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Let's Go Places
Robinson Graduates Offered ‘Tips for Success’

On Thursday, June 13, 661 Robinson High School seniors received their diplomas at the 2013 Commencement Ceremony held at the Patriot Center. Not only notable for its size, the graduates received over $4 million in scholarship money for their continuing education. As student speaker Ellie Borkowski remarked in her comments, the class is “ready to take on any challenge; ready to take on the world.” The commencement address was given by recently retired Robinson Principal Daniel Meyers, who gave graduates five tips to achieve success:

❖ Don’t take your mother’s love for granted;
❖ Bloom where you are planted and excel wherever you go;
❖ Don’t expect your freshman year in college to be like your senior year in high school;
❖ When you choose your life’s work, do something you love;
❖ When you get “that job,” make yourself indispensable by being highly productive and low maintenance.

—Deb Cobb
Supervisors Pass Home Day Care Ordinance

Bulova calls for town hall meeting to educate providers on new rules.

After months of heated debate from parents and daycare providers, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors amended the zoning ordinance to bring rules concerning home child care in line with state code.

The amendment increases the maximum number of children allowed in a home child care facility from 10 to 12, and could also reduce the current Special Permit application filing fee of $1,100 to as low as $435.

“Fairfax County has a balanced approach to home child care,” said Board Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large). “There is a tremendous need for quality child care in the county and we want to help make sure there are a sufficient number of providers available.”

The amendment was prompted by changes in state licensing regulations last July, requiring home care providers to receive approval from their local zoning administration before their license is granted or renewed.

The change highlighted a significant discrepancy between state regulations and local zoning laws. While the state of Virginia allows up to 12 children to be cared for in a home childcare facility, Fairfax County’s zoning ordinance allowed for a maximum of 10 children.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said the change impacted nearly 400 state-licensed home childcare facilities in the county, “who, all of a sudden, unknowingly were operating in violation of the law.”

“What we weren’t able to do (with this amendment) is find a way for these 400 home childcare providers, who have been operating without any issues, to avoid a very bureaucratic, cumbersome and extensive process to stay in compliance,” Herrity said.

“In the end what we did today was good, but it wasn’t good enough.”

To help educate providers on the amendment, Bulova called for an informational town hall to be held on July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center.

“(The town hall meeting) will help providers prepare and file special permit applications and also outline a timeline for coming into compliance,” Bulova said.

Bulova said county staff will hold additional meetings around the county to assist providers with their applications and answer questions. These meetings will be advertised once dates and times have been finalized.

—Victoria Ross
Scouts Help Plant Trees at Burke Lake Park

New trees replace mature ones torn down by Burke Lake Dam renovation.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

When the renovation of Burke Lake Dam began last fall, many residents in the leafy South Run neighborhood were concerned about the dozens of mature trees construction crews had to rip out to gain access to the dam.

“South Run is largely a community of heavily-treed lots and common spaces that abuts Burke Lake Park where the dam renovation took place,” said Chuck Caposell, trustee of the South Run Regency Homeowner's Association.

Residents met with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) several times last fall to voice their concerns. Herrity promised he and his staff would help them replace the trees destroyed by the construction.

On Saturday, June 15, Herrity delivered on that promise.

Along with Boy Scouts from Springfield Troop 1140, community volunteers and Del. Dave Albo (R-42), Herrity brought his shovel and helped dig holes to plant 10 trees in the area.

The trees were donated by Transurban and Fluor—the private partners on the 95 Express Lanes project—through the “1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days” program. A total of 75 trees were provided by the consortium, which is partnering with communities located near the 95 Express Lanes construction corridor to plant 1,000 trees in 1,000 days.

“This is a big win-win,” Herrity said. “South Run wanted additional screening for that construction, and Transurban had the trees.”

“We are grateful for the efforts of Supervisor Herrity who, along with the generosity of Transurban, secured 75 trees for the park, including 10 located near our community,” Caposell said.

The dam is owned by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, while the surrounding 650 acres of park land is owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Construction on the Burke Lake Dam project was completed in February, and the trail across the dam is now open.

“The tree will go a long way in keeping Burke Lake Park as one of Fairfax County’s most beautiful and prized assets,” Herrity said.

According to Transurban-Fluor officials, applications will be accepted and trees will be awarded throughout the 29-month 95 Express Lanes construction schedule until 1,000 trees have been installed.

For more information on the 1,000 Trees program, visit: 95ExpressLanes.com/1000Trees.
Talking, Acting To Keep Them Safe

Reducing drug- and alcohol-related fatalities.

The pages and covers of most of this week’s Connection Newspapers show the joy and accomplishment associated with high school graduation. The day celebrates graduates who accomplished much just by finishing, graduates headed to college and more.

Most area high schools also celebrate with an all-night graduation party, an event designed and coordinated by parents to provide graduates with safe and appealing fun, with many schools organizing an annual party for more than 20 years.

It was, for example, the 25th annual All Night Drug and Alcohol-Free Graduation Celebration for T.C. Williams High School when the class of 2013 held its party on Saturday, June 15. Since 1989, when this tradition began at TC Williams, there have been no drug or alcohol-related graduation night fatalities.

Henderson High School parents have been providing a memorable evening for our graduates in an alcohol and drug free atmosphere for more than 20 years, and report that, “since the All Night Grad Celebrations began, we are happy to say there have been no alcohol or drug related fatalities on graduation night.”

Summer is the beginning of many celebrations for young people in this area, and many of them, whether underage and over 21, admit that they celebrate with alcohol. Chances are that if your household includes a high school student, that student sometimes consumes alcohol. Graduation night is not the only danger lurking, as everyone knows.

All night graduation parties provide not only a safe place on graduation night, but also many opportunities before and after to talk about drinking and driving. There is no substitute for opportunities before and after to talk about drinking and driving. There is no substitute for a safe place on graduation night, but also many

Editorial

For Adults Who Need a Reminder

Washington Regional Alcohol Pro-
gram will provide free rides for
those over 21 who find them-
seventy celebrating on the Fourth of July
without a safe ride home.

The 2013 Independence Day SoberRide
program will be offered from 10 p.m. Thurs-
day, July 4 until 4 a.m. Friday, July 5.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a
$30.00 fare), please call 800-200-8294
(TAXI). You must be 21 or older to use the
service.

SoberRide service. WRAP’s SoberRide has helped to ensure
greater Washington, D.C. residents have a
safe way home on high-risk holidays. Since
1993, WRAP has provided over 57,990 safe
rides home, keeping impaired drivers off the
road.

SoberRide operates during the December/
January holiday season, St. Patrick’s Day, In-
dependence Day and Halloween.

See http://wrap.org/soberride.

Letters to the Editor

Train To Help In Emergencies

To the Editor:

The National Capital Region’s third annual Community Emer-
gency Response Team (CERT) Convention, hosted by the Fairfax
County CERT Team, will take place June 28-29 at the Northern Vir-
ginia Community College, Annandale Campus.

CERTCon 2013 is a two-day seminar/functional exercise that
offers training, networking and sharing of best practices to CERT
members in the National Capital Region.

Saturday, June 29, will feature a lecture series from practicing professionals in the fields of emergency management, public health

preparedness, and disaster psy-
chology. The speakers are drawn from a variety of organizations and agencies, including FEMA, NOAA, Virginia Task Force 1 (TF-1), and the National Association for Search & Rescue. Topics will include Stress and Trauma Management for First Responders, Pet First Aid, WMD & IED threat picture, Communications during a disaster, People with disabilities and disasters, Search and Rescue, Wilderness First Aid, Hazmat, and how to conduct Wind-

shield Surveys.

Sunday, June 30, will feature a hands-on drill at the former Lorton reformatory which is now used as a disaster training site. This exer-
cise will give the participants an opportunity to sharpen and ad-

vance their skills and work together as a multidisciplinary team.

CERT members go through 36 hours of training at their local Fire and Rescue academies. Training provides a basic understanding of fire suppression, search and rescue, disaster medical operations and team organization.

The CERT program began in 1985 in Los Angeles, Calif., after recognizing that large-scale disasters overwhelmed emergency re-

sponse teams. Through FEMA grants to local jurisdictions civil-
ians are trained to respond to emergencies or assist emergency responders arriving on the scene. All training and equipment is pro-
vided free of charge to the CERT participant.

This year CERTCon 2013 will host teams from Alexandria, Fairfax County and Fairfax City, Arlington, Manassas and Manassas

Park and Prince William County. Montgomery County and Prince George County team members will be attending and other Maryland CERTs as far away as Baltimore are expected. The District of Colum-
bia is sending representatives from their team in addition to Georgetown University, American University and Gallaudet University CERT team members.

If you are interested in partici-
ating at CERTCon as an actor vic-
time or a rescuer, visit certcon2013.eventbrite.com, to
register.

To contact any of the Fairfax County CERT leadership, send the email directly to fire.CERT@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Mike Piccione
Fairfax County CERT team
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Students Put Fun Into Fundraiser

The Barnes & Noble in Fair Lakes hosted a recent book fair with a percentage of sales going to the Mountain View High School Scholarship Foundation. The event included face painting, storytelling, music and an art display.

Milana Mohler, 8, a second grader at Eagle View Elementary, gets her face painted at the bookstore fundraiser.

Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection
Looking for a New Place of Worship? Visit Antioch Baptist Church!

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Married Couples Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
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Fairfax Station, VA 22039
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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 770-3-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Scott D. Myers, a Class of 1997 alum of Fairfax High School, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He completed an eight-week program in military discipline, core values, physical fitness and basic warfare skills. Myers earned distinction as an honor graduate.

Midshipman 1st Class (senior) Zachary Patrick from Springfield was recently selected to participate in the Naval Academy Trident Scholars Program.

Patrick, a 2009 graduate of West Springfield high school and an honors systems engineering major at the Naval Academy, will research how multiple laser beams can be controlled in a directed energy weapon. For more information about the Naval Academy, please visit: www.usna.edu.

Navy Seaman Recruit Ajay Salwan, a 2006 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Seaman Shawn P. Barnes, son of Karen L. Barr of Shepherdsville, Ky. and Patrick W. Barnes of Burke, was promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Airman Andrew F. St. Pierre graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Nancy St. Pierre of Passageway Place, Burke. St. Pierre graduated in 2002 from Lake Braddock Secondary School, and received a bachelor’s degree in 2006 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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Saying Goodbye to a ‘Great Place’

Woodson graduates challenged to remember.

By Matthew Auker
The Connection

West Springfield High School’s Class of 2013 gathered together for the final time Thursday, June 13 at Robinson High School’s Harry M. Smith Field House for its annual commencement ceremony. Students, faculty, family members, and distinguished guests were on hand to celebrate the culmination of the school’s 75th anniversary.

Timothy Patrick Gill was presented with the Senior Award, given each year to an outstanding senior in recognition of outstanding leadership, scholarship, citizenship and service to the school.

Justin Adamson, chosen as this year’s student graduation speaker, spoke of the numerous positive characteristics of his fellow Woodson Cavaliers, and ended his speech with a challenge: “I challenge us all to remember each other, and to remember what it means to be a Woodson Cavalier. I challenge us to bring the same spirit of friendship, victory, care, support and modernity that has helped to make Woodson a great place, forward to the rest of our lives. Look around. There are a lot of talented, gifted people sitting amongst us. The graduates of this class will go far, and it would do all of us a world of good not to forget our experiences here.”

The keynote speaker of the event was former Governor of Pennsylvania and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. Ridge made a strong case for the graduating students to be responsible and active in their civic engagement. “Government is about tomorrow, and there are more tomorrows in your life than there are in mine,” he explained. “So if you remember nothing else from these remarks today, please accept your responsibility as citizens to be an informed voter, Register R, register as an independent, don’t vote where you get just as long as you keep your hand in the game. It’s not a privilege to vote, just an obligation.”

By Elizabeth Casey
The Connection

Woodson students file into the Harry M. Smith Field House at Robinson High School.

West Springfield High graduates urged to be “the best you possible.”

By Elisabeth Casey
The Connection

West Springfield’s Class of 2013 graduated at the Pasture Center on Friday, June 14, in front of a packed crowd of families, friends and teachers, receiving inspirational words for the future, as well as Bittersweet, somber messages from the past. Principal Michael Greenfelder, a fellow Spartan himself, began the graduation with words of wisdom from his favorite book, “The Elements,” explaining to students that in order to be happy and successful, they need to find the interaction between what they were passionate about and what they were good at.

Assistant Principal Becky Brandt called the class an “inspirational group of young people” and offered advice to not “let other limit you – the best you possible.”

Graduate Anna Goodwin was chosen by her classmates to speak during the Honor Graduate Address, and delivered a message to her classmates that they carry the world.

Goodwin proclaimed fellow classmates Jordon Trunfio, Jordan’s memory and accomplishments, as well as his fight with cancer and passed away earlier this month, but not before he was able to graduate early during a small ceremony. Before the diplomas were handed out, Jordon’s memory and accomplishments were recognized by the Class of 2013 along with teachers and families with a memorial and presentation.

Dr. Clovis Francia, a cardiologist and once county music singer who received internationally as a motivational speaker encouraging students to self-actualize and figure out what moral character and convictions they will bring to the world.

Class of 2013 President Olivia Adolpheus kept her words short and sweet, but very powerful. “Success is not final and failure is not the end,” she said, “It is the ability to keep on trying. Remember, keep on trying.”

Najy Issa

By Matthew Auker
The Connection

Spartans Come Together for Last, Bittersweet Time Together

Where are you going next and where do you see yourself in 10 years?

—Matthew Auker

Spencer Copp

“Tying up in the United States Army.”

Gaby Collins

“Moving in Georgia next week, and going to Savannah State. In 10 years I plan on living on my own island in the middle of nowhere.”

Esa Ayobgi

“I’m doing dance at NCC in the fall, and in 10 years I hope to have a full time job as ‘IT’ security.”

Ronie Barry

“Next I’ll be going on East Carolina University, and in 10 years I want to be a music therapy major.”

Caleb Breneman

“Till I’ll be attending Northern Michigan University, in the fall, and in 10 years I’ll love to work for a big tech company like Apple or Google.”

Heidi Graduates (students who have received a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher) stand to be recognized for their impressive academics. Ninety-two students in the Class of 2013 received this honor.

Class of 2013 student Elaina Burke, Jasmine Burke and Kayleigh Burns not only share the same last name, but also the proud smiles of new graduates.

Faces in the Crowd: What’s Next for West Springfield Graduates

By Matthew Auker
The Connection

Heidi Graduates join in throwing their caps in the air to signal the end to a four years of high school at West Springfield, as well as the beginning of an exciting new chapter in their lives.

Spartans will be attending the University of Georgia, the University of Texas, and also Virginia Tech among the many others.

Naji Issa will be attending George Washington University, and plans on studying to be a nurse in 10 years. He will be a member of the U.S. Navy. He plans on joining the Navy in 10 years.

Nathan Pham will be attending Boston University and plans on studying to be a doctor. He plans on finding a good job, starting a family and living in Hawaii in 10 years.

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Victoria Lavine graduated with the class of 2013, and plans on entering the English and Library Science field. She is attending Virginia Tech and plans on majoring in a field of business. She seems excited to pursue her studies and hopes to one day take a nice job, start her own family and live in Denver somewhere.

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Today, Henry Lopez has a bright future, complete with a full scholarship to college. It wasn’t always that way, however, and he remembers being a preschool student in a foreign country, unfamiliar with the language and culture, fighting to learn, to fit in, to avoid falling into a gang. "The Boys & Girls Clubs proved an invaluable help to him in this struggle, and Henry was just selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia."

"For my family, the American dream when we came here in 1999 was survival," said Henry, who graduated from JEB Stuart High School in Falls Church last week. "In Guatemala, my parents realized that there was no money or opportunity to obtain it, so the only way to care for my [family] was to come to the United States."

THAT DREAM has gone far beyond survival, as Henry was accepted into George Mason University’s Honors College and awarded a full academic scholarship to the Fairfax school as a University Scholar. Henry was one of 21 students selected from a pool of 1,500 applicants who were expected to "possess exemplary records of academic achievement … demonstrate evidence of intellectual vision, a commitment to the obligations of citizenship and the potential to overcome obstacles and solve challenging problems," according to Anthony Dyer Hoefer, Ph.D., the director of Mason’s University Scholars Program and an Old Town Alexandria resident.

Henry graduated with a 4.3 GPA as a member of the National Honor Society, as well as vice president of the JEB Stuart High School’s chapter of the Spanish Honor Society. Among a lengthy list of academic and extracurricular accomplishments, he also served on his high school’s Student Government Association and ran on the varsity cross-country team. While he’s proud of his accomplishments, he gives much of the credit to the support he received from his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax with helping him realize his dreams.

Rising to Boys & Girls Clubs ‘Youth of the Year’

With help of Boys & Girls Clubs, local immigrant student receives full college scholarship.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Henry Lopez (center) is pictured at home with (from left) his mother Emerita, his brother William, his sister Yuri and his father Arnoldo. Henry, who was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia, credits his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax with helping him realize his dreams.
Local Author Wins Book Award

The Nautilus Book Award has named its 2013 Gold Winner in Religion/spirituality: “Faith Beyond Belief: Stories of Good People Who Left Their Church Behind.” Author Margaret Placentra Johnston holds degrees from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (BS, OD 1982), and the Catholic University of America (BA, 1973. MA, 1974.) From 1983 to 2003 she operated her own private optometric practice in Springfield and currently sees patients part-time in Alexandria and Georgetown.

After practicing optometry for many years, Johnston began to notice that while she had been helping people see better in the physical world, there was a greater need to inspire clearer vision of a different sort in our larger society. Certain factions of our society, and many in the media, proceed as though completely unaware of a concept that is largely accepted in the fields of psychology of religion and philosophy of religion.

Despite its subtitle, the book that finally emerged from this dilemma, “Faith Beyond Belief: Stories of Good People Who Left Their Church Behind,” is not at all a book against religion. Rather it calls readers to a broader, more sophisticated understanding of religious belief than that preached from in the typical pulpit. Identifying correlations in the work of 12 notable theorists in a field that should come to be known as spiritual development theory, “Faith Beyond Belief” lays out steps a person must traverse on the road to spiritual maturity. Rigid religious conformity based on outside authority from a religious leader or holy book is not near the top of this journey.

Former Nautilus Book Award winners include Eckhart Tolle, Thich Nhat Hanh, Caroline Myss, Gregg Braden and Eckhart Tolle.


This summer, Johnston will be leading a four-session class in Annandale at Lifetime Learning Institute (NOVA) entitled Spiritual Maturity—A Progressive and Rationalist View of the Road to Unity: http://lli.nova.org/13summer.pdf.
Hanna is the smallest of her litter, but has lots of energy to burn! Don’t let her demure size fool you! She is very close to her mom Hydee, and would do best with other cats. Come meet this little sweetheart today!

**CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY/JUNE 21**

**Bridge-a-thon.** Sunrise to sunset, at the **CCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike Fairfax.** Bridge Club students and the Northern Virginia Bridge Association play three sessions of bridge as part of the **Longest Day event, day-long to raise awareness and honor the strength of those facing Alzheimer’s and their caregivers through 16 hours of consecutive activities. www.alz.org/thenolongerday.**

**Skatefest/Shk For a Cause.** 6-10 p.m., **Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.** SkateFest is the largest AM contest in the area and attracts hundreds of skaters who compete in brackets to raise money for charity. www.skatefestfairfax.com

**Dancing Under the Stars.** 7-11 p.m., **Fred Astaire Dance Studios, 8315 Lee Highway, Fairfax.** Join for a fundraiser for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, includes music, hors d’oeuvres and dance performances. **www.fredestairstudios.com.**

**Night Music.** 7:30-8:30 p.m., **at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax.** Five-member band is a tightly knit ensemble of guitar, drums, bass, sax, keyboard and vocals. www.nightmusic.biz.

**FRIDAY/JUNE 22**

**Library Birthday Bash.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the special events including a scavenger hunt, LEGO contest display, balloon artist, live animal performers, Korean AutoBallet Club, face painter and birthday treats.

**Skatefest/Shk For a Cause.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., **Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.** SkateFest is the largest AM contest in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area and attracts hundreds of skaters who compete in brackets to raise money for charity. www.skatefestfairfax.com.

**MONDAY-JUNE 24-JUNE 27**

The **2013 Marshall HS Field Hockey Camp.** 5-8 p.m., at Luther Jackson MS, 3520 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Field hockey camp for grades 5-10 to improve and practice their field hockey skills. $120. www.gcmstatemenssports.org.

**THURSDAY/JUNE 27**

**An Evening With Elliot Abrams.** 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Join the community for an evening of discussion about the Israeli-Palestinian relationship during the critical years under President George W. Bush. $5. 703-323-0880, Carlyl@jccnv.org or www.jccnv.org.

**FRIDAY/JUNE 28**

**The Hot Seats.** 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. The Hot Seats specialize in unearthing and inventing traditional music and twisting it into new styles. www.thehotsheets.net.

**MONDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 1-6**

**Robinson Drama Curtain Call Camp.** 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., at Robinson Secondary School, 5053 Sibley Road, Fairfax. The children's activities are centered; lunch program offered, signup in June. www.RobinsonDrama.org.

**Fun in the Theatre.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., **Robinson Secondary School, 5053 Sibley Road, Fairfax.** Campers collaborate on both scripted and devised performances. www.RobinsonDrama.org.

**THURSDAY/JULY 4**


**FRIDAY/JULY 5**

**Folsoon Prisoners.** 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Songs from the classic country and honky-tonk band. www.folsoonprisoners.com.

**THURSDAY/JULY 11**

**The United States Air Force Concert Band w/ Singing Sergeants.** 6-9:30 p.m., at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A concert from the band with an international reputation as a champion of new works for band, with dozens of world premiers to its credit. www.usafband.mil.

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Henry Lopez, the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia, was selected to speak at the 28th Annual Tim Russert Congressional Dinner presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington.

made sure that he had a suit. I took him to our Youth of the Year competition in Newport News, Va., and that was his first time staying a hotel. The kids may not have [much] financially, but these are amazing young people.”

Kang said that Henry was always interested in academics. “He enjoyed the power hour, which is time for studying and homework. That made him strong academically and helped him earn a scholarship to George Mason University. He got into five universities, but he got a full scholarship from George Mason.”

Henry was selected to speak at the 28th Annual Tim Russert Congressional Dinner presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. It was the first time in Henry’s life his father was able to attend one of his activities. “It is not that doesn’t want to,” Kang said. “A lot of times his work schedule doesn’t allow it, but he is also afraid to go to events where the majority of people speak English and he doesn’t.”

Kang’s effort to ensure that Henry’s family attended the dinner proved to be a profound gesture. “I was overwhelmed the whole time because I had never gone to such an elegant event,” said Henry’s father, Arnoldo, through an interpreter. “Tears could not stay away as [Henry] spoke. It was hard for me to believe that he was talking in front of so many people.”

DURING HIS SPEECH, Henry told the crowd about the challenges he faced growing up in Virginia as an immigrant with financial limitations. “Looking back, the Clubs taught me to channel my responsibilities and develop a balance, providing me with a normal childhood. If it were not for the Boys & Girls Clubs, I would not be pursuing every resource to make a better future for myself and others.”

Representatives from George Mason were in the audience for Henry’s speech. “There were members of Congress, multimillionaire donors and representatives from the community who spoke,” said Hoefer. Henry, however, was the one person who blew the crowd away. People were teary and getting choked up. “He’s the best example of what those programs can do for kids who don’t have opportunities.”

When Henry begins college this fall, he will be embarking on a lifelong journey of potential and fulfilling one of the first goals that he set for himself. “The chance of college is a real opportunity and I’m willing to work for it,” said Henry. “It is personal story for me, but it is [also] a story for other youth in search of the American dream even if they have financial limitations.”
Looking west over I-95 and Alban Road south of Springfield, a new ramp is going up to carry traffic to and from the 95 Express Lanes.

**News**

Express Lanes Construction Could Impact Travel on I-95

By Mike Salmon

Virginia Megaprojects

The construction on the 95 Express Lanes project increases over the summer, motorists traveling to Virginia Beach, the Outer Banks in North Carolina, as well as other points south, should be aware that the HOV lanes will be closed overnight on weekdays and occasional weekends throughout the summer, and there will be intermittent lane closures overnight for steel erection and other work, making travel on the general purpose lanes challenging.

In addition to the 95 Express Lanes project, there is also a shoulder improvement project underway on I-95 in Prince William County and a BRAC-related ramp work from the HOV lanes to the Fort Belvoir North Area that may impact travel.

“We are working hard to minimize impacts to the travelling public, however, lane closures on 95 are unavoidable during certain times in order to accommodate construction and protect the safety of drivers and workers alike,” said John Lynch, Regional Transportation Program Director.

Drivers can expect:

- **Daytime lane closures during non-peak travel times.**
- **Possible extended closures of existing HOV lanes, during overnight hours and on weekends.**
- **Multiple lane closures during overnight hours, including intermittent traffic stoppages.**
- **Complete closures on I-95 (one direction at a time) and detours of all traffic to Route 1 during overnight hours to accommodate steel girder lifts, which cannot be done with live traffic underneath.**
- **Limited shoulder access.**
- **Increased heavy truck traffic entering and exiting the work zones along the median of I-95.**

To find the best times to travel, log on to the Virginia Megaprojects website www.vamegaprojects.com and sign up for lane closure alerts. Know Before You Go is the key phrase. Know Before You Go is the key phrase.

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**THURSDAY/JUNE 20**

**NVTVA Public Hearing** 5:30 p.m. open house, 6:30 p.m. presentation, 7 p.m. public hearing with meeting to follow, at City Hall Council Chambers, 10655 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Beginning July 1, roughly $270 million will flow in the region to fund much needed transportation improvements. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority holds a hearing to gather public input and share information on a proposed list of projects to be funded with the new revenues. TheNoVAAuthority.org.

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Hundreds of high school football players took the two fields at Flint Hill Upper School for the All-American Football Camp. There were participants, rising freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors, from all across the mid-Atlantic region including Delaware, Ohio and the Carolinas. They came and stayed through the varying weather conditions of desert heats and gushing rains to put in the effort and get better.

Over four hours of grueling position workouts, offensive and defensive drills, and one-on-one they commanded the respect of the numerous collegiate coaches in attendance. There were even two representatives from the Washington Redskins who helped coach the offensive and defensive lineman. Over the past two years, over 100 athletes who have attended the camp are playing NCAA football, including 48 who received Division I scholarships in 2012.

Among those who have received a football scholarship is Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson. The 230 pound, 6-foot-4 North Carolina Tar Heel commit joked about turf toe and always vocally celebrated enthusiastically when anyone made a big catch down the sideline during an offensive drill. Henderson would be able to attend the camp if he was invited. He said that it was because of coach Kavanaugh that he came. “This camp is really fun, I’m glad I came out today,” said Henderson. “I was debating whether to come because I just came back from the Elite 11 in Ohio yesterday, but I haven’t see coach K in a while. He’s a great guy and I like him a lot.”

Another player who did not escape the attention of Kavanaugh was Centerville’s linebacker Chad Wiggins who runs a 4.67 forty, stands 6-foot-1 and weighs 230 pounds and is a top linebacker in the Northern Virginia region. Wiggins’ favorite part about being a linebacker is, of course, getting to hit people. Wiggins also loves the “exposure of the camp … hanging with these guys and … show[ing] off what you’ve been working hard for.” The Linebacker MVP held each five-stacked bricks in Atkinson’s hand. The student from East Christian Academy in Delaware and the cornerbacks practice their footwork during specific position instruction.

Before the camp ended and the sky opened up there was what the players took as the greatest drill of them all: the trenches. Here defensive and offensive linemen battled mano a mano in a simulation where a tackling dummy is used as the quarterback. The goal is to either protect or attack. DeMatha’s offensive lineman Devante Fox dominated this drill and the one time he was beat, sparking impromptu trash talk from his opponent. Fox silently answered with a swirl of his finger and pummeled his overmatched defender to the floor the next time around.

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DeMatha offensive lineman Devante Fox (center) lets out a victory yell after successfully protecting his dummy quarterback in a drill.

Centerville linebacker Chad Wiggins (left) defends Clover Hill HS tight end Chase Stanley (right) during a one-on-one drill.

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The rising Lake Braddock senior Caleb Henderson rockets a pass downfield during an offensive drill.

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