







Negative Campaign

Candidates appear at minority business forum, attacking each other.

> BY MICHAEL LEE POPE THE CONNECTION

ocal and statewide candidates for office appeared at an unprecedented forum in Northern Virginia last weekend, a collaboration of minority business groups of blacks, Hispanics and Asians. But as candidates arrived at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College for a Sunday afternoon forum, voters realized that the tone of the campaign would remain unrelentingly negative.

"All three of the Republican candidates are Tea Party right wing extremists," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who is running unopposed. "Look at their records and their stands on the issues."

Plum attacked Cuccinelli's lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act as well as his investigation into a University of Virginia professor studying climate change. The longtime delegate also said the Republican attorney general candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-25) has a similar record, including a bill that would have required women to report abortions to police. Together with the candidate for lieutenant governor, Plum said, the ticket is Tea Party from top to bottom.

"For some reason, some folks in the Democratic Party think that the label Tea Party is going to stimulate some kind of negative feelings," said Jay McConville, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "But I think those people are great patriots, and they are supporting the candidates they think are best for the commonwealth."

**AS CANDIDATES** for governor took the stage to make their case to voters, the tone of the campaign remained starkly negative. Each of the candidates spent as much time talking about their own vision of the future as they did castigating their opponent as someone who would harm Virginia. For Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli: "My time as attorney general and my time in the state



Republican Ken Cuccinelli speaks at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

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Deborah Williams of Fairfax City

Senate leaves me as the only candidate who would show up on day one knowing how Virginia government works from having participated in it. I will not need on the job training if you elect me on November 5th, and I'm the only candidate who can say that."

For weeks, Republicans have been criticizing Democrat Terry McAuliffe for threatening to shut down Virginia government unless the General Assembly agreed to expand Medicaid. McAuliffe attempted to beat back that argument during the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce debate, pledging that he would not force a shutdown. Meanwhile, the Democrat is now criticizing the Republican for appearing at a fundraiser with Texas Senator Ted Cruz, whom Democrats say is the architect of the government shutdown.

"Ken Cuccinelli was apparently more concerned about his reputation with the Tea Party than with ending the government shutdown that is undermining Virginia's economy," said McAulifffe. "It's the obligation of Virginians to send a message to Washington. A government shutdown should never be a bargaining chip."

WITH ELECTION DAY only four weeks away, candidates and their advisors are preparing for the most intense and high-stakes portion of the race. Both of the major-party candidates are responding to that dynamic by trying to frame their opposition in the most negative way possible. That leaves Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis rising in the polls as his opponents take shots at each other. After McAuliffe and Cuccinnelli finished Sunday evening, Sarvis offered a critical review. "A lot of negative attacks. Not a whole lot of substance," said Sarvis, who is polling at about 10 percent support. "And if you want to see dysfunction of voting out of fear for the lesser of two evils, look at the federal government right now."

After the candidates were finished making their pitches, many of the voters had a hard time processing what they heard. The stump speeches left many wondering what the candidates would do if elected. Many of the voters at



Democrat Terry McAuliffe takes the stage at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.



Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis greets voters at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

the Annandale forum said they felt the tone of the campaign had become distractingly negative, a series of attacks and counter-attacks that left many feeling isolated from the process.

"Politics has become a blame game," said Deborah Williams of Fairfax City. "They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."

**RECENT POLLS** have shown a clear and growing lead for McAuliffe, with the Democrat running five to seven percentage points ahead of the Republicans. That lead grows even larger if the Libertarian is included in the polls, giving the Democrat an eight-point lead in one poll. Republicans reject the idea that their candidates are in trouble, though. When

asked about polling numbers, McConville said Republicans seem more motivated than the Demo-

"I think that there's a lack of feeling of that same kind of excitement on the McAuliffe side," said McConville. "He's obviously a problematic candidate."

Democrats say they feel national Republicans have delivered an October surprise that has harmed their side, the government shutdown. On the campaign trail and in interviews, Democrats are making the case that Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket are aligned with obstructionists in Washington.

"I feel that Ken Cuccinelli is at a desperate point in his campaign, said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who is chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "He attacked Terry time and time again instead of talking about what he would do for Virginia."

# Up to Speed Tutors Puts Focus on Special Education

Lake Braddock graduate Brian Katkin started the company last spring.

> BY TIM PETERSON The Connection

hen JS Tutoring folded in 2012, one of Arlington resident Brian Katkin's students with a learning disability wanted to keep having sessions with him. They worked out an arrangement to continue working together, and soon Katkin decided to take on other students as well. Then on the first day of Spring Break the same year, he launched the company Up to Speed Tutors, with himself as the sole instructor.

Vienna resident Ronettee Hicks is that original student from JS. A middle age Navy veteran with dyslexia, among other learning dis-



Brian Katkin, owner of Up to Speed Tutors, right, works with client Ronettee Hicks in the NOVA-Annandale campus library.

abilities, she never progressed further than a seventh grade education. Now with Katkin's help, she's pursuing a two-year degree in hospitality management and plans to open her own bed and breakfast.

Even with those goals, "Success for me is just the learning," said Hicks. "It's not about failing or passing. The final [exam], I want to pass, but I'm learning a lot more than I did before."

Katkin is getting her there using Katkin's plan.

a personal, professional approach. "I like that he's patient," said Hicks. "He takes the time to show me how exactly—I had no knowledge of how to write a paper, or put a sentence in the correct

This strong student-tutor relationship seems like a snapshot of a young but thriving company, however owning a tutoring business wasn't initially part of

**CURRENTLY KICKING OFF** his third year as a full-time learning disability teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary School,

Katkin is in his late 20s and on his

second career.

After growing up in Burke and graduating from Lake Braddock, Katkin received a degree in journalism and Spanish from the University of Maryland.

He interned for USA Today covering sports—a young athletewriter's dream job, theoretically and then reported for the Legal Times in Washington, D.C.-in 2008. As the late nights of rush deadlines and depressing story assignments added up, Katkin felt less and less fulfilled.

"I like coming home when the sun is still up," he said. "It's hard to get up and go to work in the morning when you're reporting on layoffs.'

Katkin decided to fall back on teaching. Having been a soccer and basketball coach for BRYC, as well as a teaching assistant for freshman level journalism classes and history at Maryland, he experienced some 20/20 hindsight. "I loved it. I look back and think

maybe I should've gone for education."

Returning to Fairfax from College Park, Katkin enrolled in an education master's program at George Mason University, concentrating on English. He took a class on special education teaching to fulfill an elective requirement, and quickly developed a keen interest in learning disabilities. With a budding passion, he pursued numerous substitute opportunities in Fairfax County Public Schools learning disability classrooms.

"I really enjoyed working with those kids," said Katkin. "They're all really creative, with a lot of personality. It's something I got a lot of energy from. I was definitely not going to rule out special education, even though my concentration was English."

Keeping his options open led to steady employment for Katkin: He accepted an offer to work as a learning disability teacher at Annandale High School in August 2010. And looking to supplement his faculty salary, he sought additional work as a tutor.

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# **Tutoring**

Unfortunately, in Katkin's opinion, most tutoring companies don't offer the necessary, comprehensive support that students with learning disabilities require to have success. "What frustrated me," he said, "was a lot of them have special education as another subject like English or math. But it's more of an understanding of how to modify content, make it more accessible to students." For six months he did find JS Academy suitable to work for, and took away some valuable observations of their ultimately flawed business model. They offered a great service for learning disabled students; however they operated out of several commercial locations. It didn't surprise Katkin they couldn't make ends meet, but the idea of a tutoring company still intrigued him. He also saw a dire need in the learning disabled community. After JS went under, Katkin determined there were no other learning disabled-focused tutoring company options in the Fairfax County area. And now, he said, "there's no more modified diploma. They need to pass their SOLs in high school in Northern Virginia. They need extra help. I just didn't feel like there was enough out there for them."

With just about a year and a half in the books, Up to Speed

TUTORS currently employs 17 indepen-

dent contract tutors-mostly teachers, all professionally licensed, by Katkin's requirement—servicing 22 student clients. Though the majority is in high school, the students range from second graders to middle age. Tutors go to the students, eliminating need for a central office, and students pay per session with no long-term commitments required.

Katkin puts in 20 hours a week on top of his full-time teaching load. Out of his apartment he runs the day-to-day administration, making sure everything goes smoothly with automatic bill-pay, electronic progress reports and tutor evaluations. Somehow, the initial curiosity has led to continued motivation. "It's like a hobby," he said. "Some people like to play video games or sports, and I like those things, don't get me wrong. But when something is yours, you want to grow it as much as possible, see where it goes."

At its current size, Katkin can ensure his personality and professionalism permeate the business. "We're small enough," he said, "I want the clients to know I'm here. My number is on the website. You don't see an 'info@updtospeedtutors.com.' I like the fact that it's personal."

It's clear the students do as well.

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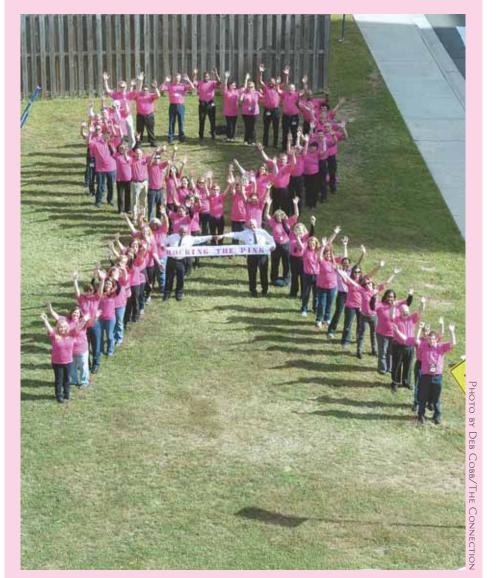
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#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 18-19

Military Spouse Career Summit. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Mary M. Gates Learning Center, 701 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. An interactive professional development and employment education event supports military spouses in entrepreneurship, federal employment and other sectors of the work force. The first annual Military Spouse Small Works Art Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the career summit. http://www.milspousesummit.com/press-2.

#### SUNDAY/OCT, 20

Flu Shot Clinic and Lunch. 12:15 p.m., 1-2 p.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Free lunch precedes the flu shot clinic. \$30 or use Medicare Part B (for ages 4 and up). 703-971-5151, admin@franconiaumc.org or http:// www.franconiaumc.org.

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Moms on the Run. 10-11:30 a.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Mom Liz Bryant shares her Christian perspective on the origins of Halloween and why she chose homeschooling, providing a general discourse on living as a first generation Christian. \$7 per mother, which includes coffee, tea, and homemade treats; free childcare, RSVP. MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 2

**Bake and Craft Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Browse 30 local artists, crafters and a terrific bake sale; bakers and crafters needed, reserve space now. 703-550-7195.

#### **ONGOING**

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Volunteer Computer Instructor needed at the Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Classes for beginners (using the mouse, writing and saving letters, navigating the internet, email, etc.) and advanced beginners (computer maintenance, search engines, websites for seniors, email address books, skyping, shopping and paying bills online, etc.) are in need of teachers. 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

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Ralph Weitz, pastor of stewardship at Immanuel, says the church has had a great response to the Job Seeker's Seminar. Find more online www.immanuelbible.net or call 703-941-4124.

St. Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, will begin a "Landings" program for returning Catholics and people considering returning to the practice of their faith. The program started Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and runs for eight weeks. Pre-registration required.

703-818-8618 annleggio@yahoo.com.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax 703-323-8100 www.fbtministries.org.

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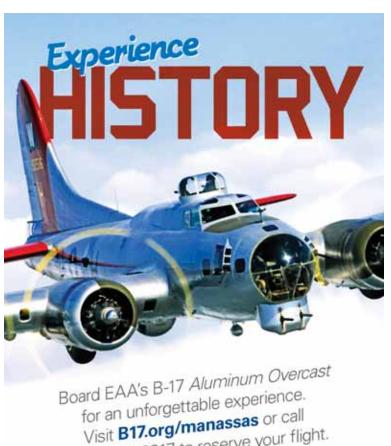
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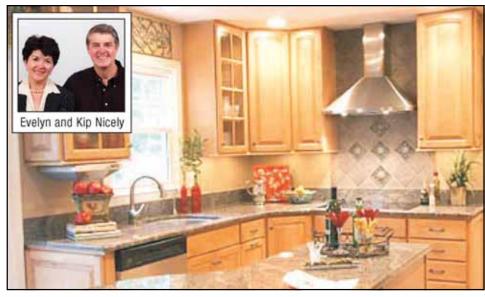
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# **OPINION**

# Preventative Medicine

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cessed, and the agency may not be able to respond to inquiries until appropriations are

No update is required to the CDC recommendation that every child, woman and man over the age of six months be vaccinated for the flu every year, preferably by October.

Virginia and Maryland are both reporting confirmed cases of influenza at a "sporadic" level. Since it takes two weeks for the vaccine to take full effect, now is the time to be vaccinated if you haven't yet had the shot.

Every year, 5-to-20 percent of U.S. residents become sick with the flu, with 200,000 hospitalizations. Children are especially vulnerable with about 20,000 children under the age of 5 hospitalized. Depending on the severity of the

By John Cook

woman battered

and bruised by her

abusive husband

Unable to find a safe place to stay,

she is forced to go back, time and

time again. Across town another

woman flees with her children.

Not knowing where to go, they

sleep in the woods despite freez-

ing temperatures. In a third house,

a child pulls the blankets over her

head, trying to drown out the

sound of yelling and punching

down the hall. It's a sad American

truth that one in three women

murdered are killed by an intimate

partner. In Fairfax County 57 per-

cent of homicides in the last year

were domestic violence related.

Nationwide domestic violence

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lence can be stunted. A

child exposed consistently

to domestic violence, ei-

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or her own future spouse,

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This year I was appointed as the

Board of Supervisor's liaison to the

Domestic Violence Prevention,

Policy and Coordinating Council.

In that capacity I am joining the

effort to shine the light on this oft-

hidden and denied blight on our

families. October is Domestic Vio-

lence Awareness Month, and to

help spread the word I'm hosting

an event on Oct. 17 at Kilroy's

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field). We will help raise money

for two local charities working to

help domestic abuse survivors:

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Inova Fairfax Hospital, Every Saturday until Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, The Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

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flu in a given year, from 1976 to 2006, estimates of annual deaths ranged from 3,000 to a high of about 49,000, according to the CDC.

Remember that getting the flu shot is also community service. You might be strong and healthy and think that you will not suffer too much if you get the flu. But everyone has contact with people in the high-risk groups: people over 65, children under 5, pregnant women, people with other illnesses. So have your shot to protect other people.

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To the Editor:

Recently I had the opportunity to support my candidate for governor, Ken Cuccinelli. Dozens of women showed up to rally for the general at the entrance of the building where the debate with Terry McAuliffe was being held. There were also dozens of younger people in blue t-shirts, pink t-shirts and purple t-shirts. Strangely, most were males. Most appeared to be college-aged. Our groups on the other hand were moms, children

At least a handful of us moms engaged some of the young men protesting beside us. We found out that SEIU bussed some of them from as far as New York! Rent-amob? The college-aged females we approached avoided engagement and were focused on "defending" their contraceptive rights. One of them even had a costume of a and scary aftermath of domestic round typical contraception pill violence when the juvenile court case. It is to them that I want to

How can women allow a politi-

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### **OPINION**

#### Cook

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child—his or her home, school, guardians—that having one dedicated advocate to fight for his or her rights and help with the transitions can make a huge difference when it's most important. Fairfax CASA finds and trains ordinary citizens to be the voice in court for these children at such an uncer-

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#### Kendall

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nomic sustenance by distracting them with the low hanging fruit? Is it worth it to be in jobs paying below \$10 in exchange for free contraception? That doesn't put food on the table and yet young people continue to embrace a Democrat leadership which is limiting our growth, stifling our economic liberty, killing opportunity with policies that give women contraception paid by someone else. Why aren't they asking where are the jobs rather than the pills?

Two million women have dropped out of the workforce under this Democrat administration. Obamacare (P.A.C.A.) will kill 40hour workweeks, the backbone of America's middle income earners because, simply put, less work equals less pay. A Democrat governor will rubberstamp Mr. Obama's re-distribu-

tive policies, cornering the private sector out of existence and ignoring Virginia's needs. Virginian women need to realize that the ultimate impact will forcefully tear down the pillars that sustain the true funding source of our ever-bloated government and onerous fiscal system, the private enterprise. This in essence will Detroit Virginia! The low hanging fruit does not put food on the table. I challenge you to be idealists and know that you are Americans, you can go as far as your determination will take you. Democrats are boxing you in with a myriad of policies that are undermining your future. Break free. Vote for the only man in the gubernatorial race who cares about Virginia and has the record

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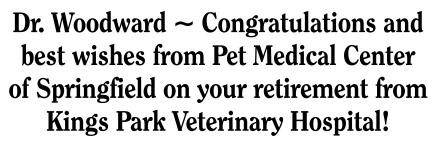
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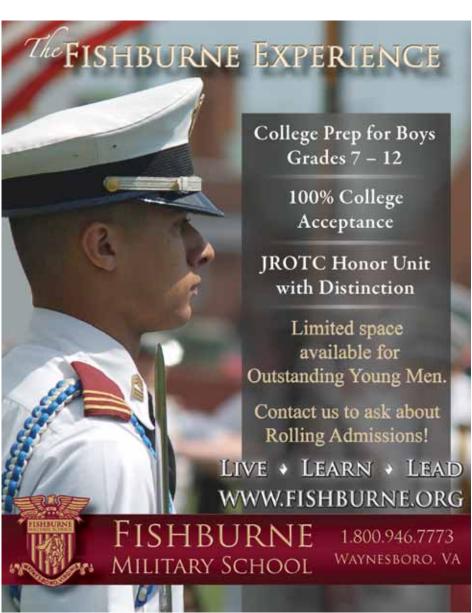
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# Community Concert Assists Local Food Banks

BY HANK MOLINENGO

n Sunday, Sept. 29 at Fairfax High School, Grammy nominated violinist Jenny Oaks Baker and the Mormon Choir of Washington, D.C. held a concert as part of the annual "Day to Serve" initiative to feed the hun-

A crowd of 800 people came out and donated approximately 1,600 pounds of nonperishable goods. This food will be put to good use by local area food banks that are responding to unprecedented demand from those in need.

The theme for this concert was, "With Gratitude We Share." Greg Goehring, the concert director, organized and directed this concert and those in attendance were especially grateful to Jenny Oaks Baker and the Mormon Choir of Washington, D.C. for their willingness to lend their talents for such a worthy cause.

The program began with words from Neal Neumann, the narrator for the event, and Doug Bush, the president of the Annandale, VA LDS Stake, which collected thousands of



**Jenny Oaks** Baker and **Gary Clawson** with choir.

pounds of food through donation Orchestra. solicited by patrons of local grocery stores and a 3K walk.

A rousing rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" with Neal Neumann serving as narrator was performed followed by the work of Ms. Baker, former first chair violinist with the National Symphony

She played a violin solo titled, "Souvenir d'Amerique." Ms. Baker also performed "Theme from Schindler's List" and "Amazing Grace."

Northern Virginia residents Erin Mecham, Bobbie Lattin, Kevin Riehle, and Greg Goehring performed "Oh Susanna."

The Mormon Choir (www.mormonchoir.org) performed "Redeemer of Israel," "You Raise Me Up" with Gary Clawson as soloist, "Because I Have Been Given Much" and closed with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" with the audience joining.

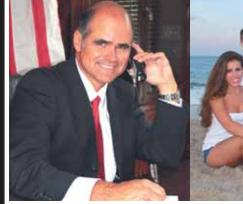
The organizations supported by the Day to Serve food donations included the following:

- Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) supported by 26 area congregations; provides assistance to thousands of families and individuals each year.
- ❖ Our Daily Bread (ODB) supports low-income families who need not only food assistance but also need support and assistance with the rigors of daily living and social needs.
- Ecumenical Community for Helping Others (ECHO) is supported by 25 area congregations and provides both food and other household support to low income families.

These organizations provide assistance to all in need and the assistance is always free of charge to those who receive.

The Day of Service began in 2012 as collaboration between the governors of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington D.C. It is an event that unites people of all faiths, races, cultures and backgrounds with the shared goal of helping those in need and improving the local community.

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**Kaila Nathaniel** 

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Nathaniel, Kaila homeschooled student of Springfield, is one 40 of Virginia's high school sophomores who participated in a week-long Virginia Space Coast Scholars (VSCS) Summer Academy program at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Designed to inspire students who possess technical or scientific interests, the program has an online component during the school year that introduces students to NASA's science missions and research platforms with a focus on the work of NASA Wallops and a seven-day Summer Academy experience. While at NASA Wallops Nathaniel experienced rocketry first-hand as she helped design and build a scientific payload and launched it on a

**Sean Padraig Brennan**, a senior majoring in computer science at the University of Rochester, has been named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the spring 2013 semester. Brennan, a resident of Fairfax Station, is the son of John and Mary Ellen Brennan, and a graduate of South County Secondary School in Lorton.

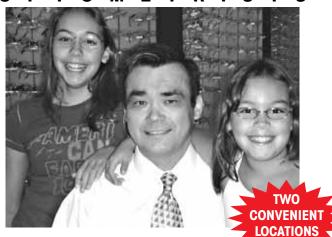
model rocket.

**Connor B. Mitchell**, a student at Centreville High School, and Andrew Pan, Jayanth Devanathan and Daven Kim, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology students, are Clifton area National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

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# Home LifeStyle

# Decorating for Fall

### Local designers offer suggestions for bringing the harvest into your home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

he colors of autumn are all around as pumpkins and squash fill produce stands and leaves change from green to orange, red and yellow before falling from their branches.

Local designers and tastemakers are unveiling home accents that bring the warm hues of the season into the home. Whether using pillows, throws or flowers, adding the colors and textures of fall requires less effort than one might expect.

biggest color trends we're

seeing," said Marcus Browning of European Country Living in Old Town Alexandria. "Throws and pillows are a given, but you can also tie in traditional and modern accessories with rugs, stained glass lamps with modern or intricate de-

Small trays provide a canvas for highlighting color and adding functionality to a room, says

Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md. "Color and pattern are in right now,' she said. "I just purchased the C. Wonder (http:// www.cwonder.com) navy and white chevron tray for my home. It adds a punch of color and freshness to a room. Preppy is back in a big way, too, offering lots of patterns."

Potomac, Md., based interior designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman uses flowers to add warmth to a room. "I love mums." she said. "I put them on my kitchen island and on the hearth in my family room. I fill my yard and home with them. They offer such great fall color. I plant them in my flowerbeds and put them in pots on my front

For those who don't want the maintenance of fresh flowers, Browning suggests their fabric counare nice to put in corners and interior of one's home.





Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says hand-blown glass and turquoise are three of the **pumpkins are a great way to add a touch of fall to one's home.** 

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> — Marcus Browning of European Country Living in Old Town Alexandria



terpart. "Great silk flowers Mums and pumpkins are classic fall accessories for both the exterior

of side boards," he said. "If you have a brown table, colored candle stick holders add a lot of great color."

Pumpkins, which are ubiquitous this time of year, are also one of Kleinman's fall accessories of choice. "I add them to the display of mums on my porch," she said. "I have a large ceramic pumpkin ... that I put on my kitchen table surrounded by real, tiny pumpkins, gourds and squash. I use that centerpiece from early October right through November."

David Mitchell of David Mitchell Interior Design in Washington used a similar style concept at a McLean

home recently. "Wooden bowls are a great way to bring in seasonal accessories," said Mitchell. "Pottery Barn has large, vintage, carved wood bowls that are great for a sideboard or coffee table, and you can fill them with mini pumpkins to add a dash of

orange to a neutral space." Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, "Hand-blown glass

> pumpkins are extremely popular and a great way to add a classic touch of fall in your home."

Make use of fall foliage both inside and outside of your home, advises O'Shields. "Wreaths for fall are abundant, featuring leaves and small pumpkins, and are a great way to set the stage for fall décor," she said. "Mantel decorating ... is an easy way to create a focal point for fall in a room. Add leaves, fall candles, pumpkins and more to liven up a room."

Incorporating the hues of fall into a home's existing décor can help welcome the season in style. "Bringing in the colors of fall will add warmth to your home as the air gets crisper," said O'Shields. "Orange, gold, reds and looking for." brown are all earth tones easy ways to incorporate pear." colors for the new sea-

Style Meets **Function** 

A local designer creates a stylish and functional master bathroom in an Alexandria home.

> BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

nce a modest room rebathroom has become a showcase for cutting-edge design and luxurious materials. One Alexandria family discovered this when they decided to remodel the long, narrow master bathroom in their colonial home.

"Our old fixtures were wearing out," said homeowner Pat Smith. "Also the bathroom layout was choppy and dark. There was plenty of square feet, but [the space] was

The family hired Arlington designer Allie Mann of Case Design/ Remodeling Inc. to transform the disjointed, utilitarian space into an oasis with a larger shower and additional areas for storage.

"The client's request for the bathroom remodel was a more open, connected plan," said Mann. "Before the vanity space didn't feel connected to the rest of the bathroom ... and the [entire] space felt disconnected. The client wanted dual vanities ... and a more modern feel."

Smith wanted to add sparkle to the bathroom without the inconvenience of a complete destruction: "We wanted ... a space that had better flow and lighting without having to go through whole-scale demolition. So the plumbing stayed mostly in the same location."

The Case team did remove an interior door in the bathroom space, however. "We reoriented the swing of another existing door to make the space feel more connected and open," said Mann. "We expanded the shower footprint by relocating a second sink. This gave the client the dual vanity she was

Senior project designer Steve that create a feeling of Scholl said, "Because of the chalfall. Adding warm throws lenging existing layout, selection of for cooler nights and up- materials and finishes were key in dating throw pillows are making those challenges disap-

> The new bathroom is outfitted with Kohler plumbing fixtures, a www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



served for bathing, the Designer Allie Mann added a frameless glass shower and extra storage space when she remodeled the master bathroom of this Alexandria home.

frameless glass shower, porcelain nance," said Mann. tile, Crystal cabinets and Cambria countertops. "We selected finishes transitional, and low mainte- pulled the space together."

Smith purchased matching vanity mirrors, which Mann said, "Rethat were current, modern and ally completed the vanity look and

"The client's request for the bathroom

Mann said that developing a good working relationship with the client was a key to achieving the homeowner's desires for the room. "This project was a challenge we were excited to tackle," she said. "We had a great rapport with the client from the start. We were in remodel was a more open, connected plan." tune, in step with the concept and felt we could really deliver what — Allie Mann, project designer [they] were looking for."

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More than 50 Boy Scouts from several scout troops lined the route to ensure walkers didn't wander off course into the neighborhood.

# Walking to Feed the Hungry

By Ken Orton

n mutual cooperation, the administrations of three states, including Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. all signed proclamations officially declaring the period of Sept. 15-29, 2013 as The Day to Serve and as a time to initiate activities that would assist the poor in our area and combat hunger. One of the more successful activities held was a 3K walk (1.8 miles) on Saturday, Sept. 28, starting from Robinson Secondary School in the Burke area of Fairfax County through the shaded streets and past the manicured yards of the local neighborhood. Food donations from the participants were distributed to the local food banks.

This wholesome early morning family activity began with a short kickoff ceremony with Dave Meyer, Fairfax City councilman, and State Sen. Dave Marsden, both present for support. Representatives of both the Ecumenical Community for Helping Others (ECHO) and the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) were also there to support the effort. Jane Curtis of ECHO provided opening comments and expressed appreciation for the support provided in their efforts to support our needy. Frank McLeskey, representing the Lamb Center, offered an opening prayer at the starting ceremony to initiate the walk. More than 50 Boy Scouts from several scout troops lined the route and were present at the numerous turning points to ensure walkers didn't wander off course into the neighborhood. Participants included families with young ones in strollers, toddlers, teenagers, joggers, dog walkers and seniors. Following the completion of the walk, after all walkers had reported in, the Boy Scouts all gathered to present the colors and sang the national anthem as a clos-



Participants included families with young ones in strollers, toddlers, teenagers, joggers, dog walkers and numerous "seniors."



Sorting food at the Ecumenical Community for Helping Others (ECHO).

ing finale. Students participating and providing service were predominately from Lake Braddock, Robinson and West Springfield High Schools.

Other groups providing community support included the Knights of Columbus, which provided assistance along the route and through the property of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Costco, which provided funding which was used to provide bottled water for participants at the water sta-

tion along the route. In addition, there were over 30 missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on hand to control parking, support route control and man the water station. Fairfax County Auxiliary Police provided two volunteer officers and patrol vehicles to insure safety at the route crossings on Sideburn Road. Over 600-plus participants contributed 1,300 pounds of food for immediate distribution to the several food banks.





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Jan Siegfried, PVI's instrumental music director, guest-conducts the "Washington Post" march. Siegfried served 20 years in the Air Force Band before coming to Paul VI.

### United States Air Force Hits the Mark at Paul VI

ot all assemblies are the same, and Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax recently hosted one for the record books. By 11 a.m. on Sept. 25, Air Force trucks and vans had converged to the school's back parking lot, and AF personnel were busy moving equipment in bags and anvil cases into the school. Meanwhile, PVI's Music Boosters set out a reception for the 75 arriving Air Force personnel. In the Student Activity Center, mats were laid out, chairs and stands placed, sound system checked and rechecked, and soon it was time. At 1:15, the Air Force Band from Bolling Air Force Base D.C. began an aweinspiring concert for participating teachers and classes.

Shortly into the program, students stood at attention as the national colors were formally presented by a contingent of the USAF Honor Guard. After the National Anthem, and retiring the colors, the band lit into Jenkins' "American Overture," with the French horn section ripping into the music. Students were surprised when

halfway through the program another contingent of the AF, the award-winning USAF Drill Team took the floor. Students clapped and gasped as the commanding team performed a silent succession of precisely timed movements using bayonet-affixed 11 lb. M-1 garands.

A special highlight of the performance was when Jan Siegfried, PVI's instrumental music director, was invited to guest-conduct the "Washington Post" march. "Having the Air Force here at PVI was a dream come true. It was like introducing family to each other," shared Siegfried. Siegfried had served 20 years in the AF Band, retiring in 2003, and is in her 9th year teaching at Paul VI.

The concert finished with a rendition of "Salute to the Armed Forces." Students were asked to stand as each service song was played if they had family or friends that had served. Much of the student body was observed standing during some or all of the pieces. God, patriotism and music made for a great combination this day.



PVI students were treated to a rousing performance by the Air Force Band, Honor Guard and Drill Team.

### CALENDAR

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building of art exhibitions. Highlights include Joe St. Germain's and Allen Levy's exhibition in Building W-5 Oct. 9-Nov. 3, color-filled abstractions made with knife work, structural borders and under-painting; Oct. 10-Nov. 3 is "Autumn Leaves, and a Theatrical Retrospective," or, in other words, an appreciation of the natural colors of fall.

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Cool Cow Comedy. 7, 9 p.m., in the W-3 Theatre, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Each month (and sometimes twice a month) headliners and featured performers take the stage with host and comedian Rahmein Mostafavi (who has performed stand-up as such venues as DC Improv, Richmond Funny Bone and Caroline's on Broadway). A la carte cash bar, soft drinks and concessions available; no outside alcohol. 18 year and older. \$15 pre-sale, \$20 day-of-show. www.workhousearts.org.

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 12-DEC. 1

Home for Dinner. Opening reception 6-9 p.m., Oct. 12, closing reception 6-9 p.m., Nov. 29, in the Vulcan Gallery, Community Action Space, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) and the Workhouse Arts Center are collaborating on the exhibition filled with arts that helps raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in southeast Fairfax County. Home for Dinner will showcase how community members can make a difference; bring canned food as a donation. www.workhousearts.org.

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 13

Clifton Day Festival. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,
Downtown Historic, Clifton. Folks
from the DMV area gather in historic
Clifton for old-fashioned fun, which
includes live bands, children's
activities, horseback rides and even a
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stomping demonstrations, the Town
Market, live music, children's
activities and lots of good food; the
non-profit event raises funds for a
variety of local organizations. http://

www.cliftonday.com/.

Model Trains. 1-4 p.m., at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. A table top (T-TRAK) layout of N gauge model trains. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.

**Taste of Greater Springfield.** 4-8 p.m. at the Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Many local restaurants participating; a \$35 ticket includes food, beer and wine.

www.westspringfieldrotary.org.

#### TUESDAY/OCT. 15

**Old Colchester Walking Tour and Talk**. 2 p.m., Old Colchester Park

and Preserve, 10605 Furnace Road, Lorton; 7 p.m., Pohick Church, 9301



Strolling bagpiper Michael Ahnell entertains the crowd on Main Street at last year's Clifton Day festival. This year, craft vendors and family entertainment will line the streets Sunday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Richmond Highway, Lorton. Local archaeologist Christopher Sperling gives afternoon and evening talks., for Historic Pohick Church. 703-946-1031 or 703-946-1031.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Havok supporting Soulfly. 5-11 p.m., Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Denver-based band plays in support of new record "Unnatural

Selection." www.empire-nova.com.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 18

One Night Stands. 8 p.m., in the W-3 Theatre, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. In concert, one night only, featuring solo cabaret performers from the DC area. Two performers each night, each performing a solo 45 minute set. Ticket includes light fare, cash bar available. \$15-\$25. www.workhousearts.org.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Fall Benefit Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Messiah UMC, 8215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Proceeds will fund outreach and mission work. Items for sale include books, jewelry, women's clothing, household items, pumpkins, baked goods and a chili lunch. 703-569-9862 or www.messiahumc.org.

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#### Oktoberfest Celebration. 11

Oct. 9-Nov. 3.

a.m.-2 p.m., at 5224 Port Royal Road, Ravensworth Shopping Center, Springfield. Hard-to-find beers, imported mustards, coffees, brat bun loafs, black forest cake, German sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels and rolls and everything else needed for an Oktoberfest celebration. 703-321-3670 or www.theswissbakery.com.

Cecil Ray Comedy Club. 7 p.m., in the W-3 Theatre, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Host Cecil Ray leads the proceedings in a night of laughter with guest comedians from the mid-Atlantic region. \$20-\$30.

www.elitevisionproductions.com.

Harvest Wine Dinner. 8 p.m., at
Paradise Springs Winery, 13219
Yates Ford Road, Clifton. The
winery's third annual signature 5course meal specifically created to
pair with Paradise Springs wines
features savory tarts, artichoke
bisque, pan seared medallions,
fritters, camembert cheesecake with
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wines to match. \$139 per person plus
tax (inclusive of wine, food, &
gratuity). Reservations. 703-8309463

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 20

NTRAK Trains. 1-4 p.m., at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a display and N gauge trains running. Adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfaxstation.org.

"Cascade," Joe St. Germain, 20x12, oil on

canvas. See Germain's work in an exhibi-

is Saturday, Oct. 12, and the exhibit is up

tion in Building W-5. An opening reception

Autumn Serenade. 4 p.m., at Ernst Community Cultural Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Music by Schubert, Wagner, Poulenc performed by the Virginia Chamber Orchestra. Adults, \$25; seniors, \$20; on-line discount: adults/seniors \$20. 703-758-0179 or www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

#### FRIDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 25-NOV. 1

The Music of Nevermore. 8 p.m., in the W-3 Theatre, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A concert-style performance featuring Matt Conner's musical interpretations of Edgar Allan Poe's best known poems, stories and characters. A la carte cash bar available in venue. www.workhousearts.org.

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Rocktoberfest. Noon-4 p.m., in Building W-4, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A fall festival benefiting Metropolitan School of the Arts and One Voice. \$12-\$15. www.workhousearts.org.

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### Entertainment

### 'Great Performances' at Mason

Featured acts include the Joffrey Ballet, Sir James Galway, and four productions from the Virginia Opera.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

hough not exactly suffering from a surplus, it's clear from their new lineup that the staff behind the George Mason University Center for the Arts is driving forward: Director of Artistic Programming Tom Reynolds introduced the 2013-2014 "Great Performances at Mason" season program announcing a wide array of talent that includes orchestras, choirs, dance ensembles and acting troupes from all over the world, once again a testament to the center's commitment to artistic diversity.

#### **REYNOLDS WAS INTRO-**

**DUCED** at the season preview event by William F. Reeder, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at George Mason. Reeder used his time at the podium to address his college's lofty goals of growth and community involvement, motivated by rapid expansion in the arts student population and a continued desire to be a cultural hub in the Fairfax region.

Reynolds elaborated on Reeder's outline in an interview the following day. "We're not in the mode of trying to make everyone part of George Mason," he said. "But what we do understand is we cannot be as successful as we want to be unless we embrace the local and regional arts organizations as well. [They should] continue to have their own identity, but we assist them."

To that end, Reynolds also announced a partnership with the Fairfax Symphony whereby the George Mason hall will become the group's home stage. "We want to be a part of assisting this community," Reynolds continued in the interview. "That's the thought process. Making sure that we're as inclusive as we can be. We're pleased to have the Fairfax Symphony using our hall."

#### ORCHESTRAL MUSIC—

including performances from the American Festival Pops Orchestra, Irish Chamber Orchestra (featuring Sir James Galway),



**IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FEATURING FLAUTIST SIR JAMES GALWAY:** In this fall performance, legendary flautist Sir Galway takes the spotlight along with the renowned Irish Chamber Orchestra, conducted by elite maestro JoAnn Falletta. The program includes Harty's "In Ireland," Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 2 in D major, Hammond's "Carolan Variations," and Mozart's Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter). **Saturday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m. \$75/\$67/\$37.50.** 

and Haifa Symphony Orchestra—is just a portion of the more-than-50 acts filling out the new program. The Virginia Opera series comprises "Carmen," Mozart's "The Magic Flute," "Falstaff" and "Ariadne auf Naxos."

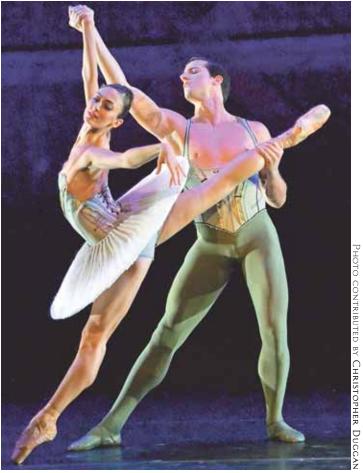
Live theater lovers should be sated by "Twelfth Night" by Aquila Theater, "The Graduate" from L.A. Theater Works and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by The Acting Company. Jazz, blues, folk and even Celtic music dot the instrumental segment of the program, but what truly leaps from the season brochure is dance.

Among offerings from the

genre (which still owns no dedicated space at the university) are The Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Parsons Dance, Mark Morris Dance Group, the Shanghai Ballet... and the highly acclaimed Joffrey Ballet. "The dance season is something I'm particularly proud of," said Reynolds in the interview.

"These are truly international artists, really the best," he continued. "We've done a good job of representing all the various kinds of dance out there. That might be a surprise, that we can put together that strong a season in one year."

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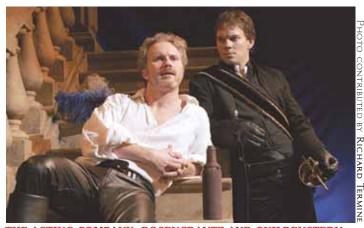
JOFFREY BALLET: The legendary dance ensemble comes to Fairfax for two contemporary performances the second weekend of March 2014. Friday features a show entitled "American Legends" with the Jerome Robbins-choreographed work "Interplay" and Twyla Tharp's "Nine Sinatra," while Saturday, "Body & Soul" showcases Christopher Wheeldon and Yuri Posskhov's choreography set to contemporary and classical music from Arvo Pärt and Rachmaninoff.

Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, 8 p.m. \$50/\$42/\$25.



**BRANFORD MARSALIS:** Three Grammys adorn the career of this New Orleans-native jazz saxophonist and composer. The technically impecable yet creatively inspiring musician will perform originals and jazz standards with his quartet.

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THE ACTING COMPANY: ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD — The playwright Tom Stoppard's existential spinoff from "Hamlet" runs for one night in March 2014. Two relatively minor roles from the bard's play tirelessly and cleverly weigh their significance in the historic royal plot. The production of the tragic comedy benefits from direction by Tony Award-winner John Rando.

Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m. \$44/\$36/\$22.

### Entertainment



MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS DE NATI CANO: FIESTA NAVIDAD — This Grammy Award-winning Mexican ensemble has become a favorite at the Center for the Arts, and the group continues its relationship with the Fairfax community in December 2013. Their combination of American and Mexican carols, performed with singing, dancing and authentic garb, should once again provide a highly entertaining winter afternoon.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m. \$50/\$42/\$25.

### Mason Promotes Artistic Diversity

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#### A SIGNIFICANT DIFFER-

**ENCE** from previous seasons is a decrease in the sheer number of performances. Similar acts to shows that may have run two or three nights in the past will only run one to two nights. For a more family- and youth-friendly incentive, another change involves offering half-price tickets for children and students up through 12th grade on all shows.

Reynolds has mixed up the programming from past years as well, citing the need to keep his lineups interesting. One underthe-radar act is Max Raabe & Palast Orchester, a German big band evoking 1920s Berlin. According to Reynolds, the group is "so different from anything we've ever done."

"It will just be a delightful evening," he continued. "It's not something people are accustomed to, but I know if they come they'll have a great time. I want to find things that are different, that they haven't seen before. It keeps us fresh and keeps the community informed about what's going on in the art world.

"I say it every year," Reynolds concluded, "but I'm really proud of the diversity [this program] has. Short of having superstars, it can appeal to a lot of different people." Which is a great way to assist a community.

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**VIRGINIA OPERA: CARMEN** — Georges Bizet's classic tragedy with unmistakably iconic and emotional music will be performed twice in April 2014: a Friday primetime performance and a Sunday matinee. The complex love story of Don José and the elusive gypsy Carmen will be sung in French with English supratitles.

Friday, April 11, 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m. \$98/\$80/\$48.





Map of the 5K route.

# BB&T 5K Run/Walk Is Sunday, Oct. 13

he First BB&T 5K will be held this Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Fairfax Corner shopping center. The 1K Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. The 5K course is USATFcertified.

The awards ceremony is set for 10:15 a.m. Prizes will be given to the top three overall finishers and for first, second and

third places in various age categories. Proceeds benefit Northern Virginia Family Services.

Pre-register at www.bbt5k.com/#registertodaySection until Friday, Oct. 11, at noon, or on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon-6 p.m., at the Pacers Running Store, 10427 North St. in Fairfax. Race-day registration will be from 7-8:15 a.m. Costs are: 1K Fun Run (children, 14 and under), \$20; 5K run/walk, \$35.



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South County running back LeVaughn Davis rushed for 128 yards and five touchdowns against West Springfield on Oct. 4.

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### South County Football off to 4-1 Start

# Stallions dismantle West Springfield, 54-3.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

he South County Stallions stumbled out of the gate each of the last two seasons, piling up early losses before hitting their stride.

In 2011, South County overcame a 0-3 start by winning its next 11 contests and reaching the Group AAA 5-state championship game.

In 2012, the Stallions lost five of their first six games, but responded with five consecutive victories and advanced to the region semifinals.

The South County football program has proven it can overcome adversity. Now the Stallions have a chance to show what they can accomplish when things are going right from the start.

South County is 4-1 and has scored at least 34 points in each game and more than 50 points in each victory. On Oct. 4, senior running back LeVaughn Davis galloped past West Springfield for 128 yards and five touchdowns as the Stallions spoiled the Spartans' homecoming with a 54-3 victory at West Springfield High School.

South County turned the ball over on downs on its opening possession and quarterback David Symmes was intercepted during the Stallions' second drive. Meanwhile, West Springfield took a 3-0 lead on a 19-yard field goal by Jaxon Clark.

South County would break through on its third drive, taking the lead for good on a 16-yard touchdown run by Davis. The Stallions dominated the remainder of the contest, scoring seven rushing touchdowns.

Davis, a three-year varsity athlete, scored on runs of 16, 1, 5, 2 and 17 yards.

"We started off slow for the second week in a row for I don't know what reason," Davis said. "... Our [linemen], they have a short memory. They just keep fighting hard. They just open up the holes [and] I'm running through them. They make it real easy for me."

Through five weeks, South County has victories against Mount Vernon (56-7), Hayfield (56-21), Lee (53-9) and West Springfield. The Stallions' lone loss came against Chantilly (42-34).

How have the Stallions avoided another rough

"I think we're just more hungry," Davis said. "We know what we have to do and our coaches, they're just hard on us, so we have no choice but to go hard. But this year, we should go all the way to states. Nothing less."

South County head coach Gerry Pannoni credited
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West Springfield quarterback Jacob O'Connell throws a pass against South County on Oct. 4.

cohesiveness for the strong start as many of the team's athletes have worked with one another for several years.

Against West Springfield, the Stallions shined on both sides of the ball. On offense, South County's up-tempo attack amassed more than 300 yards on the ground and scored seven rushing touchdowns. Fullback Michael Gibson rushed for 82 yards and Symmes had 68 yards and a score. Mitchell Seeman scored on a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Symmes completed eight of 15 passes for 115 yards and an interception. His 37-yard strike to James Simon set up the Stallions at the West Springfield 1-yard line late in the first half. Davis scored on the next play, giving South County a 17-3 lead.

Symmes also hauled in a 35-yard reception.

Pannoni said the Stallions' tempo wasn't where he wanted it to be.

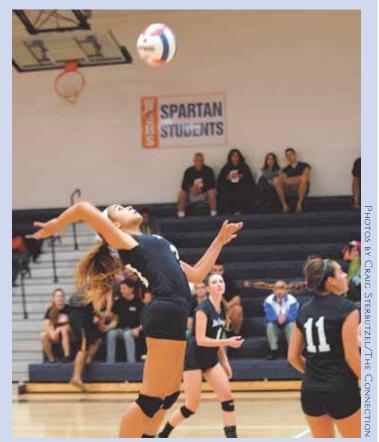
"We started out not very good, beating ourselves with mistakes," he said. "Once we eliminated those, we were OK. They just have to keep grinding it out."

The South County defense, a unit with eight athletes who saw significant playing time last season, limited West Springfield to 60 yards of offense, including minus-28 on the ground. Stallions defensive back Kyle Foley intercepted a pass early in the second half, setting up a seven-play, 36-yard scoring drive, capped by a 5-yard touchdown run by Davis.

West Springfield quarterback Jacob O'Connell completed nine of 21 passes for 86 yards and an interception.

The Spartans fell to 2-3. After a 2-1 start, West Springfield has been outscored 117-3 in its last two games against Westfield and South County.

West Springfield will travel to face West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. South County will travel to face T.C. Williams in a matchup of 4-1 teams at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12.



Senior outside hitter Monica Naderi-Colon and the West Springfield volleyball team swept T.C. Williams on Tuesday.

### West Springfield Volleyball Sweeps TC

### Nagel leads Spartans with 10 kills.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

fter edging the T.C. Williams Titans in the first two sets, the West Springfield volleyball team left little doubt in the third.

Led by a pair of aces and a kill from Monica Naderi-Colon, the Spartans opened the third set with an 11-1 run and cruised to a 3-0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-7) victory at West Springfield High School.

In the Spartans' previous match, a 3-0 loss to Robinson on Sept. 30, West Springfield lost a pair of close sets before suffering a lopsided defeat in the third. This time, it was the Spartans coming out on top in such a manner — something head coach Stephanie Noriega credited to mental toughness.

"I was really proud of my girls for stepping up their mental game today," Noriega said. "We had a rough game last week against Robinson, where we kind of mentally collapsed, so we've been working on that for the last week, and they really did it. It was all them. They stepped up to that challenge of

playing mentally stronger and I think that's what made the difference in those first two sets.

"... It's funny because the exact same thing happened to us last week against Robinson. The first two sets were super close ... and then the third set, we were the TC of tonight, where we just kind of imploded at the end."

Senior middle blocker Tina Nagel led West Springfield with 10 kills. Naderi-Colon and Jennifer Zimmerman each had eight for the Spartans.

Sydney Cordoba and Naderi-Colon each had three kills.

Alexus Foreman led TC with eight kills.

West Springfield overcame a 15-10 deficit to win the second set. Trailing 23-22, the Spartans scored the final three points, including an ace from Naderi-Colon and a kill by Zimmerman.

"We really dug deep as a team and we really had to come together," Nagel said. "We started talking and once we started talking, everything just kind of fell together. We got out of our funk and we played our game."

West Springfield (11-8) will host Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. T.C. Williams (10-5) will host Washington-Lee.

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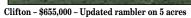


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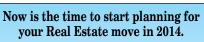


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