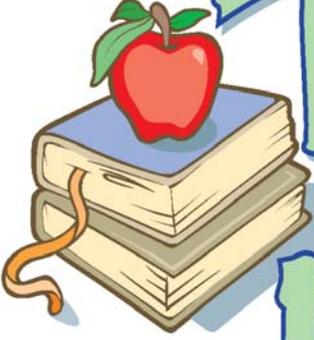
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Grease is the word during Fairfax High's production of this rollicking, 1950s-era musical.

Fairfax Stages Dual Cast Show

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really fit in, and the crowd she [joins] is more risky — stereotypical 1950s teenagers. It's fun playing the innocent who always gets stepped on. You can relate to a character like that who feels left out, and it shows how shallow high-school relationships can be."

Norland's favorite song is the big, group number, "Summer Nights" because "all the girls are really into it and the guys are hilarious. The audience will like the songs they know and love, done by fresh high-school faces."

Nelson calls Sandy the show's most dynamic character because events change and transform her. "It's fun portraying a character who's not set in her personality and goes from sheltered to a typical, high-school setting," she said. "I like playing around with how a person in that situation would handle that."

She especially likes the number, "Raining on Prom Night." It's not in the movie, but was in the original Broadway show. "I sing it with another girl and we blend really well. The harmonies are incredible," said Nelson. Regarding the show, she said, "It's relatable because everyone's felt peer pressure like Sandy, tried to be cool or gone out of their way to impress someone. And the audience will like Rizzo and the Greasers; it'll be a fun night."

Sharing the role of Danny are senior Cole Smith, first weekend, and junior Harry Weger, second weekend. "He's the bad boy of the school and the guys want to be like him," said Weger. "I think he has a sensitive side, but he has to keep up his identity among his peers. It's challenging because of the quick changes from one range to another, plus falsettos, in his songs. And there's lots of rock and roll and blues, so you don't just want to sound good, but put soul in it. But it fell into place and now I'm really proud of what we're doing."

His favorite song is "All Choked Up," Danny's duet with Sandy. "It has an Elvis quality and soulful feeling to it," said Weger. He said the audience will love the big, group numbers. "People will probably come out talking about 'Greased Lightning,'" he said. "It's really well done and people will be singing along with it."

Smith said Danny tries to be the coolest boy around, but has problems. "His summer love is infringing on his coolness," said Smith. "And the show's about how high school affects the choices between what an individual wants and what the group wants, and between what's considered cool and what a person really wants to do. I love the role and am looking forward to giving my interpretation of it."

Smith especially likes the "Mooning" duet between Greaser Roger and goofy girl Jan. "It's a silly song, but the harmonies are so beautiful and so 1950s," he said. "And the show takes things that aren't usually music material and makes them into awesome songs."

He said the audience will also like the surprise adults who'll be performing. "Students who know these teachers will have fun seeing them mess around on stage," said Weger.

Senior Jess Rawls plays Rizzo. "She has a tough exterior and flaunts her sexuality but, toward the end, you see a little of her vulnerability," said Rawls. "You realize there's more to her and she's more human. It's hard not to play her as mean, but it's fun because she has such depth."

Her favorite number is "Greased Lightning," choreographed by student Reza Supandi. "I love how the boys do it," said Rawls. "There'll be a car on stage and this song gives off the biggest '50s vibe in the show." She said the audience will be wowed by the show's energy and will be surprised how it differs from the movie. "There's more of a relationship between Sandy and Rizzo, and some of the songs are different," said Rawls. "And they'll be shocked that we got a car on stage."

"People will probably come out talking about 'Greased Lightning.'"

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Steve Forbert at 7 p.m., and **Fight The Bear and Overdrive Superthruster** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

"The Clockmaker." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Hub Theatre, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Part comic love story, part murder mystery, in a look at how relationships change how we see the world. \$25, \$15 students and seniors. www.thehubtheatre.org or 703-674-3177.

"Grease." 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Tickets available online at www.fxplayers.org for \$8 or at the door for \$12.

Spring Fling Bazaar. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. American Legion, 3939 Oak St.,

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

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Line dance lesson 7:30 p.m., advanced beginners East Coast Swing couples dance 8 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, cha cha and more. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

"Twelve Angry Jurors" by Reginald Rose. 7:30 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Performed by the senior class of Trinity School at Meadow View. Admission \$5.

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

Friends Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Great books at great prices. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library. 703-978-5600.

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

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Without Really Trying." 8 p.m. The Good Shepherd Players, The Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. Musical comedy. 703-323-5400 or www.good-shepherd.net.

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An Evening with Charlie Hunter. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

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Operating Model Train Displays. 12-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Potomac Module Crew, Monty's Legos and N-gauge model trains. \$3 adults, \$1 children. www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

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Mother's Day Tea and Victorian Dance Presentation. 2 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Tea, treats and a presentation of nineteenth-century dance steps by the Victorian Dance Society. Music by the 17th Virginia Infantry. \$8. Reservations required at 703-385-8415.

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Participants of the 3k portion of the CASA Run For The Children smile for a representative from Chessie Photos before starting their run.



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Ryan Deak of Burke is the first to cross the finish line at the first annual CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Run For The Children on Saturday morning, April 30, at the Fairfax County Courthouse in the City of Fairfax. Deak posted a time of 34:06.

Running for Children

Races raise money for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) nears the finish line in support of the Court Appointed Special Advocates.



Runners crowd around after results are posted after the CASA 10k and 3k race on Saturday, April 30.



Runners take off on a 10k course at the CASA Run For the Children.



Runners approach the finish line as Fairfax City Police monitor traffic flow at the CASA Run For the Children on Saturday, April 30.

Wedding Gowns for Women of All Sizes

CurvyGirls Bridal opens in Fair Oaks.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Sure, the eyes of the world last week were on the royal wedding in England. But to any woman about to become a bride, the most important wedding of all is her own.

She looks forward to her special day and wearing a gorgeous gown — but for plus-sized women, finding the perfect dress can be both challenging and frustrating. That's where CurvyGirls Bridal in the Pender Village Shopping Center in Fair Oaks comes in.

"The idea is to bring couture fashion to girls who can't usually walk into a bridal shop and find their size," said Director and CFO Bob Sutton. "It's embarrassing and humiliating for them. But here, we make the experience even far more attractive than in a normal, bridal salon."

The almost 5,300-square-foot shop is off Route 50, to the right of Harris-Teeter, and offers a huge selection of gowns. Hours are Monday and Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Phone 703-539-8777.

"Every day, people walk in and their jaws drop," said Sutton, of Chantilly's Patera community. "They tell us they can't find this anywhere. And although we carry samples of sizes 10-32, we also can order sizes down to zero."

He and his wife Ruth own the shop and, although they've both worked in other fields, as well, she was a bridal consultant years ago. Eventually, she and Bob decided to open their own business.

"We started out with just wedding gowns and accessories," said Ruth Sutton. "But as we developed the concept, we added jewelry, purses, bridesmaid's and mother-of-the-bride dresses, formal and prom wear, rental tuxedos and Christening gowns. Our prom dresses go from sizes 10-28, but we can also order them smaller or larger and they're absolutely breathtaking."

THE SUTTONS handpicked everything in their store and even had an exclusive line of jewelry created especially for them. They also have two designers on staff and, within the year, they'll be creating their own line of CurvyGirls lingerie.

But their signature items are their bridal gowns. Although more than half the women of marriage age fit into the 12-32 size range, only a handful of bridal salons in the country cater to them. "And none of them are like us," said Bob Sutton. "We're at least twice the size of a normal, bridal salon, and



This \$1,100 asymmetrical, ruffled satin gown in size 12, by Sophia Tolti, is shown by Ruth Sutton.

we're incredibly devoted to customer service. Our motto is, 'No girl ever leaves here unhappy.' And the salon, itself, has a beautiful design."

But what sets them apart, even more, said Ruth Sutton, is that "The gowns girls see in bridal magazines we have in sizes 26, 30, 32, etc. But they're not the 'women's lines' of the bridal manufacturers. These are the actual, couture gowns — in their sizes. And we want people to touch, feel and see these gowns."

She's also pleased that their salon has such a warm and intimate atmosphere. The interior walls are curved all over with a circle in the middle containing a large, soft, round bench. There, moms and girlfriends can sit while the brides-to-be try on gowns in four dressing rooms around the circle. There's a cloud theme, and small hanging lights give the impression of walking under stars.

"People feel comfortable here, like part of a family," said Ruth Sutton. "When they're in the circle, it's like being in a big hug. And when they buy their gowns, they have a champagne toast."

The shop even has a separate "man cave" with a flat-screen TV with games and ESPN, plus a masculine lounge with snacks and water. Plus, the shop includes a supervised playroom for children, with books, toys and a TV. And the men's dressing rooms are on a different side of the building from the



Displayed by Ruth Sutton, this Allure, A-line gown in size 22 costs \$2,957. It's covered in appliqué and beaded flowers with crystals, lace and organza.

women's.

The wedding gowns initially ranged from \$800-\$3,000, but this spring, the store added gowns from designer Manuel Mota ranging from \$4,000-\$8,000. "We have a full-time seamstress on staff, with 30 years experience, for any alterations and custom bustles," said Ruth Sutton.

The Suttons personally selected every bridal gown they sell and are dedicated to giving each customer a wonderful experience choosing the perfect dress for her special day. "Because my assistant and I are both curvy girls, we know the curvy girl figure," said Ruth Sutton. "So we can help a bride get the dress that looks best and is the most flattering to her."

On Sundays this spring, they're also starting classes in which professionals will advise brides-to-be on their hair, makeup and flowers, and customers may even take dance lessons. See www.curvygirlsbridal.com for the schedule. "We'll also have similar things on Sundays for girls looking for prom dresses," said Ruth Sutton.

BUSINESS HAS been great since the store opened in February, she said. CurvyGirls Bridal is listed on bridal-gown manufacturers' and designers' Web sites. Satisfied customers have helped spread the word to others.

"They've come from the Washington Metropolitan area, Pennsylvania and North Carolina," said Ruth Sutton. "One girl even flew in from Denver to find the gown she wanted. This is a destination shop."

The best part, said Bob Sutton, is "when I see a girl who's tried on something here she



Bob and Ruth Sutton display a size 12, La Sposa by Pronovias gown that costs \$1,700.

couldn't have elsewhere, and she's dissolved into tears because, at that point, she has what she always dreamed of, and we helped with that. There's no better feeling."

"And she looks gorgeous in her gown," said Ruth Sutton. "We make dreams come true. From the time they're little, girls dream of being a bride. And giving that whole experience to them — there's no greater satisfaction in the world."

Their first customer, Herndon's Dragana Pavlovic, called the Suttons "truly amazing." She wanted a particular, designer gown and called around to see who had it in a price she could afford. "The way Ruth handled my questions was genuine and caring," said Pavlovic. "My wedding's July 7, and she went out of

her way to find this dress for me. It's by Maggy Sotterro and is my dream dress. I'd definitely recommend their store to others. They treat you like a princess."

Alexandria's Jenny Del Cid will be an Oct. 1 bride and is also thrilled with her dress. "When you're a curvy girl, there aren't a lot of stores selling bridal gowns in your size, and the last thing you want to do is stress out about your dress," she said. "I spent lots of time looking and could only find a 12 or 14, but in reality, they were sizes 8 and 10, because bridal gowns run two sizes smaller. So it's frustrating when you're a full-figured woman and can't find a dress that'll zip."

But at CurvyGirls, everything fit and she fell in love with a beautiful, Spanish-style gown. "They have a huge selection, but what takes the store to the next level is that the people are so friendly," said Del Cid. "I can't say enough great things about that shop — it was the best experience. Even my bridesmaids are getting their dresses there. They make a girl feel good."

"They treat you like a princess."

— Dragana Pavlovic

"We make dreams come true."

— Ruth Sutton, co-owner, CurvyGirls Bridal

Wislocki Back on the Mound

Cavaliers lose to South County but re-gain starting pitcher.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Woodson senior Tyler Wislocki spent roughly 10 minutes jogging foul pole to foul pole with an ice pack wrapped to his right shoulder after a Friday, April 29 game at South County.

It's common for a pitcher to run after a game in which he pitches, but this time was different. Wislocki was back. He had pitched in relief during the season, but shoulder problems had kept him from his usual role as a starter. The right-hander made his first start of the season against the undefeated Stallions on Friday and, while it didn't show on the scoreboard, Woodson took a step in the right direction in their quest to return to the state playoffs.

South County defeated Woodson 6-0 behind a dominant pitching performance from University of South Carolina-bound Evan Beal, who hurled a three-hit shutout while striking out 10. On the other side, Wislocki suffered the loss, allowing four hits and four earned runs in 3 1/3 innings. He threw 46 of 72 pitches for strikes and delivered a first-pitch strike to 11 of 15 batters he faced as he worked toward increasing his pitch count.

"I think he competed," Woodson head coach Chris Warren said. "He gave us a chance and that's all you can ask. ... He's a big part of our rotation. Fortunately, we have four good pitchers and we've been able to get by so far."

Wislocki and seniors Bryson Hough, John McGillicuddy and Joe McGillicuddy comprise the Cavaliers pitching staff. Wislocki, who is committed to Longwood University and said his fastball tops out at 88 mph, started Woodson's state playoff game last year. On Friday, he did not allow a hit or walk a batter during the first two innings, but surrendered two runs in each of the third and fourth innings.

"I felt good for the first couple innings," Wislocki said. "The third inning, I kind of lost my control a little bit, but the first couple innings I threw good."

What was it like making his first start of the season against undefeated South County?

"It was fun," he said. "I enjoy the competition, playing the No. 1 team in the state. Not a lot of kids on our team are going to stray away from competition, so I didn't want to let them down."

Beal limited the Woodson lineup to three hits and allowed only two Cavaliers to reach third base.

"You play a team like these guys with Beal on the mound, you pretty much have to play flawless,"

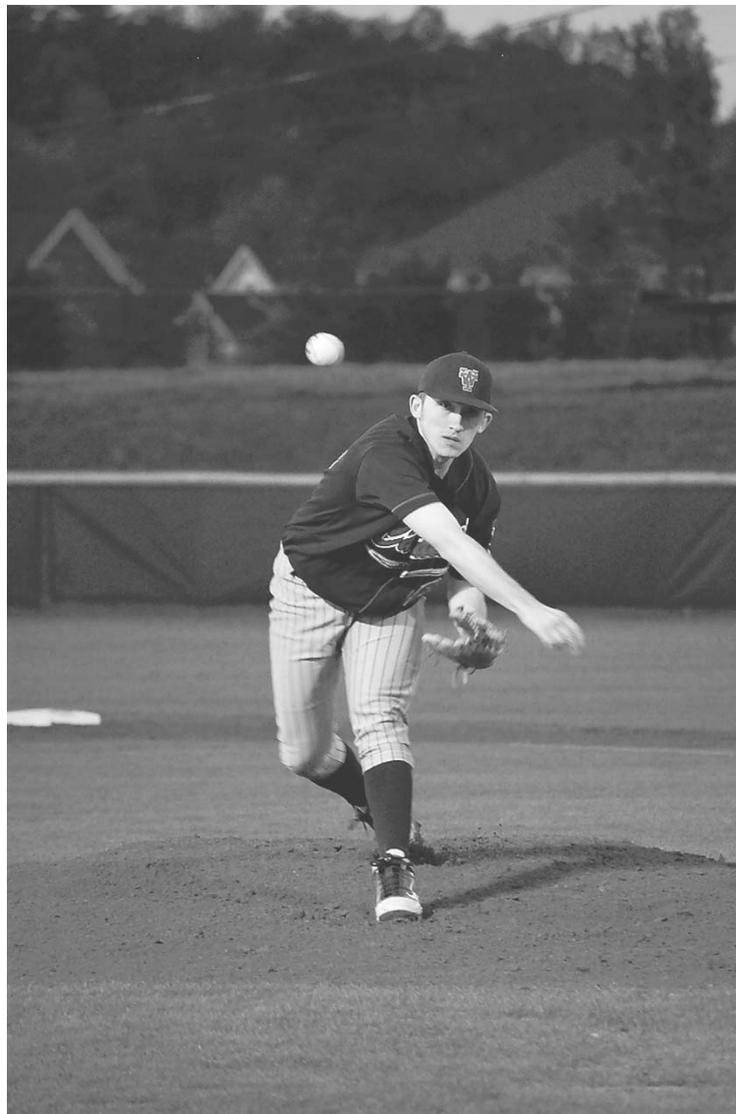


PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

After dealing with shoulder trouble, Woodson senior Tyler Wislocki made his first pitching start of the season on April 29 at South County.

"Not a lot of kids on our team are going to stray away from competition, so I didn't want to let them down."

— Woodson senior Tyler Wislocki

Warren said. "We certainly competed; we just didn't have it tonight."

The loss to South County dropped Woodson's record to 12-3. The Cavaliers' losses have come against the Stallions (twice) and Lake Braddock. Woodson will host West Potomac (May 6) and Lake Braddock (May 10) and travel to face Lee (May 12) to close the regular season. A return trip to the state playoffs would likely involve another showdown with South County.

"We're just going to work even harder to beat them," Wislocki said. "We know we can beat them. South County's a great team, but I think we have the potential to beat them; we've just got to play our best game. ... I think Woodson teams, especially when you're in a tough district with head honchos like Lake Braddock, South County, West Springfield, I think we've taken that underdog role and played well with it. It doesn't matter if we're at the top or at the bottom, we're still going to play equally as hard."

3 Ram Singles Win in Quarters

The Robinson tennis team's three singles players all won on Tuesday, May 3, in the quarterfinals of the Concorde District Singles tournament. All the Rams in both singles and doubles have stepped up their games several notches in postseason play. No. 2 seed Tim Ferrell came out determined and pressured Nahom Endrias of Centreville in a shutout, 10-0. The Rams No. 2, freshman Aaron Christian, used his footwork and forehand to take down Oakton's No. 1 player, Andy Le, 10-6. Senior Michael Cable, playing Chantilly's No. 1, John Crowson, finished with a 10-4 victory. The Charger had trouble getting returns into play against Cable's serve and his deep ground strokes forced Crowson into many errors at the baseline.

In doubles, Ferrell and Cable overwhelmed Westfield's Ryan D'Ercole and Ben Wang, 10-0. Their power from the baseline together with net coverage completely defeated the Westfield duo. In the tightest match of the tournament so far, Robinson's No. 2 and No. 3 doubles teams dueled each other in an extremely well-played and competitive match. David Smiley and Amit Gupta continued their stepped up play by coming out on top in a tiebreaker, 7-5, over fellow Rams, Aaron Christian and Dillon Meyer. The match featured many back and forth points — quick hands at that net, good returns, and excellent movement allowing both teams to get back many shots that appeared as winners.

Legion Baseball Players Wanted

The Montgomery College Rockville baseball team is looking for American Legion or showcase-quality players for the fall 2011 and spring 2012 seasons. The Rockville Express of the Cal Ripken League plays their home games at MC Rockville. Contact Coach Rick Price 240-447-6948 for more information.

Lacross Tournaments Ahead

The upcoming Northern Region boys' and girls' lacrosse tournaments are scheduled to be played on the following dates: Tuesday, May 17 (first round); Thursday, May 19 (quarterfinals); Tuesday, May 24 (semifinals); and Thursday, May 26 (finals).

The first two rounds of both the boys' and girls' 16-team tournaments will be played at the sites of the top-seeded teams. The girls' semifinals games will be played at Robinson Secondary, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The boys' semifinals will take place at Oakton High, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The championship games for both the boys' and girls' will take place at Robinson, the girls' game at 5 p.m., followed by the boys' game at 7 p.m.. There will also be consolation games for third place on both the boys' and girls' side. Those contests will take place at Oakton High, the girls' game at 5 p.m., followed by the boys' at 7 p.m..

The top three team finishers at regionals will advance to the state playoffs.

Northern Virginia Volleyball Tournament, May 21-22

The Northern Virginia Volleyball Association, based out of Sterling, will be hosting a junior girls' volleyball tournament the weekend of May 21-22, partnered with the Sideout Foundation (www.side-out.org). The tournament will involve girls in age groups from U-12 to U-16. Each participating team is working to raise funds to support the Dig Pink Foundation. Google Northern Virginia Volleyball Association for more information.

South County Tops Coaches Baseball Poll for April 25

The following is the Northern Region Baseball Coaches poll for the week of April 25: No. 1. South County; 2. Lake Braddock; 3. W.T. Woodson; 4. Westfield; 5. Stone Bridge; 6. Madison; 7. West Springfield; 8. Oakton; 9. Hayfield; 10. Herndon. Others teams receiving votes: McLean, Washington-Lee, Yorktown, Robinson.

The Place To Be at 5 a.m.

Early risers gather in Fairfax to watch royal wedding.

Even though the sun wasn't out at 5 a.m. on Friday, April 29, enthusiastic anglophiles wide awake in the City of Fairfax to watch the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II's grandson Prince William to Catherine Middleton.

About 50 people converged on the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center for the Royal Wedding Watch Party. Co-sponsored by the Womans Club of Fairfax and the Ladies Lunch Group, the event cost \$10, with proceeds going to Legacy for Fairfax.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for the girls to see a royal wedding," said Travis Stolz of Fairfax, referring to his daughters, Ella, 10, and Gillian, 7, whom he brought to the party.

Stolz said that his wife still remembers watching the wedding of Prince William's parents, Prince Charles and Princess Diana, 30 years ago.

"Trust me, you'll be telling your kids about it in 30 years," Stolz said, to his daughters. "It's history in the making."

Jo Ormesher, the City of Fairfax's cultural and marketing director, was busy throughout the party, making sure the coffee urn was full and everyone was comfortable. A native of Wales, she provided occasional commentary on the ceremony as it was pro-



On Friday, April 29, around 5 a.m., people begin showing up for the City of Fairfax's Royal Wedding Watch Party at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, Va. The party is sponsored by The Woman's Club of Fairfax and the Ladies Lunch Group.

jected on two large screens in the community center.

"It's times like this I feel homesick," she said. "The Brits know how to do pageantry. We do it well."

PARTYGOERS NOSHED on pastries and fruit and warmed themselves with coffee and tea. Champagne was poured to toast the wedding couple.

"I thought it was very elegant, a lot of a big show," said Sheila Stegmann of Fairfax, who came with her neighbors Vicki Johnson and Sharon Kourtz.

"It was beautiful," Johnson said, of the wedding ceremony and the party. "It was fun to be out with friends and do something different."

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL



Annie Harried-Littrell, left, brought her daughter Elizabeth Littrell, 10, to the City of Fairfax's Royal Wedding Watch Party on Friday morning, April 29. Elizabeth was born in England.



Phylis Salak of Fairfax donned a feathered hat for the April 29, Royal Wedding Watch Party at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, Va. Salak is a member of the Ladies Lunch Group, which co-sponsored the event with the Womans Club of Fairfax.

BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY/MAY 9

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 2 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Held in a heated indoor pool, designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Classes are held Mondays and/or Fridays. \$10 per class. Register at 703-667-9800.

TUESDAY/MAY 10

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke Dementia Care Givers Support Group. 12 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Learn and share with others experiencing similar challenges. 703-451-8626 or eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 11

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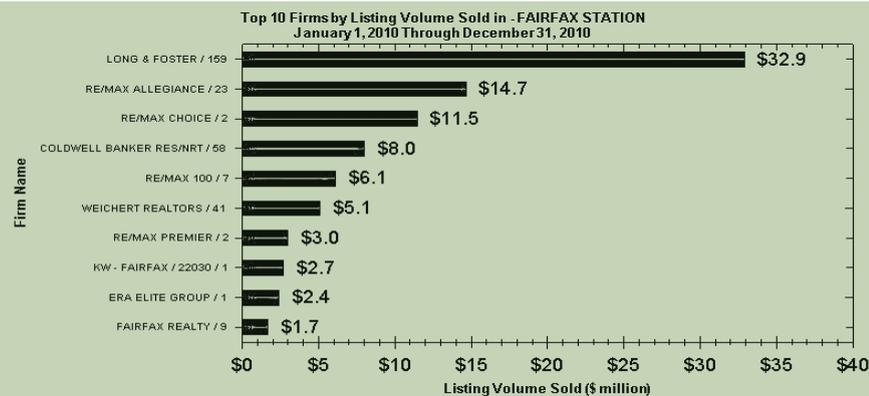


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