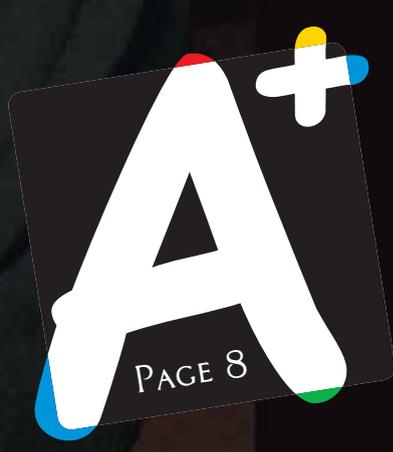
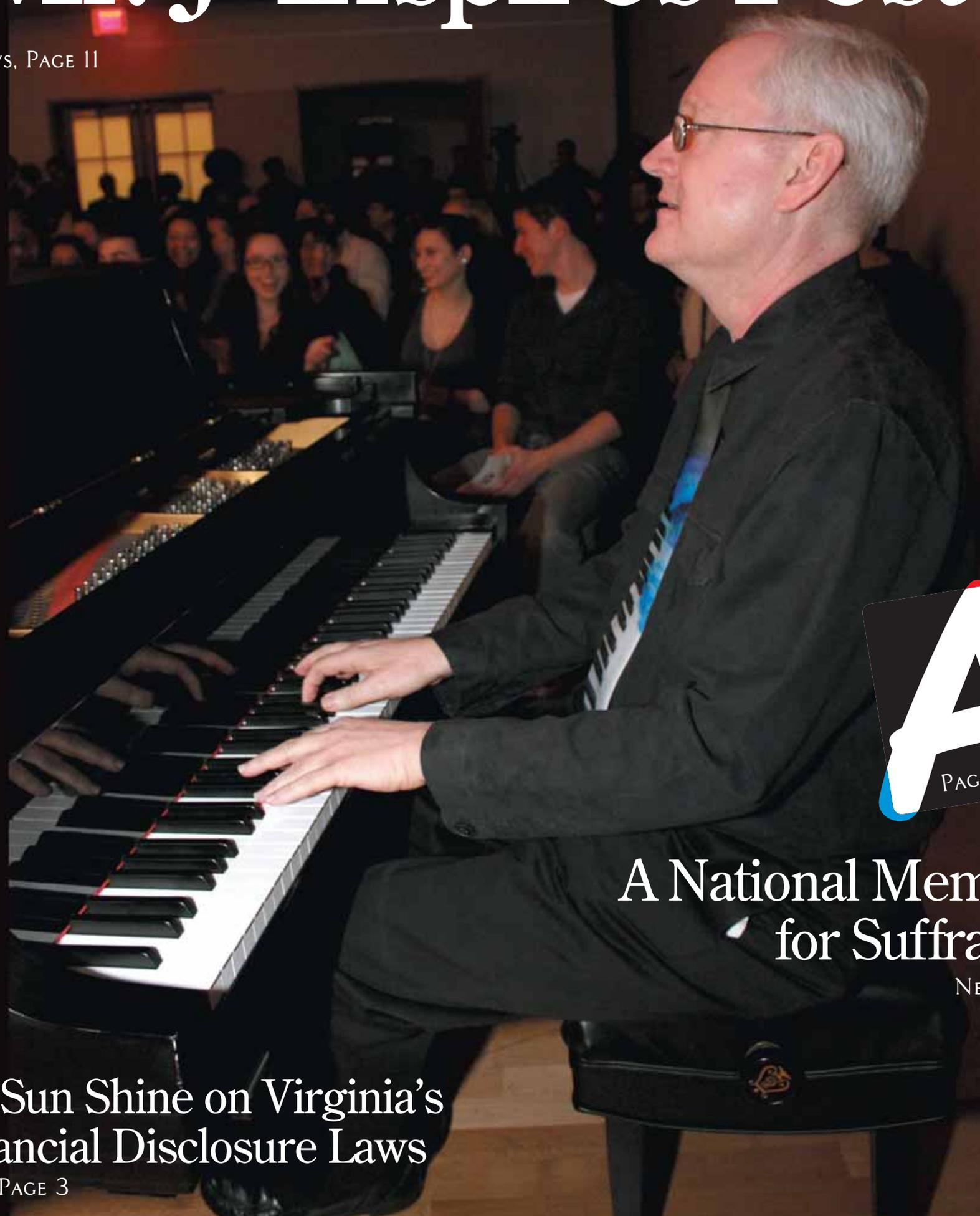


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Lorton resident Christopher Johnston, the Music Computer Technology (MCT) instructor at the Fairfax Academy, performs at the Eighth Annual MCT Fest. Johnston has been teaching the class since it started in 2000.

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WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Route 29K/ N Metrobus Changes

Washington Area Metro Transit Authority (Metro) has made the following changes to Metrobus Route 29K/N, which affects City of Fairfax riders:

❖ The 29N will extend from Fairfax Circle to Vienna/Fairfax-GMU station. This change will connect the Little River Turnpike corridor to the Orange Line and provide connections to additional Metrobus and Fairfax Connector routes.

❖ There'll be 12 additional weekday trips in each direction.

❖ The time between buses will improve to 30 minutes between Northern Virginia Community College and King Street-Old Town station (60 minutes on each route).

❖ Service will run later in the evening on weekdays.

❖ The 29N will run all day during the week. For more information, call 202-637-7000.

Robinson Offers 'Snow Queen'

Robinson Secondary presents the children's show, "The Snow Queen," Friday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance at the main office, \$7 at the door; \$6 reserved tickets are at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/521540>. It's being put on by the theater class, Robinson Production Co., and is based on a tale by Hans Christian Anderson.

FAITH NOTES

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

Annual Valentine's Day Banquet. The Family Ministry of the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church is sponsoring their annual Valentine's Day Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. All couples and singles are invited to fellowship to enjoy an evening of dining, music, dancing and featured entertainment.

The theme for this night of extravaganza and celebration of Valentine's Day is "The Joy Of Love" (Song of Songs 4:10). Location: Waterford Receptions at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memo-

rial Highway, Fairfax. Cost: \$55 per person. Contact Deacon Anthony Bazemore or Deaconess-Elect Terri Bazemore at 703-764-9111. Reservations and payments are due by Feb. 10.

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 Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism.

The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive.

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Let Sun Shine on Virginia's Financial Disclosure Laws

State legislators turn attention to ethics in wake of McDonnell gift scandal.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

As members of the Virginia General Assembly convene for the first time since last February, legislators are stampeding to introduce ethics legislation in response to the gift scandal which engulfed then Gov. Robert F. McDonnell (R).

The revelations last spring about numerous undisclosed gifts and purported loans from businessman Jonnie Williams to McDonnell — including a \$6,500 Rolex watch engraved to the “71st Governor of Virginia” and \$35,000 in gifts and catering for his daughters’ weddings — shined a spotlight on Virginia’s porous financial disclosure laws.

McDonnell, who remains under federal investigation over his relationship with Williams, pointed to various loopholes in existing state law as reasons for not disclosing gifts, noting that state law requires only the disclosure of gifts directly to officeholders, and not their families.

Following the principle cited by Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis that “Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants,” state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax) has introduced an ethics reform package which he says “makes the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) a centerpiece.”

PETERSEN’S BILLS would increase disclosure, limit contributions and gifts, prohibit the use of private law firms for state business, and create an ethics commission, ideally with subpoena power, to hold legislators accountable and increase transparency.

“The era of Rolexes, lake-house vacations, and \$150,000 loans must end,” Petersen said. “For far too long those of us who serve in Richmond have relied on super-sized political contributions to fund our campaigns. That is a part of our current flawed culture. Working Virginians don’t see campaign donations larger than their yearly incomes as ‘no strings attached.’ They see a transaction.”

Petersen’s package of ethical reform bills takes its place alongside several others announced last week, including a bipartisan reform package unveiled Tuesday, Jan. 7, by House Majority Leader M. Kirkland Cox (R-Colonial Heights) and House Minority Leader David J. Toscano (D-Charlottesville).

Under the Kirkland-Toscano bill, reforms include:

- ❖ A \$250 cap on tangible gifts to officials and their immediate family members



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Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), sitting, confers with a colleague during last year’s General Assembly session. After the session ended in February, it was disclosed that federal and state authorities had launched an investigation regarding gifts given to then-Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) and his family. The investigation served to heighten public awareness of Virginia’s lax financial disclosure laws.

from lobbyists or people with business before the state.

- ❖ A ban on solicitation of those gifts.
- ❖ The requirement that family members’ finances and gifts be disclosed.
- ❖ The creation of an ethics commission that would serve as a resource, providing legislators guidance on issues that may pose a conflict of interest.

“What we have really tried to do here is take the best parts of our current system, which is fairly strict reporting accountability, and in targeted areas, we’ve really tried to beef that up and really get at some of the problems,” Cox said at a news conference in Richmond last week with Republican and Democratic leaders.

Petersen said his proposals differed significantly from the House bill.

“I’m not overly impressed by the ‘bipartisan compromise’ announced in the House this week. My package has teeth. My intention is to change the culture, not just close the loopholes,” Petersen said in an interview on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

“The other issue that’s part of my proposal is making FOIA the centerpiece,” Petersen said. “I think my FOIA bill is critical for bringing more transparency to this process. That’s a huge difference, because without that it’s really hard to know what’s going

on and it’s for people and the media to investigate.”

Petersen said he wants his ethics commission to have subpoena power, which would give the group the authority to compel lawmakers to testify and produce evidence, or face a penalty for failure to comply.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, more than 40 states have similar ethics commissions, most with subpoena power.

Petersen said he has long been bothered by the lack of financial transparency in Virginia, and the ensuing erosion of the public’s trust.

WHEN REPORTS ABOUT THE ROLEX surfaced last July, Petersen sent a letter to the governor asking him to “come clean on this matter” by explaining the gifts, denying the reports, or resigning from office. He became the first Virginia lawmaker to suggest McDonnell’s resignation in the wake of the deepening controversy over the lavish gifts.

“For too long, we’ve said ‘hey, we’re honorable gentleman, we can police ourselves,’ Unfortunately, there have been too many recent incidents to contradict that,” Petersen said.

“That’s why I’ve introduced four bills that

What Petersen’s Ethics Package Would Do

- ❖ **SB212:** FOIA for General Assembly members and staff - SB212 removes the General Assembly’s exception from the Virginia FOIA act. This bill repeals the 2013 General Assembly FOIA exemption act (HB1639), patroned by Del. Tag Greason (R-Potomac Falls).
- ❖ **SB218:** Limits on Campaign Contributions and Gifts - SB218 Limits General Assembly members and Executives in the Commonwealth to a total of \$2,000 in gifts per year. All gifts over \$50 will continue to be itemized and reported. “Super-sized” campaign donations will be limited to \$20,000 per individual donor per candidate.
- ❖ **SB220:** Prohibiting the Use of Private Law Firms for State Business - SB220 requires the office of the Attorney General to contract local city or county attorneys, rather than private counsel, when it experiences a conflict of interest. This bill will remove the incentive for private law firms to exploit the current law and over-bill the state on a public matter. This bill was brought about due to the ongoing attorney’s fees charged by two firms employed by Attorney Gen. Ken Cuccinelli’s office to defend Gov. Bob McDonnell, reportedly more than \$780,000.
- ❖ **SB219:** Establishment of the Virginia Ethics Commission - SB219 requires that all loans, gifts, and statements of economic interests disclosures shall be filed with the Virginia Ethics Commission. Currently these disclosures are filed to the clerks of each house. The Virginia Ethics Commission will be a body independent of both houses, comprised of both former legislators and distinguished independent citizens whom have never held office. The commission will be able to make recommendations for disciplinary proceedings against legislators found in violation of disclosure laws to their respective house, where members will vote on any disciplinary action.

For more information on these bills, go to:

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+sum+SB212>
SB220 (Petersen)
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will increase the public’s right to know, limit campaign contributions to \$20K per candidate from a single donor, end the soaking of taxpayers by white-shoe law firms, and start a truly independent and distinguished ethics commission that includes everyday citizens to hold legislators accountable.”

But Del. Dave Albo (R-42) said he wasn’t overly impressed with Petersen’s bills, and he supports the bipartisan compromise.

“The bipartisan House proposal includes an ethics commission, so I don’t know why Senator Peterson thinks that his ethics commission is better,” Albo said Friday, adding that it’s unrealistic for state lawmakers to impose certain campaign contribution limits.

“If a bill could be crafted that would equally limit [all campaign contributions], then I would support it. But it has to be a level playing field,” Albo said.

“It takes a long time to start earning back the trust that you have lost, and as Virginians, and as public officials, we need to start now,” Petersen said.



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Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

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The memorial will feature gates resembling those at the White House, where suffragists picketed for the right to vote.



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Occoquan Regional Park currently hosts a display providing information about suffragists, but the planned Turning Point Suffragist Memorial will be larger in scale.

A National Memorial for Suffragists

Leaders raise money, advocate for Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Lorton.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Not far down the road from where suffragists were imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse for picketing at the White House for the right to vote, members of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, in partnership with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, are continuing efforts to build a memorial at Occoquan Regional Park to honor those women.

The park currently has a small display that honors women who fought for the right to vote, but the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association aims to build a large memorial, complete with gates resembling those at the White House, replicas of the suffragist banners, a waist-high wall that features plaques with the name of every imprisoned suffragist, a footbridge, a waterfall, and 19 informational plaques that detail the history of the women's suffrage movement.

According to Hybla Valley Resident Emily McCoy, who is chair of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, the memorial hasn't been built yet because the group is continuing to raise funds, amounting between five and seven million, to build the memorial. The group also had to wait for the completed Occoquan Park master plan.

"We started planning before the master plan of Occoquan Park was completed. It's very good that they are redoing it as we are



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Occoquan Regional Park, the site for the planned Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, offers views of the Occoquan River.

planning to put this memorial in. It's been a lack of funds, but also waiting for the park to get their master plan done as well," McCoy said.

PAUL GILBERT, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, finds it remarkable that such major historic events occurred in the area.

"One of those major events that most people do not know about was the great sacrifice that the women suffragists made at the Occoquan Workhouse prison. Their determination directly led to the right to vote for all women. Because of this important history, we are very excited that a fitting memorial to the suffragists will be a central feature of Occoquan Regional Park in the coming years," said Gilbert.

The goal is to have the memorial completed within three or four years, McCoy

said.

"I hate to think it will be until 2020, which is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment," McCoy said.

According to McCoy, Occoquan Regional Park is a prime location for a national memorial, not only because it is near the location where the suffragists were imprisoned, but because of the area's other historic sites.

"It's a suitable location. The NVRPA very much wants the memorial to be in the park. It's nearby, as opposed to putting it in D.C., and as opposed to some other location. If you think about it, it's close to Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall, and other historic sites, as well as the Lorton Arts Foundation Workhouse Arts Center," McCoy said.

McCoy believes the memorial will be a complementary venue to the Workhouse Prison Museum at the Arts Center, which she said will eventually be connected by a

walkway.

The memorial will recognize the women who were imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse in 1917. It was that year that suffragists who picketed in front of the White House, including prominent suffragist Lucy Burns, were arrested and sent to either the D.C. Jail or the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton.

Many of these suffragists imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse went on a hunger strike in 1917 to protest their incarceration, and were force-fed.

McCoy said that suffragists were sent to prison and treated in such a degrading manner in an attempt to break their spirit.

"Lorton workhouse was considered where the worst prisoners went," McCoy said. "The women were sent there to clearly to break their spirit, but it backfired. The women were too strong."

THE MEMORIAL'S INFORMATIONAL DISPLAYS will start off in the colonial era, detailing women's rights at that time, and will include information on Lucy Burns' attempt at an Equal Rights Amendment.

"It's an extraordinary accomplishment and it's one that is not recognized, but it should be. It's one that should be inspirational to anyone with a cause," McCoy said.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, a Clifton resident who performs re-enactments as Mrs. Robert Walker, is a founding member of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association and believes that women have made progress, but that the suffragists are not recognized as often as they should be.

"We certainly have made progress in that we can all vote, although women don't turn out to the polls as much as I wish this we did," she said.

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial will allow women to achieve recognition for their brave efforts, McCoy said.



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Virginia Delegate Dave Albo, Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry and a representative from the Fairfax County Parks Authority help a volunteer from Boy Scouts from Troop 1140 at Burke Lake Park.

Program Works to Restore Greenery

Trees still available for planting along the Interstate 95 Corridor.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

In an effort to restore greenery to areas that lost trees during construction of the 95 Express Lanes project, Transurban and Fluor, private partners of the project, launched “1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days” to encourage community members to plant trees in areas along the 95 corridor.

The program began in 2012, and like the title suggests, aimed to plant 1,000 trees within 1,000 days. According to Mike McGurk, a corporate relations associate for Transurban, the project has already planted 853 trees. The program is one of two community initiatives offered to residents along the project corridor.

“The goal of the programs is to

have a way to reinvest back into the communities that we will serve and the folks being impacted by construction of the 95 Express Lanes,” McGurk said.

According to McGurk, the program helps put some trees back in the community that were removed to accommodate for the project. The program is not intended to replace all of the greenery removed due to construction, but is intended to put back some of what needed to be removed.

“We wanted to do a program that could put some trees back in the community and actually use the input of people and the community to tell us where they wanted the trees to go. The program is open to any sort of applicant, whether it’s a home owners

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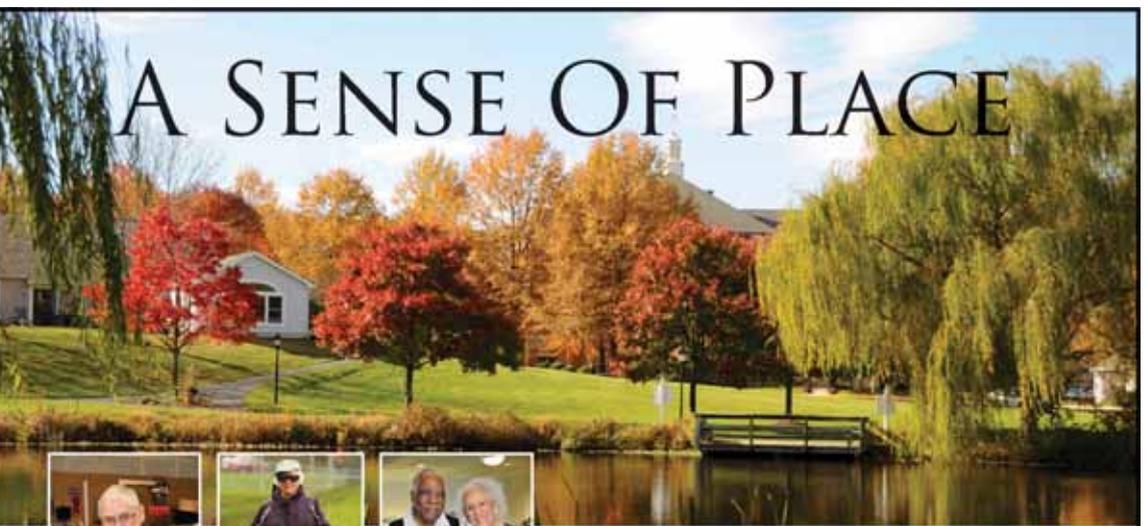
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OPINION

From Late Night Comedy to Your Bedroom

Why the General Assembly matters more in Virginia than most states.

The Virginia General Assembly began its annual session last week on Jan. 8.

The actions of the Virginia General Assembly matter more to localities than it would in many other states. In Virginia, localities have only the power specifically granted by the General Assembly, the Dillon rule.

So, for example, Montgomery County and Prince Georges County in Maryland recently voted to increase the minimum wage in those localities. They didn't need permission from Maryland General Assembly to do so. Arlington and Alexandria might be inclined to follow suit (the District government also voted to increase the minimum wage) but do not have that power.

The General Assembly limits how localities can raise revenue, what kinds of traffic regulations they can implement, whether they can control where guns are allowed, whether school districts can begin classes before Labor Day, and much more.

Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria sent their members of the Northern Virginia delegation of state senators, all Democrats, and delegates, overwhelmingly Democrats (13-5), to Richmond, where the House of Delegates is overwhelmingly Republican and control of the Senate is still up in the air pending special elections.

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) filed HB536 which

would "increase the minimum wage from its current federally mandated level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.25 per hour effective July 1, 2014, and to \$9.25 per hour effective July 1, 2015, unless a higher minimum wage is required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act." It isn't likely to see the light of day.

EDITORIAL

Anyone can watch the Virginia House of Delegates or Senate on streaming video when either is in session, and the Virginia General Assembly proved last year that it can be worthy of national attention for entertainment. It is in fact well worth tuning in once or twice or more. Visit <http://virginiageneralassembly.gov/> and click on "members and session," and see the "quick links" section for video links.

Legislators will consider literally thousands of bills between now and March 8.

Some quite random examples of proposed legislation from local delegates and senators:

❖ Del. Dave Albo (R-42): Driving while intoxicated; refusal of blood or breath tests. This bill would allow a person who has been arrested for driving while intoxicated and who has refused to submit to a blood or breath test be given another opportunity to consent to testing after the arresting officer has advised the person of the consequences of his refusal.

❖ Del. David Bulova (D-37): One bill would allow the employment of lights for the observation of deer (spotlighting) for certain activities authorized by the Department of Game and

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Inland Fisheries. Another would provide that property used in connection with certain crimes associated with human trafficking is subject to forfeiture to the Commonwealth.

❖ Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) has proposed the repeal of last year's hybrid tax, plus a bill that would place a cap on the compensation that may be paid to a special counsel appointed to handle certain legal matters where it would be improper or uneconomical for the Attorney General, or the Attorney General is unable, to handle such matters. That cap would be the same as allowed for a court appointed attorney, a very small amount.

❖ Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) proposes to create the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange, which will be established and operated by a new division within the State Corporation Commission.

❖ Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) would make it a Class 1 misdemeanor for the owner of a website to both post an arrest photo and solicit, request, or accept money for removing the photograph.

❖ Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) proposes to require drivers and passengers to wait for a reasonable opportunity to open vehicle doors on the side adjacent to moving traffic, an effort to prevent the "dooring" of bicyclists.

Education, Transportation, Mental Health

BY DAVID BULOVA
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION



Del. Bulova unveils his legislative priorities.

Creetings from Richmond! The 2014 General Assembly is now in full swing. In addition to considering nearly 2,000 bills, we will adopt Virginia's biennial budget, which must be balanced as required by Virginia's constitution. Thanks to everyone who has contacted me about issues throughout the year. This session I have introduced 13 bills and several budget amendments. Below is a summary of issues and initiatives I will be working on during the 2014 session.

❖ Transportation – Last year's transportation funding package passed with strong bi-partisan support and is already generating significant revenue to fix local and regional transportation bottlenecks such as the I-66 corridor. Several legislators, however, are looking to repeal the package. Protecting this landmark accomplishment is a top priority.

❖ Standards of Learning – There

has been mounting concern that Virginia's Standards of Learning have resulted in "teaching to the test" at the expense of critical thinking skills. I am thrilled that I have been appointed to the new Educational Reform Subcommittee of the House Education Committee, which will consider how to reform the SOLs.

❖ Education Funding – It is not your imagination! The difference in the cost of living between Northern Virginia and the least expensive part of the state is a whopping 66 percent. To make up for this difference, our region has traditionally been given additional cost-to-compete funding for education. Unfortunately, the Governor's introduced budget proposes to eliminate this funding for school support personnel, which would result in a loss of \$20.7 million for our region. Restoring this funding is a priority for the Northern Virginia delegation.

❖ Bridge to Kindergarten – Quality early childhood education is a key predictor of future educational success. This year I have introduced a budget amendment to provide classroom readiness skills to disadvantaged children who have not had a preschool experience. This initiative is based on a successful pilot program at Daniel's Run Elementary.

❖ Ethics Reform – Several events this past year placed a harsh spotlight on Virginia's relatively lax ethics and transparency laws. We got started on the right track when the Democratic and Republican caucuses announced the framework for a bipartisan ethics reform package. However, I am pushing for more to be done and have introduced House Bill 271 to increase transparency by requiring that gifts be reported on a more frequent basis. Currently, gifts are only reported once a year after the elections.

❖ Health Care – There is broad

bi-partisan support to make changes to our mental-health system in the wake of the stabbing of Senator Creigh Deeds and the suicide of his son. We will also consider whether to expand Medicaid.

❖ Human Trafficking – For the past several years I've been pleased to be part of a bipartisan coalition to fight human trafficking in Virginia by increasing penalties and giving law enforcement the tools they need to prosecute traffickers. This year I have introduced House Bill 767 that allows police to seize the assets of a trafficker, similar to what is already allowed for drug runners.

I invite you to share your thoughts by filling out my 2014 Constituent Survey. Also, mark your calendars for my annual Town Hall with Senator Chap Petersen on Feb. 1, from 9-10:30 a.m., at Fairfax City Hall. More information on both can be found at www.davidbulova.com.

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association, a local religious association and even elected officials," he said.

Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops have helped put in the trees in Stafford County, as well as in Burke Lake Park. The project pays for the cost of the trees, as well as the installation. Applicants can choose from a variety of trees that can adapt to different environments.

The program is accepting applications for the rest of the trees on a rolling basis. Community members interested in planting a tree can visit 95expresslanes.com.

"The program should wrap up by next fall's planning season," McGurk said.

Transurban and Fluor also sponsors a community grant program, which allows organizations affected by the construction to apply for funding for a project or initiative.

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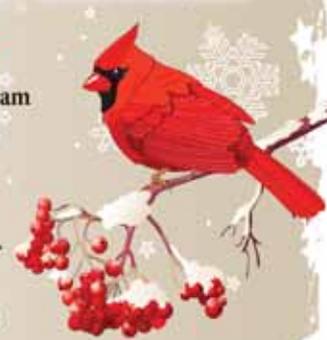
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Creating Books with Children

Experts say helping little readers become authors can deepen a love of reading.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

K.J., 8, and his sister Kalina, 3, love reading books, particularly books they've written themselves or with their mother. In fact, K.J. is an avid reader of both homemade and traditionally published books, and his sister is following in his footsteps.

"When they were younger, I took pictures and copied them on a home printer," said their mother, Holly Karapetkova, an associate professor of literature at Marymount University in Arlington. "Once they were older, they illustrated the books or chose the item they wanted to include like for a specific letter in an alphabet book."

Karapetkova and other researchers said that creating books like this with children is not only easy and

things that parents should keep in mind when making books with their children, however. "Parents need to make it a positive experience," she said. "Children need to have books available [on topics] that are of true interest to them. When a book is being made with parents, it may not be engaging if the book is only of interest to the parent. "Sometimes it gets sickening to have your kid tell you another princess story or another train story, but it is really important though to go with the child's interest," she continued. "You can take a little bit of a twist on the story by maybe adding a map that shows the places where the train might go."

MAKING YOUR OWN BOOKS stretches the imagination. M. Susan Burns, Ph.D., a member of the early childhood education and human development and family sciences faculty at George Mason University says there are a few

things that parents should keep in mind when making books with their children, however. "Parents need to make it a positive experience," she said. "Children need to have books available [on topics] that are of true interest to them. When a book is being made with parents, it may not be engaging if the book is only of interest to the parent. "Sometimes it gets sickening to have your kid tell you another princess story or another train story, but it is really important though to go with the child's interest," she continued. "You can take a little bit of a twist on the story by maybe adding a map that shows the places where the train might go."

Children may also want to turn to real-life for their books. "Children love to create stories based on their own experiences, and begin to develop a love of art and literature at an early age," said Sharon Fishel, ArtReach director for the McLean Project for the Arts in McLean. "Parents can foster the link between drawing, writing and reading by having their child draw pictures of



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLLY KARAPETKOVA

K.J., 8, and his sister Kalina, 3, make books with their mother, Holly Karapetkova, a professor of literature at Marymount University in Arlington. Experts say making books with children can help them develop a love of reading.

their daily routine or special events, such as field trips, family outings or unplanned adventures."

When creating a homemade book, the text doesn't have to be original either. "You can take a familiar song and adapt the lyrics," said Karapetkova. "For example, a book about a daily routine can say 'This is the way we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, brush our teeth early in the morning.'"

The techniques for young children are a little different. "You want a little one to engage with a

book," said Fishel. "A parent-child idea is nice. We do a lot of parent-child workshops here [at the McLean Project for the Arts] where one parent does one side [of the page] and child does the other."

The books children and their parents create don't have to be fancy, however. "When I've made books like this with my children, we've taken photos, we cut out pictures from magazines, glue sticks, something to put the picture onto," said Burns. "You can make those books fun by using artifacts. If

"As a college professor, I find that my students who can read well can also think well and write well. They are thinkers on a much deeper level."

— Holly Karapetkova, Ph.D., Marymount University

you're doing a book from your beach trip, your child may want to put some sand in the book, but it is important to have a child initiate it."

"I like the thicker paper stock and sometimes it makes it easier to hold onto," she added. "The other thing is to get the clear laminating paper and putting a plastic sheet over it."

Even "folded paper, bound with a pencil becomes a writer's journal," said Karapetkova. "You can also take plastic zip-lock bags, punch holes in the bags, fill them and they become bath time books because they are waterproof."

Fishel suggests sticking with the basics: "Composition book, crayons, colored pencils. Go to a crafts store [and get] bags of origami papers or printed pattern papers," she said, noting that "each part of it can be come a lesson plan. Get a patterned piece of paper and explore with your child what makes that a pattern. Don't assume that your child knows."

ing a child with an area dedicated to their work and ideas. All children need is blank paper, coloring crayons or markers, and a quiet place to work, preferably at a table that is their size. Elementary-age children should be provided paper that has a blank section at the top and lines on the bottom.

"For preschool age children," Love said, "parents can ask their child to dictate or describe in order the illustrations. Parents should describe what they are writing while the child watches them transcribe their ideas to the paper. This reinforces that language can be printed."

Experts add that it's important to emphasize that mistakes, corrections and changes are OK. "I usually say don't let them erase what they write or draw 150 times. It is not about perfection," said Fishel.

Burns agrees. "In books for pleasure you don't want to make big corrections," she said. "It's the relationship with parents that will make it positive."

Love suggests that parents display their children's books. "Writing and reading go hand in hand, and through supporting the writing process, parents are enhancing their child's ability to be a more effective and efficient reader. Writing together helps to expand a child's vocabulary, encourage creativity, activate prior knowledge, and build self-esteem."

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This program is open to the public. All are welcome.

About the speakers:

*Nannette Bowler currently serves as Director of the Fairfax County Department of Family Services. She directs the operation of this major county department, which includes over 1700 employees and a budget of more than \$211 million, with services for children, youth and families, adult and aging, self-sufficiency, the Office for Women/Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and a variety of programs operated from the Office for Children.

Previously, Bowler was chief judge of the Family Division for the 8th Judicial Circuit, Ionia County, Michigan.

*Paul D. McWhinney is Deputy Commissioner of Programs and Director of Family Services in Virginia's Department of Social Services. He oversees VA Adoptions, areas of social services benefits, child and family services, child care and early childhood development, and the Enterprise Delivery System Program Office. He has over 39 years of experience in varied positions in the human services field in the Commonwealth of Virginia in Richmond, Charlottesville, and Albemarle County.

*Dr. Beverly Howard is the Coordinator for Fairfax Families4Kids, She has 30 years of experience working with "at-risk" youth and families. She has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from University of Maryland, and she has taught at the University level. She is also an adoptive parent.

Fairfax Families4Kids match teenagers in foster care in Fairfax County with mentors and potential adoptive families. Through numerous partnerships in the community, this program provides regularly scheduled activities where the teenagers and caring adult volunteers can spend quality time getting to know each other and establishing permanent relationships. The program has been instrumental in assisting many teenagers in Fairfax County find adoptive families or permanent connections. The teenagers in Fairfax Families4Kids also give back to the community by hosting and participating in service projects.

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NEWS

Fairfax Academy Hosts MCT Festival

Eight annual MCT Fest displays students' talents, leadership.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Students enrolled in Fairfax Academy's Music Computer Technology (MCT) class impressed parents and teachers by hosting and performing original compositions at the Eighth Annual MCT Fest on Jan. 8 in Fairfax.

Thanks to student leaders like Cameron Welke, a senior at Fairfax High School who served as manager for the festival, and MCT Instructor Christopher Johnston, a Lorton resident known as "Mr. J." by his students, event attendees enjoyed a variety of musical styles at the festival.

According to Johnston, there are five goals of the MCT Fest, including presenting original music, allowing students to run an event, promoting awareness of the academy in the community, helping students gain networking skills, and fundraising.

Although the weeks leading up to MCT Fest were somewhat stressful for Johnston and his students, due to snow days and school delays, the festival still went smoothly.

"I didn't sleep well that week at all. I slept great the weekend after. I caught up on all the sleep that I wasn't able to get because so many things can go wrong," Johnston said.

In addition to managing the event, Welke performed twice during MCT Fest. He played guitar at the beginning with Ben Alter, the other student manager, and then played violin as part of a chamber ensemble.

As a student manager, Welke began preparing and organizing the event in August.

"It's really a lot of figuring out what needs to get done, who can do it, who will do it and how to get them to go on and do it," he said.

Welke enjoys having Johnston as an instructor and looks forward to coming to class every day.

"He's really a gem in the educational system. He's the one teacher that I've never come into class where he has not been excited to be here and excited to teach us about something new. He knows the programs like the back of his hand and he really and truly loves



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIN BLOOM/FAIRFAX ACADEMY

Members of the Fairfax Academy Music Computer Technology (MCT) class at their annual MCT Festival performed original compositions. The MCT Fest featured a variety of musical performances.

what he does," Welke said.

Erin Bloom, the career experience specialist at Fairfax Academy, said that Johnston's passion for teaching makes the class enjoyable for the students.

"He's very passionate about not only teaching but about each one of them. Individually he's so passionate about every single child in the class," Bloom said.

Welke has noticed the attention Johnston gives to each student during class.

"Actually, his one shortcoming

might be that it's impossible to get him by yourself because he's always off working with somebody. And when he works with somebody he really focuses on what they're doing and tries to make it the best so it can help them become a better musician as a result of it," Welke said.

The students also enjoy their instructor's jokes, which were recited during MCT Fest.

"The students did a wonderful job. It's a huge undertaking," Johnston said.

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SPORTS

Sharpshooting Berglund Leads Spartans in Blowout Victory

Senior guard scores 30 points, makes 13 of 14 attempts.

By JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield guard Amy Berglund grabbed an offensive rebound during the fourth quarter of Tuesday's game at West Potomac and attempted a putback just a few feet from the basket. The shot rimmed out, leading to a groan from the Spartan crowd.

Berglund, on the other hand, smiled. "[O]f course I missed that one," she said.

Berglund wasn't happy that she missed a gimme. But on a night when the Spartan senior was otherwise unstoppable, No. 25 understood the irony in her lone misfire.

Berglund connected on 13 of 14 field-goal attempts and scored a career-high 30 points as the West Springfield girls' basketball team remained undefeated with an 80-37 victory over West Potomac on Jan. 14.

Berglund, a 5-foot-9 guard, made her first 13 field-goal attempts, eight of which were mid-range jumpers or perimeter shots. She went 2-for-2 from the free-throw line and made both of her 3-point attempts. Berglund's final attempt after a night of sharpshooting resulted in her missing one of her easier opportunities and receiving a reaction from the crowd.

Berglund, who surpassed 1,000 career points this season, said getting off to a hot start gave her confidence.

"It's huge," she said. "If you make your first couple, you feel like you can make any shot."

West Springfield head coach Bill Gibson said Berglund added the 3-point shot to her arsenal after scoring nearly 400 points as a junior and shooting 52 percent from the floor.

"She has good shot selection," Gibson said, "and she's a good shooter."

Berglund scored 10 points in the first quarter, including a transition bucket with 2:34 remaining that gave West Springfield a 20-0 lead. The Spartans led 23-2 at the end of the period and 42-8 at the end of the first half.

West Springfield twice led by 40 points in the third quarter. Berglund's three-point play with 3:53 left in the period capped an 8-0 run and gave the Spartans a 52-12 advantage. Less than a minute later, Berglund knocked down a jumper to give West Springfield a 54-14 lead.

"She's amazing," West Potomac head coach Kenny Farmer said. "... She can flat-out shoot the ball."

The loss dropped West Potomac's record to 8-5.

Sophomore forward Maura D'Anna scored 11 points for West Springfield and sophomore guard Jasmine Taylor finished with seven. Sophomore guard Shelby Haynes, junior forward Emily Reba and junior guard Sadie Shroeder each had six.

Tuesday's win improved West Springfield's record to 13-0. Gibson said the maturation of sophomores D'Anna, Haynes and Taylor, who played varsity ball as freshmen, has led to improvement for the Spartans. Last season, West Springfield lost in the Patriot District tournament semifinals, ending its streak of



West Springfield senior Amy Berglund scored a career-high 30 points against West Potomac on Jan. 14.

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West Springfield sophomore Maura D'Anna scored 11 points against West Potomac on Jan. 14.

three consecutive district titles. The Spartans finished with a 21-5 record, ending their year with a two-point loss to Centreville in the regional quarterfinals.

West Springfield reached the state tournament in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

"Our team goal has always been to go to states," Berglund said, "but we've got to take it one step at a time." West Springfield will host Woodson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.



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South County's Darby Glackin tied for fifth on floor with a score of 8.65 during a Jan. 9 meet at Oakton High School.

South County Gymnastics Places Third at Oakton Meet

The South County gymnastics team took third place at a six-team meet on Jan. 9 at Oakton High School.

South County posted a score of 118.225. Oakton won the event with a total of 129.625 and Chantilly finished runner-up (128.375). Langley finished fourth (114.65), Hayfield was fifth (102.575) and West Springfield finished sixth (97.55).

Oakton's Natalie Weaver won the all-around with a score of 34.625. West Springfield's Allison Leibrandt finished seventh with a total of 32.375, and South County's Darby Glackin finished eighth (32.250).

Langley's Natalie Volpicelli won vault with a score of 8.85.

Leibrandt tied for fifth (8.475) and Glackin tied for seventh (8.4).

Weaver won bars with a score of 8.575. Leibrandt placed fifth (7.825), Glackin finished seventh (7.7) and South County's Samantha Leung placed eighth (7.575).

Weaver won beam with a score of 8.7 and South County's Collea Burgess placed second with a score of 8.65. Leibrandt placed seventh (7.8) and Glackin finished eighth (7.5).

Chantilly's Elise Mazzone won floor with a 9.4 and Burgess finished runner-up with a score of 9.125. Glackin tied for fifth with a score of 8.65 and Leibrandt tied for eighth (8.275).



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Oakton sophomore Natalie Weaver won the all-around competition during a home meet on Jan. 9.

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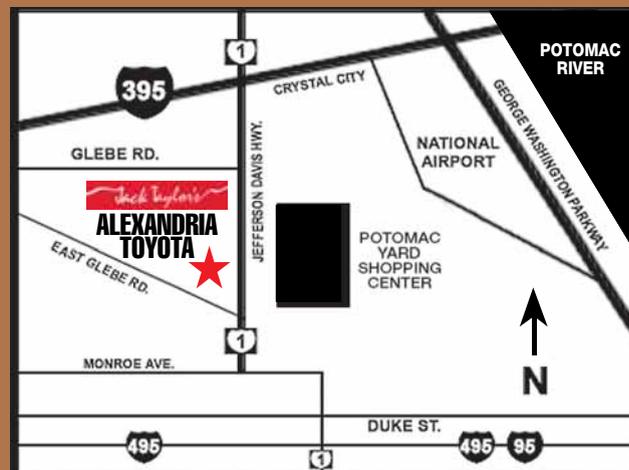
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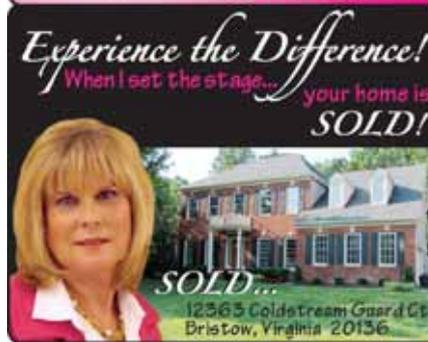
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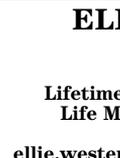


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