

Housing Market: Strong, But Slowing

NEWS, PAGE 3

Fairfax County's Homeless Population Declines 12 Percent

NEWS, PAGE 4

Hunting for Eggs at Pohick Bay Park

NEWS, PAGE 11

FOLLOW ON TWITTER: @LFSCCONNECTION

ENTERTAINMENT, PAGE 10 ❖ SPORTS, PAGE 12 ❖ CLASSIFIED, PAGE 14

PHOTO BY LASHAWN AVERY-SIMON/THE CONNECTION

VEHICLE exchange PROGRAM

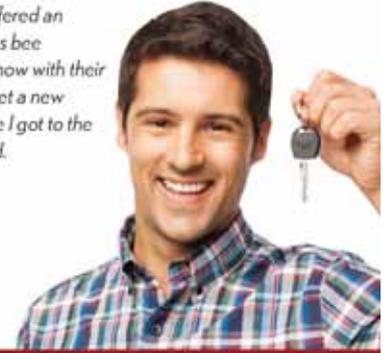
WE NEED YOUR TRADE!
\$1,500 OVER BLACK BOOK³
 TRADE-IN VALUE

EXCHANGE YOUR CURRENT VEHICLE AND UPGRADE TO A
 NEW TOYOTA WITH A LOWER MONTHLY PAYMENT.

I ♥ ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA/SCION

From Sales to Service, Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota has offered an experience unlike any dealership I've ever seen. My family has been buying and servicing our cars there for over 20 years. And now with their Sign & Drive offers, there's truly never been a better way to get a new car. I got an upfront price, with no hidden fees or games once I got to the dealership. I simply got the car I wanted, at the price I wanted.

Bud



UP TO **\$2,750** CUSTOMER CASH⁷
 ON SELECT NEW MODELS⁷

0% APR FINANCING
 ON SELECT NEW MODELS FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS²
 INCLUDING THE BRAND NEW 2013 TOYOTA CAMRY

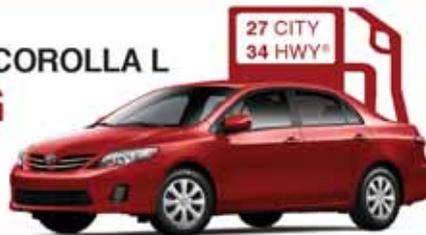
OVER 600
 VEHICLES
 AVAILABLE

BRAND NEW 2013 TOYOTA COROLLA L

\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$8 PER DAY¹
 4 DR. SEDAN, 4-SPD. AUTO

TAX, TAGS, FEES, - THEY'RE ALL INCLUDED



\$500 CUSTOMER CASH⁷ OR 0% APR FINANCING FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS²

BRAND NEW 2012 TOYOTA CAMRY LE

\$0 DUE AT SIGNING

\$9 PER DAY¹
 4 DR. SEDAN, 6-SPD. AUTO

TAX, TAGS, FEES, - THEY'RE ALL INCLUDED



\$1,250 CUSTOMER CASH⁷ + 0% APR FINANCING FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS²

THE ALL-NEW 2013 RAV4

NOW AVAILABLE AT JACK TAYLOR'S
 ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA

**SCHEDULE YOUR
 TEST DRIVE TODAY!**

\$500 LEASE LOYALTY CASH⁸



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY
 BRINGING THE SPORT BACK TO THE CAR

BRAND NEW 2013
SCION iQ
\$139 PER MO.
 FOR 36 MONTHS¹
 \$1,999 due at signing



**0% APR FINANCING
 AVAILABLE²**



PRIUS FAMILY IN-STOCK NOW

**\$1,000 CASH BACK
 ON NEW 2013 PRIUS⁷**

prius goes plural



ToyotaCare

Complimentary maintenance plan
 with roadside assistance.
 • Covers 2 years or 25k miles, Oil and Filter - Tire
 Rotation - Multi-Point Inspection[†]



The Best New Cars Make The Best Used Cars

- 7YR/100K MILE ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE PLAN[†]
- 160 POINT QUALITY ASSURANCE INSPECTION^{††}
- CARFAX VEHICLE HISTORY REPORT
- 1.9% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE^{†††}
- 12 MO./12K MI COMPREHENSIVE WARRANTY
- 7 YR./100K MI LIMITED POWERTRAIN WARRANTY

\$500
 REBATE FOR RECENT
 COLLEGE GRADS⁵

\$500
 MILITARY REBATE
 INCENTIVE FOR
 ACTIVE MILITARY
 PERSONEL⁵



ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA/SCION

3750 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY. | ALEXANDRIA, VA 22305

1-866-616-8420 | ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM



**Let's
 Go
 Places**

(1) OFFERS INCLUDE VA TAX, FREIGHT, ACQUISITION FEE AND \$0 SECURITY DEPOSIT. 36-MONTH LEASE WITH 12K MILES PER YEAR. \$499 PROCESSING FEE DUE AT SIGNING. DOLLAR PER DAY AMOUNT BASED ON 30-DAY MONTH. MONTHLY PAYMENTS EQUAL TO: (COROLLA: \$239/MONTH, CAMRY: \$279/MONTH). (2) 0% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS ON SELECT MODELS. OFFERS FOR WELL-QUALIFIED BUYERS WITH APPROVED TIER1+ CREDIT THROUGH TFS. 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$16.67 PER \$1,000 BORROWED. (3) BASED ON BLACK BOOK TRADE VALUE MINUS EXCESS MILEAGE AND RECONDITIONING. (4) COVERS NORMAL FACTORY SCHEDULED SERVICE FOR 2 YEARS OR 25K MILES, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. THE NEW VEHICLE CANNOT BE PART OF A RENTAL OR COMMERCIAL FLEET. SEE PARTICIPATING DEALER FOR COMPLETE PLAN DETAILS. VALID ONLY IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND ALASKA. (5) COLLEGE GRAD AND MILITARY REBATE AVAILABLE ON APPROVED CREDIT THRU TFS. ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS MUST BE IN ACTIVE DUTY STATUS IN U.S. MILITARY TO RECEIVE REBATE. (6) 2012 OR 2013 EPA-ESTIMATED MILEAGE. ACTUAL MILEAGE MAY VARY. (7) UP TO \$2,750 CASH BACK FROM TOYOTA ON SELECT MODELS. CAN RECEIVE CASH BACK FROM TOYOTA OR CAN APPLY TO DOWN PAYMENT. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER ADVERTISED OFFER EXCEPT ON 2012 CAMRY. (8) MUST BE CURRENTLY LEASING A TOYOTA TO QUALIFY. (†) WHICHEVER COMES FIRST FROM DATE OF TCUV PURCHASE. (††) FROM DATE OF TCUV PURCHASE. (†††) 1.9% APR FINANCING ON ALL CPO VEHICLES FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS WITH APPROVED CREDIT ON SELECT MODELS THROUGH TFS. 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$17.05 PER \$1,000 BORROWED. ALL OFFERS EXPIRE 04/30/13.

Housing Market: Strong, But Slowing

Energized housing marketplace, but government cuts will eventually cool things down.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

A few weeks ago, George Mason University Professor Stephen Fuller, Ph.D, published an update of his July 17, 2012 report that projected imminent and hard-hitting economic effects from sequestration. A main component of the update regards the government mellowing the blow by using furloughs rather than layoffs. Payroll reductions still add up to equivalent job losses, the report explains, but the negative economic response ought to be slower to take effect.

Given the nose-to-nose nature of government spending and real estate economy, particularly in Northern Virginia, these calming words should inspire more confidence in a market that is already thriving.

First, interest rates have been in the basement: Freddie Mac reported a 30-Year Fixed-Rate of 3.57 percent for March this year, as opposed to 3.95 percent in March 2012 and 4.84 percent in 2011 (for reference, March 2005 was 5.93 percent).

Second, home prices are rising: RealEstate Business Intelligence reported a 10.23 percent increase in average sold price in Fairfax County between February 2012 and 2013. Even though inventory is shrinking across the county, distressed sales (foreclosures and short sales, for the uninitiated) are down. On the whole, everyone has warm fuzzies about the market.

"It's as healthy as it's ever been," said Dane Work, an associate broker with Re/Max Preferred Properties in Fairfax. "Everything is a hot potato. The whole market is red hot, white hot."

BUT HOW LONG until the extended honeymoon phase is over? And what will that market look like? According to GMU Professor of Finance Gerald Hanwek, a lot like it has before.

"The hype is, fundamentally, what you would expect from a market like this," said Hanwek, "not very dynamic, as had been in the past. For quite a while, this has been a terrific housing market in Fairfax County."

Hanwek came to GMU in 1985 after spending nearly two decades in the research division at the Federal Reserve Board. Today, in addition to teaching MBA finance courses, he is also associate dean for graduate programs.

The professor has seen real estate go through cycle after cycle over the decades, and is convinced "it really just took time to allow housing prices to get on a path of ris-



9816 Amsterdam Street, Lorton. "We may be building faster cars, but if there's fewer cars to sell, car sales won't make much money," said Ron Kowalski.

ing, at a rate they had in the past.

"When I first came here in 1968," Hanwek continued, "the thought was housing prices should always go up 10 percent a year. That was a rule. And in fact they did for some time."

Then, of course, there were bumps in the late 1970s and early 80s: double digit inflation caused price rising to slow and mortgages were harder to come by. The 80s and 90s looked more hopeful, but then an early 90s recession put the brakes on again.

"Now we've hit a plateau," said Hanwek, "to where we probably should take off and start having price rises between 4 and 6 percent a year, on average, for residential properties. Once we hit that, and that's been happening now for several years, prices are high enough—after they had fallen in 2005 and 2006—that people are willing to buy and sell. Enough time has passed."

But interest rates won't stay down; they can't, at least not much past 2014. And sequestration will take effect, whether government agencies start cutting expenditures in earnest later this year or into the next. "We're going to see a considerable slowdown in government spending," said Hanwek. "It's going to affect this area disproportionately, and it affects the housing market quickly."

And when the cuts do truly sink in? Fairfax County is an expensive place to live: furloughed workers and government contractors without projects will have a harder time affording to stay. Potential replacements could come from the service industry, but their salaries can't compete with those in the defense industry.

"There's going to be, perhaps, a real depression of price at the top line for homes as opposed to the lower price homes," said Hanwek. "\$300,000-\$400,000—in that range, they're not going to be as depressed. We'll go back to that two-tier question. It's happened here a lot and it will happen again."

Hanwek expects a repeat of what this

area saw between 1989 and 1990, when a slowdown in military spending caused the population of Northern Virginia to drop by 50,000.

"The long-term outlook is for slowing home sales and stagnating prices," he said. But, "after several years, after we've absorbed what's happening with the Federal Government, then prices will start to rise on their trend levels again. We're just running out of property, the supply is dwindling."

WHY THE DWINDLING SUPPLY? There are several factors, according to Hanwek, all of which result in people hanging on to their properties. Among them is a gradual increase in the number of retirees in this area. Another is people simply waiting to see how high prices will rise. And though more prevalent on the west coast, there are also more instances of business investors buying properties to rent.

But none of this should dissuade anyone, encouraged Hanwek. "Sell. Sell and buy," he said. "If you want to move, sell now, buy now. Buying six months ago would be even better, buying a year ago would've been even better. But buy. Over the next year, two years, it's going to be a good market. After that we're going to see Federal Government cuts actually start to impact."

"I'm incredibly optimistic," said Work. "I have been for about a year and a half. It makes me look like a saint. The writing was on the wall for some of this."

"It's such a great opportunity for the end user, for occupants," he continued. "Everybody's got to live somewhere. Now is the time to lock in on something and secure it."

That's assuming everybody qualifies for a mortgage right away. Which can be difficult.

However, "if they loosen the standards too much," cautioned Hanwek, "we'll be back in the world of the subprime loan: 110 percent funding of their house, and that's absurd. We know what happens." Hopefully.

VIEWPOINTS

'Perfect Storm' in Area Real Estate Market

Patricia Mancini, Avery-Hess Realtors, Springfield

"Being a bedroom to D.C., Springfield is a commuter's dream: VRE, buses, etc. It's an affordable target, more so than Arlington. Though prices have gone up 22 percent since



February a year ago (average was \$285,635 in 2012, \$349,015 in 2013). But we have hardly any inventory, only 41 active listings, 25 attached townhouses. It just breaks my heart. As soon as we get a listing, it's sold. Just March alone, we had 11 listings, eight have sold. We still have buyers coming in. They're frantic. They feel like they're missing the market. And frankly, they are. Multiple markets are being done. It's absolutely incredible what's going on. I feel like it's all over and we didn't learn our lesson back in 2005. They're coming out of their short sales, allowed to get loans. They've saved their money, have good credit. They're going conventional; there's a pecking order. Cash talks."

Ron Kowalski, Ron & Susan Associates, affiliated with Re/Max Gateway, Lorton

"Distressed sales are down incredibly over the last year, in the county as well as Lorton. In March 2012, they made up 44.4 percent of the market in Lorton. In March 2013: 18.2 percent. Foreclosures only make up 4 percent of that 18.2 percent and 14 percent are short sales. Eighty-two percent are regular sales. A year ago, regular sales were only 55.6 percent. But right now in Lorton, there are only 55 homes on the market. In March of 2012, only 48 houses on the market. Five years ago, in 2008, there were 307 active. That's huge. That's crazy. Sales are suffering, there's just not enough to sell. Lorton still has some negative perceptions because of the prison, even though it's closed. But once people get here and realize what's happening, the great parks and trails—it's one of the fastest growing parts of the county. Except there's no big scale building being done, not a nice balance of homes being built to keep up with the continued influx to this location. It goes in cycles. A need will create the urgency; it will be corrected and fixed."



—TIM PETERSON

THE COUNTY LINE

Fairfax County's Homeless Population Declines 12 Percent

Emphasis on rapid re-housing, prevention keys to success.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Despite the developing impact of across-the-board sequester cuts, and the rising cost of rental housing, the homeless population in Fairfax County declined 12 percent in the past year, and 26 percent since 2007.

"It's a remarkable achievement," said Michael O'Reilly, chairman of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, who released the figures Monday, April 1, along with Dean Klein, Fairfax County's director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH).

According to Fairfax County's annual "point-in-time" survey, the number of homeless individuals decreased by 184 people, from 1,534 in 2012 to 1,350 in 2013. Since 2007, the number of homeless individuals decreased by nearly 500 people or 26 percent—from 1,813 in 2007 to 1,350 in 2013. The U.S. Department of Housing and Ur-



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova speaks about her experiences interviewing some of the county's homeless population during "Registry Week," which kicked off the 100,000 Homes Campaign on Feb. 23. "This was something I will never forget. It was one of the most powerful experiences of my life," Bulova said.

ban Development (HUD) requires that jurisdictions across the nation conduct a statistically reliable and unduplicated count of the homeless over the course of one day in January. The survey covers only those who are literally homeless—in shelters, in time-limited transitional housing or those who are unsheltered and living on the street.

THE GOAL of the count is to identify the number of homeless people at a given point in time and to collect demographic information about those who are homeless to provide direction for future development of housing and services. It is also a requirement to qualify for state and federal funds. "When we launched the 10-year plan in

HIGHLIGHTS: 2013 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT OF HOMELESS

- ❖ The PIT count was conducted on Jan. 30, 2013.
- ❖ Of the 1,350 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community, 747 were people in families (55 percent of all homeless), and 603 were single.
- ❖ Thirty-three percent (452 people) of all persons who were homeless were children under the age of 18, the same percentage as last year.
- ❖ There were 19 fewer families who were homeless in 2013 compared to 2012, with 90 fewer people, including 53 fewer children and 37 fewer adults.
- ❖ Fifty-eight percent of adults in homeless families were employed. In 2012, 59 percent of adults in families were employed.
- ❖ In 2013, 27 percent of all persons in families were homeless due to domestic violence, a decrease from 40 percent in 2012. Thirty percent of families identified domestic violence as the reason for homelessness.
- ❖ Single individuals account for 45 percent of all homeless persons counted, a total of 603 people.
- ❖ Single adults decreased by 13 percent (94 adults) compared to 2012.
- ❖ Fifty-seven percent (341 people) of single adults who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, a decrease from 64 percent in 2012, and many had chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities.
- ❖ Twenty-two percent (134 people) of single adults were employed, and 9 percent (57 people) were identified as veterans.

2007, we fully expected to have some success," O'Reilly said. What Fairfax County did not expect were economic hurdles such as

SEE HOMELESS, PAGE 13

HUGE SAVINGS!



**Save on your next
DIY project—
See offer below**





**Your rental experts since 1969.
Live local, rent local, buy local.**

**1/2 Price Rentals
On Any Equipment
Tues.-Thurs. With This Ad.**
Expires 5/31/13. Limit one discount per transaction. Customer pickup only.

Capital Rentals

12716 Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA 22030 • 703-803-8585

Gorgeous Spring Color at

Merrifield GARDEN CENTER

An excellent selection including

**Flowering Cherries
Forsythia • Magnolia • Redbud**

Plus Pansies and a wide array
of flowering Annuals and Perennials!

FRUIT TREES

Apple, Persimmon, Peach, Pear & More

Plus Fantastic Edibles including
Strawberries, Potatoes, Onions,
Rhubarb, Asparagus, Herbs & Vegetables

FREE SEMINARS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 AT 10 AM
Fair Oaks: *Container Gardening*
Gainesville: *Fragrant Gardens*

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 AT 10 AM & 1 PM
Gainesville: *Using Edibles in Containers*

Visit our stores to enter our Free Drawings for a chance to win tickets to see Washington Capitals, Wizards and Nationals games as well as concerts and other special events.

merrifieldgardencenters.com

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MERRIFIELD 703-560-6222 | FAIR OAKS 703-968-9600 | GAINESVILLE 703-368-1919 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|

Hours: Monday – Saturday 8 am – 8 pm, Sunday 9 am – 6 pm



AREA ROUNDUPS

15 Years Prison For Robbery

A man convicted of the Jan. 1, 2012 robbery of a City of Fairfax restaurant has been sentenced to 15 years in prison. He is Colin Thomas Bowie, 47, of 8801 Jones Mill Road in Chevy Chase, Md., and the incident occurred around 6:30 a.m. at the Denny's Restaurant at 10473 Fairfax Blvd.

Bowie entered the restaurant, drew a handgun and ordered the assistant manager into the office. Bowie also told him to open the safe and surrender the cash. The manager did so and the robber fled through the back door and escaped.

Following an investigation, Bowie was arrested Feb. 17, 2012 by Takoma Park police and charged with armed robbery. He was returned to Fairfax County for trial in Circuit Court. At his sentencing last Friday, March 29, he received 30 years in prison with 15 years suspended.

Express Lanes Free This Weekend

Want to try the 495 Express Lanes for free? Get ready for the perfect opportunity. On Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7, motorists can practice using the Express Lanes for free all day.

This weekend, no E-ZPass is required to travel on the road. In fact, even if you do have an E-ZPass, you won't be charged a toll.

This is a great opportunity to test your commute to the office, or explore new exits in Merrifield at Route 29 and in Tysons at Westpark and Jones Branch. See what it's like to experience a faster, more predictable trip every time.

Remember to "know before you go" by using this mapping tool (<https://www.495expresslanes.com/map/>) to plan your Express Lanes trip today, and find more information at <https://www.495expresslanes.com/FreeWeekend>.

Helping Keep Children Safe

City of Fairfax police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club of Fairfax, will be offering Safe Assured identification kits for children on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video showing movement and mannerisms, a general physical description, vital personal information and a family code word. Private information is encrypted and accessible only by law enforcement.

Missing-persons posters can be created and printed directly from the mini-CD in English, Spanish and French. The Safe Assured ID kits can also be used as a valuable aid for adults with special needs. The kits are free and an appointment is necessary. Call Sgt. Kyle Penman at (703) 385-7923.

Italian Ices for Tara

Tara Sankner, an 8-year-old second-grader at Lees Corner Elementary, was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and the local community is rallying 'round to show its support. On Monday, April 8, from 6-8 p.m., area residents can enjoy sweet treats while raising money to help with Tara's medical bills.

During those hours, Rita's Italian Ice, at 10726 Fairfax Blvd., in Fairfax, will donate 20 percent off all sales to support Tara and her family. Those unable to attend may also contribute to Tara online. Go to www.airbanking.com/tools/; where it says to pick a charity, click and scroll down to Pray for Tara.

**DON'T GET JUST ANY LOAN.
FINANCE A
PERFECT FIT.**

**TAILORING THE BEST MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS
FOR PURCHASES OR REFINANCES**



Brian Beveridge
Senior Mortgage Loan Officer
brian.beveridge@everbank.com
everbank.com/bbeveridge
NMLS ID: 485056

I'm local and can walk you through the process.

Call 571.933.6866

or visit 12150 Monument Dr., Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22033



13ERM0105

© 2013 EverBank. All rights reserved.

Free Remodeling & Design Seminars! 

Sat., April 6th — 10am-2pm
Where: 6862 Elm Street, Suite 330, McLean, VA 22101

Thinking of remodeling? This event is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of free expert advice with no obligation. Learn about the hot topics you should consider when remodeling.

Saturday's Seminars:

- Kitchen and Bath Trends
- Paint Colors Made Easy
- Apples to Apples - Thinking your project through? How do you compare?

Seminars run from 10am-Noon.
Lunch to follow.
Please arrive at 9:45am for check-in.

Seating is limited. Call Sabrina at 703.425.5588 to reserve your seats!

Special Thanks to Our Sponsor:


Sandra Hambley | 703-599-0648
DecorAndYouDC.com

SUN DESIGN
design/build | additions | kitchens | baths | basements | outdoor spaces
703-425-5588 SunDesignInc.com info@SunDesignInc.com

**SUN DESIGN INVITES YOU TO OUR
WHOLE HOUSE REMODELED TOUR IN
BETHESDA!**
Saturday, April 13th, 10am-4pm
6601 Michaels Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817



REINVENT YOUR HOME TO ENRICH YOUR LIFE

Come see first hand how redesigning existing space created better function, flow, and light in this remodeled home to include a gourmet, eat-in, kitchen, large family room with cathedral ceilings, transom windows, and cable railing, and a remodeled master suite with enlarged walk-in tub and shower combination.

Special Thanks to Our Sponsor:


Sandra Hambley
703-599-0648
DecorAndYouDC.com

SUN DESIGN
design/build | additions | kitchens | baths | basements | outdoor spaces
703-425-5588 SunDesignInc.com info@SunDesignInc.com

HOPSFROG GRILLE G 
Great American Food

Your Neighborhood Place
for
**Homemade Burgers,
Pizza, Pasta, Soups,
Salads, Steaks**
Friendly Service & Cold Drinks

Sunday Brunch
10 AM-3 PM

50% OFF Lunch
Buy one and get 50% Off
2nd item of equal or lesser value.
Offer expires 4/30/13.
Not valid with any other offers.

**10% OFF
Entire Check**
Offer expires 4/30/13.
Not valid with any other offers.

5765-C Burke Centre Pkwy ■ Burke ■ 703-239-9324

OPINION

April Is Poetry Month

Send us your poems, your Mother's Day photos, and even your poems about mothers.

April is poetry month, and we invite our readers to share their poems with us. Some will appear in the print edition and some will appear online.

We'd love to have a note from you about what inspired your poetry, and an illustration, photo of you, etc., are welcomed as well. Include the text of your poem, your name and address (we will only print your name and town name, not your full address), email address and phone number to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Here are some poetry happenings from around the area:

Alexandria's new poetry society, based at the Duncan Library, will hold its second meeting at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub on April 8 from 8-10 p.m. and will explore beat poetry. For more, contact the Duncan Library at 703-746-1705.

At presstime, Alexandria was expected to announce the name of the new Alexandria Poet Laureate, replacing Amy Young.

Bernadette Geyer of Vienna was selected for the 2012 Hilary Tham Capital Collection for

her poetry manuscript, "The Scabbard of Her Throat."

The Iota Club and Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, holds an annual poetry event on Mother's Day. This year's event, Sunday, May 12, 6-8 p.m., will feature Bernadette Geyer of Vienna and James Arthur. Iota Club and Café is at 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

EDITORIAL

Virginia's current Poet Laureate, Sofia M. Starnes, has launched The Nearest Poem Anthology project, which will collect 50-100 poems submitted by Virginia residents "that are most meaningful to us and thus create a testimony to the immediacy of poetry and its closeness to everyday life." Submissions will be accepted through June, and should include the full text of the poem, the name of the poet and the source, including where you encountered the poem, and 200-250 words of persuasive explanation of why you selected the poem. "This should include some information about yourself and why you consider your selected poem 'nearest' to you," Starnes writes. "The compelling nature of your write-up — your story — will play an important role in the se-

Contrary to Popular Belief

Poem by Bernadette Geyer of Vienna
We are not even
as solid
as a pan flute
carved from a grain of rice
passed down
through generations
in folk tales and dreams.

Information about submitting your favorite poem for a Virginia anthology: <http://sofiastarnes.com/NearestPoemAnthologyBrochure.pdf>.

lection of the poems to be included." Visit <http://sofiastarnes.com/NearestPoemAnthologyBrochure.pdf>.

Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 12 and every year at this time we call for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery. Send photos of you and your mother, grandmothers, great-grandmothers. Please name everyone in the photo, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. Send photos to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

You can also submit poetry, poetry about mothers and photos celebrating mothers directly through our website at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter/>.

LETTERS

A Photo ID: Victory for Voters

To the Editor:

The voters of Virginia won a great victory when Governor McDonnell signed SB 1256, which changes Virginia's law to require a recent photo ID as the only acceptable identification for voting. Thus, a positive identification can now be made with a visual check to verify that the person coming to vote is actually who he claims to be. The existing law allows a number of passive identifiers such as a voter registration card or even a utility bill which proves nothing other than that the person has in his possession a piece of paper with a name and address on it. The person's identity is not verified.

Voters across the commonwealth now can be assured that their individual vote will not be nullified by a fraudulent vote. Opponents of this bill will argue that there is no evidence of fraudulent voting and thus SB 1256 attempts to solve a problem that does not exist. However, when non-verifiable identification is allowed, it is virtually impossible to identify and convict fraudulent voters except in the most flagrant of cases where multiple votes are

Paying More for Less

Poorer taxpayers are hit the hardest.

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK
(R-BRADDOCK)

When it was first presented to the board, I described the county executive's proposed FY 2014 budget as asking taxpayers to pay more for the same services, and asking county employees to work harder for the same pay. It's clear that county taxpayers are hurt by this budget. The average home assessment increased by 3 percent, and I know many in Braddock saw higher increases than that. The county executive also added 2 cents to the rate. That is bad enough, but making matters worse, poorer taxpayers are hit the hardest.

In one condominium community in working class Annandale, assessments went up over 20 percent and middle class townhouses are, on average, up more than single family homes. The result is that some lower and middle class taxpayers will see huge tax increases due to assessments. This adds to an already increased burden as the two-year payroll tax holiday ended this year and the new transportation funding bill (a good thing for Fairfax overall) means the sales tax will go up a full percent.

Whenever taxes are raised, some automatically conclude that government must be out-of-control with rampant spending increases. While that makes for a great political sound bite, it's not always accurate. Total general fund disbursements increase only 1.45 percent in the county executive's proposed budget, less than the local 1.8 percent inflation rate—all in all, a rather flat budget.

What explains the proposed county tax increase then? A year ago, the county projected commercial



real estate growth of about 8 percent. That was the increase last year, and would be consistent with normal growth at the end of a recession (commercial real estate is the last to enter and the last to recover from a recession). Instead, this year commercial real estate assessments did not grow at all. Since commercial real estate is

roughly 20 percent of the real estate tax, that fact alone accounts for almost all of the 2-cent rate increase proposed by the county executive.

Commercial real estate has stalled almost entirely due to uncertainty over the federal budget. It's not sequestration itself that's the problem; it's that no one knows what is coming next. Business needs certainty. The federal government is operating on three-month continuing resolutions. In contrast, the county budget we vote on this month runs through June 2014. Unless and until there is some long-range certainty in the federal budget, commercial real estate will remain stagnant and residential taxpayers will either make up the difference or see county services decrease.

I am hopeful our board will scale back the county executive's proposed tax increase and come together with a common sense consensus budget. But no matter what the final terms are, it won't be pretty. The truth is, we are going to pay more for less, and that's the real life consequence of what is happening in Washington, D.C.

Fairfax Station,
Lorton & Clifton
CONNECTION

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.

Published by
Local Media Connection LLC

1606 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Free digital edition delivered to your email box. Go to connectionnewspapers.com/subscribe

NEWS DEPARTMENT:
To discuss ideas and concerns,
Call: 703-778-9410
e-mail:
burke@connectionnewspapers.com

Kemal Kurspahic
Editor ♦ 703-778-9414
kemal@connectionnewspapers.com

Chelsea Bryan
Editorial Assistant
703-778-9410 ext.427
cbryan@connectionnewspapers.com

Victoria Ross
Community Reporter
301-502-6027
rosspinning@yahoo.com

Bonnie Hobbs
Community Reporter
703-778-9438
south@connectionnewspapers.com

Jon Roetman
Sports Editor
703-778-9410
[@jroetman](mailto:jroetman@connectionnewspapers.com)

ADVERTISING:
For advertising information
e-mail:
sales@connectionnewspapers.com

Steve Hogan
Display Advertising, 703-778-9418
shogan@connectionnewspapers.com

Andrea Smith
Classified Advertising, 703-778-9411
classified@connectionnewspapers.com

Debbie Funk
National Sales
703-778-9444
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

Editor & Publisher
Mary Kimm
703-778-9433
[@MaryKimm](mailto:mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com)

Executive Vice President
Jerry Vernon
jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com

Editor in Chief
Steven Mauren
Managing Editor
Kemal Kurspahic
Photography:
Deb Cobb, Louise Krafft,
Craig Sterbutzel
Art/Design:
Laurence Foong, John Heinly
Production Manager:
Jean Card
Geovani Flores
Special Assistant to the Publisher
Jeanne Theismann
703-778-9436
[@TheismannMedia](mailto:jtheismann@connectionnewspapers.com)

CIRCULATION: 703-778-9427
Circulation Manager:
Ann Oliver
circulation@connectionnewspapers.com

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 7

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

proven to be cast by a single voter or where the person attempting to vote is clearly known not to be the voter listed in the registration book.

Photo identification has become a necessary requirement for many of our routine daily activities. Yet, somehow opponents of this bill believe that proving our identity to exercise our constitutional right to vote is less important than proving our identity before boarding an airplane or cashing a check at a bank or donating blood. Since the new law provides for free photo IDs to be issued to those few without one, it is meaningless to claim that requiring a photo ID for voting will disenfranchise various groups such as the poor, the elderly and minority groups. In fact, studies from other states have shown just the opposite result. Voter registration and turnout have actually increased within these groups after enactment of a photo ID law.

Anne Damon
Fairfax

each of these media left out was that over one quarter of the people surveyed by the army of volunteers were over age 55. Much was said about the 23 percent of those surveyed that fell into the 18-34 age bracket. I think most would agree that people in this age bracket are physically more able to withstand the rigors of being homeless than people over the age of 55—and especially more so than those over the age of 70. People age 18-34 are also much more able to gain employment than seniors. I could go on, but am just curious why not one media outlet (including The Connection) chose not even to mention this fact. Like most people, I would like to see homelessness totally eradicated in our county and all counties for that matter.

Seeing senior citizens living on the streets, in their cars and in county homeless shelters is particularly unnerving. Hopefully others will feel the same way.

Robert Paxton
Falls Church

An Overlooked Aspect of Homelessness

To the Editor:

Thank you for the well written article, "Putting a Face on Homelessness," by Victoria Ross (The Connection, March 6-12, 2013). There were also articles and stories in local media, including The Washington Post, local radio and TV stations. One thing

An Interesting Perspective

To the Editor:

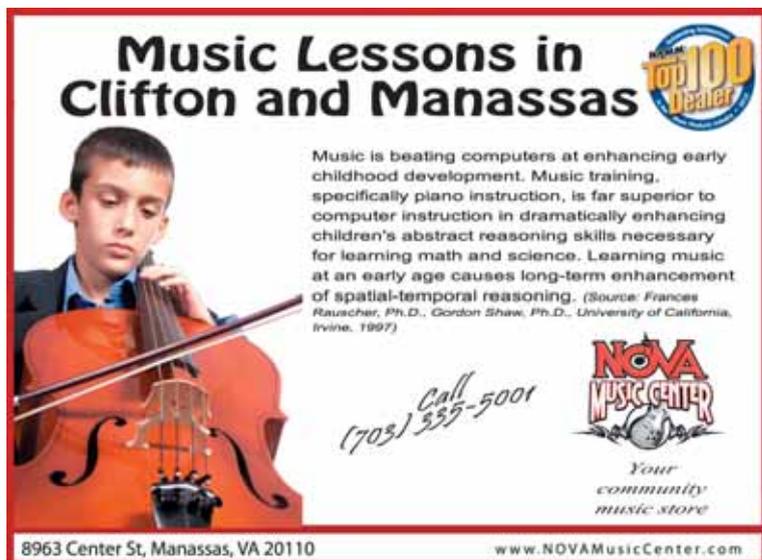
I found Andrea Worker's article, "Muslim Women Encouraged to Explore STEM" [Connection, March 28-April 3, 2013] to be well-written as well as informative. It brought an interesting perspective to an issue affecting the continued progress of America.

Maha Habbal
Fairfax

Write Us

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

Letters to the Editor, The Connection
1606 King St., Alexandria VA 22314
Call: 703-917-6444 ♦ south@connectionnewspapers.com



Music Lessons in Clifton and Manassas

Music is beating computers at enhancing early childhood development. Music training, specifically piano instruction, is far superior to computer instruction in dramatically enhancing children's abstract reasoning skills necessary for learning math and science. Learning music at an early age causes long-term enhancement of spatial-temporal reasoning. (Source: Frances Rauscher, Ph.D., Gordon Shaw, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, 1997)

Call (703) 555-5001

NOVA MUSIC CENTER
Your community music store

8963 Center St, Manassas, VA 20110
www.NOVAMusicCenter.com

lost (adj): 1. unable to find the way. 2. not appreciated or understood. 3. no longer owned or known

Adopt Donate Volunteer

lostdogandcatrescue.org



10% Off All Hardscaping!
Free Estimates for Landscaping and Hardscaping
Sale ends April 15, 2013

Pansies are Here 97¢
Reg price \$1.89

50-65% Off Pottery
Washington Area's Biggest Selection
Celebrating our 40th Anniversary

30% OFF Japanese Maples
Over 200 Varieties

Cravens Nursery & Pottery

Bulk Mulch, Playground Chips & Organic Compost \$29.99/cu. yd. RR Ties \$19.99

9023 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, Virginia
2 miles west of I-495 on Rt. 50.
1 mile from I-66 (Vienna Metro)
703-573-5025
Open 7 days a week
Visit our new Web site: www.cravensnursery.com

STRIVE TODAY for a HEALTHIER WAY

Unified Prevention Coalition OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

2013 Prevention Conference for Middle School Students & Parents
Serving as the VA ABC Regional YADAPP Conference

Falls Church High School
7521 Jaguar Trail • Falls Church, VA 22042
8:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration open online
www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org
\$10 per family • \$5 per individual
Financial assistance available upon request

YOUTH Track: Dealing with Stress

- Silver Lining Stories
- Create Healthy Snacks
- Try Out Zumba or Martial Arts
- Exercise with the Police
- Play with Music
- Assess Your Stress
- Become a Writer

ADULT Track: Helping Your Teen De-Stress

- Keynote: Dr. William Stixrud — Mysteries of the Teen Brain
- The Teen Brain Follow-Up Q&A
- Homework Stress-Proofing
- Tips for Talking with Your Teen*
- Current Youth Substance Use Trends*

* Offered in Spanish and Korean. Translation services available upon request.

Contact
Lisa Adler
lkadler@upotairfax.org

Funded partially by Virginia ABC, Virginia SPF-SIG, and federal STOP and Drug Free Communities grants

The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC) is a nonprofit organization with more than 50 community partners working together to keep youth and young adults safe and drug-free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

Giveaways
DJ
Ideas and Resource Fair
Breakfast/Snacks
Drug Dog Demonstration
CEUS

WELLBEING

Hundreds of Low Income Residents Receive Free Dental Care

Event was part of The Northern Virginia Dental Society's 10th Annual Mission of Mercy.

Several hundred low income and uninsured residents of Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County received free dental care recently when the Northern Virginia Dental Society (NVDS) hosted its 10th Annual Mission of Mercy (MOM) project.

During the two-day event, which was held at Northern Virginia Community College's Medical Education Campus in Springfield, area dental care professionals donated their time and expertise to help those in need.

"It really is an incredible initiative and I truly believe in the work that the Northern Virginia Dental Society does. There were so many volunteers, especially dentists helping hundreds and hundreds of patients. This was my second year helping out," said Jenny Del Carpio, of Molina Healthcare, one of the event's sponsors.

A total of 844 low-income and uninsured received dental care. "The MOM Project ... was a wonderful event," emailed Cathy Griffanti, executive director,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOLINA HEALTHCARE

A total of 844 low-income and uninsured patients received dental care during the Northern Virginia Dental Society's 10th Annual Mission of Mercy (M.O.M.) project.

Northern Virginia Dental Society. "Many of the area legislators stopped by the Project and witnessed the dedication of the oral health care providers in Northern Virginia and what we do to give back to the community."

Griffanti said that patients were pre-screened and pre-registered for the MOM Project through local social service agencies, and estimated that the value of services provided was approximately \$355,000.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

Local Researchers Address 'Concussion Culture'

Education and proper health care are keys.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

With the impending warmer weather comes an increased number of children participating in outdoor activities. Some local health care professionals and researchers are issuing words of caution.

"More children will be outside playing with friends, riding bicycles and engaging in contact sports. These activities and others where impact is a possibility place children at risk for a concussion," said Dr. Faith Claman, who holds a doctor of nursing practice and is an assistant professor in the Malek School of Health Professions at Marymount University in Arlington.

Local educators say it is important to know the facts. "A concussion is a brain injury, which often



PHOTO COURTESY OF CREATIVE SERVICES/GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Researchers in George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) joined the "Advancing Healthcare Initiatives for Underserved Students" (ACHIEVES) project to offer concussion education.

occurs as a result of a fall or blow to the head or body, said Dr. Dalila Birem, associate medical director of Molina Healthcare of Virginia and Fairfax Community Health Care Network. "Normally, the brain is cushioned by fluid, but when jolted violently, the brain crashes into the skull, resulting in damage to the soft tissue."

Birem says that while some people may lose consciousness, more common symptoms of a concussion include headache, blurred vision, fatigue or irritability.

"Others may experience no symptoms at all [and] with rest, most people fully recover from a concussion," said Birem. "However, severe concussions or repeated incidents may lead to more serious consequences, such as problems with speech, mobility or learning."

Researchers at George Mason University in Fairfax are taking action. "Concussions are running rampant across the country right now and it seems that no one, from middle school student athletes to professional players, are exempt," said university spokeswoman Catherine J. Probst. "As a result, some states are enacting new laws to change this concussion culture. Virginia's General Assembly [passed legislation] that requires student athletes and their parents to receive annual concussion education. ... The law also states that schools form concussion management teams to provide and document concussion education for students, staff, coaches and parents."

Implementing the legislation presents challenges, however. "Many Virginia public schools lack the necessary resources to properly deliver concussion education," she continued.

To address the dearth of resources, researchers in Mason's

"Concussions are running rampant across the country right now and it seems that no one, from middle school student athletes to professional players, are exempt."

— Catherine J. Probst

more effective medical care and concussion education," Probst said.

ACHIEVES offers services that run the gamut from implementing an electronic medical record-keeping program to offering both online and face-to-face sessions. Probst says university researchers hope the ACHIEVES project will serve as a model for other school systems at the local, regional and national levels as more states enact concussion laws.

The project has already reached more than 80,000 student athletes, staff, coaches and parents to deliver

Now You Can Go Express Without Paying Tolls!

EXPRESS CONNECTOR

Express Connector from Burke, Lorton and Springfield
Via the 495 Express Lanes

Learn more at www.FairfaxConnector.com/Express

FREE RIDE!

Present this ad to your bus driver for a free round trip ride on the Express Connector lines 493, 494 and 495.
Expires Dec. 31, 2013.

Are You a Candidate for Dental Implants?

Join us for a **FREE DENTAL IMPLANT SEMINAR**

April 17th, 2013 — 5:30-7:30 pm
At Alto Plaza Restaurant
5800 Old Centreville Rd.
Centreville, VA 20120
703-266-8811

FREE Consultation and 3D Dental CT Scan \$700 Value will be given to all guests!

Complimentary Beverages & Hors d'oeuvres will be served
Seating is Limited. Patient Testimonials. Question & Answer Session.

No Interest Financing Available

Featured Speaker
Dr. Brenton W. Burger
Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

DJ DULLES INSTITUTE
Oral, Maxillofacial & Dental Implant Surgery

Call for reservations **703-444-2206**
Offices in Sterling | Centreville | Gainesville

Like us on Facebook. facebook.com/dullesinstitute www.dullesoms.com

You do not have to be Miss America to have a beautiful smile.

Call Centreville Dental Wellness Center for your Free Beautiful Smile Consultation.

"At Centreville Dental Wellness Center, we provide dentistry to provide healthy vibrant smiles for a lifetime. For patients requiring preventive dental care to restorative dentistry or urgent dental care, our comprehensive dental treatments will provide you with exceptional dental care and the smile you desire."

**Dr. Judith Thomas • Dr. Jason Abel
Dr. Rena Vakay**
703-815-0775
14245-F Centreville Sq., Centreville, VA 20121
CentrevilleVirginiaDentist.com

A DAY AT THE PARK.
A DAY AT THE POND.
A DAY ON THE TOWN.

A Day in the life at Westminster at Lake Ridge.

Westminster at Lake Ridge
Northern Virginia's Best Kept Secret in Retirement Living

Discover the vibrant and engaging lifestyle of Westminster at Lake Ridge, located next to the historic town of Occoquan. Maintenance-free cottages and apartment homes, superb dining, indoor heated pool, fully equipped fitness center, housekeeping, walking trails, entertainment and on-site healthcare. *A visit to Westminster is a day well spent!*

Visit us on the web at www.wlrva.org

MOVE-IN SPECIAL
Move into one of our select apartments and cottages to defer the entrance fee for 6 months interest free.
PLUS receive 3 months free of monthly fees!

Call 703-496-3440 today and discover the vibrant lifestyle at Westminster.

12191 Clipper Drive • Lake Ridge, VA 22192 • 703-496-3440

**Looking for a New Place of Worship?
Visit Antioch Baptist Church!**



All Are Welcome!

Sunday Worship 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School for Children & Adults 9:30 a.m.
Married Couples Sunday School 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Marshal L. Ausberry, Sr., Senior Pastor

Antioch Baptist Church

6531 Little Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
703-425-0710 • www.antioch-church.org

CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY/APRIL 5

Battle of the Bands. 7-9:30 p.m., at South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Local rock bands compete for prizes at a night benefitting the South County HS Class of 2013 All Night Graduation Party; raffles, door prizes and concessions are available. \$7. SoCoANGP@cox.net.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

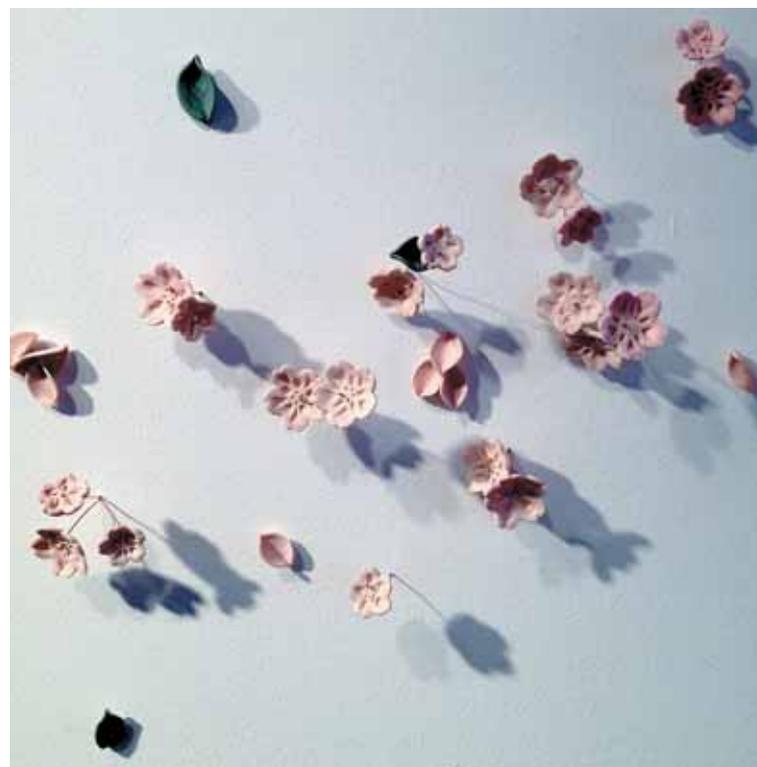
Spring Faire. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway, Springfield. Jewelry, fashion, home decor, kitchen, garden, gourmet foods, door prizes and more to benefit Bethany House's work to help victims of child abuse. www.womansclubofspringfield.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

2013 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., at Waterford, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards serve as a community-wide celebration of volunteerism and the awards honor individuals, groups and organizations that have given outstanding volunteer service. Nominations/online application are due: Feb. 4 by 4 p.m. 703-246-3825 or www.volunteerfairfax.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 21

NTRAK display and N Gauge



Sakura, Sakura by Lukaszewski.

Asian Art and Culture Day at the Workhouse

On Saturday, April 6, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, is the National Cherry Blossom Festival and Asian Art and Culture Day, featuring workshops, demonstrations, performances, talks and exhibitions featuring Asian art and culture. Join for a Japanese tea tasting, origami workshops and film, brush painting demonstrations, artist talks, cherry tree planting and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Trains. 1-4 p.m., at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax. Display

of the Northern Virginia NTRAK (T-TRAK layout). \$3 for adults. \$1 for children. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org

COMMUNITIES OF WORSHIP



5690 Oak Leather Drive
Burke, VA 22015
703-764-0456
www.BurkePresChurch.org

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am
9:45 am Sunday School
Saturday Worship: 5:30 pm CoffeeHouse
casual, guest musicians

First Monday of the month: Labyrinth Prayer Walk
Great offerings for children, youth and adults throughout the week.
Wonderful opportunities in music and mission.

CHRIST CHURCH
A church with a message I can understand and people I can relate to
SATURDAYS 5:30PM
SUNDAYS 9:30 + 11AM
703-690-3401
CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG



Methodist
Christ Church of Fairfax Station...
703-690-3401

Cranford United Methodist Church...703-339-5382

Non-Denominational
Grace Bible Church...
703-339-7292

Gunston Bible Church...
703-339-5395

Iglesia La Gran Comision Asambleas De Dios...
703-541-0816

New Hope Church...703-971-4673

New Jerusalem Temple of Worship...703-593-6153
The Spirit of the Living Christ Ministry...703-568-5647

Pentecostal
Christ Pentecostal International Church...703-339-2119
First United Pentecostal Church...
703-339-2402

Presbyterian
Clifton Presbyterian Church...
703-830-3175
Seoul Presbyterian Church...
703-764-1310

Sikh
Sikh Foundation of Virginia...703-323-8849

TUESDAY/APRIL 30

Event Planning Expo Open House. 4:30-7:30 p.m., at Empire Nightclub, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. Area vendors share information from open exhibit stations; exhibitor space available. lori@empire-nova.com or www.empirevenue rental.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks VI. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman, tenor Brennen Guillory and soprano Joni Henson perform Wagner's "Prelude and Liebestod," Tristan und Isolde and Prelude to Act 3, Lohengrin; Verdi's Overture to La Forza del Destino, Overture to I vespri siciliani, Love Duet Finale Act I Otello, "Dio ti giocondi, O Sposo" Otello, "Dio mi potevi, scagliar" Otello, Willow Song Otello and "Libiamo," La Traviata. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast. 7 p.m., at Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The Rose Hill Players will perform the play "The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast." \$5 for adults. \$3 for children.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast. 7 p.m., at Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The Rose Hill Players will perform the play "The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast." \$5 for adults. \$3 for children.

- Baha'i Faith**
Baha'is of Fairfax County Southwest...703-912-1719
- Baptist**
Antioch Baptist Church...
703-425-0940
Clifton Baptist Church...
703-263-1161
Community Baptist Church...
703-250-9060
Fairfax Baptist Temple...
703-323-8100
Harvest Assembly Baptist Church...
703-799-7868
Hope Baptist Church...
703-799-5155
Jerusalem Baptist Church...
703-278-8166
Shiloh Baptist Church...
703-550-8557
Virginia Korean Baptist Church...
703-425-1972

9800 Old Keene Mill Rd.
703-455-7041
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
CALVARY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
www.calvaryfamily.com
"Continuing the ministry of Christ on earth"

Buddhist
Ekoji Buddhist Temple...
703-239-1200

Catholic
St. Clare of Assisi...
703-266-1310
St. Raymond Penafort...
703-440-0535

Church of God
Church of the Living God of No. Va...
703-250-7980

Congregación La Cena Del Señor...703-550-1204
Episcopal
St. Peter's in the Woods...
703-503-9210

Pohick Church...
703-339-6579

Jewish
Temple B'nai Shalom...
703-764-2901

Lutheran
Living Savior Lutheran Church...703-352-1421

To Advertise Your Community of Worship, Call 703-778-9418

NEWS

Local families hunt for Easter eggs at Pohick Bay Regional Park Wednesday, March 27.



PHOTOS BY LASHAWN AVERY-SIMON/ THE CONNECTION

Hunting for Eggs at Pohick Bay Park



Leah Tesema snatches an egg during the Easter Egg Hunt at Pohick Bay Regional Park.



Lena Resson shows off her Easter egg on Wednesday, March 27.

The Easter Bunny arrives at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Pohick Bay Regional Park Wednesday, March 27.



www.nvsrd.com

Falls Church Showroom
800 West Broad Street, #101
Falls Church, Virginia 22046
571.765.4450

Manassas Showroom
8982 Hornbaker Road
Manassas, Virginia 20109
703.378.2600



KITCHENS | BATHS | ADDITIONS

Contact us at info@nvsrd.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR

Rummage at the Ritz-Carlton

BENEFITTING:



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER WASHINGTON FAIRFAX COUNTY REGION

Sunday, April 7
12-4 pm
The Ritz-Carlton
Tysons Corner



Black tie items at rummage sale prices for a great cause!

For more information on the event, item donations and pre-registration, visit: www.fairfaxbgcgw.org

SPORTS

Robinson Boys' Lax Beats State Champ Langley

Sophomore Jasien leads Rams with three goals against Saxons.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

On March 27, the Robinson boys' lacrosse team lost to an unknown opponent. The following day, the Rams beat the four-time defending Virginia state champion, leading head coach Matt Curran to voice concern about his team potentially resting on its laurels.

While Curran might have to play the role of team psychologist, the Rams showed during spring break they can hang with the best.

Robinson defeated Langley 9-6 on Thursday, March 28, at the Ram Slam tournament at Robinson Secondary School. The Rams jumped out to a 5-0 lead against the four-time defending state champion Saxons and cruised to victory.

Now Curran will have to deal with any repercussions.

"It gives them confidence," Curran said. "What I don't want it to do is make them cocky, get their heads too big. ... We can't get complacent. We can't think, oh we beat Langley so we're really good. We lost [on March 27] to a team called Midlothian these guys have never heard of before. They're a good team. I feel like there's a lot of parity so we can't—and I've got to try to impart it on young guys—that we can't come out and think just because our name is this and their name is that that the game is going to go a certain way."



Robinson sophomore attackman Chapman Jasien scored three goals against Langley on March 28.



Robinson goalkeeper Nick Kondracki finished with 12 saves against Langley on March 28.

SOPHOMORE ATTACKMAN Chapman Jasien led the Rams on offense, scoring three goals. Jasien, listed at 5-feet-6, 140 pounds, led Robinson with 17 goals through five games.

"He's an exceptional player," Curran said. "... He's not a big guy, but he's super quick and he's very, very strong for a little guy and I think that he's deceptive in that people think they can push him around and they can't. He also has the absolute best stick skills on our team—some of the best stick skills I've ever seen in a player, especially a sophomore. He started last year as a freshman; he's that type of player."

Jasien's third goal gave Robinson a 7-2 lead with 5:52 remaining in the third quarter. The Rams led by as many as six in the second half.

"We really just wanted to play smart and get the job done, that's really all we discussed," Jasien said. "We didn't even talk about them being four-time defending state champs because that's obviously intimidat-

ing. We just said play smart and just get it done."

Senior attackman Charlie Morrisette and senior midfielder Connor Lloyd each had two goals for Robinson. Freshman midfielder Johnny Daniel and sophomore attackman Chris White each had one.

Curran praised the effort of sophomore defenseman Jack Rowlett, who is committed to the University of North Carolina, saying he played a "phenomenal" game.

Junior goalkeeper Nick Kondracki finished with 12 saves.

"He played extremely well, especially down the stretch," Curran said about Kondracki. "This is a very good team we played, so he did a good job coming up with some really big saves—saves that you want a good goalie to make, or you're kind of expecting, but they don't always make them, and he did today."

Kondracki and the Robinson defense held Langley without a goal for the first 22 minutes of the contest.

"I felt great," Kondracki said. "During my warm-up, I didn't do too well, but I stepped up."

Daniel scored the only goal of the first quarter, giving Robinson a 1-0 lead. The Rams extended their lead to 5-0 before Langley scored a pair of goals in the final two minutes of the first half. Robinson outscored Langley 3-0 in the third quarter, including a pair of goals by Lloyd, and took an 8-2 lead into the fourth quarter. Morrisette's goal with 7:32 remaining gave the Rams a 9-3 lead before Langley scored the final three goals of the contest.

ROBINSON LOST its following game, falling 15-9 to Madison on April 1. The Rams went 2-2 during spring break, moving their overall record to 4-2. Robinson beat Bethesda-Chevy Chase (13-1) and Langley at Ram Slam, and lost to Midlothian (7-6) and Madison.

The Rams will travel to face Woodson at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Northern Region Baseball Top 10

The Madison Warhawks held onto the top spot in the latest Northern Region baseball top 10 poll.

Robinson moved up to No. 2, followed by Lake Braddock (3), Oakton (4), Chantilly (5), McLean (6), West Springfield (7), West Potomac (8), Herndon (9) and Langley (10).

McLean, West Potomac, Herndon and Langley each made their first appearance in the top 10.

The Concorde District has the most representatives with four. Three Patriot District and three Liberty District teams were voted in. No teams from the National District made the top 10.

T.C. Williams, South County, Westfield, Stone Bridge and Yorktown each received votes.

Lake Braddock Baseball to Host West Springfield Friday

The Lake Braddock baseball team will host West Springfield at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, in a rematch

of last year's Patriot District and Northern Region championship games.

Lake Braddock got the best of West Springfield in the district final, but the Spartans avenged the loss by beating the Bruins in the region championship game.

Lake Braddock went on to win the state title.

This year, Lake Braddock improved to 5-2 with a 5-4 victory over St. John's on March 30. The Bruins faced South County on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

West Springfield lost a pair of one-run games at the Mingo Bay Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C., dropping the Spartans' record to 3-4. West Springfield took on T.C. Williams on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Lake Braddock Softball Starts 6-0

The Lake Braddock softball team improved to 6-0 with an 11-1 victory over Mount Vernon on March 23. The Bruins outscored their first six opponents 51-5.

Lake Braddock faced South County on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Bruins will host West Springfield at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5. Lake Braddock will face Edison (noon) and West Potomac (2 p.m.) on Saturday during a spring break tournament at Madison.

Lake Braddock Boys' Soccer Improves to 3-0

The Lake Braddock boys' soccer team defeated Yorktown 5-3 on Tuesday, improving its record to 3-0.

Aaron Hollins scored three goals for the Bruins and Stephen Durbin added two. Akram Bensalem had two assists, and Shady Abdel-Salam and Zack Hopkins each had one.

Lake Braddock will host Westfield at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4.

West Springfield Girls' Lax Wins 5 of 6

The West Springfield girls' lacrosse team started the season 5-1, including winning three of four during a trip to Orlando, Fla.

The Spartans faced Annandale on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. West Springfield will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

Homelessness: Successes and Challenges

FROM PAGE 4

the 2008 recession and this year's sequester. "I think with those challenges, if that number [1,813] had remained constant, and we managed to tread water, that would have been seen as a success. But we've managed to reduce those numbers."

Klein said Fairfax County's key initiatives, such as rapid re-housing and expanding the range and availability of prevention services and resources contributed to the decline in homeless individuals.

"These numbers are very encouraging and energizing for our community of nonprofit, government, business and faith community partners who are working day-in and day-out on behalf of some of our most vulnerable citizens," Klein said. "I am pleased to see that the strategies embedded in our 10-year plan are working."

O'Reilly said the OPEH's effective implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which prioritizes transparency and allows the county to analyze data from a number of nonprofit service providers, is an "often overlooked indicator" that provides a valuable big picture of homelessness in the county.

"Affordable housing continues to be a challenge,"



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Volunteers, elected officials and representatives from area organizations attended a community debrief on March 4 at the Jubilee Christian Center. The debrief was held to reveal the results of a countywide survey on homelessness held the last week of February.

O'Reilly said. "Although we have seen success in the past four years, we have significant challenges ahead with sequestration and the rising rental housing costs."

A BRIEFING on point-in-time highlights from around the region is planned for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments board meeting on April 10. The highlights will be available next month through Fairfax County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.



Talk to your neighbors, then talk to me.

Rudy Shields, Agent
9415 Old Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015
Toll Free: 877-934-1617
rudy.shields.bvxz@statefarm.com

See why State Farm® insures more drivers than GEICO and Progressive combined. Great service, plus discounts of up to 40 percent.*
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®
CALL FOR QUOTE 24/7.



*Discounts vary by state.
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
State Farm Indemnity Company, Bloomington, IL

1001174.1

OPEN HOUSES

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, APRIL 6 & 7

When you visit one of these Open Houses, tell the Realtor you saw it in this Connection Newspaper. For more real estate listings and open houses, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com and click on the "This Week in Real Estate" link. **Call Specific Agents to Confirm Dates & Times**

Burke

6012 Deep Lake Way\$753,995..Sat 12-6.....Clark Massie.....Tetra..703-391-6345
9502 Harrowhill Ln.....\$599,900..Sun 1-4.....Diana Khoury.....Long & Foster..703-401-7549
7023 Veering Ln.....\$559,950..Sun 1-4.....Kathleen Quintarelli.....Weichert..703-862-8808
6411 Whippany Way.....\$424,950..Sun 1-4.....Kathleen Quintarelli.....Weichert..703-862-8808

Centreville

5092 Village Fountain Pl.....\$410,000..Sun 1-4.....Carol Hermandorfer.....Long & Foster..703-503-1812

Chantilly

42344 Astors Beachwood....\$800,000..Sun 1-4.....Chris Pezzana.....Weichert..703-447-1662

Clifton

12421 Clifton Hunt Dr.....\$945,000..Sun 1-4.....Carol Hermandorfer.....Long & Foster..703-503-1812
6417 Springhouse Cir.....\$614,500..Sun 1-4..Robin Jenks Vanderlip.....Keller Williams..703-969-4966
7467 Clifton Rd.....\$539,000..Sun 1-4.....Robin Garbe.....Long & Foster..540-349-1400

Fairfax

3783 Penderwood Dr.....\$959,000..Sun 1-4.....Bill Hoffman.....Keller Williams..703-309-2205

Fairfax Station

9803 Thorn Bush Dr.....\$1,298,900..Sun 1-4.....Eileen Lanser.....E-Realtors..703-625-9058
8112 Vista Point Ln.....\$899,000..Sat 1-4.....Chris Rendall.....Prudential..703-672-0646
7713 Stoney Creek Ct.....\$839,950..Sun 1-4.....Kathleen Quintarelli.....Weichert..703-862-8808
8728 Foxhall Terr.....\$769,900..Sun 2-4.....Tracy Jones.....Acquire..703-690-1174
8303 Knotty Pine Ln.....\$749,000..Sun 1-4.....Carol Hermandorfer.....Long & Foster..703-503-1812
6321 Youngs Branch Dr.....\$695,999..Sun 1-4.....Christine Shevock.....RE/MAX..703-475-3986
9116 Silver Pointe Way.....\$609,900..Sun 1-4.....Bob Lovett.....RE/MAX..703-690-0037

Falls Church

3804 Munson Rd.....\$819,000..Sun 1-4.....Patrick Kessler.....Keller Williams..703-405-6540

Kingstowne/Alexandria

6611 Thurlton Dr.....\$539,950..Sun 1-4..Tom & Cindy & Assoc.....Long & Foster..703-822-0207
6534 Kelsey Point Cir.....\$460,000..Sun 1-3.....James Nellis.....RE/MAX..703-503-4375
6019-F Curtier Dr.....\$289,950..Sun 1-4..Tom & Cindy & Assoc.....Long & Foster..703-822-0207
7428 Salford Ct.....Call Agent..Sun 1-4..Tom & Cindy & Assoc.....Long & Foster..703-822-0207

Lorton

9044 John Sutherland Ln..\$1,090,000..Sun 2-4.....Pat Fales.....RE/MAX..703-503-4365
8970 Fascination Ct #210....\$347,905..Sat 12-3.....Shawn Evans.....Long & Foster..703-790-1990
8960 Fascination Ct #316....\$339,990..Sun 12-3.....Shawn Evans.....Long & Foster..703-790-1990
8960 Fascination Ct #112....\$269,990..Sun 12-3.....Shawn Evans.....Long & Foster..703-790-1990

Manassas

14049 Baneberry Cir.....\$620,000..Sun 1-4.....Rachel Pullen.....Century 21..703-774-8800
7755 Glade Ct.....\$560,000..Sun 1-4.....Suzanne Burch.....Century 21..703-328-5606

Springfield

6407 Velliety Ln.....\$645,000..Sun 1-4.....Charlene Bayes.....Prudential..703-281-8854
8603 Langford Dr.....\$499,999..Sun 1-4.....Mary Ruehl.....Coldwell Banker..703-451-2500
8818 Trafalgar Ct.....\$479,000..Sun 1-4.....Susan Metcalf.....Avery-Hess..703-472-6512
5218 Montgomery St.....\$405,000..Sat/Sun 12-4.....Edith Coupland.....Classic..703-505-2328
7255 Beverly Park Dr.....\$389,900..Sun 1-4.....Fatana Barak.....Samson Props..571-218-2507
5927 Minutemen Rd.....\$259,000..Sun 1-4.....Marian Williams.....ERA..703-359-7800

Triangle

18826 Pier Trail Dr.....\$374,900..Sun 1-4.....Gary Gabriel.....Long & Foster..571-332-1459

To add your Realtor-represented Open House to these weekly listings, please call Steve Hogan at 703-778-9418 or e-mail the info to shogan@connectionnewspapers.com All listings due by Tuesday at 3 P.M.

#1 Weichert Agent in Burke & Fairfax Station

Call Kathleen today and ask for a copy of her "Satisfied Client List"





Burke/Longwood Knolls \$559,950
Open Sunday 4/7 1-4
Sunny home w/ rear entry 2 car garage, dramatic fmlyrm w/ cathedral clngs & windows on 3 sides, hrdwd flrs, fin walkout bsmt, 3.5BA, kit w/ new SS appliances & corian cntrs, MBR w/ sittingrm & walk-in clst & MBA w/ 2 sinks & sep tub & shower.



Burke \$424,950
Open Sunday 4/7 1-4
Mint condition home w/ 4BR, 2BA, garage, SUNROOM w/ skylts, deck, patio, remodeled eat-in kit w/ Silstone cntrs, private & flat backyard, brick walk, fin lower lvl w/ fmlyrm w/ gas frplc, plenty of storage, replaced roof, siding, HVAC, water htr, windows & more. Walk to school & shopping.



Fairfax Sta/South Run \$839,950
Open Sunday 4/7 1-4
Huge Newport model w/ 5BR, 4.5BA, 2 frplcs, fin walkout bsmt w/ wet bar, 2 recreation rms + a den, SUNROOM, 1/2+ acres, loaded w/ hrdwd flrs & moldings, eat-in kit w/ granite cntrs, SS appliances & tile splash, MBA w/ jetted tub & sep shower w/ new tile, dual zone HVAC, fresh paint, replaced roof, siding garage drs & more.



Burke/Burke Cove \$249,950
Walk to Lake & Pool
Sunny & Immaculate 1226 sqft ground flr condo w/ 2BR, 2BA, large eat-in kit w/ SS appliances, covered patio overlooks common area, MBR w/ 4 closets, 15X9 finished storage rm could be office, replaced HVAC, walk to pool, lake & more.



Fairfax Sta/South Run \$774,950
Multiple Offers Received
Immac home w/ 5BR, 3BA, walkout bsmt w/ frplc, updated eat-in kit w/ walk-in pantry, granite cntrs, porcelain tile & SS & blk appliances, MBA w/ double sinks, jetted tub & sep shower, large deck, replaced HVAC, water htr & roof, new carpet, walk to lake & more.

Kathleen Quintarelli
703-862-8808
See Interior Photos at:
www.kathleenhomes.com • kathquintarelli@erols.com



#1 Weichert Realtor
Burke/Fairfax Station
Licensed Realtor 23 Years
NVAR Lifetime Top Producer

EMPLOYMENT

ZONE 2: • BURKE
• FAIRFAX • SPRINGFIELD

CLASSIFIED

703-917-6400
ZONE 2 AD DEADLINE:
TUESDAY NOON

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Busy internal medicine office in Burke needs part time front desk staff. Must be able to multi-task. Experience preferred. Call Pat 703-764-4850

WE ARE COMFORT KEEPER® EXPERIENCE THE JOYS AND REWARDS

Of Being A Comfort Keeper®

HERE IS A JOB THAT IS FULFILLING IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE! We are looking for Companions and CNA's to help our clients remain independent in their homes. Weekends, Short Shifts and Driving Live ins. To learn about becoming a Comfort Keeper visit us at www.BeAComfortKeeper.com

 **703-591-7117** X128
Over 600 independently owned & operated offices worldwide

Advertising Sales

Work part-time in and near your home office

Enjoy commissions and flexible hours

Great opportunity for outside sales person to work primarily in and near your home. Use relationship selling to create and expand community print and internet advertising campaigns to local businesses for Connection Newspapers, Northern Virginia's best-read community newspapers and websites.

Keep productivity high and commuting low while working close to home. After a short training period, travel to our Old Town Alexandria headquarters and production facility required only once or twice a week during off-peak traffic hours. Call 703-778-9431 for details.



Educational Internships

Unusual opportunity to learn many aspects of the newspaper business. Internships available in reporting, photography, research, graphics.

Opportunities for students, and for adults considering change of career. Unpaid. E-mail internship@connectionnewspapers.com



12 Commercial Lease

Burke - 624 to 1080sf 2nd floor office space available in thriving mixed use shopping center. Kevin Allen / Kimco Realty 410-427-4434

21 Announcements

ABC LICENSE
Little Red Pepper, Inc trading as Red Pepper, 13075 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax, VA 22033. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a wine and beer on Premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jeff Lee President
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

26 Antiques

We pay top \$ for antique furniture and mid-century Danish/modern teak furniture, STERLING, MEN'S WATCHES, jewelry and costume jewelry, paintings/art glass/clocks.
Schefer Antiques @ 703-241-0790.
Email.theschefers@cox.net

28 Yard Sales

Community Yard Sale, April 13, 8 am to 1 pm, 14275 Uniform Dr, Centreville VA 20121
Household goods, toys, children's clothes, small furniture, dog and cat supplies, and much more...

29 Misc. for Sale

Chairs-Tables-Bookcases-Wardrobe Closets for sale!
Bob9113@gmail.com
703-690-6969"

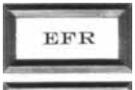
An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

21 Announcements

4 RE for Sale

**New to Mkt!
3BR Country Cottage
On 3+/- AC - \$134,900**
Brand new 1200 sf turn-key country cottage on huge 3+/- acre setting with multiple building sites to choose from! Quiet state rd frontage, utilities, NO HOA fees, low taxes. Close to 22,000 acre wildlife park w/ 200 acre lake & miles of trails. Perfect for vacation/retirement home. Take advantage of the lowest financing in history before rates go up! Call now 1-800-888-1262 EHO

109 Prof. Services 109 Prof. Services


FREE ATTORNEY CONSULTATION
on issues of Auto Dealer Fraud; Lemon Law; Identity Theft; Fair Credit Reporting and Foreclosure Defense.
Law Offices of E. F. Robinson
(703) 970-2080

21 Announcements 21 Announcements

James G. Davis Construction Corporation (DAVIS) is seeking certified SDB, WOSB, HUB Zone, VOSB and SDVOSB companies for their participation on the

Nolan Building Parking Garage Project at
1st IO Command, 8825 Beulah Street Ft Belvoir, VA. 22060.

Bids are due by 12pm on Tuesday, April 16th, 2013. At this time, we seek bidders in divisions 1-16. Documents are available immediately.

All interested bidders please contact

James G. Davis Construction Corporation (DAVIS)
Attn: Roniece Petway
12530 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20852
rpetway@davisconstruction.com
Phone 301-255-6183
Fax: 301-468-3918

21 Announcements 21 Announcements

LEGAL NOTICE
According to the Lease by and between (1112) Alan Cottrell and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit, the Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: boxes, furniture, TVs, ect. Items will be sold or otherwise disposed of on April 18, 2013 @ 12:00pm at 11325 Lee Hwy Fairfax VA 22030 to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes.

According to the Lease by and between (2028) Andre W Hicks and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit, the Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: bike, chair, boxes, ect. Items will be sold or otherwise disposed of on April 18, 2013 @ 12:00pm at 11325 Lee Hwy Fairfax VA 22030 to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes.

According to the Lease by and between (24032) Shirley Jones and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit, the Manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: totes, boxes, clothes, ect. Items will be sold or otherwise disposed of on April 18, 2013 @ 12:00pm at 11325 Lee Hwy Fairfax VA 22030 to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes.

21 Announcements 21 Announcements 21 Announcements

AIRLINE CAREERS BEGIN HERE



Become an Aviation Maintenance Tech.
FAA approved training.
Financial aid if qualified - Housing available.
Job placement assistance. SCHEV certified.
CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance
888-245-9553

21 Announcements 21 Announcements 21 Announcements

A new option for people with Macular Degeneration

Find out if the new implantable miniature telescope can help you see better.



Call for a FREE phone consultation with Dr. Armstrong, Optometrist

Offices in: Roanoke, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Wytheville

(866) 321-2030

Dr. David L. Armstrong VirginiaLowVision.com

21 Announcements 21 Announcements 21 Announcements



A Must For All New Grads!

Visit:
www.jobseekersguide.net
for details and excerpts.

Only \$14.95 & \$9.99 for ebook version
Also available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble

21 Announcements 21 Announcements 21 Announcements

SELL IT FAST!

Virginians shop their local newspapers when they are ready to buy... *make sure they find you there!*

71% of American adults have used a newspaper, a newspaper website and/or a newspaper mobile source in the past 30 days.
(Source: Scarborough Research 2012)



Virginia Press Services will run this business card size display ad across Virginia for one low price!

For more details, contact Adriane at 804-521-7585.



21 Announcements 21 Announcements 21 Announcements

MEDICAL CAREERS BEGIN HERE

Train ONLINE for Allied Health and Medical Management. Job placement assistance. Computer and Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV authorized.

Call 888-354-9917
www.CenturaOnline.com

Centura COLLEGE

21 Announcements 21 Announcements 21 Announcements

Outer Banks, NC Vacation Homes!



Over 500 Vacation Homes, from Duck to Kill Devil Hills to Corolla, Outer Banks, Oceanfront to Soundfront, Private Pools, Hot Tubs, Pets and More...

Book Online at www.brindleybeach.com
1-877-642-3224

"SERVICE FIRST... FUN ALWAYS!"

HOME & GARDEN

ZONE 2: • BURKE
• FAIRFAX • SPRINGFIELD

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

CONTRACTORS.com

703-917-6400

ZONE 2 AD DEADLINE:
TUESDAY NOON

CLEANING CLEANING HANDYMAN HANDYMAN HAULING LANDSCAPING TREE SERVICE PAINTING

A CLEANING SERVICE
Since 1985/Ins & Bonded
Quality Service at a Fair Price
Satisfaction Guaranteed-
Angies List 2011-Super Service Award!
Comm/Res. MD VA DC
acleaningserviceinc.com
703-892-8648

RCL HOME REPAIRS
Handyman Services
Springfld • Burke • Kingstowne
Light Electrical • Plumbing •
Bathroom Renovation • Ceramic Tile •
Drywall Repair
703-922-4190
LIC. www.rclhomerepairs.com INS.

AL'S HAULING
Junk & Rubbish
Concrete, furn., office,
yard, construction debris
Low Rates NOVA
703-360-4364
703-304-4798 cell
7 DAYS A WEEK

ANGEL'S LAWN SERVICE
Junk Removal,
Tree Work, Roofing
703-863-1086
703-582-3709
240-603-6182

ANGEL'S TREE REMOVAL
Brush & Yard Debris
Trimming & Topping
Gutters & Hauling
Angeltreeslandscaping-hauling.com
703-863-1086
703-582-3709
240-603-6182

PATRIOT PAINTING
www.PatriotPainting.net
Wallpaper Removal,
Carpentry,
Power Washing,
Int/Ext Painting
Free Est. • Satisfaction Guar!
Lic./Ins. Int./Ext.
703-502-7840
Cell
571-283-4883

TN HOUSECLEANING
20 yrs Experience
Great rates
Excellent refs
Theresa
703-980-3113
theresajnavarro@hotmail.com

IMPROVEMENTS IMPROVEMENTS
R.N. CONTRACTORS, INC.
Remodeling Homes, Flooring,
Kitchen & Bath, Windows,
Siding, Roofing, Additions &
Patios, Custom Deck, Painting
We Accept All Major Credit Cards
Licensed, Insured, Bonded • Free Estimates • Class A Lic
Phone: **703-887-3827** Fax: **703-830-3849**
E-mail: rncontractorsinc@gmail.com

LANDSCAPING
A&S LANDSCAPING
Planting • Mulching • Sodding
Patios • Decks • Driveway Sealing,
Asphalt • Retaining Walls
Erosion Control • Drainage Solutions
703-863-7465

TREE SERVICE
ANGEL'S TREE REMOVAL
Brush & Yard Debris
Trimming & Topping
Gutters & Hauling
Angeltreeslandscaping-hauling.com
703-863-1086
703-582-3709
240-603-6182

The future comes one day at a time.
-Dean Acheson

ELECTRICAL ELECTRICAL
K&D ELECTRIC
COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
Family Owned & Operated
Recessed Lighting
Ceiling Fans
Phone/CATV
Computer Network Cabeling
Service Upgrades
Hot Tubs, etc...
Licensed/Bonded/Insured
Office **703-335-0654**
Mobile **703-499-0522**

Picture Perfect Home Improvements
(703) 590-3187 www.pphionline.com
Remodeling Bathrooms, Kitchens & Basements
• FREE Estimates
• FAST & Reliable Service
• EASY To Schedule
• NO \$\$\$ DOWN!
Exterior & Interior Repair,
Painting, Carpentry, Wood Rot,
Drywall, All Flooring, Decks
Handyman Services Available
"If it can be done, we can do it!"
Licensed - Bonded - Insured

LANDSCAPING LANDSCAPING
ANTONIO LAWN & LANDSCAPING
Spring Cleanup • Lawn Mowing • Edging
Mulching • Planting • Patios
Expert Trimming & Removal • New Beds Made
Outline/Extend Existing Beds
Repairs • New Installations • & Much More
CALL NOW FOR FREE ESTIMATE
571-201-5561

HOW TO SUBMIT ADS TO THE CONNECTION
Newspapers & Online
CLASSIFIED
DEADLINES
Zones 1, 5, 6.....Mon @ noon
Zones 2, 3, 4.....Tues @ noon
E-mail ad with zone choices to:
classified@connectionnewspapers.com
or call Andrea @ 703-778-9411
EMPLOYMENT
DEADLINES
Zones 5, 6.....Tues @ 11:00
Zones 1, 3.....Tues @ 4:00
Zone 2.....Wed @ 11:00
Zone 4.....Wed @ 1:00
E-mail ad with zone choices to:
classified@connectionnewspapers.com
or call Andrea @ 703-778-9411
ZONES
Zone 1: The Reston Connection
The Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
Zone 2: The Springfield Connection
The Burke Connection
The Fairfax Connection
The Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton Connection
Zone 3: The Alexandria Gazette Packet
The Mount Vernon Gazette
Zone 4: Centre View North
Centre View South
Zone 5: The Potomac Almanac
Zone 6: The Arlington Connection
The Vienna/Oakton Connection
The McLean Connection
The Great Falls Connection

GUTTER GUTTER
MR. GUTTER
GUTTER CLEANING & REPAIRS
Townhouses \$65
Houses \$125
Ext. Painting • Power-Washing
LIC **703-323-4671** INS

The HANDYMAN
A DIVISION OF NURSE CONSTRUCTION
BATHROOM REMODELING, DRYWALL, PAINTING, CERAMIC TILE, CARPENTRY, POWER WASHING & MUCH MORE
You have tried the rest - NOW CALL THE BEST!!
Proudly serving Northern VA - 46 yrs. exp.
We Accept VISA/MC
703-441-8811
Licensed Insured

Lawn Care, Fertilizing, Sod, Spring Clean-up, Mulching, Tree Cutting, Handyman work
Call us Today and Get 20% OFF
on Hardwood Mulching and Any Job Higher Than \$300.00
Licensed Insured
THE MAGIC GARDENER
703-780-2272 or **703-328-2270**

GUTTER CLEANING
Gutters and Downspouts Cleaned
Small Repairs • Gutter Guards
PINNACLE SERVICES
lic/ins **703-802-0483** free est.
email jamie@lawsandgutters.com
web: lawsandgutters.com
Friendly Service with a Friendly Price!

A&S Landscaping
• All Concrete work
• Retaining Walls • Patios
• Decks • Porches (incl. screened) • Erosion & Grading Solutions
• French Drains • Sump Pumps
• Driveway Asphalt Sealing
703-863-7465
LICENSED
Serving All of N. Virginia

PAVING PAVING
GOLDY BRICK CONSTRUCTION
Walkways, Patios, Driveways,
Flagstone, Concrete
FREE ESTIMATE
LIC. INS AND BONDED
703-250-6231

Employers:
Are your recruiting ads not working in other papers?
Try a better way to fill your employment openings

• Target your best job candidates where they live.
• Reach readers in addition to those who are currently looking for a job.
• Proven readership.
• Proven results.
THE CONNECTION
to your community
703-917-6464
classified@connectionnewspapers.com
Great Papers • Great Readers • Great Results!

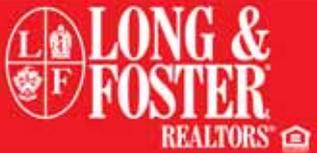
HANDYMAN HANDYMAN
Hand and Hand Handyman
General Remodeling
Residential & Commercial
Specializing in:
Kitchen/Bathroom/Basement Remodeling
Plumbing • Electrical • Custom Carpentry
Doors Windows • Hardwood Floors
Crown Molding • House Cleaning
Interior/Exterior Painting • Brick/Stone Work
Ceramic Tile • Decks, Fences, Patios
HOA Maintenance, Granite Counter Tops
Realtors Work and Much More
Licensed and Insured Serving Northern Virginia
703-296-6409

J. REYNOLDS Landscaping LLC **703.919.4456**
Free Estimates
Licensed / Insured
www.ReynoldsLandscapingOnline.com
INSTALLATION SPECIALIST **WET BASEMENT / WET YARD**
Paver & Flagstone
Patios / Walkways
Retaining Walls
Stacked Field Stone
Plants / Trees / Shrubs
Water Proofing Foundations
Standing Yard Water
French Drains / Swales
Downspout Extensions
Dry River Beds
•No sub-contractors, or day laborers. •15 Years Designing and Installing
•The Owner is physically on your job site. •On time and Professional.

ROOFING ROOFING
Falcon Roofing
Roofing & Siding (All Types)
Soffit & Fascia Wrapping
New Gutters • Chimney Crowns
Leaks Repaired
No job too small
703-975-2375
falconroofinginc.com

PINNACLE SERVICES, INC.
LAWN SERVICE
MOWING, TRIMMING, EDGING, MULCHING & TRIM HEDGES
Friendly Service for a Friendly Price
703-802-0483

TREE SERVICE TREE SERVICE
Quality Tree Service & Landscaping
Reasonable prices. Licensed & insured
Spring Cleanup
Tree removal, topping, & pruning,
shrubbery trimming, mulching, leaf removal,
sodding, hauling, gutter cleaning, retaining walls, drainage problems, etc.
20 yrs. of experience - Free estimates
703-868-5358



LONG & FOSTER # 1 in Virginia

703-425-8000



Hermendorfer & Associates

Personal Service & Focus on Your Goals

703-216-4949

www.Hermendorfer.com

Carol Hermendorfer
Top 1% of Agents Nationally



Historic Town of Clifton \$1,125,000
Beautiful custom 5 bedroom/4 bath home sited on 1 acre in quaint neighborhood of Frog Hill.

COMING SOON!

Fairfax Station - \$749,000

Clifton - \$945,000

Centreville - \$410,000



KIM MCCLARY

703-929-8425

kimm@lnf.com

Life Member NVAR Top Producers



Burke/Fairfax Station \$1,065,000
Open Sunday, April 7, 1-4 P.M. • 7004 View Park Dr. Rarely available in Edgewater! Located in the first section of this south-after community with just 19 homes, this sensational 3 level Colonial backing to Burke Lake Park, tucked on an almost 2/3 acre cul-de-sac lot, features 5 BRs, 4.5 BAs, 3-car garage & so much more! Don't miss this Beauty!

DIANE SUNDT

703-615-4626

Search for homes on my Website at

DianeSundt.LNF.com



Centreville \$209,000
Lovely 2 bedroom 2 level end unit. Living room has a wood burning fireplace. Dining room with a pass-thru to kitchen. Full-size washer and dryer. Shed. Plenty of parking for guests. Call Diane at 703-615-4626.



JUDY SEMLER

703-503-1885

judys@longandfooster.com

www.JudysHomeTeam.com



Alexandria \$489,900

Classic colonial in Mt. Vernon Hills * 3 finished levels * 4 bdrms * 3.5 baths * Wood floors * Fpl in family room * Large deck overlooking fenced back yard * Easy access to GW Pkwy, Old Town, Airport, DC, scenic hike/bike path along the Potomac River. Call Judy @ 703-503-1885.



STEVE CHILDRESS

"Experience...with Innovation!"

Life Member NVAR Top Producers

Buyer Broker since 1973!

703-981-3277



DALE CITY

\$288,750

NEW LISTING!

Large Tazewell

Model w/many

recent features/

upgrades...

HVAC, hard-

wood floors,

w/w carpet,

paint, tile,

fence, and MORE! 3/4 Bedrms, 2.5 Baths, Large Rec Rm w/ fireplace, garage, custom deck, walk-out basement, laundry chute, & MORE! BACKS TO WOODED PRIVACY! HOME WARRANTY INCLUDED! Call STEVE CHILDRESS Now... 703-981-3277

Jen & John Boyce

703-425-JOHN (5646)

jennifer.boyce@longandfooster.com

www.425JOHN.com



Bristow \$425,000
Gorgeous colonial backs to scenic woodlands * 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths * Open Floor Plan with Cathedral Ceiling in Family Room * Full Walkout Basement * New Schools * Close to VRE, Shopping, Dining, Entertainment * Quiet Street *



DAVID & VIRGINIA

Associate Brokers

703-690-1795

www.BillupsTeam.com



FAIRFAX \$499,900

Kings Park West! Robinson H.S. Walk to Lake Royal. 4BR colonial has a large family room addition, granite kitchen with SS appliances, formal living room & dining room, den, garage and covered front porch. Fenced cul-de-sac lot backs to trees!



BUZZ & COURTNEY JORDAN

Your Local Father/Daughter Team!

703-503-1866 or 703-503-1835

TheJordanTeam@longandfooster.com

www.TheJordanTeam.com



Reston \$489,900
Gorgeous light-filled 2 BR, 2 BA, 3-LVL end-unit TH in prime commuting location. Granite, stainless, upgraded cabinets, hdwds, designer Berber carpet, and fresh paint. Open Sun 4/7, 1-4 p.m.

Sheila Adams

703-503-1895

Life Member, NVAR Multi-Million

Dollar Sales Club

Life Member,

NVAR TOP PRODUCERS



Fairfax \$554,900
Lovely 5 BR, 3 1/2 Bath beauty in Beautiful Fairfax Club Estates. Situated on a richly wooded lot on a pretty cul-de-sac. The interior boasts 1st floor FR w/Fireplace, Formal LR/DR. New SGD steps you out to quiet deck, perfect for entertaining. Remodeled Baths, Newer Kitchen, Lower Level w/Rec Room, 5th BR and full Bath, 2-car garage. Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



LEE SCALZOTT

703-250-0728

Knowledge, Performance & Service for Buyers & Sellers

www.LeesHomesSell.com



Burke Centre \$634,500
This Westbridge II Model has 3 finished level, walk-out LL, New Appliances, Renovated Bathrooms, New Carpeting, Freshly Painted, Screen Porch, Deck and countless other improvements. Call today for more details.



Franconia BACKS TO PARKLAND! \$548,750
Beautifully maintained home with many new features/upgrades! 3/4 Bedrooms w/3 full baths. 2-car garage+side parking. Remod kitchen, Poly hardwood floors, custom deck w/stairs from French doors in LR. Patio, sidewalk, heat pump, and fence replaced within 3 yrs...MORE!



Mickie Shea

Associate Broker, CRS, GRI, e-PRO

Mickie@FairfaxVaHouses.com

703-250-8929 703-503-1817

No Blamey...Just Top Notch Real Estate Advice



The Spring Market Is HOT
Just Sold
6811 Old Stone Fence Road
Fairfax Station
Planning to Move Soon?
Call Mickie...
She knows what it takes to get
Your Home SOLD Quickly for Top \$ Dollar

Catie, Steve & Associates

Direct: 703-278-9313

Cell: 703-362-2591

NVAR Top Producers

Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club



Clifton \$1,272,500
Welcome to Mazzarettes! Truly custom design, French Country show house! Top-of-the-line construction, soaring ceilings, enormous room sizes! Light-filled, stunning 2-story great room w/views of woods to golf course, chef's granite kitchen, imported Limestone flooring, sparkling hardwoods! Main level master suite. Impressive library, Andersen custom windows, stunning! Call Catie & Steve to see it today!

Access the Realtors Multiple Listing Service: Go to www.searchvirginia.listingbook.com