

Fairfax Mayor and City Council
photographed after election
Tuesday night:
(Back row, from left) Scott
Silverthorne, David Meyer and
Jeff Greenfield, and (front row,
from left) Michael DeMarco,
Janice Miller, Ellie Schmidt and
Nancy Loftus.

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(From left) are School Board members Robert Reinsel, Carolyn Pitches, Toby Sorensen, Mitch Sutterfield and Jon Buttram.

Fairfax Council: Three Men, Three Women

Silverthorne re-elected mayor; incumbents, Miller, Loftus win.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION



County Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Mayor Scott Silverthorne.

Tuesday, May 6, was a great night for incumbents and women in the City of Fairfax. Mayor Scott Silverthorne and all four current City Council members were re-elected, and two women replaced the two men – Dan Drummond and Steve Stombres – who’d stepped down from the Council.

Silverthorne scored a decisive victory over challenger John Norce, garnering 1,998 votes to Norce’s 684, for 73 percent of the vote. In the Council race, the top six vote-getters were elected: incumbents David Meyer, 1,988 votes; Ellie Schmidt, 1,862; Michael DeMarco, 1,828; and Jeff Greenfield, 1,789, and new members Janice Miller, 1,725, and Nancy Loftus, 1,689.

“It’s a resounding victory and a clear indication that the voters think we’re moving in the right direction,” said Greenfield. “They clearly picked the team they feel will continue to protect our small-town character while moving our city forward.”

Also elected were all five candidates for School Board, incumbents Jon Buttram, Carolyn Pitches, Toby Sorensen and Mitch Sutterfield, plus newcomer Robert Reinsel, replacing Miller.

ALL THE CANDIDATES gathered in the Old Town Hall to await the results, along with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), Del. David Bulova (D-37) and County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid.

Addressing the crowd afterward, Silverthorne said, “From the bottom of my heart, thank you. This was a hard-fought campaign and people knew where everybody stood on the issues.”

He said he felt “overwhelmed by the tremendous confidence and trust the public’s placed in me. I’ve been blessed with a talented, collaborative City Council and I’m optimistic we’ll be able to work on the

many challenges we face as a community.”

Silverthorne attributed his reelection to his openness, accessibility and responsiveness to the citizens. And, he added, “The public sensed that we’ve had a good team in place, the past two years, and didn’t see any convincing reason to switch horses.”

Elected to his 11th term, Greenfield became the longest-serving and most-experienced councilman in City history. “I think experience matters,” he said. “And I’ve got a proven track record as someone who’ll continue providing high levels of service at the

lowest tax burden possible.” Schmidt, entering her third term, said it’s an honor to serve the City. “The future is bright and I’m happy to be a part of it,” she said. “I grew up here and have been involved in Fairfax most of my life, working with many different citizens on various boards and committees. And campaigning, I knocked on lots of doors.”

Welcoming former School Board Chairman Miller to the Council, Silverthorne said, “She’s served this community over 40 years, not just on the School Board, but as a tireless advocate for youth sports. She has a distinguished record unmatched by anyone in this room.”

Miller said voters appreciated the time and effort the candidates put into the community. After almost three decades on the School Board, she wanted a new challenge. And with some big projects moving forward, she said, “It’ll be an interesting time to be on the Council. I pledge to work hard, continue listening to the community’s concerns and provide good constituent services.”

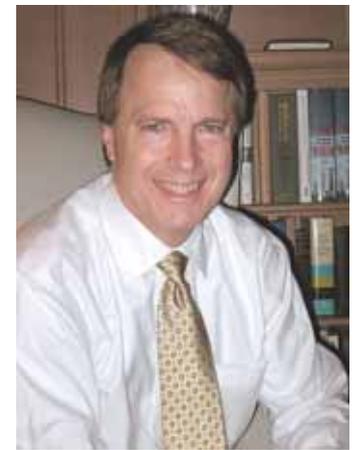
CALLING THE ELECTION “truly remarkable,” Meyer said, “People have given up their lives to vote, so we shouldn’t take it for granted.” Congratulating his Council colleagues, he said, “I hope we’ll move forward with a unity of purpose and focus for the greater good of the next generation.”

“It was a great race and the City’s better off because of the dialogue we had because of the debates,” said DeMarco. “I promise to do my best to serve [the citizens’] best interests and the City as a whole.”

Loftus said she made many new friends while campaigning and looks “forward to serving on this Council.”



Dan Drummond



David Meyer

City of Fairfax Adopts Budget

Real-estate tax rate is lowered by two cents.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax City Council adopted the City’s FY 2014-15 budget last week, lowered the existing real-estate tax rate by two cents and gave raises to the city employees. In a special meeting, last Wednesday, April 30, the Council set City residents’ new real-estate tax rate at \$1.04 per \$100 assessed value, effective Jan. 1, 2015.

“This budget does a little extra for City staff,” said Councilman Jeff Greenfield. “It thanks the people, for example, like the ones who were out there tonight getting drenched in the rain, while working to keep the water out of the City buildings. And it helps the residents in this economy that’s been slow to rebound.”

However, there was quite a bit of back-and-forth discussion before the Council members could agree on the property-tax rate, how much money to set aside for Fairfax’s school-tuition expense and where the budget could be cut so the real-estate tax rate could be reduced.

THE SCHOOL-TUITION CONTRACT is the City’s single, largest expense and often fluctuates significantly from budgeted amounts. So to accommodate unforeseen fluctuations, City staff recommended Council establish a school-tuition reserve funded over several years.

Staff suggested funding this reserve via some portion of the real-estate tax revenue and/or

savings realized whenever the school-tuition budget generated a year-end surplus. The city manager’s proposed budget allocated \$846,000 – or 1 cent of the property-tax rate to the reserve.

Greenfield, though, proposed reducing this amount to just \$250,000, saying that Council just needed to start a reserve fund and could add to it later. Councilman Dan Drummond seconded his motion and the Council approved it. Furthermore, Mayor Scott Silverthorne assured everyone that, “If there’s a need for reserve funding to the schools, the City Council will take care of it.”

Since most residents’ homes increased in assessed value this year, Council members Steve Stombres and Ellie Schmidt hoped to cut the City’s advertised real-estate tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 assessed value to \$1.03 instead. But Greenfield and Councilman Michael DeMarco favored \$1.04, and Councilman David Meyer noted the importance of having an adequate surplus in the city’s coffers.

“Fuel and materials costs fluctuate during the year, and there are also unanticipated events,” explained Meyer. “For example, we spent a quarter of a million dollars more than we expected [this winter] in snow-removal costs.”

However, Finance Director David Hodgkins said the Council would have to find \$234,000 in budget cuts to reach a \$1.04 tax rate. So the members agreed to cut \$40,000 from the amount budgeted for salaries for new positions, and City Manager Bob Sisson said he could find the rest of the necessary budget reductions.

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22 Years in Prison for Child's Death

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A Fair Lakes woman has been sentenced to more than 22 years in prison for murdering an 11-month-old boy in Vienna, nearly three years ago. She is Carol Nadine Lutsky, 22, of Summit Manor Court. The tragedy occurred Oct. 5, 2011. Town of Vienna police officers were called to the 1100 block of Lakewood Drive S.W. regarding a baby who was reported to be unresponsive.



Lutsky

The baby was then rushed to Reston Hospital, from where – because of his critical and deteriorating condition – he was Medevaced to Children's National

Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The boy, Nehemiah Williams, died the next day, on Oct. 6.

But before they arrived, the caretaker, Lutsky, then 20, transported the infant to his biological mother who was in Reston at the time.

According to an official document dated July 9, 2013 and filed in the Virginia Court of Appeals, Lutsky began dating the child's mother in October 2010. The mother – who The Connection is only identifying by her last name, Williams, since she's a victim – gave birth to her son that same month. A year later, on Oct. 5, 2011, "After Williams had gone to a club with another woman,

Lutsky called Williams and told her that [her baby] had fallen and injured his head," the document states. "[The boy] did not survive his injuries." Since Nehemiah died in Washington, D.C., the District of Columbia Medical Examiner's office assumed the case and performed the autopsy on him. The autopsy results revealed that he died as a result of "blunt force trauma" to the upper body, and his death was ruled a homicide.

On July 16, 2012 Vienna police detectives presented the results of

their investigation to a Fairfax County grand jury. As a result, Lutsky was indicted and charged with child abuse/neglect and murder. She was arrested on those charges on July 23, 2012 and held without bond in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

On April 25 in Circuit Court, she was sentenced to 40 years behind bars. However, according to the terms of her plea agreement, she'll serve just 22.6 years of that sentence, followed by 20 years of active probation.

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Ultimately, the \$1.04 real-estate tax rate passed, 5-1, with just Stombres dissenting. "Here in the City, people see value for the tax dollars they invest in the City and entrust us to spend," said Drummond. "And we lowered the tax rate by 5 cents when we got out of the water business. City staff will continue to use the taxes wisely and the City will continue to thrive." Agreeing, DeMarco said, "I think we did a good job getting the tax rate down from \$1.06 to \$1.04. Educating our children and providing safety in our streets and homes is important. Yes, we've called on our citizens to pay more [because of their increased property assessments], but they'll get more quality in their services."

Besides that, said Silverthorne, "Most of our surrounding jurisdictions raised their rates and we lowered ours. And almost all our economic indicators are moving upward and in a positive direction for our community."

FROM THE PROPERTY-TAX REVENUE, 2 cents per \$100 assessed value will be dedicated to the City's Stormwater Fund, and .28 of a penny per \$100 assessed value will be dedicated to the school-tuition reserve.

Regarding the salary increases, the Council approved 3.5-percent merit raises for City employees, plus a .5-percent COLA (cost-of-living allowance), for a total of \$428,000. This action goes into effect July 1. The Council also adopted the tax rate for property zoned commercial and industrial. It remained unchanged at 5.5 cents per \$100 assessed value. Revenue from this tax is used exclusively for transportation improvements within the City.

NEWS

Woman Convicted of Tax and Wire Fraud

Fair Oaks tax preparer filed false returns with the IRS.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION



and discovered that the tax documents the mortgage company obtained from the Internal Revenue

Service were different than the ones Le provided to [him or her].” Detectives, working with IRS special agents, were eventually able to piece together the details and extent of Le’s illegal actions. Police arrested her Aug. 6, 2013, and charged her with one count each of money laundering and obtaining money by false pretenses, plus two counts of identity theft with intent to defraud.

Her case was later turned over to federal authorities. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Nathanson is prosecuting the case in court and, last Wednesday, April 30, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Le entered her guilty pleas before Judge Claude Hilton.

Thuy Tien Le, 40, pleaded guilty last week in federal court to preparing false income tax returns and committing wire fraud. She admitted that she did so while running her Fair Oaks-based, tax-return preparation business called T2 Advantage Services LLC.

She was convicted last Wednesday, April 30, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. As a result, when she returns for sentencing on July 18, she could receive a possible maximum of three years in prison on the tax charge and 20 years behind bars for the wire-fraud offense.

In a statement of facts filed with her plea agreement, Le, now of Sterling, admitted that, from 2005 through 2013, she owned and operated her business out of her home on 12808 Madeley Court in Fairfax. She prepared federal income-tax returns for her clients and led them to believe she’d electronically filed legitimate returns with the IRS.

But before filing these returns, she altered them by adding false itemized deductions so she could generate large income-tax refunds. But instead of this money going to her clients, it went into her own pockets.

Le admitted to federal authorities that she prepared and filed false income tax returns in this manner for at least 50 clients, without their knowledge or consent, and that she had these refunds deposited electronically into her own bank accounts. She further admitted that the IRS sustained \$454,455 in losses because of what she’d done.

The investigation into her suspected criminal activities began in early July 2013 when Fairfax County police received a report from a resident that Le had prepared their income taxes. That person received the prepared documents, including a statement indicating exactly what federal and state refunds to expect.

Shortly thereafter, say police, the resident “was in the process of refinancing [his or her] mortgage

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Yes to the Meals Tax Referendum

Voters could decide on the tax in November.

Economic diversification is worthy goal. All of your eggs shouldn't be in one basket. All of your revenue shouldn't come from one source.

In Fairfax County, adding a meals tax at the same level as Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and the City of Fairfax, 4 percent, could generate \$88 million a year. The county estimates that 25-30 percent of the meals taxes collected would be paid by non-county residents.

The inability to implement alternative revenue sources will mean continued dependence on one basket. The combined increase in the real estate property tax rate and home values

means that most homeowners will be paying hundreds of dollars more in property taxes regardless of their ability to pay.

In Virginia, localities have only the powers explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly. In Northern Virginia, the economic engine of the state, this has translated into heavy dependence on the real estate property tax to fund everything, because localities are allowed few revenue options.

EDITORIAL

Fairfax County has a task force studying the possibility of holding a required referendum to let voters decide on adding a meals tax. It would be applied to "ready-to-eat foods and beverages wherever they are sold," but not vending machines.

Former Board Chairman Kate Hanley and former Board Chairman and U.S. Rep. Tom Davis will chair the task force and report back to the Board of Supervisors in mid June. If su-

pervisors approved the referendum, it could appear on the November ballot.

It's interesting that historically, Fairfax County voters overwhelmingly give the thumbs up to authorizing capital improvements to schools, parks and roads via bond sales, but in 1992, voters said no to the meals tax. It will be up to elected officials and advocates for schools, parks, libraries, public safety and human services to help make the case for the increase.

(Taxing income is a power the Commonwealth of Virginia retains for itself, and it is a mechanism that sends money from Northern Virginia to other parts of the state while forcing Northern Virginia localities to depend on property taxes.)

— MARY KIMM,

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BOS Budget Falls Short for FCPS

BY ILRYONG MOON
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
CHAIRMAN

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) continues to state that education is its top priority but its actions clearly do not match its words — not when county spending next year will increase by 3.6 percent while Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) budget is projected to increase by just 1.6 percent over last year's adopted budget. Overall, FCPS will receive 52.4 percent of the county's budget, down from 52.7 percent this year. While this percentage change seems small, that equates to more than \$12 million that FCPS would have received.

In his April 22 newsletter to residents, Supervisor Pat Herrity makes several misleading assertions about the FCPS budget. He suggests that the School Board already has available funding to meet the school system's needs, beyond the amount that will be transferred from the county and state. We would like to correct these misperceptions.

Supervisor Herrity suggests increasing the salary "lapse rate" (a salary lapse occurs during a job vacancy). FCPS' budgeted lapse savings are based on historical trends. FCPS has taken several steps to adjust compensation accounts in the FY 2015 budget including using lower salaries to budget for vacant positions and for new positions due to enrollment growth. Whatever is remaining in the compensation accounts, combined with other savings generated throughout the year, go into the ending balance which we use to fund the following year's budget.

Supervisor Herrity suggests eliminating pay raises for administrators to save \$13 million. The cost of providing a step increase for all employees is \$41 million. Of that amount, the cost for the administrative positions in schools is \$1.7 million and central administrators account for \$300,000. To achieve his goal of \$13 million in savings, pay raises would need to be denied to employees who directly serve students including advanced academic resource teachers, work experience teach-

ers, instructional support teachers, school counselors, librarians, audiologists, physical and occupational therapists, English for speakers of languages teachers, professional technical project teachers, public health attendants, public health training assistants, school-based technologists, psychologists, social workers, school clerical, school custodial, and school administration.

Supervisor Herrity also claims that many of our teachers are doing administration instead of teaching. He states that if we "take the total number of students in the school system and divide it by the number of full time equivalent teachers (emphasis added), we should get a class size of 12." As our class size is not as such, he alleges that our teachers must be doing administration. This canard has been raised before by Supervisor Herrity and it is irresponsible for him to continue to deliberately mislead the public by using deceitful teacher-student ratios in his comments. This doesn't result in purposeful conversation, but rather distracts the community

from the real issue of fully funding schools. To clarify once again, "full time equivalent teachers" are much more than classroom teachers. They also include special education teachers, English for Speakers of Other Languages teachers, instructional coaches, speech therapists, guidance counselors, librarians, music, physical education teachers, and more. Although these professionals do not have assigned classrooms, they are all teaching and working directly with students. It takes more than a single classroom teacher to provide a well-rounded and full education for FCPS students.

Moving forward, it's critical in budget discussions that disingenuous arguments are not used to refute or support one's position. This should not be seen as a School Board versus Board of Supervisors debate. We are partners. The School Board will continue to work closely with the Supervisors in an effort to develop long-term sustainable funding for FCPS and to meet the expectations of the community to maintain our world-class school system.

LETTERS

Timely Discussion On Drug Abuse

To the Editor:

Through columns on your newspaper website like "Avoidance Better Than Arrests, Prison, Death" my attention has been drawn to your spotlight on forums focused on drug prevention in high schools. With the increase in use of drugs for recreational use among youths, this is a timely and well-covered issue in your news-

paper.

The drug prevention forum covered by your paper called "Protecting Against the Realities of Substance Abuse," put on by Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together (PROTECT), provides a new approach to talking about drug awareness and prevention that could help parents better understand and approach the

rise in drug culture in youths. By bringing in police officers, former drug users and dealers, and families affected by drugs, parents were able to hear their stories and learn ideas like how to recognize signs earlier that may indicate drug use in their children.

As a former student at the [Madison] high school where the forum was held and as an adult now who has had friends struggle

with drug addictions, I find it extremely important and well received that this topic is being highlighted in your publication. This is an issue in children today that needs to be addressed because prevention of drug use is always better than detection of drug use for all parties involved.

Rebecca Rosen
Vienna



MOTHER'S DAY

The Things My Mom Taught Me

Growing up my mom went from asking me what was one nice thing I did for someone to inspiring me to think differently and change the community and even the world around me. That has led me to my purpose in life. To go beyond help or charity and work towards fundamentally changing the lives of others. She would always remind me that the success of our family did not come on our own. It was the grace of God, the support of friends, and the encouragement of a community. I continue to see my mom live this every day. She is so dedicated to her employees and does big and small things for their professional and personal lives because she wants the best for them. People she barely knows, but she knows helping them is not just being a good employer; it is being a good citizen of the world. She also never misses the big and little moments in my life. In this picture posted in January I commented that in the 30+ years I have been singing, dancing, or acting she has never missed a performance. Every nonprofit I have



Amanda Misiko Andere with Mom: "In the 30+ years I have been singing, dancing, or acting she has never missed a performance."

worked for she has volunteered or donated her amazing catering talents. I am so blessed to call her mom and mentor!

— AMANDA MISIKO ANDERE

The writer is Executive Director of FACETS – Opening Doors for People in Need.

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Eat Spaghetti, Raise Money

Fairfax County Explorer Post 1742 will host a spaghetti-dinner fundraiser Thursday, May 8, from 5-8 p.m., at the Fairfax County Police Assn., 5625 Revercomb Court, in Fairfax. Besides spaghetti (with or without meatballs), the meal will include bread, salad, soda and dessert.

Advance tickets are \$12, adults; \$6, children 6-12 years old. Tickets at the door are \$15 and \$8, respectively. Children 5 and under eat free. Call 703-814-7051 for tickets.

Book Fair Helps Students

This Friday, May 9, from 5-9 p.m., the Mountain View High School Foundation will host its annual book fair at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade in Fairfax. The Foundation raises and donates thousands of dollars in scholarships so graduating seniors may be able to attend college.

Farmers Markets Are Opening

Two farmers markets are opening for the season in the City of Fairfax. They'll run May 10 through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market, opening this Saturday, May 10, will be held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will open Sunday, May 11, and will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

Helping Keep Children Safe

City of Fairfax police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will be offering Safe Assured identification kits for children on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at police

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MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova:
"Just minutes after giving birth to my daughter Karin in 1971. I was 24 and we are in Fairfax Hospital."



Sharon Bulova's daughter Karin with her first child, Finnian ("Finn") in Seattle on June 23, 2011.



Kathy Ott (mom), Justin McGrath, Shannon McGrath, Anna McGrath all of Fairfax. Taken during spring break 2014 in Hazleton, Pa., where they were celebrating Kathy's parents 50th wedding anniversary.



Mommy Margie Morgan reading a story to her triplets.

NEWS

City Council Approves Spending \$8.1 Million

Money will renovate police firearms facility, improve downtown.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

It's full speed ahead for some major projects in the City of Fairfax. On April 22, the City Council approved spending \$8.1 million to develop and improve City-owned downtown properties and to renovate and expand the Police Department's Firearms Training Center.

The one-story, indoor firing-range was built in 1985 of cinderblock and wood. It has six firing lanes, a small classroom, a weapons-cleaning area and an office/armory. And the City's 66 police officers and three fire marshals conduct firearms training and state-mandated, firearms qualification there.

"Firearms skills are the most critical ones we can teach our officers and the most difficult to acquire," said Deputy Police Chief Carl Pardiny. "And we believe they must be trained above state standards to protect our citizens' lives."

Trouble is, the existing range needs major renovations to the building, HVAC systems, target systems and support equipment. According to Police Chief Rick Rappoport, "The rapidly aging air-handling system - required by EPA regulations to remove the harmful byproducts of discharging firearms - and target-carrier system are anticipated to reach the end of their useful lives in the next two-to-three years."

AS A RESULT, City staff recommended that Fairfax renovate the facility or risk its closure. So in July 2013, the City applied to the Virginia attorney general for a grant available to law-enforcement agencies.

And in conjunction with the GMU and City of Falls Church police departments, it received \$591,000 for a new facility.

So Fairfax's cost to renovate and expand the training center will be offset by this grant, as well as by cost-sharing agreements with those two police departments, who'll also use the facility. Councilman Dan Drummond said he liked the partnership with the GMU police force and called it a "great opportunity."

Pardiny said the size of the sworn-officer police force "will



Police Chief Rick Rappoport.

determine the cost share of each of the three partners. But it'll be a City facility under City control."

With the infusion of funds, two more live-fire lanes will be added, plus a second floor to house classrooms, a firing-simulations training room and equipment, and offices for the instructors. Also planned is a secured vault for firearms and ammunition, plus a security system for the building.

IN AN APRIL 3 MEMO to City Manager Robert Sisson,

Rappoport said video-simulation firearms training provides officers with a variety of possible scenarios they could face on the job. "Simulation training reduces expenditures for ammunition and wear on the target and bullet-trap systems," he explained. "Its interactive capabilities enhance training in tactical response, team coordination [multiple officers engaging in the scenario], verbal command and decision-making [shoot/don't shoot]."

Added Pardiny: "We don't have that technology now."

Sisson said there'd be no financial impact on the City's FY 2014-15 budget and that the construction cost would be financed over several years. Of the \$8.1 million approved by City Council, \$3.4 million is earmarked for the firearms facility.

The other \$4.7 million is for the Old Town Square Park, North Street pedestrian barrier and paving the Main Street/East Street public parking lot. Councilwoman Ellie Schmidt was among those approving the expenditures, but said, "I hope we find ways to do these projects as efficiently as possible."

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Hearing Loss Doesn't Have to be Life-changing

"What?" May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

On any given workday, you might find Arlington resident Erin Weiner sitting in a family-friendly restaurant casually coloring or playing games with a young child. At first glance, she might be mistaken for any young mother entertaining her offspring while they wait for a meal. In actuality, Weiner, who is a speech-language pathologist, is employing what she describes as an innovative approach to therapy that involves working with a child in his or her natural environment.

"Real-time therapeutic sessions help children develop skills that they can effectively apply to day-to-day life," said Weiner, of Erin's Place for Therapy in North Potomac, Md.

Hearing loss affects more than 36 million Americans. During the month of May, Better Hearing & Speech Month, Weiner and other speech and hearing professionals are working to raise awareness about communication disorders and the treatments that are available.

"Most people don't realize how the loss of hearing is interfering with their lives," said Michael V. Massa, AuD., of Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology, with offices in Springfield and Mount Vernon. "Hearing loss is usually gradual and a spouse or family member will notice it first."

Massa says that while hearing loss is most common in people aged 50 and older, it can affect patients from newborns to the elderly. Recognizing the warning signs and finding the proper treatment can be life-altering. "People come back and say 'if I had known how much this would have helped, I would have come to see you much earlier,'" said Massa.

EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL. "Hearing loss can affect one's ability to communicate with and engage others in the community," said Jeffrey Edge, rehabilitation services manager for the Fairfax County Health Department. "The earlier you detect a hearing loss, the sooner you can take steps to hopefully decrease the impact of the loss on communication. Early detection of hearing loss is most important with infants and children as hearing is critical to developing speech and language skills and learning."

Edge points to research from the National Institute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, which shows that speech and language development begins in the first six months



Dr. Michael Massa examines Vivian Graeves in his Mount Vernon office.

of life and children who get treatment early develop better language skills than those who don't.

There are certain signs that tell parents their children might be experiencing hearing loss.

"Is the child responding to their name when the child isn't looking at you?" asks Weiner. "Are they speaking as much as their peers? Are they saying 'What?' a lot? Do they seem to be reading your lips? If a fire truck with its sirens on goes by does the child look up? Are they having problems speaking at the right volume?"

Weiner, who provides oral, motor articulation, language therapy and auditory processing treatments, said problems with audio processing can often be difficult to diagnose. "You have to determine if the issue is auditory processing or hearing loss. This can

be difficult to distinguish. With auditory processing, someone might keep saying 'What?' and they probably heard you, but the message is not getting to their brain."

Hearing loss in newborns can be hereditary or congenital, said Massa, but it is often caught early because of state laws that require newborn hearing screenings. "At birth we can tell if a child's hearing is normal or not and this is critical because they have to develop speech," said Massa.

MASSA SAID THAT the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled within the past 30 years. "Some of that is due to the fact that we have so many baby boomers," he said. "Inner ear hearing loss is the most common type of loss."

Sudden hearing loss is another common hearing disorder that usually occurs in one



Speech-language pathologist Erin Weiner holds a therapy session with a young patient in a natural environment.

ear.

"With sudden hearing loss, time is of the essence," said Massa. "The person needs to be seen right away. Studies show that they have a better chance of recovering if treatment begins right away."

When it comes to treatment, advancements in hearing devices now include the latest digital and Bluetooth technology, which can connect patients to their electronic devices, such as a television, a computer, a smart phone or cellular telephone phone, as well as induction loop systems found in theaters.

"Hearing devices have gotten really good with digital technology. How well a person is going to do with a hearing device is dependent on the type of hearing loss," said Massa, who has been practicing for more than 30 years.

"Fortunately most people can be helped by hearing devices. It is extremely important for those people to be seen by a doctor of audiology."

Details

◆ Erin's Place for Therapy — <http://erinsplacefortherapy.com>

◆ Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology offers free hearing screenings during May. Visit www.massandassociates.com.

◆ The Fairfax County Health Department's Speech and Hearing Clinic provides hearing and speech screenings and evaluations for children and adults living in Fairfax County. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/speech/speechservices.htm.

◆ National Institute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders — www.nidcd.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx

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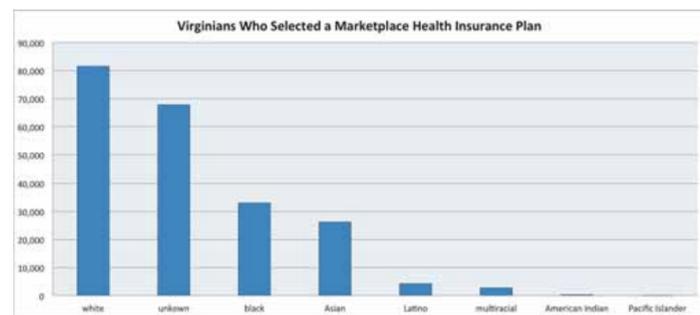
Despite Advances, Many Virginians Remain Uninsured

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Since the federal marketplace for health insurance became available through the Affordable Care Act, more than 216,000 Virginia residents have selected a plan. But that's only a small fraction of the 1,030,000 Virginians who currently don't have health insurance.

So what is the state of the uninsured in Virginia?

That's difficult to answer, partly because some key statistics are not yet known and the politics of the Affordable Care Act are still unfolding. About 400,000 of those who do not have health insurance are awaiting the conclusion of the budget showdown currently underway in Richmond, where Republicans and Democrats are split about the wisdom of accepting federal money to expand Medicaid, a program that offers health insurance to those who live in poverty or with disabilities. State officials say 470,000 of those without health insurance are eligible for the marketplace,



although it's unclear how many of the 216,000 who have signed up for a marketplace plan already had insurance and were just looking for a better deal.

The most recent data from the Department of Health and Human Services suggests that 87 percent of enrollees were uninsured before signing up. But federal officials only collect information about existing coverage when the recipients qualify for a subsidy or tax credit. As a result, some say the states that run their own exchanges have better information because they ask for the infor-

mation in a variety of ways, creating a balanced range of responses. By that measure, the percentage of people who sign up for marketplace health insurance had no previous insurance about 70 percent to 75 percent of the time.

"That is still way over half of them being previously uninsured, which is a good thing by my lights," said Len Nichols, director at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. "Of course, the number that would be covered who were previously uninsured would more

than double that if Virginia would expand Medicaid."

ESTIMATES FROM the Census Bureau show that parts of Northern Virginia have some of the highest concentration of adults and children without health insurance. Manassas Park City, for example, has the highest concentration of uninsured adults in Virginia, 28 percent. Manassas Park City also has the third highest rate of uninsured children in Virginia, 11 percent. Meanwhile, information compiled by the Urban Institute shows that Fairfax County has 136,000 residents who lack health insurance.

"If you look at the rate of people without health insurance in Fairfax County, it doesn't look that high," said Deborah Oswalt, executive director of the Virginia Health Care Foundation. "But if you look at the raw number of people without health insurance, that's a lot of people."

Supporters of the Affordable Care Act say the law has already started making progress for the uninsured in Virginia. For example, people can no longer be denied coverage because they have a preexisting condition. And the mandate that employers offer health

Affordable Care Act expands coverage, but more than 800,000 still have no health insurance.

insurance to their workers have removed people from the rolls of the uninsured. Plus allowing adult children to stay on their parents' plans until the age of 26 has already helped many people keep insurance they would have lost. By some estimates, without the Affordable Care Act about 1.3 million Virginians would lack health insurance.

"It's an excellent first step," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "It takes time for people to fully understand what's out there and what's available. We're talking about people who are struggling with medical expenses and jobs and don't have lots of time."

ALTHOUGH THE NEW statistics show some progress in Virginians without insurance selecting a plan through the federal marketplace, most of the attention in recent weeks has focused on the political fight over expanding Medicaid. For the first two years, the federal government would pick up 100 percent of the cost for that program. After 2020, though, Virginia would be on the hook for providing 10 percent of the cost of the program. "That's \$240 million in today's dollars, but by 2020 that's going to be about \$400 million because of Medicaid inflation,"

said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "It took me 15 years to get money for roads, and every time we had a surplus almost all of it got eaten up by Medicaid. So there's a lot of us that don't want to obligate Virginia to something we can't afford in the future." Supporters of expanding Medicaid say Virginia can't afford turning down the deal, in part because money from taxpayers will be taken regardless of whether it's spent in the commonwealth or not. That means Virginia taxpayers will be funding Medicaid expansion in New York and California while low-income people in Virginia continue to suffer. By one estimate, that means about \$2 billion would be collected here in Virginia and diverted to help expand Medicaid in other states. "What is happening to the uninsured in Virginia really sits in the House of Delegates," said Nichols. "Will they agree with the Senate and the governor and accept large infusions of federal money to expand Medicaid coverage for the commonwealth or not? At the moment, the choice and fate of the uninsured is up to them. At some point, again, it will be up to the voters."

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More than 4,000 motorcycles from across the country are expected to fill Rt. 29 in the City of Fairfax for the annual Ride of the Patriots event on Sunday, May 25.

Thousands of motorcyclists and spectators line Lee Highway in the City of Fairfax on the Sunday before Memorial Day to commemorate the holiday with the Ride of the Patriots, based at Patriot Harley Davidson.

A Rolling Tradition

Annual event brings thousands of motorcyclists, spectators to streets of Fairfax for Memorial Day celebration.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

When it first began, the Ride of the Patriots was a few friends getting together to honor Memorial Day and those who served, riding down to Washington, D.C. to join the national Rolling Thunder parade.

Now it's an event with such a wide-ranging draw, up to 4,500 motorcycles from coast to coast not to mention local men and women, that one nearby police force has implemented a seniority system to determine who gets to participate.

"The city really embraced it," said Micki Lyons, who, along with her husband, Ken, have worked on the event for most of its 16 year history. "Fairfax City now, on its website, has us pointed out on there as one of the premiere events."

Ride of the Patriots, for those who don't know, is an annual event anchored at Patriot Harley Davidson on Lee Highway in Fairfax. The centerpiece of the Memorial Day weekend, the four-lane road is turned into a two-lane road, with the other two lanes blocked off from Captain Pell's restaurant to the dealership and filled with motorcycles. Some riders

come from California and Washington, taking an entire week to make the trip to Fairfax. Others ship their bikes in from points across the U.S. and, in some cases, around the world, to participate in the parade and commemoration.

THE EVENT began as a way to honor veterans and those who gave their lives, said Ken Lyons, media coordinator for the Fairfax County Harley Owners Group (HOG), which organizes the event each year. "It started as just a ride" which went from the dealership out onto the Beltway and to the Pentagon, to join up with the 400,000-bike strong Rolling Thunder event, Micki Lyons said. In 2001, the ride was named the Ride of the Patriots and a police escort was added, she recalled. A few years later, it morphed into the orchestrated event expected this year, on Sunday, May 25, complete with the closure of I-66 through Arlington to the Pentagon.

"It's not a biker thing," Ken Lyons said. "This is a bunch of people who happen to ride motorcycles, who decided to get together and ride in honor of people who serve. It's Memorial Day."

The dealership hosts several events over the course of the weekend, including a smaller ride to the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Friday evening, May 23, and an open house at the dealership on Saturday, May 24. Some participants will also take part in Fairfax City's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 26.

As usual, there will be speakers during the ceremony in the Patriot Harley Davidson parking lot Sunday morning. In addition to local elected officials — undoubtedly vying to take credit for a beautiful morning if the weather cooperates — this year's featured guests include Cmdr. Kirk Lippold (Ret.), who served as commander of the USS Cole ship when it was attacked in Yemen by suicide bombers in October 2000, an event now believed to be a precursor to the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. Joining him will be SSgt. Erick Millette, U.S. Army (Ret.), himself a survivor of 17 improvised explosive device attacks during two tours of duty in Iraq and now a spokesperson for the Wounded Warrior Project, which acts to help injured servicemen and women get the care they need when returning home after combat.

WOUNDED WARRIOR has a group of speakers who attend events and explain the organization's work, Ken Lyons said. "They have a list of speakers who talk about how it helped them," and extending an invitation to SSgt. Millette seemed a good fit for the event.

Cmdr. Lippold knows Bob DeHaven, owner of Patriot Harley Davidson, from a ride they both went on last summer in support



The Fairfax County Police Department will be joined by the ranks of the City of Fairfax, City of Alexandria and Loudoun County in escorting thousands of motorcyclists on the Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 25, from Patriot Harley Davidson to the Pentagon via I-66.

of the Wounded Warrior project, and having the two of them together should make for an especially powerful start to the Memorial Day weekend, he said.

Also this year, weather permitting, a pair of ladder trucks from the Fairfax County Fire Department will be parked across Lee Highway from each other, creating a space on which an American flag can fly above the bikers as they leave the dealership parking lot on their way to I-66 and Rolling Thunder.

There was a time when some of the original riders in the Ride of the Patriots were concerned about who would pick up the proverbial torch when they became unable to ride.

"What's happening is, the Iraq

vets, the Afghanistan vets, the Gulf War vets have picked it up," Micki Lyons said. "It was needed."

The Lyons will be there, let there be no question. They've missed weddings in previous years to attend the Ride of the Patriots, and this year will be no different.

"It's become a ride of spirit," she said. "It's like an old Main Street parade. You see three and four-year-olds out on the sidewalk waving flags at you. People are out there in the stands. For so many years, during Vietnam, it was so unpopular [to be patriotic and to be in the military]. Now we live in such a mixed culture, there are people who adopted this country and are so proud to be Americans and so proud that they can wave the flag."



Dr. Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys.

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Mason Presents Artistic Discovery

Center for the Arts at George Mason University announces season of great performances.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

The arts are an integral part of the quality of life in Fairfax County. The coming 2014-2015 season for the Center for the Arts at George Mason University will once again provide diverse arts and entertainment of national and international quality for the community.

For George Mason University President Dr. Angel Cabrera, “our responsibility is to serve others, to enrich the life of our community culturally and economically. We encourage lifelong learning, and the programming at the Center for the Arts is one of the ways in which we live out that mission.

“Through the Center and its ‘Great Performances at Mason’ season, arts lovers in our community, as well as those who have had limited exposure to the arts, continue to learn through cultural experiences that are both educational and entertaining,” said Dr. Cabrera.

“Mason makes a significant contribution to the future of artistic discovery by providing our students – the next generation of artists – with the opportunity to interact with these world-class performers and ensembles. Community involvement in these programs enhances Mason’s leadership role in our area,

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and serves as an excellent example to our students,” added Cabrera.

In announcing next season’s “Great Performances”, Tom Reynolds, the Center’s director of artistic programming, indicated that its features will range “from the incomparable Patti LuPone, who appears on our stage for the first time at our ‘ARTS by George!’ benefit event, to bluegrass patriarch Dr. Ralph Stanley, who performs at the Center for the last time when he brings his Farewell Tour to Fairfax.”

There will be distinguished first time performers at the Center for the Arts such as Alonzo King LINES Ballet, The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Seraphic Fire, Jasmine Guy and the Avery Sharpe Trio, The 5 Browns and Todd Ellison. Returning performers will include the Virginia Opera, Allen Toussaint, Martha Graham Dance Company, BBC Concert Orchestra, Doc Severinsen, MOMIX, Christopher O’Riley and The National Acrobats of the People’s Republic of China.

“The Great Performances at Mason” season will have nearly four dozen different performances beginning in September 2014 through May 2015.

“George Mason University is an innovative, diverse, entrepreneurial and accessible place where all are welcome, and the Center for the Arts truly embodies the Mason idea by presenting a broad range of high quality, interesting performances at affordable prices, so there is something for patrons of all ages, background and interest,” said Dr. Cabrera.



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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) visits with Scout Troop 698 of Burke to talk about civics and the Virginia General Assembly.

Del. Filler-Corn Meets Scout Troop 698 of Burke

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) recently met with Scout Troop 698 of Burke to discuss the important role civics and community participation plays in government and community development. Del. Filler-Corn and the group even played Virginia jeopardy, testing the Scouts knowledge of the House of Delegates and everything Virginia. “I truly enjoy spending time out in our community, meeting with many groups throughout the 41st district. I continue to be inspired by so many indi-

viduals who regularly work to help make our community a wonderful place to live. I am especially energized by meeting with groups of young people. These young scouts were quite impressive, knowledgeable and inquisitive.

I know the future of the Commonwealth will be better off with their leadership in the future,” said Del. Filler-Corn.

The Scout Troop 698 of Burke is led by Scoutmaster Mike Koehler of Burke and the event was organized by Eagle Advisor Heather Zdancewicz.

Orangetheory Fitness Announces Winner of 6-Week Weight Loss Challenge

Orangetheory Fitness, the energizing, group personal training and interval fitness concept, has named a winner in its 6-week Weight Loss Challenge. The competition’s champion, Grace Wang, lost a total of 30 pounds and will be receiving a fitness in addition to her \$2,500 winnings, through Orangetheory Fitness’ partnerships with several local businesses.

Orangetheory Fitness’ Weight Loss Challenge competition ran over a 6-week period, Jan. 20-Feb. 28. Participants received a packet containing nutritional tips and guidance for them to

follow throughout the Challenge as well as weekly weekend workshops to keep them on track. Along with her \$2,500 prize, winner Wang has also been entered to win national prizes of up to \$25,000.

In addition to the monetary rewards, Wang’s complete fitness makeover is made possible through support from several business partners located in Fairfax



Weight Loss Challenge winner Grace Wang

Corner, including Blue Mercury, Lucy, Potomac River Running Company, and Coastal Flats.

“We are thrilled with the successful outcome of our first 6-week Weight Loss Challenge competition,” said Reggie Williams, head trainer of the new Fairfax franchise location.

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City Council Meeting May 13

The next meeting of the Fairfax City Council is set for Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax.

Learn about Parks Plans

The City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department will hold its final strategic plan public workshop on Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m., at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax. The plan will set forth particular goals, policies and objectives to guide the future development, redevelopment and enhancement of the City parks system. For more information, call 703-385-7858.

Merrifield Subway Burglarized

Fairfax County police are asking the public to remain vigilant and aware as the number of burglaries of Subway restaurants has now increased to 15 incidents in the county. The most recent incident was reported last Monday, April 28, around 4 a.m., at the Merrifield Subway at 8558 Lee Hwy. As in the other cases, someone broke the front door, entered the business and stole cash. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, May 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

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FRIDAY/MAY 9

Wounded Warrior Project Jill's House Benefit Concert. 7 p.m. Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets \$10 available at www.convictusmusic.com/shows.

FRIDAY/MAY 9-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

The Fantasticks. Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. The Fantasticks is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, two fathers and a wall. Tickets : \$15.

FRIDAY/MAY 9-SUNDAY/MAY 18

"Failure, A Love Story" Play. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call 1-800-494-8497 or www.thehubtheatre.org. Note: For ages 10 and up.

FRIDAY/MAY 9 - SATURDAY/MAY 10

"Be Our Guest." 7:30 p.m. May 3 and 10 at 1:30 p.m. Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Step into the enchanted world of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. For tickets please visit NVPlayers.com.

"The Producers." 7 p.m. South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. A musical performed by South County High School students that will provide laughter and comedy. PG-13. General admission at the door is \$12 and \$10 for senior citizens and students. Discounted tickets can be



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From left: Tia, Shearer, Carolyn Kasner, Maggie Erwin in Hub Theatre's production of "Failure: A Love Story." The play runs through May 18 at John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax.

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even a little romantic. PG-13. Tickets are \$10 online at www.fxplayers.org, and \$15 at the door.

FRIDAY/MAY 9 - SUNDAY/MAY 11

"9 to 5: The Musical." 7:30 p.m. May 4 & 11 at 2 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Based on the 1980 hit movie, this new musical is the story of three unlikely friends who conspire to rise up against their tyrannical and sexist boss and find there's nothing they can't do — even in a man's world. Outrageous, thought-provoking and

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Eileen Olson Art Show Reception. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Building Five, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton.
Second Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. An opening reception for all studio shows and featured artists.
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with the Symphony. 8 p.m. Joining the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra are virtuous violinist Guillermo Figueroa and the massed forces of the Fairfax Choral Society.

The Castles of Spain. 3 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church is located at 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Internationally recognized classical guitarist, Larry Snitzler will perform.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

"Mission to Tokyo." 1:30 p.m. American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield. Local author, Robert F. Dorr, will speak about one of his 70+ books. The book takes the reader on a WWII strategic bombing mission from Tinian, a western Pacific Island, to Tokyo and back. Mr. Dorr will talk about the war itself and about his experiences in researching the war. He has a couple of surprises that may alter your understanding of history.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Who Won the Race of a Lifetime: the Battle between Byrd and Amundsen at the North Pole. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street. The epic struggle between Richard Byrd and Roald Amundsen — as they raced to be the first man to fly over the North Pole — has never been this exciting. Author Sheldon Bart will use facts and stories never before published. To make the evening special, Richard Byrd's grandson will be on hand to add his personal insights.
Second Annual Fashion in Motion Fashion Show. 7:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740

Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Nine Fairfax Academy Fashion Design 2 students—representing nine different Fairfax County public schools—will be showcasing their collections. Tickets can be purchased at <http://fashioninmotion.ticketleap.com/2/> or at the door. Seating is limited; advance ticket purchase is recommended.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Spring Garden Day. 9 a.m.-3p.m., Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. More than 40 vendors of rare and unusual plants descend on Green Spring Gardens to fill your spring gardening needs.

2014 Spring Carnival. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Hosted by St. Andrew's The Apostle School. Spring fun for all in the community.

Ballroom Social Dance Featuring Cha-Cha. 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. \$5-\$10. <http://www.workhousearts.org/events/performing-arts/ballroom-social-dance-12>

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lee High School Parking Lot, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Register for a small space now prices: are \$10 or 2 for \$15. Register by email at Leeyardsalemay17@gmail.com.

Springtime Pops. 8 p.m. WT Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. CFB's season closer is a celebration of spring in full swing, with an "Evening at Pops" inspired program featuring light classics, marches, show tunes and movie music. The program also features the winter of the 2014 Young Artist Competition in solo performance.

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SPORTS



Woodson junior Isabel Obregon scored eight goals during the Cavaliers' 18-8 victory over Annandale on Tuesday.



Woodson senior Alex Lightfoot scored four goals, including three in a row at one point, during the Cavaliers' win over Annandale on Tuesday.

Obregon, Lightfoot Lead Woodson Girls' Lax to Victory

Cavaliers score 10 straight goals to pull away from Annandale.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Annandale attacker Sureyya Gokturk's goal with 18:30 remaining in the second half tied the score at 7 during Tuesday's contest against the perennial Patriot District power Woodson Cavaliers.

Little did the Atoms know, their evening was about to go downhill quickly.

The Woodson girls' lacrosse team scored the next 10 goals, including three straight by senior Alex Lightfoot, en route to an 18-8 victory on May 6 at Annandale High School.

Woodson won four consecutive Patriot District championships since moving over from the Liberty District in 2010. Now a member of Conference 7 (composed of seven of the previous eight Patriot District teams) after the VHSE's six-class realignment, the Cavaliers are looking to continue their postseason success. Tuesday's win improved Woodson's record to 8-2, including 5-0 against conference foes.

"We expect to win the [conference]," second-year Woodson head coach Patrick Mahler said. "That's our first goal. We expect to be playing into the month of June and give ourselves a chance for the big trophies."

Woodson appears to have the firepower to make a postseason run. Junior midfielder Isabel Obregon, who was named Patriot District Player of the Year as a freshman in 2012 before playing her sophomore season at Bishop Ireton, scored a game-high eight goals, many of which came early while the score was tight. Senior midfielder Kelly Stegner scored the go-ahead goal with 16:38 remaining, giving the Cavaliers an 8-



Woodson senior Kelly Stegner (5) tries to escape two Annandale defenders on Tuesday.

7 advantage. Lightfoot scored the next three goals as Woodson started to pull away.

WOODSON'S 10-0 RUN started after Annandale standout Ashley Britton left the field after receiving her second penalty card. "I definitely think we were all panicking in the beginning because we kind of got into our own heads before the game," Obregon said. "I think we were over-analyzing the other team. I don't think we had enough confidence."

If the Cavaliers were lacking confidence, it didn't show in the second half.

"We knew that they were going to be aggressive and we knew that they were going to get fouls, in particular certain players, so we knew when those players were in the penalty box, that we needed to take advantage of our opportunities," Mahler said. "Senior leader Alex Lightfoot did that exact thing and had [three] in a row. We knew that it was just a matter of time before their over-aggression got the best of them and then we were able to capitalize on that."

While seven different Cavaliers scored at least one goal, Obregon and Lightfoot car-

ried much of the offensive load. Obregon scored six of the team's first seven goals and finished with eight. Now a junior, Obregon transferred back to Woodson from Bishop Ireton at the beginning of the second semester in January and re-joined the Cavalier lacrosse program. The University of Maryland commit said she is enjoying being back at her former school.

"I'm definitely having more fun with lacrosse here," she said, "because it's a lot less

stressful."

Mahler said Obregon struggled at first with transitioning back to Woodson, but No. 18 has come on strong.

"It was a change," Mahler said. "She's a high school girl and she's a creature of habit. The change so late in the school year really made it a roller coaster experience for her, but now it's starting to level out, especially after spring break."

Lightfoot, who will play at Randolph Macon, finished with four goals for Woodson.

"Alex Lightfoot's been playing since she was 6 or 7 years old," Mahler said. "She might not be the most athletic, but she has all of the nuances and she knows how to play the game. She's very, very crafty and very, very smart. She has excellent stick skills."

Sophomore attacker/midfielder Claire Swanson scored two goals for Woodson. Stegner, Grace Stephan, Emily Williams and Emma Vinall each scored one.

WOODSON WILL TRAVEL to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9, and close the regular season at home against Lee on Monday, May 12.

"I know that Woodson can make it very far," Obregon said. "We have talent on the team. Even our bench is very deep. I expect to definitely win our [conference]."

West Springfield Baseball Wins 11 of 13

West Springfield senior Tim Yonkers pitches against South County on Tuesday, May 6. The Spartans entered the contest having won 11 of their last 13 games.



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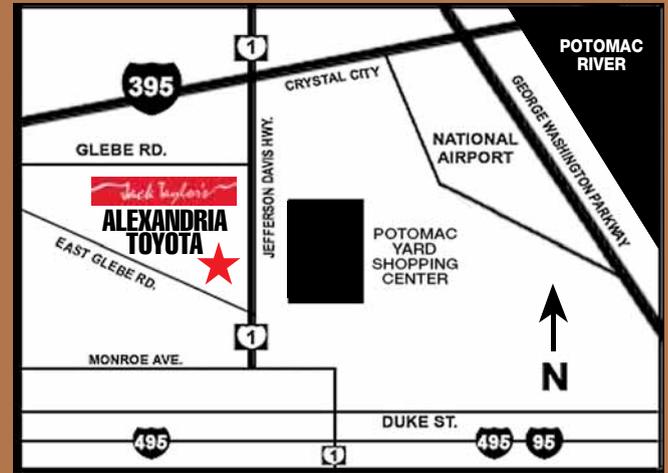
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