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Keeping the Pressure On

Tired of paying both City of Fairfax and Falls Church water bills, one Fairfax County man becomes a vocal water activist.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Every three months, Fairfax County resident Kirk F. Randall reluctantly writes a check to the City of Fairfax for his water bill, and fumes about it.

A lifelong County resident whose home borders the City of Fairfax, Randall is one of the 21,000 county residents who pay 71 percent more for water because he gets his water from the City of Fairfax rather than Fairfax Water, the County- utility.

He also pays the water bills for his family home in McLean, where his 85-year-old father still lives. That water comes from the City of Falls Church, which charges customers such as Randall 44 percent more than other county residents pay.

"Not only have I had no choice but to buy more expensive water for more than 26 years, but I don't get to vote on the city's decision because I'm a county resident. It's absurd," Randall said. In May, he paid a quarterly total of nearly \$200 for both water bills. If he were a Fairfax Water customer, he would have paid \$60.19.

Randall's frustration echoes that of many county residents who have complained to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors about high water bills and being "taxed" without concomitant "representation."

Currently more than 153,000 residents – approximately 14 percent – receive their water from municipal utilities in Falls Church, the City of Fairfax and the towns of Herndon and Vienna rather than Fairfax Water. Those residents pay as much as 82 percent more for their drinking water.

The battle over who controls water service in Fairfax County percolated for years before erupting into a full-blown war last December when county supervisors – responding to complaints from residents – drew a line in the sand.

On December 6, supervisors enacted an ordinance that gave the county broad powers to determine how residents get their water and how much they pay for it.

COUNTY OFFICIALS said the new law – which was slated to go into effect July 1 – was an attempt to ensure that all county residents pay a "fair and reasonable" rate for their water.

"Someone who lives in Fairfax County, but is served by a separate jurisdiction's water provider, should have the assurance that the rate they pay can be justified," said Board Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), "It's as simple as that."

But city and town leaders argued there was nothing "simple" about the county's move. They saw the ordinance as a blatant power grab, and promptly sued the county.

"The attempt by Fairfax County in 2011 to regulate rates for water systems it doesn't own, and didn't



Kirk F. Randall, a Fairfax County resident who is tired of paying higher prices to the City of Fairfax and Falls Church for his water, stands outside Fairfax City Hall on Armstrong Street carrying the sign "Sky High Water Rates Coming Soon."

build, is simply unconstitutional," said Virginia State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34), a longtime City of Fairfax resident and former council member, whose constituents include Fairfax City, Town of Vienna, and Fairfax County residents. He maintains that current state law already requires water to be provided as a "cost-based" service.

"In other words, the price of our water is based on the cost of service. That price, about \$1 a day, is one of the cheapest rates in the United States, no matter where you live in Northern Virginia," said Petersen, who considered introducing legislation in the General Assembly to nullify the county ordinance last December.

The ensuing "Water Wars" have embroiled four local governments, powerful politicians, high-level bureaucrats, high-priced legal teams, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a billion-dollar utility company, who are spending a significant amount of time and money battling each other in a series of lawsuits, legislative showdowns and PR campaigns.

There was a temporary cease-fire on June 14 when county officials agreed to a 90-day suspension of the ordinance, and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church agreed to put their litigation on hold, as all sides discuss various options to reduce the rates the affected county residents pay for their water.

"Many assumed the County would be mandating

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A 'First Person' Story on Holocaust

Greenspring resident Michel Margosis to speak at Holocaust Museum.

Holocaust survivor Michel Margosis is one of an estimated 1400 unaccompanied European children brought to the United States from 1933 and through World War II. Each year at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Margosis gives a presentation through the "First Person" program which is free and open to the public, and features the stories of Holocaust survivors and volunteers.

On Tuesday, July 31, Margosis will give his next "First Person" presentation at 1 p.m.

Margosis was born on Sept. 2, 1928 in Brussels, Belgium. There, his father was the owner and editor of two newspapers that favored the Zionist cause, one published in Yiddish and the other in French. On Sept. 3, 1939, just one day after Margosis turned 11 years old, France and England declared war on Germany; at that time, Margosis's father was at a Zionist convention in Geneva, so when Belgium was attacked, Margosis, his siblings, and his mother fled to France. The family ended up in a detention camp where refugees were interned, but escaped after just one night. They spent the next couple of years moving throughout France in dangerous conditions until eventually escaping on foot over the Pyrenees Mountains into Spain. While in Spain, the family was separated, and as the youngest child, Margosis was sent to an orphanage. In June of 1943, at age 14, Margosis was sent unaccompanied on a ship to the United States. He became a U.S. citizen as soon as he qualified and in 1952, enlisted in the U.S. Army. In 1965, Margosis began working as a chemist with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration where he remained until retirement in 1990.

Margosis has lived at Greenspring retirement community in Springfield since 1998. At Greenspring, he chairs a French Conversation Group, is a member of the Democratic Club (which he once chaired), and was active in starting a Parkinson's support group. Outside of Greenspring, Margosis is the Lee District appointee on the Fairfax County Human Rights



Holocaust Survivor, Michel Margosis.

Commission. According to the County website, "the Commission takes the approach of not only receiving and investigating complaints alleging a violation of the Human Rights Ordinance, but also of cooperating with the employers, the housing industry and other businesses in the County to make sure we all understand our duty to ensure equal opportunity and equal access." He was first appointed to the Commission in 2003.

Additionally, Margosis was also a driving force in calling for a Holocaust Remembrance Day in Fairfax County (which this year fell on Thursday, April 19). He has been a member of the speaker's bureau at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. since the Museum opened in 1993.

Water Bills Challenged

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rates equal to the Water Authority's rates, but that only would happen if no justification for rates was provided, or the justification was deemed to be inadequate," said Anthony Griffin, who recently retired as the longtime county executive. Before joining the county, Griffin served as the city manager for Falls Church, and Chairman Bulova recently appointed him to the Fairfax Water Board of Directors.

Griffin said he was "hopeful" that during the stay "there will be conversations that will produce win-win solutions for the parties involved, and particularly for the customers of the various water systems."

IN THE MIDST of the posturing and political power-brokering stands Randall, 61, who worked for more than three decades as a utility economist with the federal government.

He said he never intended to become an expert on water, but when he realized how much more he and his neighbors were paying, he got mad. And then he decided he wasn't going to take it anymore.

"Like most of the other 153,000 affected county residents, for years I got my quarterly bill and paid each bill, totally unaware of how much extra I was paying. In 2009, I figured it was about time somebody spoke up for these captive customers," he said.

To that end, Randall has testified before city councils, written opinion pieces in local newspapers, and lobbied numerous state, federal, county, and city officials.

He has amassed thousands of pages of documents relating to water issues, and can cite chapter and verse when it comes to the history of the highly decentralized world of water operations, where dozens of public agencies are involved in the purchase, sale, distribution and delivery of water to residents. Randall has become known as a "solid" advocate in the water wars, respected for his persistence and fact-based presentations rather than his attention-grabbing antics.

"Transparency is the key," he said. "These towns and cities need regulatory oversight-just as do other monopoly utilities such as Washington Gas or Dominion Power - to hold them accountable for every penny they charge their captive customers."

However, many Fairfax City residents affirmed they want to keep their water system independent from Fairfax Water.

DURING A RECENT PUBLIC HEARING on the topic, city resident Curtis Chandler called the city's water system an "asset" and "competitive advantage."

"Keeping the system and making the investment to keep it up to date is entrepreneurial," Chandler said at the hearing.

Catherine Read, a city resident who narrowly lost her recent bid for a city council seat, agrees that the city's water system is a valuable asset. She said in every forum she attended on the subject, the majority of citizens who turned out to express an opinion were in favor of the city keeping it.

Randall calls this "home-grown civic pride" that

makes no economic sense, but Read disagrees. "I don't think it's about 'civic pride.' Access to clean potable drinking water will be the next great challenge of governments all over the world," Read said. "Why would we simply turn that asset over to someone else and lose control over both how it's managed and what it will cost? What benefit does the city derive beyond short term savings on not having to invest millions in the needed maintenance and upgrades?"

Randall argues the city's recent decision to maintain its Loudoun County system doesn't begin to address system reliability, as evidenced by the nearly month-long outage in May when the city was forced to purchase 100 percent of its water from Fairfax Water.

The city currently has no long-term backup for its Loudoun County treatment and transmission facilities. Each time the city declares a system emergency - which has occurred about every five weeks in recent years - it relies on the largesse of Fairfax Water to provide it with water priced below Fairfax Water's cost, which disadvantages the water utility's customers.

Jeanne Bailey, who is in the unenviable position of being a longtime city resident and the spokesperson for Fairfax Water, said that many city residents don't fully understand the vulnerability of the city's system.

She said Fairfax Water has 17 billion gallons of upstream storage ready to go in the event of a drought, but specifically prohibits the city from buying emergency water during a drought because it's an event that can be "planned-for," not an emergency.

"Fairfax Water is the city's only emergency backup, and reliable long-term backup is expensive for us to provide. We're happy to help, but we have to be fair to our customers as well," she said. "At some point in time, they are either going to have to spend many tens of millions securing long-term back-up service elsewhere, or buy it at cost from Fairfax Water."

Randall said he will continue his quest to educate and inform city and county residents about the economic and reliability benefits of partnering with Fairfax Water.

In May, Randall addressed the City Council, saying: "If city officials don't deal with long-term backup and emergency water needs real soon, one day when there's an emergency outage, they are going to turn on the faucet and get absolutely nothing."

Jurisdiction/Agency	Current Basic Water Service Charge ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Basic Water Service Charge ⁽²⁾
Virginia-American Water Company (Prince William County)	\$149.69	\$187.08
City of Manassas Park	159.96	184.50
District of Columbia	135.90	144.06
City of Rockville, Maryland	133.47	143.67
Town of Leesburg (Outside)	134.16	139.20
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland)	128.84	131.96
Town of Vienna (Outside Town Limits)	109.28	122.00
Town of Vienna (Inside Town Limits)	100.16	122.00
City of Fairfax ⁽³⁾	103.00	110.75
Virginia-American Water Company (City of Alexandria)	100.72	108.64
Town of Leesburg (Inside)	97.20	100.80
City of Bowie, Maryland	89.40	96.84
Arlington County	95.52	95.52
Prince William County Service Authority	88.95	93.15
City of Falls Church ⁽³⁾	86.55	86.55
City of Manassas	81.75	81.75
Town of Herndon	77.10	77.10
Loudoun Water	76.98	76.98
Fairfax Water	60.19	60.19

(1) Basic Water Service Charge includes the account service charge plus water used at the current commodity rate.
 (2) Proposed rates effective in calendar year 2012.
 (3) Excludes utility tax.

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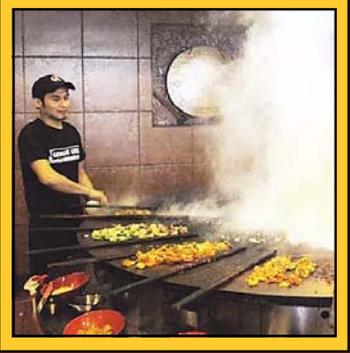
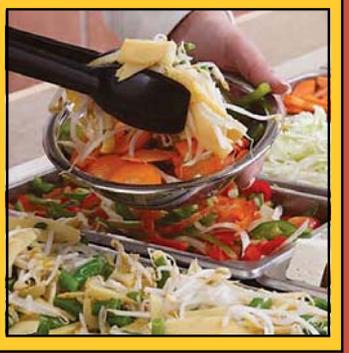
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Another satisfied customer, Carolyn Stockton and Stephen Levenson.

Some things have changed since 1962: Stephen Roland Pemberton and Bob Stockton.

Springfield's Chat Room

Some things never change at Bob's Barber Shop.

BY ANDREW MADIGAN
THE CONNECTION

I got my first haircut at Bob's Barber Shop in the early 1970s. Not much has changed since then. The scattered newspapers and magazines, the red Naugahyde chair, the classic swirling barber pole, black combs swimming in blue barbicide, the animated banter of regular customers. I'm older now and have less hair to cut, but the warm, convivial atmosphere has remained.

"I'm having too much fun to retire."

— Bob Stockton

Bob's overlooks the Commerce Street Bridge and Bob Evans from the 7th floor of the iconic Springfield Tower, a 14-story glass structure that's one of Fairfax county's most recognizable landmarks. Of course, the barber shop is also a landmark of sorts to many Springfieldians who can remember a time before the bridge, the Parkway, the hotels, the traffic, the intricate flyovers, and the now-hibernating mall.

IN 1962 when Bob's opened for business, downtown Springfield was a suburban frontier town. Shirley Highway was still a teenager, and Lee High School was too young to read or write. Aside from an Esso gas station and Fischer Hardware, Bob's didn't have many neigh-

bors. My family lived on nearby Cimarron Street in Cowboy Town, so called because of the Old West-inspired street names. Our backyard was an empty field that stretched for miles.

Owned and operated by Bob Stockton and his wife Carolyn, Bob's was originally located on Brandon Avenue, a few blocks away from its current location. It's moved twice in the last 50 years. In 1978 they moved down the block, and in 2010 a rent increase pushed them into the Springfield Tower. Bob and Carolyn are the shop's only full-time employees but, according to Stockton, business is booming so he may be looking to hire.

Before becoming a barber, Bob worked at a gas station. He'd come home every night with chapped, bloody hands. Cutting hair seemed like something he "wouldn't mind doing," so he went to barber school in Hyattsville, Md. and worked in an Alexandria barber shop for a year before taking out a loan and opening Bob's in 1962. In 1964 his father, Cecil "Pops" Stockton, began working at Bob's. He'd graduated from an Oklahoma barber college in 1921 and cut hair for 70 years. Bob's brother and sister are also barbers, and his wife Carolyn joined the business in 1984.

FOR MANY YEARS, Bob's staff—James "Duffy" Dofflemeyer, Leo Dotson, Angelo Atsiknoudas, "Old" Bob Caynor and "Young" Bob Stockton—were familiar faces in the neighborhood. People came not only for a haircut but also for conversation, laughter and a sense of community. My father would get his

ears lowered every two weeks on Saturday, always from Duffy, and he would occasionally bring me along for a "Regular Boy's Haircut."

Bob's has the same feeling today. The space is cozy, charming and pleasantly old-fashioned. Bob and Carolyn know everyone's name, and the customers laugh and joke with one another. "How come I don't look any younger?" a man asks, when his haircut is complete. Carolyn says she doesn't like to lie. "Bob never tells me I look good," another customer jokes. "He just says the hair looks good."

Bob is an experienced pilot who has, for decades, flown over the area with a photographer. Bob's is decorated with these beautiful vintage photos of old Springfield, which gives the shop a personal touch as well as a sense of history and continuity.

For many years Bob's has specialized in children's haircuts. They provide certificates—with seals, signatures and a photo—for the child's first cut. According to Bob this is a special event, particularly for grandparents. "It's good advertising, too," he adds. The shop's name, address and phone number appear on every certificate.

Bob's has been a local institution for 50 years so perhaps it's fitting that they've moved to the Springfield Tower. While the world races forward at an alarming pace, it's comforting to know that some things never vary. I'm much older than I was when I first hopped onto Duffy's chair, and the barber pole is now reinforced with duct tape, but "Young" Bob Stockton and his shop look remarkably unchanged. "I'm having too much fun to retire," Bob says, and I believe him. His customers are having fun, too.

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

THURSDAY/JULY 26

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Adults.

FRIDAY/JULY 27

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.

Fun with Ones. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Enjoy books, songs and rhymes in a special storytime.

SATURDAY/JULY 28

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.

Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults.

TUESDAY/JULY 31

Hula with Mokihana. 2:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Experience traditional Hawaiian music. All ages.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Workhouse Farmer's Market. 3:30-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats and poultry; and local foods. Every Thursday through Oct. 25. WorkhouseArts.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Women and Children's Expo. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Grand Court, Fair Oaks Mall. Showcasing career opportunities for women and enrichment programs for children. 703-359-8302. www.ShopFair.Oaks.Mall.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Volunteers for Change Orientation. 12-1 p.m. Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Avenue, Fairfax. Orientation for those wishing to participate in local community service projects. Registration required at 703-246-3895 or jikivlin@volunteerfairfax.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30 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 Tuesday and Thursday in a heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required at 703-667-9800.

OPINION

Separate and Unequal?

If we don't believe that poor students are less innately talented, then the disparities in Northern Virginia are truly unfair.

The numbers are eye-popping. Latino students are 22 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students, but 2.7 percent of the incoming Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology freshman class, the class of 2016. Of the 480 students, seven are black. That's 1.4 percent, while black students are 10 percent of the county school system.

The class of 2016 includes 480 students: 126 white students (26 percent), 308 Asian students (64 percent), 13 Hispanic students (2.7 percent), seven black students (1.4 percent) and 27 other.

Almost all of the students accepted to TJ come from eight middle schools with advanced gifted-and-talented programs.

The disparities and lack of diversity at Northern Virginia's stellar magnet school, ranked the top high school in the nation, is a symptom of a much more pervasive problem in Fairfax County.

This week, two groups, the Coalition of The Silence led by former school board member Tina Hone, and the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP filed a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. The complaint argues that the current policies regarding admission to Thomas Jefferson and policies regarding identification of students for eligibility for gifted services within FCPS "disparately impact Black and Latino students in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits discrimination based on race,

color and national origin."

For well over a decade, FCPS has made a variety of attempts to address the exclusive nature of admissions to TJ, but with little effect and intense controversy.

The problem runs much deeper than freshman admission to Thomas Jefferson. Of 12,044 elementary and middle school students identified for "level 4" gifted-and-talented programs last year, only 455 were black, 3.8 percent, while 10 percent of FCPS students are black. Just 752 were Hispanic, about 6 percent, although 22 percent of FCPS students are Hispanic.

GETTING ACCEPTED to TJ, in general, is not an easy task for anyone, reported Julia O'Donoghue in 2010 in the Connection. The school admitted only 15.3 percent of the 3,119 students who applied to be part of the class of 2014. That means TJ had a lower acceptance rate for its incoming freshman class than either Cornell University or Swarthmore College that year.

Fairfax students also compete with children from around the region for slots at the Northern Virginia magnet school. About 80 percent of TJ's student body comes from Fairfax but residents from Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties and the City of Falls Church can also apply. (The City of Alexandria does not allow its students to apply to

TJ, and should reconsider its choice to opt out.)

While it may be difficult for all children, students who are black, Hispanic or poor have a particularly hard time getting admitted to TJ.

Out of 480 students admitted to the class of 2014, only nine were considered poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced lunch.

Across all four grades at TJ in 2009-10 school year, approximately 1.78 percent of students were black, 2.84 percent of students were Hispanic and 1.74 percent were poor.

Fully 25 percent of students in Fairfax County are poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced meals. Do we believe that poor students are less talented than students from wealthier families?

The complaint asserts that FCPS "has evolved into a system that essentially operates a network of separate and unequal schools."

Many if not most poor students lack access to quality enrichment programs and after-school activities, lack access to expensive and highly specific test preparation classes for the admissions test for TJ. And the complaint cites FCPS retreated from outreach programs for poor and minority students.

Addressing these issues from Kindergarten up would have many benefits beyond increasing diversity at one school. This could also decrease the achievement gap, increase the graduation rate for minority and poor students, and reduce disparities in the suspension and expulsion rate.

These are hot issues with many perspectives. We welcome letters and comments suggesting solutions and with different points of view.

— MARY KIMM,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expansion of Medicaid

To the Editor:

One of the key issues in the Affordable Care Act is the multi-billion dollar expansion of Medicaid. It's going to cost individual states billions of dollars to enroll all the potential recipients and Virginia will be responsible for at least an additional \$1.18 billion. We will become dependent on fluctuating federal grants to cover the remaining billion. I want to know how the candidates who are running for Governor are going to handle this enormous fiscal burden. Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli has never liked the law and was the first to challenge it in court. I'm sure he will continue his effort to strike down this bill, accessing alternative options, and promote the principles of smaller state government. His likely

opponent, Democrat Terry McAuliffe, hasn't said anything. Would he be supportive and how

does he propose to pay for it?

Natalie Filzen
Fairfax

Government-Controlled Healthcare

To the Editor:

"Leaving Millions on the Table" and "Making Care Affordable" in this week's Connection [July 19-25, 2012] do not include important facts about government-controlled healthcare.

As to Virginia expanding Medicaid to get increased federal funding, the U.S. government has already run out of "other people's money" with its nearly \$16 trillion debt that is growing daily. The CBO has raised the cost estimate for the Affordable Care Act to \$1.76 trillion over ten years, but that is only the opening bid as more and more people lose their job-based coverage and flood into

taxpayer-subsidized insurance. At this rate, the cost will be \$2 trillion, not the less than \$1 trillion President Obama promised. When the financial crisis that is now impacting Greece and Spain hits our country, the consequences will be far direr than theirs because of the size of America's economy.

Plus, the federal government will be dumping more Medicaid funding onto the states over time according to a July 19 Forbes piece "Governors' Worst Nightmare: Obama Proposed Shifting Costs of Obamacare's Medicaid Expansion to the States." During the "supercommittee" deficit-reduction talks last year, President Obama proposed reducing federal funding for the Medicaid expansion by \$100 billion over ten years, with states picking up the difference. Virginians can't afford this.

In addition, Medicaid condemns those in the program to long waits in emergency rooms to get even routine care. Plus, it pays doctors so little and requires so much paperwork that few can afford to see

more than a few Medicaid patients.

As to the "Making Care Affordable" Letter to the Editor, most Americans are not in favor of the Affordable Care Act as the writer asserts. According to a New York Times/CBS News poll on Obamacare following the Supreme Court decision, opposition to the law is virtually unchanged from when it was enacted in 2010, with about half disapproving and one-third supporting the law. Support for repeal remains strong: 61 percent of those polled say they want Congress to repeal the individual mandate (27 percent) or the entire law (34 percent). Only 15 percent want to keep the law as it is.

It is time to repeal the government-centered Obamacare and replace it with patient-focused, free-market solutions. Therefore, we must vote out ardent Congressional supporters of the law such as Gerry Connolly and replace them with those who promote freedom like Col. Chris Perkins.

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NEWS

2012 Pamplin Leader

Benjamin Medina is the recipient of the 2012 Pamplin Leader Award at Lake Braddock High School. The Pamplin Leader is a one-year, \$1,000 tuition scholarship to Virginia Tech. It is presented annually to a top student from each public high school in Virginia. It was established by Robert B. Pamplin, Sr. (VT, Class of '33) and Robert B. Pamplin, Jr., to acknowledge students with a record of outstanding academic achievement that is balanced with a commitment to community service and leadership experience.



Benjamin Medina

SCHOOL NOTES

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Fairfax residents **Cara Bialek** and **David Hixon** have been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

Austin Lee has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. He is the son of Leah

Lee of Fairfax and Seung Kyu of Arlington.

Brittney Ransdell has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. She is the daughter of Denise Ralls of Fairfax.

Nathan Warren of Fairfax has been named to the fall 2011 honor roll at Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, Ct.

Paul Anthony Polanski of Fairfax has earned a bachelor of science from Excelsior College of Albany, N.Y.

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Paddle Boarding a Growing Trend

Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) is the newest thing in paddle sports and is growing fast. Now you can try it out locally: Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton is the only public park in Virginia that rents paddle boards. So, now for the same price as renting a canoe or kayak for an hour, you can try this new sport. The boat rental operations are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays until Oct. 8, 2012.

“Over the last 10-15 years, kayaking has grown rapidly in popularity and kayaks are still our most popular boats to rent. Paddle boards may be a similar trend in the future with more and more people becoming familiar with them,” said Paul Gilbert, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

For residents of Fairfax, Arlington or Loudoun Counties or the Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church or Fairfax it is just \$8.50 per hour including paddleboard, paddle and life vest. For residents of

all other jurisdictions it is \$9.50 per hour. Canoes and kayaks are available at Pohick Bay Regional Park for the same prices.

Pohick Bay Regional Park is located off U.S. Route 1 on Gunston Road. The address is 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton, VA 22079.



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Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary

music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at 703-451-5320.

JCCNV Mother's Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or LaurieA@jccnv.org.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Church. A group meets at 7:30 p.m. on July 6 and 20 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A group will begin meeting every Wednesday starting September. Sessions are in the Old Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Smith at 703-273-5369 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

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The 9th Annual Asian Festival held on the campus of George Mason University opened this year with a Buddhist Alms ceremony, with area Buddhists giving alms to monks from around the region.

Asian Culture Celebrated

Victor Kao carries the head of the dragon for the Young Dragon Team while performing the traditional Chinese Dragon Dance to start the opening ceremony for the 9th Annual Asian Festival on the campus of George Mason University. The team is part of the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center.



Nora Oakey, and her son, Graham, 2, enjoy the traditional cultural performances at the 9th Annual Asian Festival this past Saturday on the campus of George Mason University.

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Esme Bass of Springfield poses with her cat, Jack.



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Will Haller poses with his English Setter Megan in their Springfield home.

The Best Cat a Girl Could Have

By HOPE RACINE
THE CONNECTION

Four years ago, Esme Bass moved to Springfield and adopted Jack, the bow-legged, cross-eyed cat that belonged to the previous owner of her apartment. Esme is unsure of how old Jack is, or what his story is, aside from the fact that he basically refused to leave her apartment, and continued to show up at her door long after his owners had moved. Esme describes Jack as "goofy and a bit stupid, but the best cat a girl could have." Jack loves laser toys and sleeping on freshly folded laundry.

*Megan and her owner Will Haller are inseparable. Megan, an 8-year-old English Setter, has been with the Haller family since she was born. In that time, Megan has been with Will through a heart attack and a seizure - and she was the first to find him when he suffered a serious fall. Despite all this, Will - who is almost 80 - is incredibly active, walking Megan daily and working in his vegetable garden with his wife. Megan loves comfortable chairs, and hates cats.

*Katherine Scott's daughter found a small kitten in a ditch during a rainstorm 14 years ago. They took the kitten in, dried her off, and named her Stormy. Everyday, Katherine, a Springfield native, and her daughter Samantha find out new things about Stormy - she loves doughnuts, likes to take baths in the sink, and often burps while she purrs.

"She's one of the strangest animals I've ever met," said Samantha, "but she's definitely the most unique and interesting."

*Sam King is a 120-pound English Setter with a habit for mischief. When he isn't breaking out of the yard, he's getting the cops called on him for "incessant barking." In between great escapes and being in trouble with the law, Sam enjoys rolling in mud and digging up his owner Jake King's yard. After long days of being a menace, however, Sam will curl up in his owner's lap, conveniently forgetting that he is not actually a lap dog.



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Stormy Scott.



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Sam King stands on his porch and barks to his Springfield neighborhood.

Meet Area's Best Friends

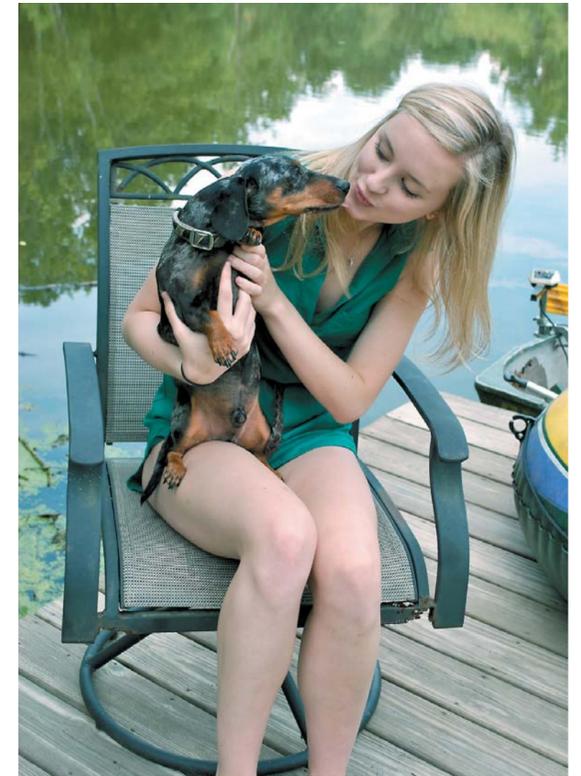
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Lauren Brigidini of Fairfax Station with her pitbull Dino. "Dino is the best guard dog in the whole world."



Bekah Adams of Springfield with her shitzu Molly and her miniature schnauzer Schroeder. "Molly was adopted but we got Schroeder when he was a puppy. He's so loyal and protective and there is so much wisdom in his eyes."



Kelly McCoy of Annandale with her miniature dachshund Frankie. "We named him after Frankfurter Hotdogs because he's a wiener dog."

A Celebration to Bark About

What is everyone woofing about? Pet Valu is hosting a grand opening of their store in Springfield, on Saturday, Aug. 4. And tails are wagging all over the area in anticipation.

Pet Valu is the place for all of your furry friends' supplies. The festivities begin at 9 a.m. Pet parents are invited to bring along their animals for refreshments, raffle prizes, and discounts on store items. Get your tails there early. The first 100 customers to make a purchase will receive a complimentary gift bag.

Of course the stars of the day will be the pets. Animal rescue groups will be at the store with dogs and cats in need of a loving home. Maybe you'll even lend a paw and think about adopting a new family member.

Pet Valu is a specialty retailer that sells high quality pet supplies at reasonable prices. With more than 400 stores in the U.S. and Canada, the company sells premium pet foods, toys, and accessories. The stores are known for their personable service. All employees are animal lovers and they take a personal interest in every customer they serve.

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Mister Frodo

Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova (A-At large) with Mister Frodo. Mister Frodo is part Maine Coon and part American Bobtail. He is a rescue cat from Home Alone Rescue. He's been part of the family since spring 2011. Frodo can jump to great heights in a single leap and has a fear of ceiling fans.



PEOPLE AND PETS



Greenspring resident Hal Arnold holds a photo of Angel, a Norwegian Elkhound/German Shepherd mix. Angel lived to be 15 years old, but passed away some years ago. "She was a beauty, and a real sweet dog with a good temperament," Arnold said.

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Two cats or kittens can be adopted for just \$30 at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter during the event and free spay/neuter provided to all cats and kittens will provide an additional savings for adopters who go for the gold. A variety of canine companions will also be available to vie for first place in your heart and home.

Meet members of the Fairfax OlymPET team at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter Tuesdays through Fridays from 12 - 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To obtain an OlymPET preview, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov and click on animals to view animals available for adoption.

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SPORTS



The South Run swim team held its annual Swim for the Cure swim-a-thon on July 14.



Bailey and Lauren sold lemonade and treats outside the South Run pool area on July 14, where they donated all the proceeds to Life with Cancer.

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South Run Holds Annual Swim for the Cure

The South Run Seahawk swim team hosted its annual swim-a-thon, Swim for the Cure, on Sunday, July 14.

Many neighbors and swim team members swam a total of 1,455 lengths of the pool to raise money for Life with Cancer. Neigh-

bors and swim team members swam, kicked and paddled their way to \$2,311.05 toward INOVA's Life with Cancer organization. Some of the swim team member's parents and neighbors have battled cancer and it was nice to be able to give back in some small way.

Bryce Sturtz, 12, arrived at the beginning of the swim-a-thon and swam the entire three-hour period, which totaled 200 lengths of the pool. His sister, Bailey, and her friend, Lauren, sold lemonade and treats outside the pool area, where they donated all the proceeds to Life with Cancer. Will

Sydes, 10, swam 100 laps for this worthy cause.

Swim-a-thon chairpersons Danny Murphy, Ryan Kelly and Jordan Krug thank everyone for their time and effort and hope that the funds raised will go a long way in helping loved ones overcome cancer.

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THURSDAY/JULY 26

The Ugly Duckling and Cinderella. 7 p.m. Russell Theater at Robinson High School. robinsondrama.org
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FRIDAY/JULY 27

The ATOMIC Swing Club. 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Swing. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.
The Ugly Duckling and Cinderella. 7 p.m. Russell Theater at Robinson High School. robinsondrama.org

SATURDAY/JULY 28

Public Reception: Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. "Open Call" for ceramic artworks. Mixed media entries acceptable, but clay must be the primary medium. Exhibit open July 25-Aug. 26. www.workhousearts.org.
Mariachi Los Amigos. 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Mariachi. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.
Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

SUNDAY/JULY 29

Fundraising Concert. 2 p.m. Old Town Hall, Fairfax City, 3999 University Drive. Concert and worship service to benefit Our Daily Bread.
Wolf Trap Opera Company: Backstage Buzz Artist Panels. 3 p.m. Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Bringing the opera to life. Preshow talk one hour before performance. www.wolftrap.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 31

Okee Dokee Brothers. 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. N Bluegrass melodies. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

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Dinner and Whiskey Tasting at George Washington's Distillery. 6:30 p.m. George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Reception, dinner, distillery tour and more. \$150. MountVernon.org.
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TUESDAY/AUG. 7

Before the People Came. 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Based on an African fable, the production features a combination of poetry, dance, and delightfully imaginative costumes accompanied by a blend of jazz, blues, pop, and African rhythms. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

FRIDAY/AUG. 10

Guy Mendilow Band. 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. World music. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

The United States Air Force Band Airmen of Note. 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Big Band Jazz. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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Sierra Hull and Highway 111. 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Country. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

SATURDAY/AUG. 18

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The cast of the City of Fairfax Theatre Company's production of "Into the Woods." (Not pictured is Wendy Knight).

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The Virginia Glory 12U girls' fastpitch team will compete in the 2012 ASA | USA 12U National Championships in Moline, Ill.



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Glory Goes National

Virginia Glory Girls head to National Tournament.

The Virginia Glory 12U girls' fastpitch team has earned a coveted berth to attend the ultimate tournament in the U.S. — the 2012 ASA | USA 12U National Championships in Moline, Ill. All three Virginia Glory teams at various age classes will be attending their respective ASA National Championships at the end of July.

The 18U Glory Gold, coached by Suzy Willemssen, earned a berth to the ASA Gold National Championship in Oklahoma City by winning the 2011 ASA Eastern Nationals last summer. The Glory 16U Elite, coached by Tim Garner, won their berth to ASA | USA Nationals in Montgomery, Ala., by winning the ASA 16U "A" State Tournament. And the Virginia Glory 12U team, coached by Mike Mertz, earned a berth as the ASA 12U "A" state runners-up.

"For all three of our teams to be heading to ASA Nationals is an awesome and very rare feat, especially for a relatively new organization," said Willemssen, founder and head coach of the Glory Gold and owner of Willemssen Fastpitch Training in Fairfax Station. "We are so proud of our girls and our families, and we are just so excited about the future of the Glory organization. We're building something special, and people all over the state of

Virginia are taking notice. This fall, we will be adding new teams at various age levels and coaches are already in place."

Since last fall, the Virginia Glory 12U team sports a record of 60-11-1, including their appearances playing up in 14U tournaments.

"This is such a special group of girls, that's for sure," Mertz said. "Even more amazing is that we're a young team compared to many other top teams in the state. And through injuries and other types of adversity, we just keep coming back stronger. Like all teams, we have those up and down moments, but our girls have learned to bounce back quickly and respond in positive fashion. And most importantly, they learn from their mistakes. It's just been so much fun being part of their development and to be playing on the ultimate stage in August is just the perfect ending to a storied season."

The Glory 12U team is composed of some of the truly elite players in the Northern Virginia region, and is now drawing interest from girls around the state as they age up to 14U this fall. Current players (graduation year) include: Victoria Capllonch ('17), Caroline Cox ('18), Erin Jones ('17), Ally Kurland ('18), Riley McCarthy ('17), Carlie Mertz ('18), Avery Neuhart ('18), Patty Maye Ohanian ('17), Julia Sinnett ('17), Serenity Stewart ('17), Kayla Turner ('17), and Sienna Williams ('17). The team is coached by Mike Mertz, Carlos Capllonch and Art Ohanian.

WSHS Grad Tobin Finishing Second CRCBL Season

Last summer, Tucker Tobin was part of a Bethesda Big Train team that won its third consecutive Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League championship. The Big Train went 33-9 during the regular season and finished the year ranked No. 1 in the nation by Perfect Game USA.

This summer, things haven't been as easy for Bethesda. Tobin, a 2009 graduate of West Springfield High School, went 2 for 3 against the D.C. Grays on July 23, but the Big Train lost, 10-7, dropping their record to 22-15. Despite the loss, Bethesda was in third place after Monday's action and in

good position to secure one of the league's six playoff spots thanks to winning 19 of its last 25 games.

Tobin, a catcher at George Mason University, said the Big Train needs to play with more confidence.

"Last year, we went into every game [with] the confidence that we were definitely going to win the game," Tobin said. "I think right now we're a little unsure. It's kind of game to game. I think we just need to come out better and have a better attitude overall."

After Monday's game, Tobin was batting .250 (28 for 112) with

three home runs, 14 RBIs and 25 runs scored in 34 games. Last season, Tobin hit .313 (20 for 64) with 14 RBIs and nine runs scored in 27 games for the Big Train.

"I've had a lot of fun both years," Tobin said. "I'll be back again next year. I enjoy it. [This season is] different a little bit, obviously, in the wins and losses, but that's part of baseball too."

Bethesda's regular season concludes at 7:30 p.m. Thursday with a home game against the Vienna River Dogs.

— JON ROETMAN



The West Springfield Little League 10-11-year-old American All-Star team won the District 9 championship.

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WSLL Team Takes Second Straight Championship

Employing a team motto of "hungry and humble," the players of West Springfield Little League American 10-11 captured the District 9 title for the second year in a row, this time in front of a home field crowd at Byron Park as WSSL played host of the 10-11 tournament.

With the memory of unfinished business as state runner-up in last year's Virginia tournament fresh in their minds, the boys set out this season with a desire to return to states and bring home the title.

Keeping their eyes firmly focused on the first goal of taking the District 9 title, the boys worked tirelessly in 15 days of practice under record heat conditions to prepare for the tournament. Their hard work paid off as WSSL American handily won its first six games of pool play to advance to the championship bracket. In a testament to the strength of West Springfield Little League, American 10-11 faced its brother National 10-11 in a best-of-three series to vie for the District 9 title. American won the first two games, 11-1 and 9-7, respectively, finishing undefeated in district play and regaining the District 9 title. The team

now advances to phase two of its mission — the Virginia state tournament in Poquoson, which begins this week.

"With a core group of boys returning for their second and third year of all-star play as a team, and the addition of two more great players, the team has generated a unique chemistry that provides one of those intangible benefits down the stretch," manager Greg McIntyre said. "Their dedication to getting things right in practice, commitment to hard work and love of playing together as a team makes coaching them a lot of fun."

Members of the West Springfield American 10-11 squad moving on to the state tournament are: Brian Bachman, Tyler Bell, Jack Cone, Connor Copeland, Sam Freeborne, Bobby Leitzel, Kevin Mahoney, Tyler Matheny, Greg McIntyre, Lyle Miller-Green and Calvin Pastel.

The West Springfield National roster included: Casey Blankenship, Isaac Bowden, Ryan Brewer, Chris Cable, Cooper Casamento, Nathaniel Do, Joey Myers, Logan Parker, Mason Roerber, Joe Weidinger and Zac Zerbo.

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Bethesda Big Train catcher Tucker Tobin, a West Springfield graduate, is batting .250 this summer.

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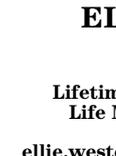
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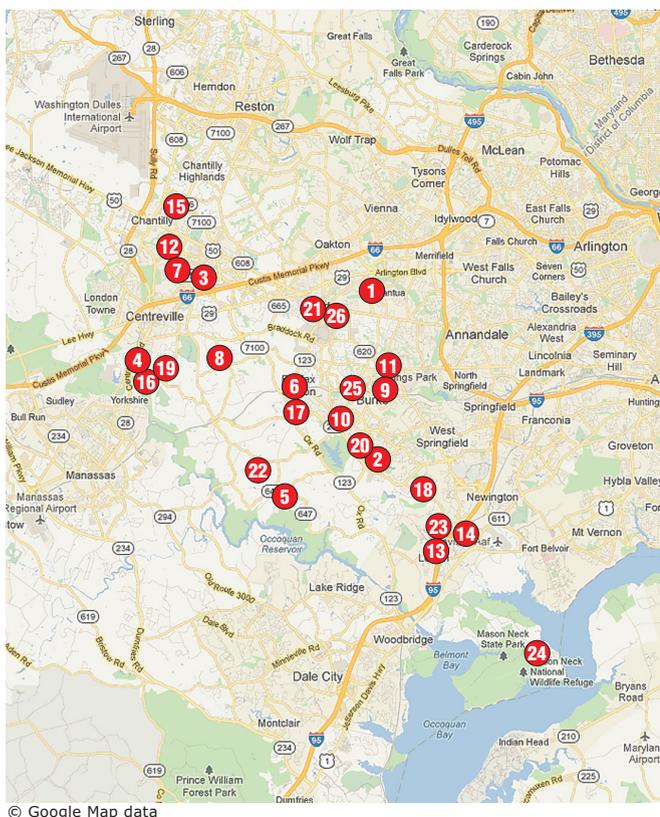
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3 13006 RED ADMIRAL PL	5	4	1	FAIRFAX		\$639,000	Townhouse	0.12	22033	WILLOW OAKS AT FAIR LAKE	05/31/12
4 13929 WHETSTONE MANOR CT	4	3	1	CLIFTON		\$635,000	Detached	0.21	20124	COMPTON HEIGHTS	05/10/12
5 8108 CRESTRIDGE RD	4	3	1	FAIRFAX STATION		\$635,000	Detached	1.88	22039	FAIRWOOD PARK	05/04/12
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7 13507 QUIET STREAM CT	5	4	0	CHANTILLY		\$632,000	Detached	0.34	20151	POPLAR TREE ESTATES	05/15/12
8 6001 POCOL DR	4	3	1	CLIFTON		\$630,000	Detached	0.62	20124	VANNOY PARK	05/02/12
9 9216 CORK PL	5	3	1	BURKE		\$629,900	Detached	0.25	22015	SOUTHPORT	05/24/12
10 10071 MARSHALL POND RD	5	3	2	BURKE		\$629,000	Detached	0.27	22015	BURKE CENTRE	05/17/12
11 9154 BLOOM CT	4	3	1	BURKE		\$629,000	Detached	0.22	22015	DUNLEIGH	05/30/12
12 4391 POPLAR TREE CT	4	3	1	CHANTILLY		\$625,000	Detached	0.20	20151	POPLAR ESTATES	05/17/12
13 8155 DOUGLAS FIR DR	4	2	1	LORTON		\$625,000	Detached	0.20	22079	LAUREL HILL LANDBAY	05/24/12
14 7672 HENRY KNOX DR	5	3	1	LORTON		\$619,900	Detached	0.12	22079	LORTON TOWN CTR LANDBAY	05/01/12
15 13519 OAK IVY LN	6	3	1	FAIRFAX		\$614,500	Detached	0.39	22033	FRANKLIN GLEN	05/17/12
16 13926 WHETSTONE MANOR CT	4	3	1	CLIFTON		\$610,000	Detached	0.25	20124	COMPTON HEIGHTS	05/31/12
17 6102 EMMETT GUARDS CT	4	2	1	FAIRFAX STATION		\$610,000	Detached	0.47	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	05/23/12
18 8683 YOUNG CT	4	2	1	SPRINGFIELD		\$607,000	Detached	0.22	22153	MIDDLE VALLEY	05/21/12
19 6634 ROCKLAND DR	4	4	0	CLIFTON		\$605,000	Detached	0.32	20124	LITTLE ROCKY RUN	05/30/12
20 9758 REHANEK CT	4	2	1	BURKE		\$605,000	Detached	0.31	22015	CHERRY RUN	05/15/12
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