Obama Receives Enthusiastic Welcome

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Hit-and-Run Charged

City of Fairfax police have arrested a Shenandoah County man in connection with an Aug. 18 hit-and-run which resulted in the death of a pedestrian. The victim was James Ralph Davidson, 52, of no fixed address; charged with felony hit-and-run was Malik Tayvon Battle, 22, of 299 Stickley St. in Strasburg.

According to police, Davidson was crossing Fairfax Boulevard in the 9800 block when he was struck in the eastbound lanes by a vehicle whose operator failed to stop. Davidson was pronounced dead at the scene.

The striking vehicle was located a short time later by Arlington County police. Following an investigation by the City of Fairfax police Accident Reconstruction Unit and Criminal Investigations Division, Battle—who doesn’t own the vehicle—was allegedly identified as the driver.

Battle was apprehended in the District of Columbia by the Metropolitan Police Department and held for Virginia authorities. On Sept. 28, City of Fairfax police detectives transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was ordered held without bond.

VATF-1 Hosts Grand Opening, Open House

Virginia Task Force One (VATF-1), Fairfax County’s urban search and rescue team, will host both a grand opening and open house, Friday, Oct. 19.

A grand opening will be conducted at VATF-1’s new disaster training center, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., 9900 Furnace Road, Lorton. Task force members will be on hand conducting various demonstrations using a wide array of rescue tools. Equipment will also be on display. The 25-acre training site is now VATF-1’s primary training area, previously part of the old Lorton Youth Correctional Facility.

VATF-1 will spotlight its new headquarters, deployment center and warehouse with an open house, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., at 14725-H Flint Lee Road, Chantilly. Tours of the facility will be conducted, including interview opportunities with VATF-1 members.

Team deployments include the Oklahoma City bombing, bombing in Kenya, earthquakes in Turkey, and Taiwan, the 9/11 response to...
President Barack Obama spoke before a raucous crowd of George Mason University students, teachers and volunteers Friday afternoon.

Women’s Health, Jobs and Big Bird Top Talking Points at GMU Rally

During campaign stump speech at GMU, Obama rallies the women’s vote.

By Victoria Ross

For President Barack Obama, 7.8 was the magic number that gave him and his supporters a reason to be hopeful again. After a week that included a bruising debate with GOP challenger Mitt Romney and around-the-clock punditry detailing how Romney “cleaned Obama’s clock” during Wednesday’s debate, the president got a useful October surprise.

And he bragged about it Friday as he swooped onto the stage at George Mason University in Fairfax to deliver the good news that the jobless rate had fallen to 7.8 percent, dropping below the critical 8 percent for the first time since he took office. During a raucous campus rally at the university, Obama boasted about the jobs report, mocked Romney’s “Big Bird” comments and criticized his opponent’s political pivots during their debate on Wednesday in Denver.

“My opponent has been trying to do a two-step and repose, and got an extreme makeover,” Obama said, clearly enjoying the college crowd’s response. “So for all you moms and kids out there, don’t worry, someone is finally getting tough on Big Bird. Rounding him up. Elmo has got to watch out, too.”

Obama reminded the crowd that when Romney was asked specifics about cutting spending and reducing the deficit, he went after public television.

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While Big Bird got the laugh lines, it was women’s health issues that resonated with crowd of mostly female supporters – from high-school age students to female professors.

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Parents Confirm Bryan Glenn’s Death

Searchers find body of Woodson High School student in Thaiss Memorial Park.

A s news of 17-year-old Bryan Glenn’s death spread throughout the community Monday, Oct. 8, condolences poured out to the Glenn family, in person and on the Facebook page launched last week to help find the W.T. Woodson High School senior who went missing on Oct. 1.

More than 3,000 people from around the world posted poems, memories and offers of help to the Glenn family, who confirmed late Monday that their son’s body had been found in Thaiss Park on Pickett Road. In a statement released Monday night, Bryan’s parents, Michael and Rossella Glenn, said:

“We had tremendous sadness in our hearts, we learned this afternoon of our son Bryan’s death. This devastating news has been a great shock to our family and friends. Right now this family and our community are grieving and we need to let the investigation run its course. Thanks to everyone in the community and around the globe who offered their love, prayers and support to our family over the past week. Your kindness has given us strength during this difficult time and has touched our hearts forever. Our family would like to express our profound gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers and search team leads. Special thanks to the media and Fairfax area businesses for their continued support.”

Authorities have not yet officially identified the body as Glenn’s. According to Lucy Caldwell, public information officer for the Fairfax County Police Department, their office is currently waiting for the Office of the Medical Examiner to determine identity, cause and manner of death.

“I am not sure when that will be determined; possibly today or tomorrow,” Caldwell said in an email Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Glenn, a popular Woodson football player, was reported missing on Monday, Oct. 1. According to police, he was last seen on the high school campus around 7 a.m. last Monday. His car was found in the parking lot next to the baseball field at Thaiss Memorial Park early the next morning.

During the past week, more than 400 friends, family members and police combed the wooded area near the park several times for any evidence of the missing teen. According to family, Glenn’s body was discovered by searchers Monday morning, Oct. 8.

“My thoughts and my prayers are with the Glenn family. Our family was on the search yesterday and our prayers are for strength for the Glens to get through this time. Please be strong and remember that you have a lot of support and we are also feeling a deep pain and loss for precious Bryan. He has touched many lives…” posted Shannon Lee on the Facebook group “find Bryan Glenn” on Tuesday.

Glenn, who attended Heidelberg High School (HHS) in Germany from 2009 to 2011, was also remembered by his friends from HHS Tuesday evening.

Several messages were posted on the HHS memorial website, which noted that the school will hold a memorial gathering on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the sports field. To demonstrate their sorrow over losing their senior classmate, Woodson students wore black to school on Tuesday. Glenn’s family has not yet announced plans for funeral arrangements for their son.

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Constituents gather at Main Street Bagel to talk local politics.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Over coffee and bagels Saturday, several civic-minded City of Fairfax residents peppered Del. David Bulova (D-37) with questions ranging from uranium mining and HOT lanes to voter ID laws and reproductive rights for women.

“What did you think about the ‘war on women?’” asked constituent Peter Nuhn, “Did you get really mad? I mean, you have a daughter.”

Bulova, who was hosting his first constituent coffee in preparation for the upcoming General Assembly session in January, said the question was a ‘cautionary tale’ about voters paying more attention to off-year elections for state offices.

“The General Assembly is not anywhere near as gridlocked as Congress,” Bulova said. “Bills get passed in the blink of an eye, and what gets passed really does affect your day-to-day life. So it’s important that people vote in the state elections.”

During a presidential election year, most voters are consumed by the horse race politics of who wins the White House trophy. By October, as the finish line approaches, every talking head, blogger, tweeter and print journalist is shouting out gaffes, missteps and minuscule shifts in momentum.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY and the City of Fairfax, where nearly 80 percent of registered voters actually vote in a presidential election year, the turnout is a less impressive 30 percent during off-year state elections.

And that fact distresses Bulova, who said he is frequently influenced by what his 80,000 or so constituents have to say.

“This is a critical time of year to get your ideas to your legislators,” Bulova said, “We are accessible. If you want to make a difference, it’s easy to have a voice and get involved, and you’d think that matters.”

Bulova said there’s ample reason for voters to pay attention to what their legislators are doing in Richmond. He pointed out that nearly 850 bills were passed into law during the 2012 session, including bitterly-debated legislation requiring a woman to have an ultrasound before an abortion, new voter ID measures, and the repeal of the “one handgun a month” law, which eliminates Virginia’s 19-year ban on the purchase of more than one handgun a month.

What’s happening—or about to happen in the Virginia General Assembly—rarely gets attention these days, unless Jon Stewart of The Daily Show happens to show up and shine the spotlight on Virginia.

“When I first went down to Richmond in 2006, I remember coming home late at night and turning on the news, and the top story was what happened that day in the General Assembly,” Bulova said. “With national politics to compete with, you just don’t see that kind of coverage here in Northern Virgina.”

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‘Election Ready?’
Fairfax County prepares voters for new election measures.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Frustrated by a bad economy, empty promises and echo-chamber politics, voter apathy is at an all-time high across the nation. According to a recent USA Today poll, about 90 million American voters, nearly 40 percent of those registered, won’t go to the polls this year.

The same is not true in Fairfax County, where 79 percent of the County’s registered voters cast their ballots in the 2008 elections, compared to 38 percent nationally. And nearly 90 percent of eligible voters, about 721,000 of 800,000, have already registered to vote in Fairfax County.

But a slew of changes—from congressional redistricting to new voter ID laws—may leave even the most committed voter stymied at the polls this year.

“The good news in Fairfax County is that almost everyone who is eligible is registered to vote,” said Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County’s chief election official. “Our problem in Fairfax County is not voter apathy, and it’s not getting people to register. What we don’t have is every registered voter registered at their correct address.”

Quinn said voters, especially those who only vote during presidential elections, get complacent about where they vote or who their candidate is. She calls them “cicada” voters, who go into their cocoon every four or more years, and emerge thinking that nothing has changed.

“These are voters we want to reach now,” Quinn said. “The most important thing is to check your voter status before Monday, Oct. 15,” Quinn said. “Are you, in fact, registered? Have you moved? Do you know if your precinct changed during redistricting? You must update your voter registration if you have changed your address or name, or you may not be able to vote,” Quinn said.

TO CHECK YOUR STATUS, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711) or go to one of the websites listed. “We’d rather people call us with questions now than get frustrated when they go to the polls,” Quinn said.

Fairfax County’s Office of Election employees have been working overtime the past few months to make sure voters are “election ready” on Tuesday, Nov. 6. In conjunction with the State Board of Elections, the County recently kicked off an intensive voter preparedness campaign to inform and educate voters on changes to the law.

Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County’s chief elections official, holds up a sample ballot in the County’s office of elections.

Quinn estimated the election’s office currently gets 600 calls every day, and many calls concern the new voter ID measures. Brian Moran, chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party, said it’s important that voters remember that Voter ID does not mean “photo ID.”

“There are a number of acceptable forms of Voter ID, and it’s important that this issue doesn’t discourage voters,” Moran said.

In August, the Justice Department signed off on Virginia’s new Voter ID law, a bitterly contested measure that some claimed discriminates against minorities. Virginia, one of 16 states with a history of voter discrimination, must receive federal approval under the Voting Rights Act before making any changes to voting law.

The new law, which closed a provision allowing Virginians to vote without identification, also expanded the types of ID accepted at the polls. Quinn said the State Board of Elections just mailed every voter a new voter card, which was sent to ensure that all voters have at least one acceptable form of identification. She said if voters bring their voter card, they don’t need another form of identification.

“Virginia tweaked its voter ID laws this year to allow many new forms of acceptable identification,” Quinn said in an online forum.

“Virginia also has mailed a voter information card (or sometimes called voter registration card) for many years. You need some form of identification under Virginia law, and this voter information card is considered an acceptable form of identification,” Quinn said.

Other forms of acceptable identification include a driver’s license, military ID or current utility bill. For other forms of acceptable ID, visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/votinginperson.html.

In addition to getting voters ready for the general elections, the office has also been preparing to comply with new mandates and changes.

Last year, the state mandated that all voter education material be translated into Spanish. While the county has complied with that mandate, they are still short on election-day volunteers, especially those who are bilingual in Spanish and English.

Norma Rengel, the office’s language accessibility coordinator, and Patricia Ferguson, the County’s outreach coordinator, spent hours last week putting tent cards in cafeterias and libraries in the Fairfax County Government Center and other Fairfax County locations to encourage volunteers to call the elections office.

“One challenge for us is to recruit bilingual polling officials, and by law, Spanish is a priority,” Rengel said.

Quinn said the Elections Office also spent $50,000 this year to beef up office security. Several new walls and barriers were constructed last week so visitors are not able to wander, intentionally or unintentionally, from one department to the next or get too close to where ballots are stored and counted.

“We know there are concerns about integrity, and we realize there are people in both parties who will try to skew elections, people who think the end justifies the means,” Quinn said. The fact that Northen Virginia is now considered a battleground region in a battleground state spurred the new security measures.

“In the end, we want the voters to reflect the will of the people and they know that their vote counted,” Quinn said.

Another way to ensure the integrity of elections, Quinn said, is to make sure poll officials are educated and up-to-date on the law and the latest technology. Travis Potter, an elections office training coordinator, said about 3,000 polling officials have undergone training since August. “One of the things we’re excited about is the electronic poll books,” he said, which will allow voters to check in faster, and reduce waiting time.

ON ELECTION DAY, staff will be coming through voter lines with a handheld device asked “Ask ED,” which contains the complete County voter list to check once again if the voter is in the correct precinct. If there is a discrepancy between what’s on the voter’s card, and the most current information on the County’s election rolls, the staff person will call the registrar’s office.

If the voter is trying to vote in the wrong precinct? Best not to argue, or insist on a provisional ballot, Quinn said. According to the Virginia State Constitution, provisional ballots don’t count if the voter casts a ballot in the wrong precinct.

“The only way to vote counts is if you are voting in the correct precinct. That’s why we don’t want people waiting until the last minute. When in doubt, call the elections office. We will pull the most current voter card and match it to your map,” Quinn said.

Voter Checklist: Know Before You Go

❖ Voters with any questions about voting this Election Day can visit two comprehensive websites for answers: The Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov and The Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/voterinfo.
❖ Callers who don’t find the information they need at the websites, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.
❖ Fairfax now has a free smartphone mobile app to check your registration and other voting information in a battle against searching Fairfax County Government at the App Store (coming soon to Android Market) or go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile/. Once you download the app, look for the Vote icon.
❖ By Monday, October 15:
   ❖ Update your registration, or you may not be able to vote if you have moved since you last registered.
   ❖ To check if your registration is correct, go online at www.sbe.virginia.gov/register, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.
   ❖ If you are not registered, or need to update your registration, complete a Virginia Voter Registration Application, which you can download at www.sbe.virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776.
   ❖ By Tuesday, October 30:
     ❖ Virginia does not have “no excuse” absentee voting. If you want to complete a Virginia Absentee Ballot Application, download from www.SBE.Virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776 to have one sent at the Office of Elections. Must receive the ballot by 7 p.m. on Nov. 6th.
   ❖ By Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6:
     ❖ Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
     ❖ It’s Voter ID, not “Photo” ID: When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list.
     ❖ Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. There is a comprehensive list on Fairfax County’s website of all the acceptable forms of voter ID. Here is a sampling:
       ❖ Virginia Voter Registration Card
       ❖ Social Security Card
       ❖ A valid Virginia Driver’s License
       ❖ Any official ID card issued by a Virginia government or federal government agency
       ❖ An employee ID card with photo of the voter issued by an employer
       ❖ A nursing home resident ID, if issued by a government facility.

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The Man at the Top

Peter Noonan is Fairfax City Schools superintendent.

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

Since coming to Fairfax County Public Schools in July 2001, Clifton resident Peter Noonan has been on an upward trajectory. He went from being an assistant principal to a principal to a school system assistant superintendent. But he left it all in July on the move upward, as he became the superintendent of the City of Fairfax Schools.

“I tossed my hat in the ring when then-Superintendent Ann Monday announced her retirement, the first part of the year,” said Noonan. “I thought it would be a great opportunity. I’d been a principal in the City of Fairfax, at Lanier Middle School, and already knew the relationship between the city and County so well. And I’ve aspired to be superintendent for a long time.”

Unlike the huge FCPS, Fairfax’s school system has just four schools—Lanier Middle, Fairfax High and Daniels Run and Providence elementaries—and it’s appealing to Noonan to “have influence over a smaller group of schools and work with a really great group of principals and teachers.”

ALSO ATTRACTIVE to him is “being able to feel like I’m a member of a community and getting to know people on a much more meaningful level. The City of Fairfax schools are the city’s showcase—four shining stars. And bringing more light to the excellence happening in those buildings is important. I’ve aspired to be superintendent for a long time.”

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services from pre-K to grade 12, plus adult education. My big responsibility was making sure there’s a viable and consistent curriculum for them and ensuring that we’re able to differentiate instruction for the needs of the students we teach, including ESOL and special-needs students.”

He also made sure that FCPS policies “continue to support instruction in an environment that allows students to reach their fullest potential.” Calling it a “fantastic job,” he said, “I’ve gotten a chance to look at curriculum and instruction with a global perspective and worked with great principals and teachers. Most of all, I’ve gotten to go to work with educational all stars every day, which is really exciting.”

During his tenure, FCPS began an eCart system—an electronic curriculum assessment resource tool available to all classroom teachers through their online blackboard site. “They can pull up their curriculum and instructional best practices, providing them a deeper understanding of how to teach that particular concept, plus the resources to help students learn it easier,” explained Noonan.

He’s also proud that, in 2009, FCPS opened access to its most rigorous courses to its most underrepresented population. Honors AP classes and IB classes were opened to many more black and Hispanic students who traditionally hadn’t taken them. They started open enrollment in middle school and it continued in high school. See Superintendent, Page 13
Cancer Awareness

Success with breast cancer awareness should help other cancers.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Anyone connected to media of any variety already knows this. A massive marketing success, we all know that pink shows support for breast cancer prevention, especially in October.

For me, last month marked three years since I completed chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer. Because of early detection, advances in treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and ongoing hormonal treatment in my case), and around the country, my prognosis, and the prognosis for most of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, is excellent.

Still in 2008, the last year reported by the CDC, 40,589 women died from breast cancer. The same year, 210,203 U.S. women were diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cancer for U.S. women other than skin cancers.

Breast cancer awareness month is the perfect time to be sure that you and/or the women in your life are following best practices for breast cancer screening. While in recent years, there has been some confusion about breast cancer screening, if you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or older should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts, self exam, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal, is a low-tech, low-cost measure. In January 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker’s diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be “very concerned.” The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern.

Now three years later and cancer free, I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

The SUCCESS of the breast cancer awareness movement has resulted in more than $630 million annually in spending on research. It is not too much. But at Connection Newspapers, we have two other employees who are in ongoing treatment for cancer. Kenny Lourie, who has stage 4 lung cancer, writes a weekly column that appears in most of our papers that discusses his more than three-year journey with cancer and humor. Jean Card was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in early 2011 and has also written about her experience as she raises money for leukemia research and outreach. Visit www.LightTheNight.org and search APL Dumpling Gang.

Lung cancer kills more people in the United States every year than any other kind of cancer, in fact more than the other top cancers combined. In 2008, more than 208,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer and more than 158,500 died of lung cancer. This is more than the deaths from breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. Spending on lung cancer research? Less than half spent on breast cancer, about $280 million annually. As Lourie wryly points out, part of the problem may be that you can’t turn out tens of thousands of lung cancer survivors for a march because, well, there are very few survivors over time.

Prostate cancer has more new cases per year and about the same death rate as breast cancer, but half the funding.

In 2012, there were an estimated 47,150 new cases of leukemia with 23,540 deaths. More than half the number of annual breast cancer deaths. But funding for leukemia research lags behind.

Nothing should be taken away from the efforts of breast health advocates. But clearly more effort is needed in other areas.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH RISKS, on average more than 20,000 people a year in the United States die from the flu. The numbers vary from year to year, with as many as 50,000 deaths in some years, and some studies showing the average number of deaths to be more than 35,000. The influenza vaccine is cheap and effective method of preventing or reducing the impact of the flu. Remind me however that no matter what health plan you have, there is just one person in charge of your health care: you.

— Mary Kimm, mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Volunteerfest Provides Opportunities for All Interests

By Supervisor John Cook
(R-Braddock)

I’d like to encourage all Fairfax County residents to consider participating in this year’s “VolunteerFest,” sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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CureSearch Walk For Cancer Research

By Montie Martin
The Connection

Overcoming childhood cancer is a struggle, and since 2010, Northern Virginia CureSearch has held walks to help raise funds for research and provide a platform of community support for children and their families.

“Kids go on stage, they get medals and feel empowered,” said Katie Cranston, a nurse who specializes in childhood cancer care. “The big question is, how do kids get it?”

When Katie Vaughn was two years old she was diagnosed with Burkitt’s Lymphoma, a rare and aggressive form of lymphoma, and underwent nine rounds of intense chemotherapy treatment. Although her oncologist released Katie in 2008, she experienced bone density complications and was told they needed to be rebuilt. Today she is on a competitive gymnastics team and practices nine hours a week.

“We’ve been amazingly lucky,” said Lisa Vaughn, Katie’s mother and co-chair of the Northern Virginia CureSearch walk. “My feeling is childhood cancer is not going to be an issue that attracts more funding for research until people understand childhood cancer can affect anybody, and there is nothing you can do to prevent it. The science is ready, but not the funding to find better and less toxic treatment for children.”

According to CureSearch, 36 children are diagnosed with cancer every day, and nearly 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer every year. While progress has been made over the last forty years and cure rates have increased from 10 percent to 78 percent since the 1970s, organizers look to the day when all children with cancer can be successfully treated.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to be a child,” said Cranston. “Ultimately we want to cure every child with cancer, that’s why we do this.”

CureSearch Walk 2012
The 2012 Northern Virginia CureSearch Walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fairfax Corner; participation in the walk is $10. The event includes music, food and opportunities to support childhood cancer research. For more information visit: curesearchwalk.org/northernvirginia.

Balloons are launched during the 2011 Northern Virginia CureSearch Walk. Cancer walks raise funds and awareness for children with cancer, and provide a platform of community support for children and their families.
Creating a New Point of View

Custom-designed two-level window wall invites indoor/outdoor continuity.

By John Byrd
The Connection

ick Bonadies can point to the 32’ x 12’ custom window wall in a newly-remodeled home in Fairfax as a kind of tri-umph of glazing aesthetics over the challenges of winter. Bonadies, who is director of sales and marketing at Sun Design Remodeling, knows this problem well, and encounters it often: “Homeowners come to us for design ideas that will open up space and invite indoor/outdoor continuity,” he said. “But new Fairfax County’s rules on wind-resistance re-quirements for large-scale windows are quite tech-nical, and demand thoughtful engineering.

For instance, since wind-load has been known to cause windows to flex and even shatter, the code outlines exacting specifications on the rela-tional distance between a window’s sides to its distance from adjac-ent framing panels.

Hence, Bonadies and colleagues are always inves-tigating engineering solutions that will not only sat-isfy code, but give homeowners the exceptional af-fects they’re seeking.

Case in point, Greg Mulligan, whose 2,000 square foot 1960s split foyer Sun Design recently converted into a two-story flat French colonial complete with wrap-around porches, a new master bedroom suite addition and a spacious gourmet kitchen that bears a jaw-dropping view of towering backyard trees.

“We bought this house over 20 years ago—mainly because of the lovely woodland setting,” Mulligan said. “So it’s funny that I spent so many years going out of a small back window, trying to imagine how the house would look if we could open up a stron-ger visual linkage to our surroundings.”

“And the strangest part is—I knew what I wanted all along,” she said. “I just didn’t have any idea how to achieve it... until recently.” Recently would be the period in last few years when Mulligan began drawing up plans for her vision to Bonadies and team.

“Every interior plan that concentrates on indoor/outdoor continuity will entail a lot of technical considera-tions,” Bonadies explains. “And every now and then—one piece of the equation is especially tricky... add to it a wholly original pro-
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Fire Stations' Open House

To try to prevent home fires before they start, all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue stations will host Fire Prevention Week Open Houses on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The theme is: “Have Two Ways Out.”

Firefighters and paramedics will have displays and activities emphasizing fire safety, including preventing fires and fire injuries, especially in the home. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, nearly 3,000 people die in home fires each year. About two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms. In 23 percent of home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present, but didn’t sound.

Bedrooms are the main locations where residential fire fatalities occur, with 75 percent of these fire victims escaping or sleeping at the time of their deaths. Smoking was the leading cause of fatal fatalities in residential buildings. To learn more about fire prevention, go to www.firepreventionweek.org.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices—such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes—including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County’s “Electric Sunday” event. The next one is slated for Sunday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Church Celebrates 121st Anniversary

The congregation of Greater Little Zion Baptist Church at 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax, will celebrate their 121st church anniversary on Oct. 21, 2012 at 10 a.m. Dinner will be served immediately after the service. Revival will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18 and 19. Reverend Charles A. Lundy of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Va. will be the guest speaker on Oct. 18. Reverend Doctor Alfred J. ones, Jr. of Mounl Zion Baptist Church in Triangle, Va. will be the guest speaker on Oct. 19. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. prior to each service.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON
KADIE LYNN AUSTIN and LEE ALEXANDER RUBLE,)
Plaintiffs,

IN RE: ZOIE AVA AUSTIN, (a minor under 18 years old)
)
Defendant.

TO: ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:
YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that an adoption action is pending having been filed on June 12, 2012, in the Family Court, in Charleston County, South Carolina, concerning the adoption of Zoire Ava Austin, born on May 18, 2009, in Charleston, South Carolina. Kadie Lynn Austin, the mother of this child, identifies you as the father of the child. You as the identified father are entitled to notice of this adoption proceeding.

1. If you choose to contest, intervene or otherwise respond to this adoption, you must file your response in writing with the Family Court of Charleston County, 100 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. This response must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date you receive this notice. Your response must include the Case Number of 2012-DR-10-2158.

2. If you enter a response, you must keep the Court notified as to your current address and of any changes in your address during this adoption proceeding.

3. Failure to file a response within thirty (30) days of receiving this notice constitutes consent to the adoption of the child and forfeiture of all rights and obligations that you may have in relationship to this child.

4. If you have any questions, you should contact an attorney.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Day at the 2-4:30 p.m., at JCC of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. A day of music, zumba, games, face painting, dances and fun to raise money for breast cancer research and awareness. $5 per person, $10 per family. 703-323-0800, Lauren@jccnv.org or www.jccnv.org/events.

MONDAY/OCT. 15

Rockin’ Ever After. 7:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive/ Fairfax. Disney showcases classic and new starts on ice. Playing through Sunday, Oct. 21. $15-$75. 1-800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

Rockin’ Ever After. 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive/ Fairfax. Disney showcases classic and new starts on ice. Playing through Sunday, Oct. 21. $15-$75. 1-800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Display and N Gauge Trains. 1-4 p.m., at the Fairfax County Railroad Museum, 12200 Fairfax Station Blvd., Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRACK members provide a train display $5 for adults, $3 for children. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.

FOODRAiser and Community Event. 2-5 p.m., at 10515 School Street, Fairfax. Our Daily Bread invites all ages are invited to create an Art for the Sky photograph taken from high above; live music, entertainment, refreshments and food donations. $5 and a non-perishable food item. 703-273-8829 or www.DOBrfaux.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 22

My Name is Asher Lev, 7:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive/ Fairfax. David Baldacci and the best-selling author of his debut novel, Ashley Lev, graced with prodigious artistic ability and a blast from the past-themed design competition and hundreds of mums: cut, in hanging baskets, everywhere. 703-560-8776.
Obama Receives Enthusiastic Welcome

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Romney on women's health issues and outlined the “stark choice the women of Virginia are facing in this election,” warning that Romney’s policies would turn back the clock for women to the 1950s, when abortion was illegal, and breast cancer was something women had to be ashamed of.

He said his new healthcare laws have secured access to preventive care like mammograms and cancer screenings with no copay, no deductible, and no out-of-pocket cost for more than 20 million women.

“Now, before this new law, many health care plans charged high deductibles or copays for these preventive services, or they just didn’t cover them that all... more than half of all women put off the care they needed because of that,” Obama said, shaking his head.

“I don’t think a working mom in Arlington should have to wait to get a mammogram just because money is tight. I don’t think a college student in Fairfax or Charlottesville should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. That’s why we passed this law, and I am proud of it. It was tight. I don’t think a college student in Fairfax or Charlottesville should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. That’s why we passed this law, and I am proud of it. It was the right thing to do, and we are going to keep it,” Obama said, drawing applause after each line.

Polls show Obama with a strong lead (nearly 19 percent) among women voters, especially in battleground states such as Virginia. Before Obama took the stage, a parade of pro-choice women - a young mother from southwest Virginia, a former Republican supporter from Richmond, and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) - praised Obama’s record on healthcare reform and women’s issues.

Filler-Corn got a rousing response as she talked about the recent General Assembly session, when her state GOP colleagues passed a controversial ultrasonic bill and proposed “personhood” legislation that attempts to make abortions illegal in Virginia.

“These decisions affect every woman’s health... you deserve a president who will fight for your choice and your health,” she said.

“He was great today,” said Annandale resident) Jen Wilson, who brought her daughter Sarah, 10 to the rally. “She was very excited about the whole experience.”

Wilson said Obama’s remarks on women’s issues - equal pay for equal work, health care, affordability of education - are key issues for her.

“There is something to be said for a man who came from the middle class like us. He understands the issues we live every day,” Wilson said.

“I thought his speech was really empowering,” Sarah Wilson said. “You could believe what he was saying. I want a job someday where I get paid the same as my brothers.”

“Being involved in politics is something I do for my children and my community,” said Catherine Read, a City of Fairfax resident who brought her daughter, Emily, to the rally. Attending rallies when women’s healthcare is threatened is not nearly as effective as voting people into office who safeguard women’s healthcare choices. If I do one thing that matters as a parent it’s to instill in my children the importance of voting in every election - local, state and national.”

Janice Allen, Dotte White and Jannie Hicks, of Alexandria, said the president nailed it when talking about women’s rights issues.

“We are all in this together, men and women. Preventative healthcare makes sense whether you care just about the economics of healthcare, or you really care about women’s health,” White said.

NIRA GUARE said she and her 15-year-old daugh-

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Catherine Read and daughter Emily of Fairfax attended the Obama rally at GMU in Fairfax on Friday, Oct. 5.

Audrey Lyons and Rachel Plotkin of Burke were selling Obama pins at the campaign rally at George Mason University on Friday, Oct. 5.

Obama left the stage amid chants of “Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!”

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Woodson Football Beats TC for First 2012 Victory

Titans running back Robertson runs for 176 yards in defeat.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

Andrew Mackay doesn't know why, but for some reason the Woodson quarterback finds difficulty in completing a relatively easy pass to a receiver running a corner route.

On Oct. 6, the Woodson football team faced second-and-goal at the T.C. Williams five-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers led by a touchdown and were in search of some insurance to complete the Titans, 28-21, during Woodson High School's 50th anniversary homecoming game.

“[For] Peter, [who is also] a basketball player,” Mackay said, “just toss it up there and he'll go up there and get it like a rebound.”

MURRAY’S FIRST TOUCHDOWN of the season secured Woodson’s first victory of the 2012 campaign. After three lopsided losses, the Cavaliers had dropped their previous two games by a combined seven points. Instead of falling short in another close contest, Woodson made the plays it needed to earn a W in front of the home crowd.

“It feels great,” Murray said. “We've been working hard. The last two weeks, [we lost by a combined seven points]. It's been tough, the last minute or two [our opponents] scored. We fought the entire game. After our first three games we've come together as a team, really. I think we're just as good as anyone else right now. We're rolling now and I'm looking forward to the next four games...”

“It was my first touchdown of the year,” Murray said. “I've been waiting for it. When I saw that ball in the air it was a great feeling. I knew I was going to get it and I did and it was so happy.”

The 28 points were a season-high for Woodson, which also defeated T.C. Williams after a 0-5 start in 2011. Running back Napoleon Augustin carried 23 times for 146 yards and two touchdowns. Joe Carter rushed six times for 72 yards. Mackay completed five of 10 passes for 83 yards and a touchdown, and also ran for a score. Woodson's wing-T offense produced 343 yards, including 260 on the ground.

“A lot of people made a lot of plays,” second-year Woodson Head Coach Joe Dishun said. “We're not a team with a lot of superstars. We've got a lot of guys that are just football players.”

The game started in auspicious fashion for Woodson. TC drove down the field on the game's opening possession and faced first-and-10 at the Cavaliers 18 when quarterback Alec Grosser threw into the end zone and was intercepted by Woodson defensive back Raymond Maneno. Unfortunately for Woodson, Maneno fumbled during the return and T.C. receiver Landon Moss scooped up the loose ball and ran 11 yards for a Titan touchdown.

Woodson answered with a four-yard touchdown run by Mackay on its ensuing possession, but TC came right back and scored on its next possession, when running back Dealo Robertson reached the end zone from two yards with 4:09 remaining in the first quarter.

AT THAT POINT, however, the Woodson defense tightened up and did not allow a point until Grosser connected with sophomore Terry Jordan for a 17-yard touchdown pass with 2:04 remaining in the fourth quarter, cutting the Cavaliers lead to 28-21.

After losing to Chantilly, Madison and Oakton by a combined score of 115-20, Woodson suffered a 10-7 loss to Lee on Sept. 21 and a 14-10 defeat against West Springfield on Sept. 28. This time, the Cavaliers found a way to win.

“The big thing is making sure these kids understood that we believed in their potential,” Dishun said. “We had confidence in them and belief in how they've improved and how they've been playing and how they've been competing, [and] if they just kept at it, it was going to happen. To work through those setbacks and keep together the way they have, I'm just extremely proud of them.”

While Woodson celebrated homecoming with a victory and improved to 1-2 in the Patriot District, T.C. Williams suffered its fifth consecutive loss after defeating Wakefield, 73-0, in the season opener on Aug. 30. The Titans fell to 0-3 in the district.

Robertson fractured a rib against South County on Sept. 22 and missed the Lake Braddock game, but returned to action against Woodson. The senior said he felt pain every time he was hit, but still managed to carry the ball 25 times for 176 yards and a touchdown. He also caught two passes for 12 yards.

Robertson had 114 yards on the ground at halftime.

“We didn't get back to [running the ball] in the second half aggressively,” Robertson said. “We took our foot off the gas.... We came out here thinking that [the Cavaliers] were going to lay down on their homecoming and their 50th anniversary. We thought this was going to be our first step back in the right direction.”

Grosser completed 21 of 37 passes for 158 yards and a touchdown. Moss had six receptions for 50 yards.

Linebacker Malik Carney led the TC defense with 16 tackles. Defensive backs Rashawn Jackson and Tyrece Henry had 12 and 10 tackles, respectively. Kyreem Walton had two sacks and Carney had one. Henry and Jackson each recovered a Woodson fumble.

Woodson will host Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12.

“Our confidence has gone up progressively throughout the season,” Mackay said. “We know that we can play like this every game, so this just proves it. It just shows that if we set our minds to it and execute the things we know how to do, we can beat anybody.”

T.C. Williams will host West Springfield at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

“You've got to come into the games with high hopes, but when we're out here, we're taking our foot off the gas, thinking that we can just win,” Robertson said. “You can't win like that.”
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