

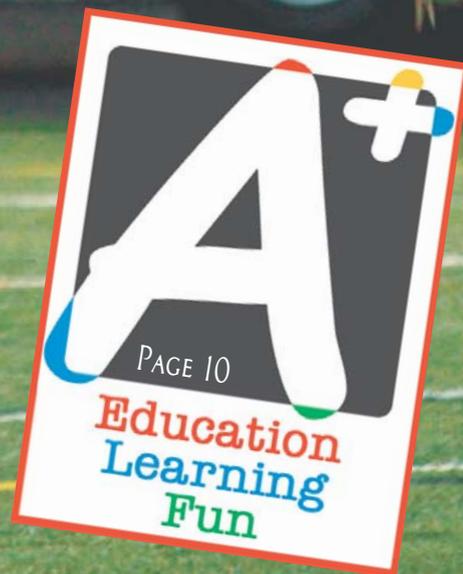
Woodson Girls, Boys Win District

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Woodson senior Grace Finnerty scored five goals during the Cavaliers' victory against Lake Braddock on May 11 in the Patriot District girls' lacrosse championship game. Both Woodson boys and girls won the district title.

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From left, FACETS speaker Raven Bowden; Fairfax County Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), Amanda Andere, FACETS executive director; FACETS Board Chair John Martin of Great Falls and FACETS speaker Frank Somers at the nonprofit's annual benefit breakfast, held at the Waterford in Fair Oaks Thursday, May 10.



Amanda Andere, FACETS executive director, gives client Frank Somers a hug after FACETS annual benefit breakfast at the Waterford in Fair Oaks Thursday, May 10.

Opening Doors for People in Need

FACETS celebrates volunteers, donors at annual benefit breakfast.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Surrounded by nearly 350 business executives, politicians and community leaders in the chandeliered ballroom of the Waterford, Frank Somers - dressed in jeans, sneakers and a denim work shirt - looked a little out of place.

But it was Somers' voice that held the attention of the high-wattage crowd, as he took the podium and told the audience his story of homelessness during FACETS annual "Opening Doors Benefit Breakfast," on Thursday morning, May 10.

"I was down and out. You can't get more down and out than I was," the stocky 47-year-old told the audience. "I want you all to know how FACETS can change a life, how they changed my life."

Founded in 1988, FACETS helps Fairfax County's most vulnerable residents break the cycle of poverty and homelessness through various programs, services and partnerships with 100 faith communities, local businesses, other nonprofits and government agencies.

"I used to consider myself lucky. I had it all," Somers told the crowd. "I had a good job doing landscaping, friends, an apartment..."

BUT IN 2008, Somers had a heart attack. He had no health insurance, and used what savings he had on medical bills. After spending nearly a month in intensive care at Fairfax Inova hospital, he learned that he had diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and had to take 13 different pills each day to survive.

He also found that he had no place to live and no job because of his health crisis.

FACETS Community Impact

In 2011, FACETS members and volunteers

- ❖ donated more than 30,000 hours
- ❖ prepared and delivered more than 37,000 hot meals to people who live in motels, cars, the woods and on Fairfax County streets
- ❖ provided more than 150 youth with backpacks filled with school supplies
- ❖ assisted 2,000 families with programs to prevent and end homelessness
- ❖ moved 130 families and nine individuals into housing
- ❖ For more information on FACETS, and ways to volunteer or donate, go to www.FACETScares.org or call 703-352-5090.

"I was renting out the basement of my niece's house," Somers said. "When I got out of the hospital, everything was gone. She cleaned me out. I had \$87 in my pocket and nowhere to go."

Somers took the cash he had, and spent two nights at the Breezeway Motel in Fairfax, before becoming one of Fairfax County's homeless statistics. Still recovering from his surgery, Somers said he was too ashamed and depressed to reach out to friends and family. He bought a sleeping bag, and decided to sleep under a bridge in Annandale.

After two months of living under the bridge and looking for work during the day, he learned about FACETS through a social worker at the hospital.

"I called them on a Thursday. By Friday, they made sure I had a real place to sleep. They made sure I got transportation to and from my doctor's appointments... They always said yes," Somers said. A Chantilly High School graduate who once played high school football, Somers said he's still shocked he became homeless. "I want to work for what's mine. I never thought I'd be in that situation."

"The lesson learned," said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), a longtime advocate for the homeless who gave the welcome address, "is that 'There but for the grace of God go I.'"

"Too many of our veterans are homeless, one in

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The Burke Centre polling place at the Commons Community Centre preps for Election Day.

Planning to Vote?

Nearly 200,000 voter registration cards mailed this week.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, if you are planning to vote in the June 12 primary elections in Fairfax County, check your new voter registration cards mailed out this week.

The Fairfax County Office of Elections wants voters to know the state is mailing new voter registration cards to approximately 195,000 voters in Fairfax County this week.

The cards are only being mailed to these affected voters:

- *Congressional Redistricting - As a result of the 2010 Census, Congressional Districts were realigned to ensure that they are as equal in population totals as possible. Voters affected by this redistricting will receive a new card indicating the change in congressional representation. The voter card is the notice of your new district.
- *Transition to Registered Voter Number - Some voters still hold a voter information card, which includes their Social Security Number (SSN). The State Board of Elections also mailed new voter information cards to those voters, replacing the SSN with a system-generated identification number.

If you have not received a new card, but would like to check your voter registration status and information, go to

the Virginia State Board of Elections at www.sbe.virginia.gov/

In addition, the new cards indicate a language preference.

"As a result of the 2010 Census, it was determined that Fairfax County now falls under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act," said Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official. "This requires Fairfax County to provide voting and elections-related materials in English and Spanish."

She said Fairfax County is now providing voter information and materials for Spanish speakers. In the meantime, the county's website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections has a Google Translations line that can translate information into Spanish and several other languages.

Quinn said that while the Fairfax County and state websites are updated, not all voter election web pages and links have been updated with the new congressional district information.

"Those voters whose congressional district changed as a result of redistricting are currently being mailed a new voter card," Quinn said. "Whether or not you received a new voter card, if you have questions or to be certain you know your congressional district information, refer to the county or state election office's website for the correct information or call us at 703-222-0776."

Upcoming Elections and Voter Information

- ❖ June 12, 2012, Republican Party Primary Election (U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, 11th District)
- ❖ June 12, 2012, Democratic Party Primary Election (House of Representatives, 8th District)
- ❖ For more information, go to:
- ❖ Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov/
- ❖ Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections
- ❖ Or contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

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CAPPIES REVIEW

Visually Pleasing, Entertaining Show 'The Arabian Nights' at Lake Braddock.

BY CLAIRE SEATON
 WASHINGTON-LEE HIGH SCHOOL

The sound of drums filled the air as the cast lined the aisles, chanting in unison.

Voices flew from all sides of the auditorium and the audience remained entranced throughout Lake Braddock High School's production of "The Arabian Nights."

Mary Zimmerman's play is based on the famous Middle Eastern book "One Thousand and One Arabian Nights." The vicious King Shahryar vows to kill every virgin in his kingdom when he finds his wife with another man. But then he encounters the clever Scheherazade, who tells him a story every night to postpone her own death. "The Arabian Nights" tells stories within stories of death, passion, and revenge.

Elena Dominguez carried the show as Scheherazade the storyteller. She spoke in perfect unison with many of the characters in her stories, and never missed a line or cue. Tony Talcott played the imposing Shahryar, whose deep voice boomed menacingly throughout the theatre. Also prominent was Emma Davis as Sympathy, the most learned

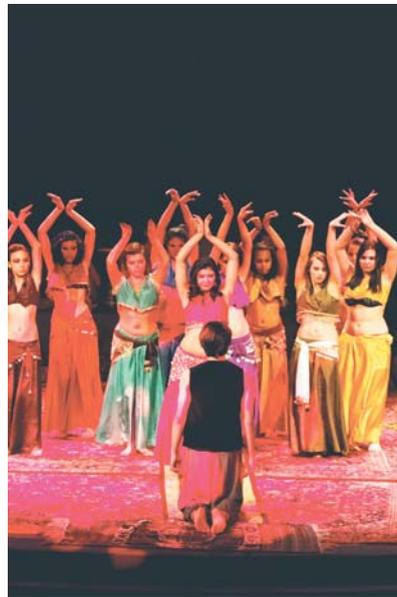


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woman who outsmarts and humbles a group of scholars. Davis was poised and confident, perfectly immersed in her character. Sarah Fick stole the show as Perfect Love, who takes her revenge on a shopkeeper (Nick Edwards), a man who spurned her years ago. Edwards was also a strong actor, making distinct character choices with each role he played.

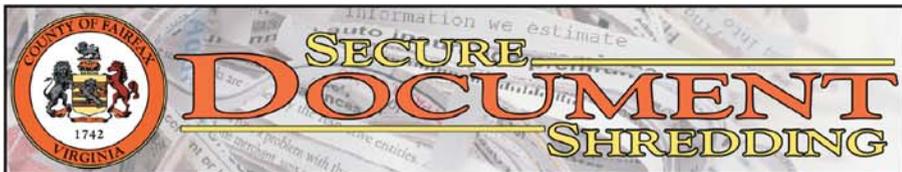
The set (Gillian Cannon) was simple but effective, layered with pillows and rugs that evoked an ancient sultan's palace. Costumes by Catherine Casino took the audience's breath away with its array of vibrant colors. The lighting (Megan Seibel) was also impressive, featuring a scrim that

turned from day to night and a beautiful range of colors in between.

Overall, the show was both visually pleasing and entertaining to watch. Vocalists stunned the audience with clear melodies and haunting lyrics. Occasionally some actors lacked focus, but the ensemble as a whole remained in character throughout the show. Audiences will leave the theatre yearning for the sands of the Sahara and the stars of one thousand and one Arabian nights.

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The grand entry plaza near the Loisdale Road entrance.



The two-story interior grand hall.

Springfield Mall – From Eyesore to Shopping Mecca

\$200 million Springfield Mall renovation set to begin in July.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

“What about Springfield Mall?” That’s the question Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said he hears the most from constituents since mega-developer Vornado purchased what it called the “1.4 million-square-foot fixer-upper” in 2006 for \$171.5 million.

McKay may finally have an answer.

According to the Lee District supervisor, who has worked closely with the developer and county officials to move the ball forward on the project, all of the mall’s interior tenants were given 90-days notice to vacate in March so the first phase of the renovation can begin July 1.

He said Vornado will leave anchor tenants Macy’s, Target and JCPenney open as the New York-based company guts and renovates the cavernous interior space, launching the first stage of plans to transform the 1973 suburban mall into Springfield Town Center.

THE FIRST PHASE, which is expected to take two years, includes construction of one central entrance instead of multiple entrances, and the addition of a state-of-the-art movie theater and food court.

“No one will be happier to see this move forward. We will pop open the champagne for this,” McKay said.

Later phases of the renovation – expected to take about 10 to 15 years – will complete the town center look, with a mix of upscale retail and commercial development, a 225-room hotel, pedestrian plazas, recreational facilities, 2,000 residential units and transportation improvements.

Calling the project “the most important redevelopment project in Springfield,” McKay has been instrumental in paving the way to ensure Vornado moves through



The new movie theater complex.

Fairfax County’s final permitting process as quickly as possible.

“The great recession did its part to slow things down, but the County has expedited every element of the Mall project; it’s been the private sector that has not acted,” McKay said. “Finally, it looks like our waiting is over and construction is about to begin.”

David Gahart, a longtime Springfield resident, said he remembers the mall during its heyday, when Princess Diana visited in 1985. “I still shop here, mostly at stores like Macy’s, but this mall has needed a facelift for a very long time.”

“It’s an eyesore now,” said Burke resident Pam Dean. “We go to every other mall but Springfield because it’s depressing.”

McKay said he’s confident Vornado will begin the transformation of the 80-acre mall in earnest this summer, but admits the project has lurched forward in fits and starts.

In 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved rezoning of the property to permit Vornado’s ambitious development plans.

After initial approval, any sign of redevelopment came to a halt. No construction equipment materialized; Vornado’s public relations department stopped returning calls; and shoppers saw the mall continue its slow decline.

In 2010, Vornado defaulted on its mortgage of \$171.5 million, and then refinanced the mall for \$115 million, a strategic way to alleviate debt.

“I know it’s been frustrating. People want to see something happening there, and they’ve been disappointed in the past,” McKay said.

BREAKING GROUND on the project is something everyone has been waiting to see, said Nancy-jo Manney, Executive Director, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. “Please, please let this be the #1 story of the year,” Manney said in her 2012 wish list.

She noted that the mall has what developers crave: location and the right demographics. Located in central Springfield, the mall sits near the Mixing Bowl, a Metro station and is surrounded by numerous well-established neighborhoods.

McKay said the demographics of central Springfield support the kind of urban redevelopment that attracts upscale shoppers. Fairfax County records show the population within a three-mile radius of the mall have an average annual household income of \$115,000.

“If you had no retail experience and a blindfold on, you could make Springfield Mall a success,” McKay said last year.

McKay said he’s already pulled together a County team to ensure that Vornado moves through the County’s final permitting process as quickly as possible.

“I’m looking forward to two Christmases from now when my children will be sitting on Santa’s lap—at a revitalized Springfield Mall,” McKay said.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Older Cats Need Homes, Too

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is hosting a special adoption event featuring senior cats. Shelter officials say they’ll be “Rockin’ n’ Adopt’n with the oldies but goodies” during the event. Adoptions will take place Thursday-Friday, May 17-18, from noon-6:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the shelter at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax.

Special adoption fees for cats, 5 years and older, will be \$15 – half the normal fee. These cats will receive a free spay or neuter and will be current on all vaccinations.

Adopters will receive a Friends of the

Fairfax County Animal Shelter gift bag with a cat bed, food, scratching box and cat toys. Anyone adopting a cat, 7 years or older, will also receive a free full panel of blood work on that cat (provided by the shelter’s contract veterinarian) to provide basic health information about the feline.

“Senior cats make great pets,” says Karen Diviney, shelter director. “They’re often overlooked in animal shelters, but [can be] wonderful additions to a family.” For more information, call the shelter at 703-830-1100 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov and click on “animals.”

OPINION

Most Endangered?

Potomac River has made great strides, has miles to go to save the Bay.

Unless your home is served by well water, you are almost certainly among the five million people in the Washington Metropolitan area who get their drinking water from the Potomac River.

This week, the organization American Rivers named the Potomac River as the most endangered river in the nation. The Potomac River is far cleaner than it was 40 years ago when the Clean Water Act was enacted.

"Before the Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972, the Potomac was a cesspool of sewage and industrial pollution," says American Rivers. "Thanks to the Clean Water Act, the Potomac and rivers across the country are cleaner and safer for drinking, boating, and fishing. But ... a University of Maryland report card has given the river a 'D' grade for water quality for the past two years."

Now it's safe for high school crew teams to take to the river by the dozens. Kayakers and paddle-boarders join them in intimate contact with the water. Motorboats, marinas and fish-

ermen all show the confidence we now have in the integrity of the Potomac River.

Still, after a rain, stormwater washes agricultural waste, suburban and urban runoff carrying loads of pollution into our area's small streams, into the Potomac River and on into the Chesapeake Bay. Bacteria in the river after big rainstorms, from dog waste in suburban areas, agricultural runoff in more rural areas, has led to the recommendation by some that people avoid contact with the river for two-to-three days.

Slowing stormwater runoff, limiting the amount of "nutrients" that are swept down the river into the Chesapeake Bay, and improvements in methods of treating sewage are all critical to the ongoing health of our water supply.

Fish in the Potomac River also continue to show symptoms of exposure to endocrine disruptors, with male bass carrying eggs and other signs. Scientists suspect variety of pharmaceuticals and chemicals are causing these abnormalities, and it is not known whether current water purification systems are removing those pollutants fully from the drinking water.

American Rivers called on Congress to kill any legislation that weakens the Clean Water Act or prevents the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from restoring protections for small streams

and wetlands under the Act. American Rivers also called on the Obama Administration to finalize guidance clarifying the scope of the Clean Water Act and issue a rule-making to ensure that all waters get the protections Americans expect and deserve.

The Potomac River continues to serve as the scenic backdrop to much of what we do here. Let's continue to push for improvements.

— MARY KIMM.

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EDITORIALS

Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, 2012 and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos to south@connectionnewspapers.com.

Building Confidence in Ourselves

BY JOHN COOK
FAIRFAX COUNTY SUPERVISOR (R-
BRADDOCK)

BRADDOCK REPORT

We face a myriad of challenges today, but perhaps no challenge is greater than overcoming a pervading loss of confidence.

At an international, national and state level, voters appear unsure what course of action will best lead their governments back to a level of prosperity. An unprecedented number of individuals find themselves without a way to provide for their families. Deep divides in philosophy about the role of government preclude even a discussion on issues of great national import. Economists tell us our economy cannot grow because companies and investors do not have "confidence." They are sitting on the sidelines with their money, waiting for more certain economic conditions that may never arrive.

Even locally, we see a grave uncertainty about how to fund transportation and development plans that will allow us to retain a vibrant county economy.

Nevertheless, it is folly to expect that government alone can lead us



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Cook

out of the morass. "We're from the government, and we are here to help" is an applause line for stand-up comedians, not an expression of confidence in government.

That is why, here in the Braddock District, I seek to build confidence someplace closer to home – in ourselves.

My Citizen Governance Initiative seeks to involve citizens in real policy-making, from land use and environmental management to transportation and aging. At my recent Citizen Governance Conference, a cadre of citizen leaders zealously grappled with these issues during the day-long event, and pledged to form citizen-led committees to continue their work. Their enthusiasm was con-

tagious, inspirational, and consequential.

For my part, I pledged that their work would not be ignored, but would form a foundation for future county policy proposals. Our new land use committee will review all development decisions, and author an updated land use plan for the district. Another group will study and make recommendations regarding transportation options. A third will look for ways we can keep our seniors active and engaged in our communities. It is my earnest hope that is just a be-

ginning.

These citizens, and others who will join them, will make a real difference in their own lives, and their neighbors. Perhaps by building confidence first in ourselves, we can provide a foundation for renewing our confidence in our government and other cultural institutions. Citizen governance is about people taking charge of the government we own and making it more responsive to the citizenry.

I'm feeling a little more confident already.

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SCHOOLS

County Students Win Technology Awards

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) middle and high school students won first place awards in 19 categories at the 2012 Virginia Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference, held last week in Richmond. The three days of competitive events and displays of student work culminated in FCPS winning the Lynn P. Barrier Outstanding School Division Award for middle schools for the third consecutive year.

Winners will advance to the National TSA Conference, scheduled for June 21-25 in Nashville.

At the middle school level, FCPS students won 10 first place awards, 12 second place awards, and 11 third place awards. At the high school level, FCPS students won nine first place awards, six second place awards, and seven third place awards.

First place winners at the middle school level (level I), with their category in parentheses, include:

- ❖ Shawn Jassal of Franklin Middle School (Career Prep).
- ❖ Navya Kalale and Sahana Ramani of Carson Middle School (Challenging Technology Issues).
- ❖ Arvind Chava of Carson Middle School (Electrical Applications).
- ❖ Arvind Chava, Sashank Thupukari, and Anant Tewari of Carson Middle School (Environmental Focus).
- ❖ Pranay Singh, Dhruv Gupta, and Rohan Pandit of Carson Middle School (Inventions and Innovations).
- ❖ Ashan Krishnakumar, Kim Mai, Sruthi Jayaraman, Thuy-Vi Nguyen, Ameer Kapadia, Daniel Ruiz, Catherine Im, Ray Liu, Paul Dumitrescu, and Sadaf Kolia of Frost Middle School (Medical Technology Issues).

❖ Shawn Jassal of Franklin Middle School (Multimedia Production).

❖ Dhruv Gupta of Carson Middle School (Prepared Speech).

❖ Pavan Reddy and Josh Choe of Franklin Middle School (Structural Engineering).

❖ Kevin Geissler, Patrick Hammes, and Ben Spector of Herndon Middle School (Video Game Design).

First place winners at the high school level (level II), with their category in parentheses, include:

❖ Taylor Evans, Jack Polo, Amy Rhodes, and Ryan Aitken of West Potomac High School (Architectural Model).

❖ Sherry Lee of Woodson High School (Career Comparisons).

❖ Angela Roller of Oakton High School (Desktop Publishing).

❖ Jackie Beckwith, Louis Litchford, Alex Hauser, Will Rupp, and Everett Lorentzen of West Potomac High School (Engineering Design).

❖ Sherry Lee of Woodson High School (Essays on Technology).

❖ Angela Roller of Oakton High School (Extemporaneous Presentation).

❖ Amy Vandenberghe and Brett Bowker of West Springfield High School (Manufacturing Prototype).

❖ Elizabeth Roller of Oakton High School (Photographic Technology).

❖ Andy Artze, Exxus Altimus, and Michael Sherburne of Robinson Secondary School (System Control Technology).

FCPS students and schools also won the following awards:

❖ Carson Middle School, first place, Chapter Excellence Level I; second place, Community Service Award Level I; second place, Arvid W. Van Dyke Outstanding School Award.

❖ Arvind Chava of Carson Middle School, Most Competitive Technosphere Participant, Middle School Level.

❖ Briana Neuberger of Chantilly High School, Virginia Career Education Foundation Scholarship.

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In Case of Emergency

A look at Fairfax County's 911 center.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Being a dispatcher in Fairfax County's state-of-the-art, 911 center sounds like an exciting job. It's also stressful, tiring, rewarding and, at times, harrowing.

"Not everybody can do this," said Sherrie White, assistant training supervisor in the 911 call center, also known as the Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC).

"We work 12-1/2-hour shifts and handle calls about CPR, houses on fire, shootings – and this is what we deal with every day," she said. "It's hard to go home after days like that and leave it all behind us."

The 911 center is part of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) within the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) on West Ox Road near Route 29 in Fairfax. And in the event of a national or weather-related emergency, the building will serve as a central command facility where state and county representatives will work together.

White, of Chantilly's Greenbriar community, gave a tour of the 911 center, April 18, to members of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee. Also present was Capt. Purvis Dawson, that station's commander.

Unfortunately, said White, some people call 911 for the wrong reasons, telling the dispatcher, for example, "There's a raccoon in my trash," or asking, "How do I cook a turkey?" Obviously, these calls should not have been made to an emergency line.

BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE CALLS are deadly serious, and the people receiving them are well-equipped for the task. "Our 10-week training is a model for other 911 centers across the country," said White. "We're trained to talk you back down from hysteria."

"These folks do a phenomenal job," said Dawson. "They miss out on family birthdays, holidays, children's soccer games and school plays – but they come back and do it, day after day. Behind that phone call to the police and fire departments are these people; it all starts here."

Callers don't have to speak English or be fluent in it to seek help. "Anyone can call 911, no matter what language they speak, and we'll help them," said White. "We'll connect them to a language line [for translation]."

What especially helps the dispatchers understand the nature of a caller's emergency is when that person clearly explains the situation. "I have to picture you placing a loved one on the floor so you can perform CPR," said White. "You have to describe your burning house and its exits so I can best tell you how to escape."



A bird's-eye view of the EOC operations floor for Fairfax County 911, police and fire dispatchers, VDOT and State Police inside the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION



Sherrie White, 911 assistant training supervisor

The frustrating part is that it's similar to watching a movie or reading a book, but stopping before the ending. "We never know what happened [to the emergency] for which we received the call," said White. "For example, you take someone through chest compressions and then never know if the person lived."

But it's all part of the job, and 911 dispatchers frequently deal with matters of life or death. "If we get a 911 hang-up, often it's a domestic-violence situation; and with our enhanced system, all your [contact] information comes up," said White. "We have to return all these calls to make sure you're OK – and we've saved so many lives this way."

Also reassuring for area residents to know is that the 911 center doesn't close. "We're



Police Capt. Purvis Dawson

here all the time, 24/7, 365 days a year," said White. "We work weekends and holidays and don't get snow days off. But we love what we do for the people and the county."

There are 130 staffed positions working four permanent shifts – two during the day and two at night. In 2010, callers received 895,360 calls. Of that number, 485,681 were for legitimate emergencies; 397,982 were nonemergency. Others were towing and other reasons.

Once a dispatcher takes a call, that person routes it to police or fire personnel. "We've been taught to investigate and extract information from you about the incident," explained White. "We'll say, for example, 'Give me a description of the suspect and the gun; tell me which way he ran,' because first and foremost, we worry about

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safety."

The same is true with a fire. "We have to send the information to the units as fast as we can," said White. "We're not perfect, but we try to be as close to it as possible."

"There's a purpose behind every question they ask," added Dawson. "We need to know what we're in for so we can be better prepared for it. But meanwhile, the first people have already been sent out."

In addition, everything a caller says is recorded. That way, said White, "We can go back and recreate sequences and listen to the call again if there's something difficult to understand. And if someone calls in with a non-prepaid cell phone, I can find them within 500 feet. Then officers can set up a perimeter to find their home. I type the information and send it to the officers."

White said police and fire supervisors are in the 911 center with the dispatchers to advise them, when needed. "We're all working together," she said.

"Police have CAD [computer-aided dispatch] terminals that they can take with them from their cars," said Dawson. "Once a dispatcher hits 'send,' we can read that message on our computer screens. But we practice every month doing it the old-fashioned way, without the computers. We still want our officers to know how to look into a map book, find a street and get there, in case their CAD goes down – and that's paramount to you all."

WHITE SAID THE 911 CENTER also has a backup dispatch system. "It's called pencil and paper," she said. "I'll take calls on a handset, if the regular system goes down."

After the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy, she said, public safety personnel adopted plain language for communication, rather than describing incidents in numerical codes. That way, all agencies involved in an emergency can understand each other because all their employees are saying exactly what they mean. Said Dawson: "The goal was seamless communication and we've pretty much reached it."

White said dispatchers in the 911 center also have access to a full, gourmet kitchen and a gym within the building "to keep everyone sane and healthy. We take care of ourselves and each other. We have a great group of individuals here – you don't want anybody else to have your back."

At any given time, 28-38 dispatchers are on duty. "We should have 50, but we're short-staffed," said White. "They're usually here three to five years – and roughly 50-80 percent of the new recruits quit by the end of the first year."

"It's partly because it's such a stressful job," said Dawson. "And they often go on to become police, firefighters and deputies."

Basically, said White, "It's a calling. I've got 13 years in, and I will run this joint one day because I want to make a difference for the county I live in."



Amanda Andere, (center), FACETS executive director, listens with other guests during FACETS annual benefit breakfast at the Waterford in Fair Oaks Thursday, May 10.

FACETS Honors Volunteers

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four of our children receive free and reduced lunches, 1,600 children in Fairfax County are homeless," Connolly said, "Your presence and continued participation is so vital to FACETS."

Connolly noted that Fairfax County is one of the few communities in the nation to reduce its homeless population during the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. In 2008, under Connolly's direction as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the board initiated the 10-year-plan to prevent and end homelessness, and funded the county's first agency to carry out that mission. Since then, Fairfax County has reduced its homeless population by 16 percent.

"I was down and out. You can't get more down and out than I was... I want you all to know how FACETS can change a life, how they changed my life."

—Frank Somers, a formerly homeless FACETS client

"We are making progress," Connolly said. "That success is the result of the tremendous work of FACETS dedicated volunteers and community partners, but, as you know, much work is left to be done."

"At FACETS, we envision a day when everyone in Fairfax County has access to adequate and affordable housing and nobody is homeless," said Amanda Andere,

FACETS executive director.

"Each of us plays a crucial role in...opening doors for those suffering the effects of poverty. We ask you to continue supporting the thousands of individuals right here in our community who are faced with inconceivable challenges," Andere said.

THANKS TO FACETS, Somers is now living in an apartment in Reston, and looking for full-time landscaping work while working part-time jobs. He also volunteers with FACETS, speaking at fundraising events and helping where he can, such as cleaning up campsites occupied by the homeless population.



Raven Bowden of Herndon shared her story of homelessness during FACETS annual benefit breakfast. She told the audience how domestic violence forced her and her child out of their home. With no money and no family support, they slept in their car for weeks. When she connected with FACETS, the nonprofit helped her find a home, her self-confidence and a job working for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services. "When I first met my caseworker, I was truly broken. But the kindness and generosity of FACETS turned my life around," she said.

"Without FACETS, I don't know where I'd be. My health is better. I graduated from FACETS financial classes, to get myself back on track. I took classes to learn how to control my diabetes," Somers said.

A divorced father of five, Somers said the joy of his life is seeing his children and grandchildren. "My son takes classes at Northern Virginia Community College. We speak almost every day, and he helps me with my landscaping jobs when he's not in school. I'm very proud of him."

After the breakfast, several audience members gathered around Somers, chatting with him and shaking his hand. "I just want you to know you really inspired me," Carla McTigue of Fairfax said. "Thank you for sharing your story."

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Game On

George Mason University students develop video games aimed at curtailing gang recruitment in Virginia.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Law enforcement officials now have two unlikely weapons in the fight against gang activity in Virginia: video games and college students.

Students in the Computer Game Design program at George Mason University partnered with Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's office to create video games designed to show children the consequences of joining a gang. The result of the collaboration is a series of interactive and educational computer games and mobile phone applications designed to reduce gang recruitment. The games were unveiled earlier this month on the George Mason campus in Fairfax.

"Gangs are constantly working to recruit new kids to replace those going to jail and getting killed. Their recruitment techniques are evolving, even to the point of using online gaming and other technologies. We have to work even harder to stop them," said Cuccinelli. "The goal of this partnership with GMU is a novel approach in the war against gangs to beat them at their own game."

Students enrolled in the university's GAME 232 Online Gaming and Filesharing course presented game proposals to Cuccinelli's office. The attorney general's staff selected three:

♦ "A Second Family," created by Michael Katz, Romel Ramos and Brandon Miller. The game tells the story of Justin, who is trying to fit in at a new school and becomes involved with some questionable people. He is forced to rely on his friends and mentors

to overcome these negative influences.

♦ "Influenced," created by Austin Fain, Tiffany Nguyen, Con Son and Lamesha Coley. In this game, the player chooses various scenarios in which he or she can either help or betray members of the local community, and influence the impact gangs have on the community.

♦ "New Kid on the Block," created by Stephen Berrigan, Steven Fernandez, Devin Gibson, John Murphy and Daniel Paquette. In this game, the player has just moved to a new town

and practice the design of online games and smartphone applications. Throughout the semester, the students developed written scripts and storyboards, art and sound design, programming, coding and musical compositions.

"I wanted the game to be fun for the player while teaching them about gang violence and how it can be harmful. Finding that balance wasn't easy, but ... we were able to create a game that's educational, but also fun to play," said Daniel Paquette, who helped design one of the games.



Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli plays a game created by George Mason Game Design students in Dewberry Hall at Fairfax Campus. The students created interactive and educational games aimed at teaching kids about the risks of joining gangs.

and has to assimilate into a new school. He or she must make the right decisions and find a trustworthy group of friends.

THE GAMES ARE TARGETED at middle and high school students. "This is an attempt to reach kids using devices that they already have in their hands," said Arlington resident and George Mason adjunct professor Matt Randon. "The kids are already addicted to these devices so we have a better chance of reaching them with our message."

During the course, Randon, who also works as an English teacher in Manassas, taught students about the history,

THE GAMES will be available for mobile download free of charge by summer 2012. The games will also be available on the attorney general's website, as well as the websites for George Mason University, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and Virginia Rules.

"Games have a pretty bad reputation in the media. What I hope this project shows people is that the greatest asset of games is that they make learning fun ... which is a talent school systems around the world should look into," said Stephen Berrigan, lead writer and narrative designer for "New Kid on the Block."



Students from Key Middle School in Springfield perform their self-written play "Truth or Dare" at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. on May 11. Members of the ensemble include: Carol Boctor, Isaiah Brooks, Sam Cornbrooks, Melisa Dag, Bethel Elias, Zoe Forest, Drak Hawkins, Trae Hawkins, Ellie Milewski, Kayla Padilla, Caitlin Pao, Brian Perry, Alex Redding, Lexi Rhem, Andrea Rosa, Arta Shala, and Julia Stafford.



Students from Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax perform their self-written play "Stages" at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. on May 11. Members of the ensemble include: John Anderson, Garrett Christian, Caitlin Cruz, Jennifer Della Santina, Rebecca Elrod, Abram Ghally, Whitney Gilliland, Maggie Hanover, Mady Hanton, Samara Hicks, Maddie Hughes, Julia Kuzin, Haley McAllister, Khanh Nguyen, Lauren Reamy, Haenaran Shin, Natalia Umana, and Tristan Varma.

Joining 'Voices of Now'

Local schools perform at Arena Stage.

Last week, drama ensembles from five Fairfax County Schools performed at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. as part of a youth drama program called "Voices of Now." The ten-year-old program has three primary goals, said program director Ashley Foreman before the performance on Friday, May 1: to give voice to and create a dialog between people in the community; to

develop theatre artists with a strong foundation in the technical underpinnings of the theatre as well as the creative; and to explore and learn about the "truth" in the lives of the artists, through the development of a performance based on their own writing.

The six-month long program, tailored to middle and high school ensembles, provides students with a through exploration in the theatre arts, and concludes with a performance at the Arena Stage that is based on the participants' own writing that focuses on their experiences, feelings and ideas.



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Area Gymnast Wins State Championship

Margo Gurian, 9, a third grader at Spring Hill Elementary School in McLean, won the All Around title at the Level 5 Virginia State Gymnastics Championships held at Radford University on April 28. The All Around competition combines the scores from all four gymnastics events: floor exercise, vault, uneven bars, and balance beam. She had a combined score of 38.0. Margo also won first place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.7, second on both the vault (9.275) and the uneven bars (9.7), and eighth on the balance beam (9.325) in the individual apparatus competition. Margo trains at Capital Gymnastics in Burke.



In addition to winning the All Around title, Margo Gurian also won first place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.7.

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FRIDAY/MAY 18

Bug-A-Boo! 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Friendly bugs and bugs to avoid. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600.

An Evening with John Fullbright at 7:30 p.m.; **FunkMnkyz, Feed God Cabbage, Poor Man's Copyright and Castro** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 19

City of Fairfax Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St, Fairfax. See a Model-T Ford reassembled in 15 minutes. Antique cars and live bluegrass music. Food available for purchase. Presented by the Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V-08 Club, the City of Fairfax and others. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington D.C. www.nvrg.org or info@nvrg.org.

Rockin' n' Adoptn' Event Showcasing Senior Cats. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Special adoption fees for cats 5 years of age and older will be \$15, half the normal fee. All cats 5 years and older will receive a free spay or neuter and will be current on all



PHOTO BY JAMIE WINDON/BLONDE PHOTO

Storytellers at a recent Better Said than Done show. Better Said Than Done will perform on Saturday, May 19, 7 p.m. at Epicure Cafe, 11213A Lee Highway, Fairfax. A community of professional storytellers, presenting "First Encounters," stories of meetings, dates and the totally alien. Show intended for adult audience. Tickets \$10. Full dinner menu and bar available. 571-334-8652 or www.bettersaidthandone.com.

vaccinations. 703-830-1100 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Woven Green Concert. 7 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. www.wovengreenmusic.com.

Children's Shows: Milkshake Trio. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Encore Stage & Studio Performance. 12-4 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Face-painting, games, crafts, and see a performance of Charlotte's Web. www.encorestage.org.

Sunset Cruise. 6 p.m. Lake Accotink

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

Master Gardeners Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Answers to gardening questions. Adults. 703-978-5600.

eBook clinic. 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn to use the library's eBook collection and compatible e-book readers.

Registration required. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Acoustic Concert with Daniel Michael. 6:30 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court, Burke. \$10, \$25 family. 703-503-4579 or www.accotinkuuc.org.

Pig Pull BBQ. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. St. George's UMC, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax. Barbeque pork served with sides and drinks. Proceeds go toward feeding the hungry in our community. \$8 adults, \$5 children, \$30 maximum per family. 703-431-7738 or Rhys@oceanius.com.

Carsie Blanton and Dawn Landes at 7:30 p.m.; **In The Lobby Bar with Fight The Lion** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Children's Consignment Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. www.abidingpresence.net or apconsignmentsale@gmail.com.

Forever Home Rescue Foundation Dog Adoptions. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Farrish Subaru, 10407 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Celebrate the dealership's grand opening with adoptable dogs and puppies, refreshments, and demonstrations by Salsa, a professional tracking dog. info@aforeverhome.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Wakefield Choral Spring Concert. 7 p.m. Ernst Theater, NVCC Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Show tunes, patriotic, classical and spiritual numbers. Tickets available at door. 703-451-7917.

Canine Cruises. 6 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Cruiser the shores of Lake Accotink with your dog. Limit one dog per person. \$6. Register at 703-569-0285.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Gardening tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Half Brother and The Jefferson Davis Highway String Band at 1 p.m.; **William Beckett (formerly**

of The Academy Is...) and **Mansions** at 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Burke Historical Society. 4 p.m. Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Jon Vrana and Bill Sheads will speak about the history of logging in the Burke area. slawski_brian@yahoo.com.

MONDAY/MAY 21

Children's Music Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Read aloud to Chelsea, a trained therapy dog. Age 6-12. 703-293-6227.

Surf's Up! 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Stories and fun about summer and the beach. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Paws to Read. 4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice reading with Grace, a trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Chess Club. 3:30-5 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn the rules and strategy by playing the game. Age 8-16. 703-644-7333.

Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real and Spirit Family Reunion. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 22

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

Great Decisions Seminar. 2 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Roundtable discussion of U.S. foreign policy. This month's focus is Cybersecurity. Adults. 703-978-5600.

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FRIDAY/MAY 18

Dog Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Every Friday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 19

Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 11:30 a.m. Fairfax Country Club, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Brigadier General Gwen Bingham will be guest speaker. Open to the public. \$40. Reserve at mayweek@fcacdst.org or www.fcacdst.org.

Spring Seminar. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Dr. Richard C. Jaffe, Creed C. Black Associate Professor of Religion at Duke University, will discuss Japanese Buddhism and D.T. Suzuki. Lunch \$5. information@ekoji.org or 703-239-0500.

Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoptions. 12-3 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Every

Saturday. 703-817-9444 or www.hart90.org.

Springfield Smoke 'N Roast. 3-6 p.m. Clifton Community Hall, 2641 Chapel Road, Clifton. SDDC Chili Cook Off, including Congressman Gerry Connolly and Chairman Sharon Bulova as judges. Meet Senators Chap Petersen, Dave Marsden, George Barker and Dick Saslaw, State Delegates Eileen Filler-Corn, David Bulova and others. Sponsored by Fairfax County Democrats. \$35-\$250. www.fairfaxdemocrats.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Volunteers for Change Orientation. 6 p.m. Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Ave., Fairfax. The program features a flexible calendar of weekend and weekday evening projects. Reservations required at 703-246-3895 or jktivlin@vlunteerfairfax.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 23

College Drinking: Documentary and Discussion. 7 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Screening of the documentary

"Haze", followed by a question-and-answer session with representatives from the Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, an emergency physician, representatives from the Fairfax County Police Department, the parent of a student who died following drinking at a college party and a graduate student. 703-246-3271.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 2 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes designed to work on balance and core muscles to prevent injuries and falls; Instructor certified in back and hip rehab. Every Monday and Friday in a heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required at 703-667-9800.

SATURDAY/MAY 26

Dog and Cat Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart Seven Corners, 12971 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

NEWS

Mulan Comes to Burke

Northern Virginia Players present Disney classic.

Northern Virginia Players will present Disney's Mulan Jr. beginning Saturday, May 25 at Burke Community Church.

The heartwarming tale begins when the Huns have invaded China, and it's up to misfit Mulan and her mischievous sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor. Mulan is a celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit, includes musical favorites such as "Honor to Us All."

"This production features 64 actors ranging in age from 6 to 18," said Ann Eul the show's director, who has worked with children in theater for more than 15 years. "This action-packed story is sure to thrill audiences of all ages."

Northern Virginia Players is an all home school theatre troupe giving young people from all backgrounds, cultures and lifestyles the opportunity to produce professional quality plays while providing outstanding entertainment to the community.

In honor of those who serve, Northern Virginia Players will donate 10 percent of the ticket proceeds for the Memorial Day weekend shows to the Wounded Warrior Project. "We want to thank our men and women in uniform for their courage, honor and service," said Eul.

Show dates are May 25, May 26, June 1 and June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road. For tickets and information, visit www.NVPlayers.com or call 703-866-3546.



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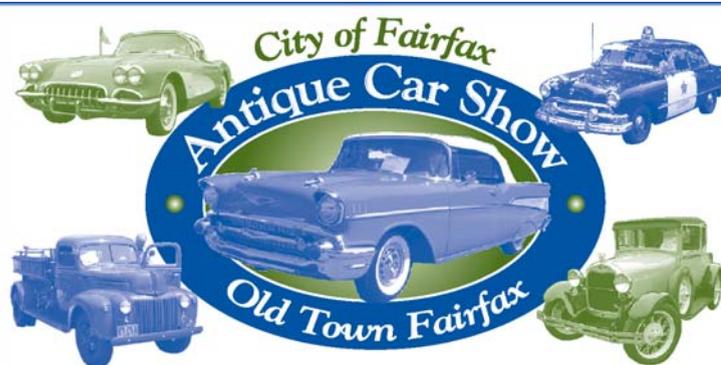
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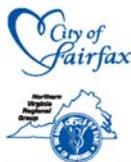
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A photo of the TD Bank located near the intersection of Little River Turnpike and Pickett. The architecture is similar to the one proposed for Cardinal Forest Plaza in West Springfield. The enhanced architectural façade was one of the conditions requested by members of the West Springfield Civic Association and agreed to by Edens, the developer and owner of the 1970s shopping center.

PHOTO BY JOHN REPHLO

TD Bank Plan Moves Ahead

West Springfield Civic Association concerns addressed.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

TD Bank, one of the nation's 10 largest banks, has moved a step closer to opening a drive-thru branch in West Springfield's Cardinal Forest Plaza shopping center.

The project faced initial resistance from neighbors who raised concerns about traffic, safety and environmental impact when they learned plans called for sitting the bank in the parking lot of the 1960s-era center, located at the busy intersection of Old Keene Mill Road and Rolling Road.

"Few citizens, if any, saw a need for another bank to be built in an area with five banks within one block of the intersection," said John Rephlo, a longtime Springfield resident who spoke on behalf of the West Springfield Civic Association during a May 3 planning commission public hearing on the project.

After several meetings involving Edens, the developer that owns the shopping center, civic association members, and staff from the Fairfax County Planning Commission staff and Braddock Supervisor John Cook's office, the developer agreed to several conditions addressing the concerns of residents.

"Since my community information meeting on this proposal in January, my office and the Planning Commissioner have worked tirelessly with the impacted neighbors to improve this project," Cook said.

"We have reduced the number of drive-thru lanes, closed a left turn onto Old Keene Mill Road that was a source of many accidents and obtained a concession from the bank to change its façade to better reflect the architecture of Cardinal Forest Plaza."

Peter Melmed, vice president of construction and development for Edens, said the bank will actually improve storm water management and other issues at the center.

"The layout of the bank will increase open space and reduce impervious area," Melmed said. "Safety concerns have been addressed through a series of transportation improvements, including making the eastern entrance on Old Keene Mill Road a right-in, right-out only, as well as bringing that entrance up to current VDOT standards."

Melmed added that TD Bank will enhance the aging center, built in the early 1970s.

"The addition of TD Bank to Cardinal Forest Plaza reflects Eden's focus on enriching communities we serve by bringing high-quality tenants into our retail centers," Melmed said. "In fact, this location helps West Springfield residents avoid driving all the way



John Rephlo, a 31-year-resident of West Springfield, spoke on behalf of the West Springfield Civic Association during a May 3 public hearing before the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

into Annandale or over to Fairfax, which are the nearest TD locations currently."

THE NEXT MEETING will be a "decision-only" session of the Planning Commission on May 31, where the commission will vote whether to recommend approval by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. After that, the case will go before the board, which will hold another public hearing to address any lingering community concerns.

During the May 3 planning commission public hearing, Rephlo said members of the civic association voted to accept the county's conditions, but wanted further study of some issues, including sidewalk improvements, employee parking, storm drainage and traffic impacts.

According to Rephlo, the final major issue revolves around the nonstandard (four-foot) sidewalk that borders the front of the center. He said the civic association wants the developer to build a sidewalk that is five-foot-width with a two-foot buffer installed between the sidewalk and the roadway.

"This is the right time to do the hard thing of bringing the shopping center frontage and sidewalk up to VDOT standards and bring the plaza into conformance with other shopping centers fronting Old Keene Mill Road," Rephlo said. "This is our 'West Springfield Town Center.' Although it may not be as new and fancy like Ballston, Clarendon or Reston, this is where we meet, go out to dinner and hang out."

Diana Janice Richards, a Long Time Burke Resident, Dies

Diana Janice Richards of Centreville, Va. passed away peacefully from cancer on May 9, 2012. She was born in 1939 in upstate New York, daughter of John R. Schmidburg and Rose Hornick. She grew up in New York and married her husband, William Bruce Richards, in Switzerland while he was stationed in Germany with the American Red Cross. Upon returning to the States, they adopted three boys while living in Washington, D.C. and Prince Georges County, Md. In 1972, they moved to Burke, where she remained for over 35 years. Diana was very active in the community.



Diana Janice Richards

She and Bruce both served as presidents of the Lake Braddock Community Association. She started the mulch site and worked very closely with Sharon Bulova in reducing the tipping fees for local communities at the sanitary landfill, and was at the forefront of the recycling movement in the late '80s for Fairfax County. She was very involved in the start of the Fairfax Fair when it was held at George Mason University, was nominated as Lady Fairfax, served as the Awards Chairperson for the Fairfax County Fair, was an active member of both the Citizens Task Force for Annandale (now Braddock) District and the Fairfax County Policy Review Board and served as the Campaign Precinct Chairperson of the Lake Braddock Community.

Diana chose to stay at home with her children while they were young and worked part time for Fairfax County Schools at Lake Braddock Secondary School. She later started a successful cleaning business called the Mopp-its. She sold the business after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1986. She had a second battle with breast cancer in 1990, which she battled successfully. Diana continued working at Guernsey Office

Products, and she enjoyed watching movies and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was a member of Fairfax Christian Church in Fairfax and Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale. Diana was preceded in death by her husband Bruce and her parents. She is survived by her three sons, Gregory Richards and wife, Karen, of Springfield; Jeffery Richards of Los Angeles, Calif; and Adam Richards and wife, Tammy, of Wake Forest, N.C.; her sisters and brother, Gloria Schultes of Tampa, Joan Mioduser of Fort Lauderdale, Margaret Mills of Los Angeles; Martin Magone of Woodbridge; and her grandchildren, Christine Glockzin, Elizabeth Glockzin-Westbrook, Rachel Blakely, Dustin Richards, Kody Richards and Frida Richards; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's in Centreville, Md. or Graceful Care at 1468 Waterfront Road, Reston, VA 20194-1250, www.gracefulcare.com. Memorial service is June 2, 10 a.m. at Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.

Veterans Golf Classic Honors Heroes

On Friday, May 18, Brian Thacker, US Army Recipient of the highest award, will be Grand Marshall Guest of Honor at the Veterans Golf Classic at Quantico's Medal of Honor Golf Course.

The golf benefit run annually by Burke VFW Post 5412, is focused on enjoying a day of sport, good food and honoring MOH Recipients as well as raising funds for the Burke VFW Veteran Relief Fund. Several teams of Wounded Warriors will also be playing as guests.

The "Iron Mike" statue is traditionally given to the 1st place foursome and to special guests. An autographed Jordan Zimmermann baseball will be awarded in a free raffle at the awards lunch buffet. The baseball is valued at \$85.

For applications to play visit www.VeteransGolfClassic.com or contact Co-Chairman David Meyers 703-209-5925.

Woodson senior Grace Finnerty scored five goals against Lake Braddock in the Patriot District girls' lacrosse tournament final on May 11.



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Woodson's Pat Valentino controls the ball against South County's Alisher Pazyzbekov during the Patriot District boys' lacrosse tournament final on May 11 at Lee High School.

Woodson Girls, Boys Win Patriot Lax Title

Finnerty's five goals push Cavaliers girls past Lake Braddock; boys avenge losses to Annandale, South County.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After Woodson midfielder Grace Finnerty scored her fifth goal of the Patriot District girls' lacrosse tournament final against Lake Braddock on May 11, the Bruins' coaching staff asked for a stick check.

An official's inspection deemed the stick legal and Finnerty glared at the Lake Braddock bench. The senior had just given Woodson a two-goal lead late in the contest and no amount of gamesmanship was going to save Lake Braddock.

After losing to the Bruins in the regular season, Woodson found a way to win "when it matters," beating Lake Braddock, 14-11, at Lee High School to capture the program's third consecutive title since moving to the Patriot District during the 2009-10 athletic year. For Finnerty and the rest of the Woodson seniors, it was their fourth straight district crown.

"It feels awesome because I feel like we're always the underdog," Finnerty said, "and we always like to win when it matters."

WOODSON JUMPED OUT to a 6-0 lead in the game's first five minutes, thanks in part to four goals from Finnerty. Lake Braddock slowly chipped away and pulled to within one on four separate occasions, but the Cavaliers always did enough to maintain the lead.

"They wanted to defend their title, so that was the biggest thing," first-year Woodson head coach Amy Herbert said. "We lost to Lake Braddock [in the regular season], so we needed redemption. ... I think the whole week I told [the Cavaliers] that Lake Braddock is going to put in goals and that's

going to be OK. It's whether or not we put in another one and that's what we said each time: 'Yeah, they put in a goal, but we're going to put in another one.'"

While Woodson features such athletes as district Player of the Year Isabel Obregon, a freshman, and all-district first-teamers Elena Obregon and Laura Dunn, it was Finnerty, an honorable mention choice, who led the offense with five goals.

"Grace has been coming on and she's not noticed by a lot of teams, which is very nice," Herbert said. "It's almost like a secret weapon. They don't choose to mark her, they don't think she's going to go to goal, but she just sneaks in there."

Dunn scored four goals for the Cavaliers. Elena Obregon finished with two goals, and Isabel Obregon, Jasmine Kim and Leah Williamson each scored one.

"This game was definitely our best team game," Elena Obregon said. "We played so well together and I haven't seen us play this well all season."

Lake Braddock responded to Woodson's 6-0 start with five consecutive goals. The Bruins trailed 6-5, 7-6, 8-7 and 11-10, but couldn't get over the hump.

Kristen Gaudian led the way for Lake Braddock with five goals. Alexis Torres and Grace Youn each scored two goals and Taylor Livick and Jade Samec each scored one.

Lake Braddock goalkeeper Alyssa Harrison, attacker Allie Snow, who missed the district final due to injury, defender Shannon Klein and Livick earned first-team all-district honors.

"It's so exciting," Isabel Obregon said. "I'm only a freshman and we still have the next [three] years ahead of us and we have so much potential. I'm glad we got [the district title] because we didn't beat [Lake

Braddock] first, but we beat them when it counted."

Woodson defeated Falls Church, 16-8, on May 15 in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament. The Cavaliers will host the winner of Langley and Westfield on Thursday, May 17.

THE WOODSON BOYS' LACROSSE team hung a plaque in its locker room displaying the score "17-3" as a reminder of the lopsided loss the Cavaliers suffered against Annandale in the 2011 Patriot District tournament final.

If that wasn't enough motivation for Woodson during the 2012 season, the Cavaliers lost to South County, 8-7, on April 13, the program's first loss to the Stallions in the seven-year history of the South County program.

"It feels awesome because I feel like we're always the underdog, and we always like to win when it matters."

— Grace Finnerty

One month later, Woodson found itself matched up against South County in the Patriot District tournament final with a chance to avenge a pair of losses. When the final seconds ticked away, the Cavaliers had redeemed themselves in blowout fashion.

No. 2 seed Woodson thumped No. 1 South County, 17-5, on May 11 at Lee High School in Springfield. Each team scored a goal early, but the Cavaliers blew the game open with seven consecutive goals during a 13-plus minute span stretching between the first and second quarters. Woodson led 9-2 at halftime and cruised to victory.

"That was a very embarrassing moment because Woodson hadn't ever lost to South

County," Woodson head coach Jon Fitzgerald said of the regular season defeat. "So we had a lot of time to let that fester. ... We had an opportunity to win our district championship and also get revenge on South County."

Along with avenging the loss to the Stallions, the Cavaliers returned to their place atop the Patriot District after a one year hiatus. Woodson defeated Annandale, 15-8, during the regular season on April 25 and on May 7 in the first round of the district tournament, winning 17-4.

"Last year we had a pretty devastating loss to Annandale, 17-3," Woodson goalkeeper Connor Wade said. "... As a team, it definitely [motivated us]. We were all devastated. This year, we bounced back."

Fitzgerald praised the play of his first-team all-district goalkeeper, including Wade's ability to clear the ball.

"It easily could have been a lot closer in the first half," Fitzgerald said. "They had some point-blank shots that he saved."

Offensively, Woodson shared the ball and had eight players score at least one goal.

Senior midfielder Hunter Guttendorf, sophomore attackman Ryan Wade, senior midfielder Marcus Berry and senior attackman Joey Coscia each had three goals for the Cavaliers. Senior midfielder Pat Valentino had two goals and sophomore midfielder Jimmy McLaughlin, senior midfielder Scott Williams and junior defenseman Erik Weed each scored one.

"When we work together as a team, we win games," Williams said. "Our coach has really installed that into our minds."

Woodson was well represented among the all-district teams. Senior attackmen Mack Cary and Ryan Wade were named first-team all-district, and Coscia and Guttendorf were on the second team.

Williams was a first-team midfielder, and Valentino and Berry were second-team midfielders. Weed was a first-team defenseman, and junior Sam Schnoebelen and freshman Will Cogan made the second team.

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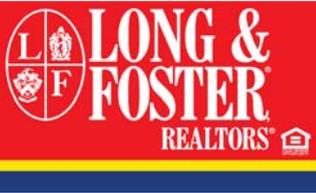
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March 2012 Sales in low \$600s



2 4110 John Trammell Court, Fairfax — \$640,000



1 13807 Sangiovese Street, Chantilly — \$645,000



3 9225 Davis Drive, Lorton — \$635,000



4 7901 Belleflower Drive, Springfield — \$632,000



9 9114 Wood Pointe Way, Fairfax Station — \$610,000



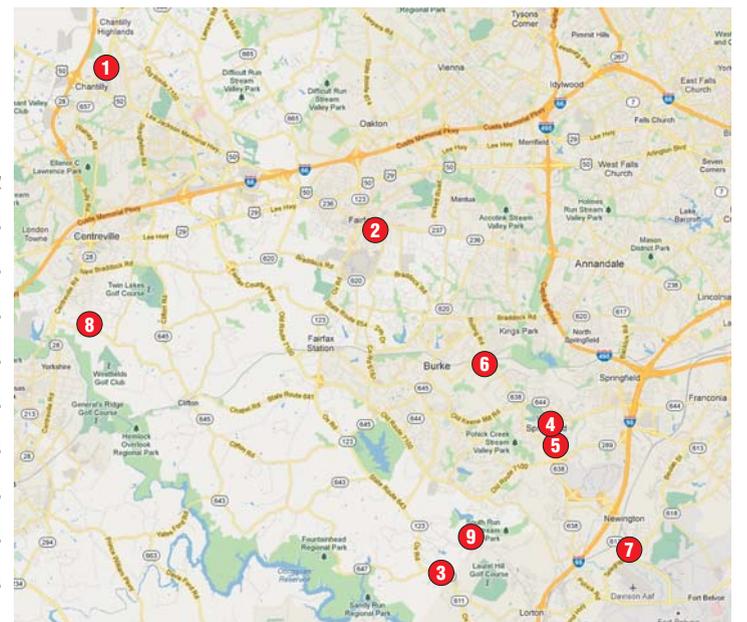
8 6840 Compton Heights Circle, Clifton — \$610,000



6 8823 Burke Road, Burke — \$621,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision	Date Sold
1 13807 SANGIOVESE ST	4	3	1		CHANTILLY	\$645,000	Detached	0.14	20151	CHANTILLY GREEN	03/22/12
2 4110 JOHN TRAMMELL CT	5	3	1		FAIRFAX	\$640,000	Townhouse	0.21	22030	JOHN TRAMMEL COURT	03/16/12
3 9225 DAVIS DR	5	3	1		LORTON	\$635,000	Detached	1.06	22079	WRIGHTS OVERLOOK	03/09/12
4 7901 BELLEFLOWER DR	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$632,000	Detached	0.34	22152	DAVENTRY	03/30/12
5 7821 LOBELIA LN	5	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$625,000	Detached	0.23	22152	HUNTER VILLAGE	03/13/12
6 8823 BURKE RD	4	3	1		BURKE	\$621,000	Detached	0.71	22015	HOMEWOOD	03/15/12
7 6821 SILVER ANN DR	4	3	1		LORTON	\$614,900	Detached	0.18	22079	RACEWAY FARMS	03/30/12
8 6840 COMPTON HEIGHTS CIR	4	3	1		CLIFTON	\$610,000	Detached	0.22	20124	COMPTON HEIGHTS	03/29/12
9 9114 WOOD POINTE WAY	4	3	1		FAIRFAX STATION	\$610,000	Detached	0.14	22039	CROSSPOINTE	03/23/12

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