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Establishment
beats Tea Party
at Republican
convention in
Roanoke.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

When conservative preacher E.W. Jackson took the stage at the Roanoke Civic Center to introduce Tea Party favorite Shak Hill at the Republican convention last weekend, thousands of conservatives from across Virginia took to their feet. They waved placards. They applauded. They voiced approval. It was a moment former Alexandria Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland, who served as Jackson's Northern Virginia coordinator, later said was a surprise to him.

"Fantastic," said Cleveland. "I had no idea that was going to happen."

In the end, though, it was not enough for Hill, a former Air Force pilot who is currently an insurance agent in Burke. Even before all of the congressional districts announced their results, it became clear that Gillespie was able to secure a decisive victory. So Hill took the stage to concede the election and ask the convention to nominate Gillespie by acclamation. Gillespie, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, was a founder of a super PAC known as American Crossroads although he is now trying to distance himself from the organization.

"I was never on the board, never an employee, never a consultant," Gillespie told reporters in a brief press conference after securing the nomination. "My view is I've got to run my campaign, and I've got to raise the resources for me to get the message to the voters of Virginia and get the information to the voters of Virginia on my own."

GILLESPIE ENTERS the race for U.S. Senate at a competitive disadvantage to incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Warner of Old Town. Back in March, Quinnipiac University issued a poll that had Warner with 46 percent of the vote and Gillespie at 31 percent. The polls had a sample size of 1,300 voters and a margin of error of plus or minus 2.7 percent. Gillespie supporters say he was the only candi-



Former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie addresses delegates at the Roanoke Civic Center.

date who could raise the kind of money that would be needed to defeat an incumbent Democrat such as Warner, who accumulated a vast personal fortune as an early investor of a telecommunications company known as Nextel that later merged with Sprint. Gillespie has already raised more than \$3 million, and he had the best fundraising quarter for any non-incumbent Republican Senate candidate.

"He can raise the money," said Alexandria delegate Sharon Annear, who voted for Gillespie. "That's key in this day and age for any campaign, but particularly when you are running against a millionaire." Democrats are eager to turn Gillespie's background against him, staging an event outside the convention hall to brand him "Pocket Ed," a reference to his background as a Washington consultant with ties to money and power. Moments after Gillespie secured the nomination, Democrats issued a press release laying out the campaign they hope to wage against him. Warner likes to call himself a "radical moderate," a position that his supporters hope to use to position the incumbent Democrat against his Republican challenger.

"Ed Gillespie calls himself a 'partisan warrior,' and has spent his life whipping up gridlock or lobbying for special interests willing to pay the right price," said Democratic party chairman Dwight Jones. "Virginians want a problem solver not a partisan warrior."

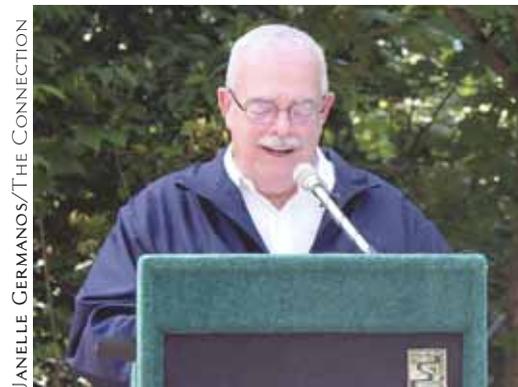
THE CONVENTION highlighted a division within the Republican Party that has become more pronounced in recent years, a split between the chamber of commerce wing and the Tea Party set.

That's a division that will be at the center of a struggle for dominance of the party in 2016, when control of the chairmanship and executive committee will be at stake. Potential candidates and their supporters were already working the convention floor in an effort to secure support last weekend, an indication that direction of the party may be at stake as the internal struggle intensifies.

"It's going to be a bloodbath," said convention parliamentarian Chris Marston, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. The central point of discussion between the factions is expected to be the wisdom of having conventions to select candidates. While Democrats always use primaries, Republicans have used primaries only eight times in the last 100 years to select statewide candidates. Last year's convention in Richmond ended in a surprise victory for Jackson, who secured the nomination to run for lieutenant governor after more than 12 hours of intense politics. Democrats pounced on Jackson's record of comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and calling gays "sexually twisted" to brand the party as intolerant, and all three statewide candidates went down to defeat.

"As we saw last year in Richmond, sometimes things get out of hand," said Chris Brown, a Republican delegate from Herndon. "I think the more rank-and-file people would probably prefer a primary. It certainly less commitment on their part, allows them to spend more time with their families and allows them to get more of their neighbors energized and allow them to participate."

SEE GILLESPIE, PAGE 15



Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) speaks in Lorton at an event on June 7. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted last year to rename the trail after Connolly.

Congressman Honored

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

On National Trails Day on June 7, the Cross County Trail, which goes through each district in Fairfax County, was renamed to the "Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail" in honor of Rep. Connolly's work to build the trail.

In June 1999, Connolly, who represented the Providence district on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, motioned to create a cross-county trail. Now, over a decade later, Connolly was honored during a ceremony at Laurel Hill Park in Lorton, part of the 40-mile trail that goes from Great Falls to the Occoquan River.

"Well first of all, thank you for not waiting until I was dead," Connolly said at the ceremony. "I know it's a great honor after you've passed, but I'm not sure I would have appreciated it. But thank you so much for doing this."

When Rep. Connolly was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, he was a key figure in the development of the Cross County Trail. He worked with others to link together the existing trail system from Great Falls to Occoquan.

"He has been involved in countless projects and initiatives, but this one, this project, is indicative of his personal strengths, his ability to listen to his constituents," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Connolly, calling the trail one of his "proudest accomplishments in public office," thanked the Fairfax County Park Authority Staff and other volunteers and figures in the county who helped to make the trail a reality. "This trail is a way to ride bikes, to hike with their friends, or even to ride horses. But it's also about connectivity—from one end of this community to the other," Bulova said.

Bulova pointed out that the trail is part of the East Coast Greenway, which stretches



Nancy Wilson, a supporter of trails in Fairfax County, speaks at an event honoring Rep. Gerry Connolly for his work on Cross County Trail.

from Maine to Key West.

"This trail network will allow someone to hike from here, all the way down to Key West. Is that a romantic thought or what?" she said.

Flying above Fairfax County shows how much green there is in the county, said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

"To be able to say that we have 10 percent of our land in parks is a truly remarkable accomplishment," Hyland said.

Volunteers who helped implement the Cross County Trail were also honored.

"Trails do not just magically appear for our enjoyment. Their construction and maintenance takes hours of dedicated planning and labor. That is especially true in Fairfax County, where volunteers are the backbone of our trail maintenance and construction," Bulova said.

Pedestrians, bikers and horseback riders can travel all the way from Great Falls Park down to the Occoquan River.

"You can go out on the Cross County Trail and feel like you're in the middle of nowhere. It's a unique experience," said Bill Niedringhaus, president of the Potomac Heritage Trail Association. Connolly said that the beauty of the Cross County Trail is that most of it is in a stream valley. It is hard to believe you're in a big urban county with over a million people," Connolly said.



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WCCW Founder Dongwoo Lee Hahm, left, sits on a butterfly-shaped bench with Comfort Women Survivor Il Chul Kang, right.

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Grace Han Wolf, who co-chaired the memorial committee, reminded the audience of an applicable lesson, "All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing."

Comfort Women Memorial Highlights Human Trafficking

New Peace Garden a beacon of hope for victims.

BY RACHEL STONE
THE CONNECTION

When members of the Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues unveiled a new memorial on May 30, they also illuminated the issue of local human trafficking in Northern Virginia. Elected officials including Super-

visor John Foust, Japanese and Korean representatives, and human rights activists gathered to remember the women and girls who were forced into sexual slavery during WWII. Now the memorial stands sunlit on the back lawn of the Fairfax County Government Center, as a reminder for today's community to take a stand against these crimes against human

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Victims Honored

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ity in their own neighborhoods.

The unveiling ceremony comprised a ceremonial ribbon cutting and butterfly release, artful performances, and a series of congratulatory and solemn remarks. The recent words of President Obama were repeated by Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues President Christine Choi, "Any of us who look back on the history of what happened to the Comfort Women here ... have to recognize that this was a terrible, egregious violation of human rights. Those women were violated in ways that, even in the midst of war, was shocking."

Comfort Women survivor Il Chul Kang bore testimony of being kidnapped from her Japanese home to "serve" the military men who were stationed in South Korea. Many comfort women have since forgiven the Japanese for these actions, but are abashed it has taken over 50 years to address these wrongdoings. Del. Mark Keam (D-35) recognized the timely anniversary of D-Day. "We can't undo the past ... but we can ensure that this never happens again," he said, "Those women didn't die in vain."

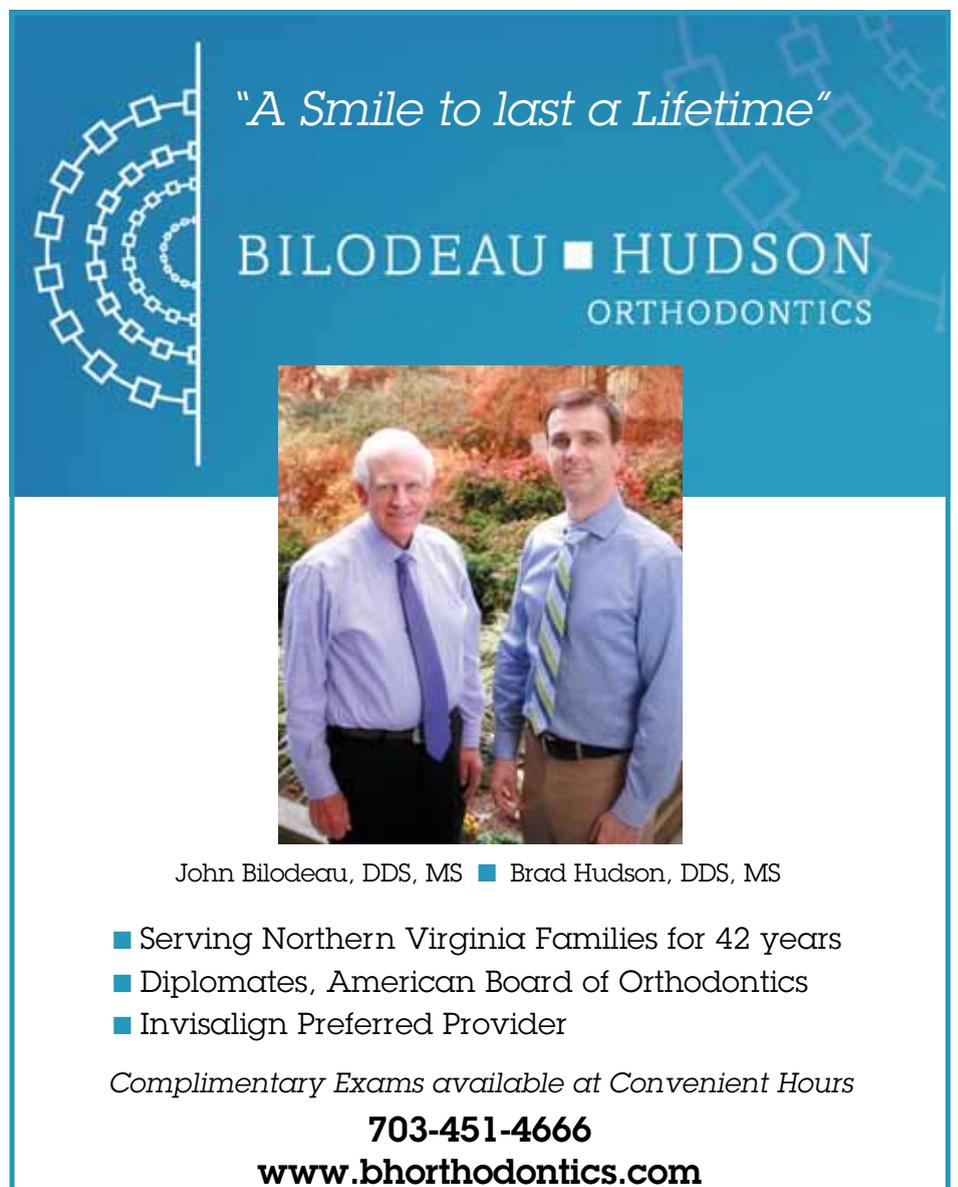
"We as a community must care for each other," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Inquiries about building the memorial initially

began in her office, and the recent ceremony was the culmination of 18 months' advocacy by Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues. The project not only pays respect to the county's prominent Asian community, but also underlines its own authentic issue with human trafficking.

"Nobody really wants to talk about it," said Grace Han Wolf, who served as honorary co-chair of the coalition's Memorial Peace Garden Committee, "With two international airports and the nation's Capitol, no one thinks twice about seeing a multi-ethnic group of women in this area." But these are silent, often unseen crimes nestled in homes and shopping centers. And they won't go away without the consciousness of the community. "Be on the lookout. Don't be complacent; be vigilant," she said.

The website www.justaskva.org is the ultimate resource of 24/7 telephone hotlines and awareness information for the state of Virginia. The county has also collaborated on the Polaris Initiative, offering resources devoted to alleviating the issue of human trafficking in the area.

The Polaris Hotline can be reached at any time, any day of the year at 1-888-373-7888. Call 911 in case of immediate emergency. Crime tips can also be reported to 703-246-4006.



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Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza gave statistics about the diversity of the school system during the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools luncheon June 4.

Why Education Needs Its Foundation

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Approximately 33 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools kindergarteners are living in poverty.

This was just one statistic shared at Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools' kick-off event at the Tysons Corner Ritz-Carlton on June 4 to gain the support of local businesses and build awareness for the foundation and district's needs for its 100-plus schools.

More than 100 business leaders came to the luncheon to hear the school system's plea.

"One of the challenges is the changing face of our county," said Superintendent Karen Garza. "As our population dramatically changes, it requires us to think differently about our work, because our needs are dramatically changing."

"Created in 2010 by former Superintendent Jack Dale and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the foundation is the strategic advancement arm for the school system and the means for coordinating partnerships between the school system, business community and philanthropists," according to a press release.

According to Fairfax County Economic Development Authority Vice President Alan Fogg, the foundation has not received any money yet as a result of the luncheon.

During her speech, Garza pointed to the most diverse schools in the most economically struggling areas in the county, like Annandale, as the reason why the district needed funds.



Former U.S. Rep. Thomas Davis talks about why education is an important investment during the Foundation for Fairfax County Public School luncheon June 4.

"We must create conditions where all students can achieve well," she said.

Another statistic she noted was that half of those who do not graduate are Hispanic and that more than 29,000 — more than 16 percent — of the school system takes an English as a Second Language course; 196 countries total are represented at the schools.

"FCPS is essentially the face of the world," Garza said. "The U.N., so to speak."

Deloitte Director of Government Affairs Group and former U.S. Rep. Thomas Davis added anecdotes to stress why education is important to invest in, his topics ranging from a former classmate at a reunion to a young delinquent.

"We don't have all the resources from the government to do all the things we need to do," he said.

Foundation for FCPS Chairman Gerald Gordon, also the president and CEO of the county Economic Development Authority, said more than 841,000 new jobs are going to be created by 2017, and the future of the workforce is at the schools that surround them.

"We need these kids," he said. "This is a school system that represents the world, which has its strengths, but also has its challenges."

He said that 7 percent of students, about 12,000, do not have access to the Internet at home.

"These are the communities that need your help the most, and you need them to fill your jobs," said Gordon. "The economy needs these kids to be successful."

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OPINION

Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards

BY CONGRESSMEN GERRY CONNOLLY (VA-11) AND PAUL TONKO (NY-20)

CO-CHAIRS, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COALITION

The EPA's new proposal to safeguard the air we breathe and contain a primary driver of climate change by reducing carbon emissions from existing power plants is the lynchpin to reducing our carbon footprint. As co-chairs of the House Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition, we welcome action on carbon pollution and look forward to working with all stakeholders in a responsible manner to advance a 21st century energy economy for America.

Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of U.S. carbon pollution. Without addressing this source of pollution our efforts fade in significance. Similar safeguards already exist for other hazardous pollutants such as lead, arsenic, and mercury. And they have worked. Why shouldn't the same apply for carbon? By targeting this source of pollution, we protect public health, the economy, and national security.

Unfortunately, there are those who would have us believe that these and other EPA safeguards threaten our shared national priorities. Just as they did when Congress, in a bipartisan fashion, adopted the Clean Air and Clean Water acts a generation ago, these critics offer the same hackneyed arguments they always make: they contend the public does not want these protections, they will kill jobs, bankrupt the economy, and cause electricity rates to double. This is the same crowd that waged deceitful campaigns warning of death panels, a government-run takeover of healthcare, and socialized medicine in the hopes of dis-

tracting us from the urgent need for the Affordable Care Act.

Such false and misleading claims were shameful then, and if repeated, will jeopardize the tremendous strides we've made in protecting public health. Unfortunately, some took to attacking the EPA's latest proposal even before it was released. Last week, Speaker Boehner said the EPA is "hurting our economy" with such proposals, though he did note he was no expert on climate change and had not yet seen the proposed regulation. Let's move beyond such rhetoric and look at the facts.

Take the first claim that carbon pollution restrictions will kill jobs and devastate the economy. Evidence tells us that we can have both a clean environment and a strong economy. In a recent op-ed, Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, who is the former Governor of New Jersey and was EPA Administrator under President George W. Bush, highlighted that "...between 1970 and 2006, U.S. GDP grew by 195 percent, yet thanks to regulatory changes annual emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and lead all decreased significantly." In other words, economic growth and regulation can and do intertwine successfully.

Investing in new energy standards actually has helped fuel that economic growth. For example, since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, every dollar spent on compliance standards has yielded \$4-\$8 in economic return on that investment.

The fact is that these standards



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have been a catalyst for a new generation of clean energy, new investment in plants and

equipment, and the creation of thousands of domestic jobs. Employment in the American solar industry, for example, grew ten times faster than the national employment average rate last year.

Another tired but predictable claim opponents will make is that electricity rates will increase. The Washington Post's fact checker, who does not take a position on EPA rules, debunked this allegation noting that "this [claim] does not pass the laugh test." The Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 also were assailed by similar attacks. So what happened to electricity rates? They decreased. Between 1990 and 2006, electricity rates fell by 47 percent in Arkansas, 332 percent in Georgia, 64 percent in Illinois, 28 percent in Indiana, 35 percent in Michigan, 30 percent in North Carolina, 18 percent in Ohio, 36 percent in Pennsylvania, 40 percent in Utah, and 36 percent in Virginia. Even the power companies agree. The CEO of American Electric Power, one of our nation's largest utilities, said that with enough time to prepare, the transition to a cleaner energy future can occur "without a major impact to customers or the economy."

Finally, these perennial alarmists will argue that the American public does not want the "boot of government regulation on their neck." To the contrary, when it comes to basic health protections, the American public overwhelmingly has said it doesn't want the threat

of pollution on its neck. A 2012 American Lung Association report found that Americans support the Clean Air Act by a 2-to-1 margin. The same report found nearly 3 out of 4 respondents believe we shouldn't have to choose between health and safety standards and promoting the economy. They understand that the opponents are presenting them with a false choice and that we can and must do both. And when it comes to setting limits on carbon pollution from power plants, a February 2014 poll found 7 out of 10 Americans support these safeguards. Seventy percent!

But you won't hear the House majority reminding the public of these inconvenient truths. They prefer reckless rhetorical arguments and irresponsible inaction. Reducing carbon emissions poses a significant challenge, and we look forward to working with industry, the environmental community, and stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels to address this challenge. But first we must be willing to move beyond these campaigns of fear and deception.

Thankfully, there are indications that industry and the public understand this. For example, use of solar power by American companies increased by 40 percent last year.

Those businesses, and their customers, understand the value of investing in American ingenuity and innovation – a healthier environment, a sustainable source of domestic energy, creating new high-skilled jobs.

The Obama Administration has taken a bold step in proposing a 30 percent reduction from 2005 levels in carbon emissions from power plants. We support that effort and know that America's health and economic wellbeing will benefit immeasurably.

Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission and others who are developing alternatives that actually improve healthcare without increasing the financial burden on Virginians.

Virginia should reject Medicaid expansion, and should support Medicaid reform.

Nancy Piotter
Fairfax Station

Opposing Medicaid Expansion

To the Editor:
(In response to Del. Ken Plum's Commentary "A Moral Imperative," Connection, May 29—June 4, 2014)

Rather than vilify Republicans in the House of Delegates who want separate debate on Medicaid expansion, Del. Ken Plum (D-36) should be reminded that there is no imperative to link it to budget negotiations in the first place. Linking it serves only a political convenience for the Governor, who knows by now that a

majority of Virginians oppose Medicaid expansion.

I ask Del. Plum: why would you want to shackle Virginia to a program that is inefficient and badly in need of reform? Why would you want to increase the federal debt? Why would you trust the federal government to keep its promise about cost-sharing? Why would you want to commit Virginia taxpayers to almost \$1 billion in net costs to the state over the next eight years? Why aren't you critical of the Virginia hospital lobby,

knowing that many hospitals operate at a profit even after charity care? Why are you pushing a policy that a majority of Virginians oppose?

It is obvious by now that the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid expansion, are tools to redistribute income and impose greater government control over citizens, rather than to improve quality healthcare.

Virginia should not rush a decision to expand Medicaid. Instead, lawmakers should support the

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OPINION

To Fairfax County Graduates: Do Not Lose Sight of Community

BY JOHN. C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)



Cook

To the graduates of Fairfax County Public Schools: This month you will don caps and gowns to mark the end of your high school career. Your accomplishment is the product of hard work, perseverance, and the support of many. While you are reflecting on your accomplishments, consider how you will begin your new chapter. As you set off into

COMMENTARY the world, I ask you not to lose sight of your community and to seize the opportunity to be an active, engaged citizen.

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) lists many responsibilities of American citizenship, perhaps the most important of which being a citizen's obligation to "participate in the democratic process." In the 2012 election, just 38 percent of 18 through 24 year olds voted. That number is much lower for state and local elections. As real challenges face the young people graduating today, I encourage you to become educated about the election process and to vote for candidates you believe will represent you well.

A great deal of pride exists in your newly found freedom, and I hope you will be mindful of how you spend your time. Mohandas Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others," and that is the truth. Make time to volun-

teer, either as a formal commitment or once in a while on the weekend. Find service that is meaningful to you and that you enjoy, be it building houses, walking shelter dogs, or reading to children. There are a number of organizations doing great work that are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers. Each of you has gifts and talents that are vital to bettering your community, and I ask you to invest those skills in your neighborhood. You can find a variety of opportunities to get

involved at Volunteer Fairfax's website, volunteerfairfax.org.

Another responsibility of American citizenship, according to USCIS is to "participate in your local community." From watching over your elderly neighbors to staying informed about issues that confront your community, one of the most important aspects of being an engaged citizen is being a good neighbor. We like to say, "You don't have to move to live in a better community." Take advantage of your opportunity to make our County a better place to live through your civic engagement. Be a good neighbor and take pride in your community.

You have accomplished great things already, and wherever the future takes you I encourage you to provide service to others. Look out for those around you, take care of yourself, and spend time making your community better. Congratulations again on your accomplishment and I look forward to seeing the great things you'll achieve.

Transitioning to Summer

BY AMANDA ANDERE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FACETS



Summer is a time of change — always welcomed by students. The break during the hottest months gives a chance for kids to de-stress and prepare for their next grade on their short path to adulthood.

After five summers at FACETS, I've had the opportunity to watch many children make this transition. What's fun for kids though, can be a huge struggle for their parents. Finding appropriate and affordable care, providing enough meals during the day, and incurring the extra costs of entertaining children can be an enormous challenge for families that FACETS serves. Everyday FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors to people who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County and City, meets families who are vulnerable emergency shelter, food and medical needs, helps them gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and works with them to end the cycle of homelessness and poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

Through our Education and Community Development Program — which operates out of four affordable housing communities, we offer innovative programming at the community centers as a way to engage and strengthen families. To ensure that children in the communities are busy, learning, and eating, we provide an expanded program in the summer. We take field trips, have activities and work-

shops, host honor roll parties, and play games and music.

We also rely on older children to help with programming, giving them leadership roles. For instance, we send teen clients to the annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) Conference leadership program. They return from this excellent leadership program and

produce a series of summer activities and workshops for the younger kids in the community. Having these older youth — most of whom have experienced poverty — take leadership roles is transformative for them. It's watching these transformations in our youngest clients that I have enjoyed most in my time at FACETS. As I too start a life transition to a new position with Wider Opportunities for Women, a national nonprofit that works on pathways to economic security and equality, I see the growth in these children and know that the FACETS' team and its corps of volunteers are changing the trajectory for these families. I also see a county that cares about its people and is diligently working to address poverty and end homelessness. Along with my colleagues, peers and partners, I know that we have made measurable progress in reducing the number of people who are waiting for shelter and services.

Best of all, I know that summers will be a time that brings fun and memories to more kids in Fairfax County. I leave FACETS in capable hands, understanding that more children will transition through summer to a successful new school year ... and ultimately a life with more and better choices.

Time to Do the Right Thing

Over the past 100 years, our
judgment has not been good.

BY DAVE
MARSDEN
STATE SEN. (D-37)



Marsden

Once

again Virginia is in the spotlight on an issue of economic progress and social justice. Marketplace Virginia is a

Senate of Virginia plan to provide 400,000 Virginians who do not qualify for the Affordable Care Act to gain health insurance through federal Medicaid expansion. It is before the Virginia Legislature and the House of Delegates is standing in the way, putting Virginia behind the times and on the wrong side of history.

Marketplace Virginia would bring up to \$1.8 billion in federal dollars a year towards this insurance coverage goal. We are already paying for this coverage through our federal taxes but if the House of Delegates gets its way, we will be giving up \$3.5-5 million a day in benefits, and our rural hospitals, which are losing their federal funding for indigent care, could begin to fail. The Virginia budget will be called on to support

these hospitals and prevent closures. Our federal taxes, which were raised this year, will not be coming back to Virginia but be spent in other states and on other priorities. It is estimated that 30,000 jobs could be created over the next five years as the result of this sensible and desperately needed legislation. The argument from the House of Delegates is the federal government may decide in later years that they cannot afford this, and stick Virginia with the bill. Our current budget has \$23 billion federal dollars in it. Why are they not worried about the federal government stopping those funds? In short, it is a ridiculous argument designed to distract Virginians from the real reason they are opposed. And that is the fear that anyone in the Republican Party who votes for this will be challenged in a primary and risk losing their seat. Anything perceived as part of the Affordable Care Act will be blindly resisted

regardless of how beneficial it will be to our state.

This is yet another moment in Virginia's troubled history of decision making around "defining moments" in public policy, economic development, and social justice such

as this one. Over the past 100 years, our judgment has not been good.

In 1919-1920 when the 19th Amendment for a woman's right to vote was up for approval in the U.S. Senate, Senators Martin and Swanson from Virginia voted against this fundamental human right. In 1936 the Social Security Act was voted on by the U.S. Senate but sadly Virginias two Senators, Harry Byrd and E.C. Glass, joined ten Senate colleagues who decided not to vote on the legislation. In 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education held that school segregation was unconstitutional and Virginia's response was "massive resistance." Our public schools in Prince Edward County did not re-open until 1964.

I hope the reader is getting the idea here. In 1964 and 1965 our Federal legislators voted on the Civil Right's Act and Voting Right's Act. Of the 24 potential votes that could have been cast by Virginia's Congressional and Senate representatives, all of them voted against the Civil Right's Act and only one Congressman chose to vote for the Voting Right's Act. In 1957 in Loving vs. Virginia the U.S. Supreme court held that Virginia's law against interracial marriage, enshrined in Virginia's Constitution was in fact unconstitutional, and once again Virginia's instincts squarely placed us in the wrong. Fast forwarding to 2006, we placed into Virginia's Constitution the "Marriage Amendment", which forbid same sex marriage or any legal arrangement that approximated such a marriage. Virginia legislators stood in the way of people exercising the right to love and build a life

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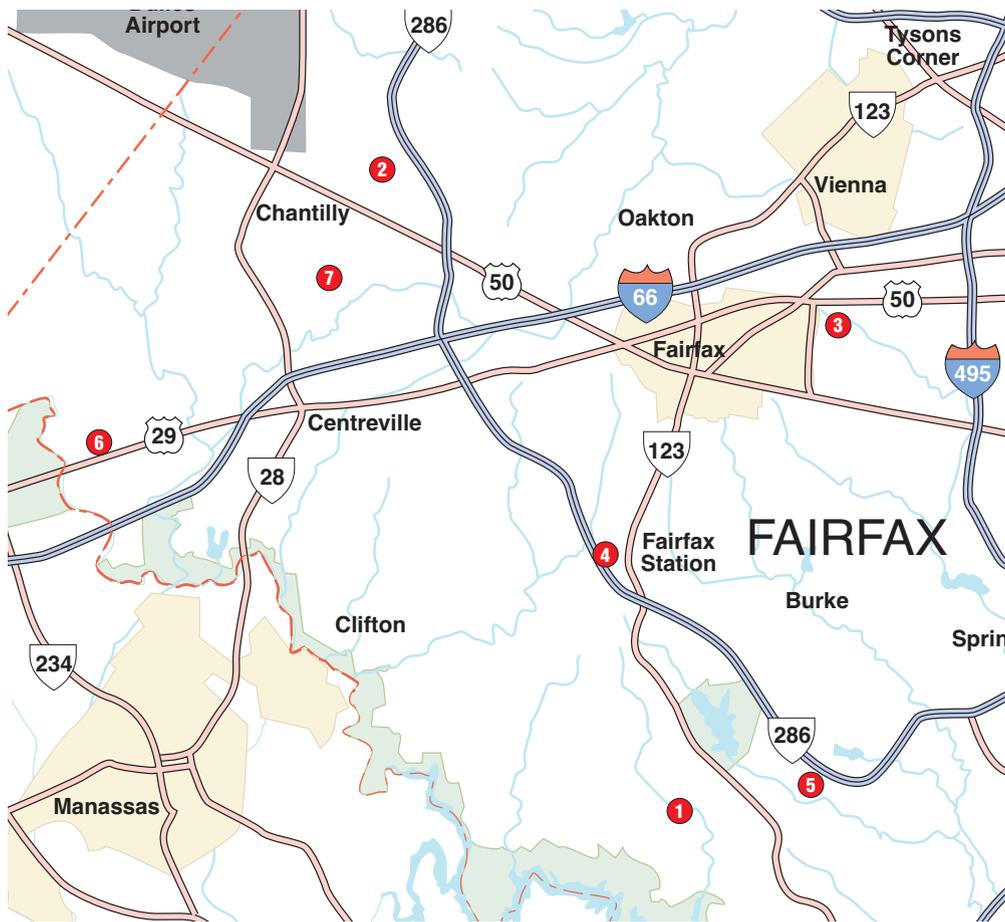
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A Porch with a View

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When a Great Falls homeowner decided she wanted to breathe new life into her large covered porch after a long, cold winter, she called on Anna Kucera, owner and principal designer of Gracious Living by Design in Alexandria, Va., to give the space a fresh look in time for warm-weather gatherings. “The client has an expansive porch with incredible views of Great Falls,” said Kucera. “She [wanted] to refresh and update the outdoor living space while still allowing the vista to remain the focal point.” Kucera’s goal was to create a space that was at once tranquil and invigorating, but also respected the home’s architectural features, including stonework and wood siding. Kucera was careful to upholster the casual, but elegant seating with fabrics that were durable, heavily textured and able to withstand the elements. “Although the porch is covered, we needed to select materials that could withstand moisture and sun exposure,” said Kucera. “And considering the large quantity of cushions on the porch, it was prudent to select upholstery fabrics that would not become tiresome after a season or two.” The upholstered cushions were crafted from outdoor fabrics made of 100 percent solution-dyed acrylic. The main seating area is accessorized with custom-sized, flat-woven, polypropylene area rugs by Couristan.

“Both solution-dyed acrylic and polypropylene are inherently mildew and fade resistant,” said Kucera.

“We selected an off-white solid woven from Stroheim to cover the back and arm cushions. For the seats and contrast welt on the back cushions, we chose a neutral tone fabric with a subtle dot pattern designed by Wendy Tsuji and Linda Ueda for Perennials.”

The rugs are perfect for alfresco gatherings: “Clients who enjoy entertaining outdoors and love natural sisal rugs are impressed with the way polypropylene rugs offer the same look with the added benefits of easy clean-up ... along with durability,” said Nancy Hardy, a design associate at Gracious Living by Design. Kucera used a neutral and timeless palette as a backdrop for vibrant pops of color in accessories such as toss pillows. “We created emphasis by combining succulent citrus shades of green, orange and yellow,” she said. “The mood could easily be changed with pillows by combining soothing tones of sea glass, green and aqua, or by boldly contrasting black and off-white.” To complete the space, Kucera picked up a few accent pieces at The Virginia Florist of Alexandria. “I found accessories and finishing touches such as orchids in cachepots, a sweet bird votive holder and greenery-filled urns.”

These carefully chosen details gave the porch a polished aesthetic. “The objects and works of art that we look for and carry are as important as the floral arrangements that we create because we think they should always work together,” said Kevin Green, owner of The Virginia Florist. “Our clients are interested not just in flowers, but in decorating their environments, and we share that kind of holistic approach.”



PHOTO BY VERONICA BRUNO

Alexandria, Va., based designer Anna Kucera created a covered porch space that was tranquil and invigorating, but also respectful of the Great Falls home’s architectural features, including stonework and wood siding.






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100,000 Homes Fairfax Wins Blue Ribbon Partnership Award

The 100,000 Homes Fairfax campaign was presented with a Blue Ribbon Partnership award from the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) as part of its “Celebrate Partnerships” awards ceremony held on May 29. The award honored the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and its work in demonstrating the value of the public and private sector working together through sustained collaboration resulting in new resources and significant outcomes that improve the quality of life in Fairfax County.

“I am so pleased to see that our broad and strong 100,000 Homes Initiative was recognized with this distinguished award,” says Dean Klein, director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, the team that serves as primary staff for the partnership. “It is so meaningful to see others recognize the importance of this campaign and the partnership of nonprofits, faith, county and businesses organizations that has focused effectively on the housing of some of our most vulnerable chronically homeless individuals.”

The Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and the 100,000 Homes campaign consists of both public and private organizations working together to house the chronically homeless and most vulnerable individuals in our community. Numerous Fairfax County human service agencies were deeply involved in the campaign’s success, including the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, the Fairfax County Department of Health, the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development and the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

The 100,000 Homes campaign provides concrete, innovative tools and an infrastructure that could help communities truly end homelessness. The campaign kicked off with a “Registry Week” last year, which sent over 200 volunteers out into the community first-hand to talk with and survey those experiencing homelessness. The event was the first of its kind for



Three of the major awards of the event are named for these two men, Anthony Griffin and Bruce Oliver. Former FCPS Principal Bruce Oliver, who retired in 2004 from Thoreau Middle School, started the partnership tradition in Fairfax County Public Schools, between Thoreau and Navy Federal Credit Union. The Bruce Oliver Leadership Awards honor a school-based employee and a business or community member for their efforts in partnership.

Fairfax County, putting a real face on homelessness by capturing personalized stories designed to help the community make important decisions about how to prioritize and allocate housing along with essential supportive services.

A total of 157 homeless individuals were identified as “vulnerable,” or predicted to be at increased risk of dying, during Registry Week. The Fairfax Partnership set an ambitious goal of housing 50 individuals each of the next three years (150 over the next year). Today, the 100,000 Homes Fairfax campaign, part of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, has reached its first-year goal to house 50 of the individuals in the county identified as most vulnerable during Registry Week, in addition to housing 98 more individuals identified as chronically homeless. Based on this housing rate, Fairfax County is on course to end chronic homelessness in 2018.



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Lloyd and Nancy Robbins pose with their boat on the Fifth Annual Pirates’ Day Celebration at Pohick Bay Park in Lorton.

Pirates’ Day Kicks off Summer

Fifth annual celebration followed by summer of camping, fun.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

For the fifth year in a row, complete with cannons, ships and swords, pirates stormed the beach at Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton last weekend.

Springfield resident Susan Dix-VerStraten played Anne Bonny, famous female pirate of the 18th century, and said pirate re-enactments like this one are just a lot of fun.

“It’s always a great time,” she said. “Getting into character is a blast.”

Dix-VerStraten, who has been participating in these re-enactments for over ten years, joined dozens of other pirates for this year’s Pirates’ Day in Lorton.

“Everybody loves pirates,” said Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. “It captures the imagination of all kids.”

Pirates’ Day started five years ago after the waterpark at Pohick Bay was changed to a pirate theme. Since then, attendance at the waterpark has increased by 500 percent, Gilbert said.

Kids of all ages enjoyed this year’s re-enactment, which included an authentic sailboat that is identical to those found in the 18th century.

The boat is owned by pirate re-enactors Lloyd and Nancy Robbins, and has been featured in PBS and National Geographic television specials.

Being a pirate re-enactor requires a great deal of study into pirates’ history, as well as an

outgoing personality, Dix-VerStraten said. Safety is also required, as the cannons used are real and burns can sometimes happen.

“You have to be able to be outgoing and connect with children,” she said.

This year, she said playing Anne Bonny was exciting, as she was a strong female pirate whose fate is unknown even to this day.

The cannons were loud, causing many onlookers to plug their ears. After pirates sailed to shore and fought each other with swords and other authentic weapons, they later stormed Pirate’s Cove Waterpark.

Pirates’ Day showcases the beautiful water at Pohick Bay Park, making it a great place for camping and getting away from everyday life for a little while.

Camping can be an affordable vacation, said Todd Benson, park manager at Pohick Bay.

“You feel like you’re a million miles away from everything,” he said.

This year, the park is offering paddle boarding, which is essentially standing on a surfboard with a long paddle.

“There’s so much to do within the park here. It’s not just a campground,” said Blythe Russian, the park operations superintendent at Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

During the recession, there was definitely an increase in visitors to the park, Gilbert said. Now, those campers continue to come back year after year because they realize how much fun camping can be.

FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



The party just got better. Dad, Jose, and Joaquin celebrating a very private moment.



Brian, Stephen, and Claire Maloney on vacation in Alaska with their dad, Dr. Mike Maloney, of Fairfax.



The Christy's, Jerry, Nia, Dad Neil, Chanel and Cy of Springfield pose in front of Peter Christy Street named after their grandfather and hero.



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Cappies Awarded for High School Theater

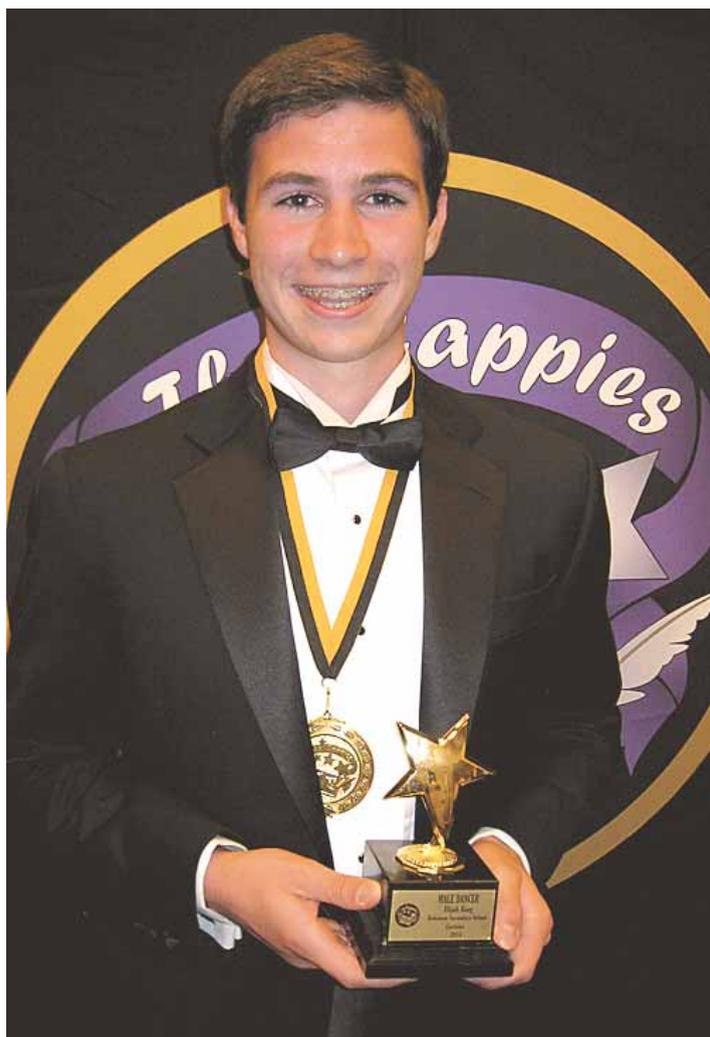
The 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for "Spamalot," including the coveted Best Musical award. The Best Play award went to Langley High School for "The Children's Hour." The Cappies' show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended,

on average, by 45 student critics. This year's event included 58 public and private high schools from Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery and Prince William counties, the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria and Manassas, and Washington, D.C. The event was hosted by Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

— STEVE HIBBARD

The award for Best Male Dancer went to Elijah King of Fairfax for "Curtains" at Robinson Secondary School.

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STEVE HIBBARD/
THE CONNECTION



ENTERTAINMENT

Don't miss Unquiet Theatre Company's production of "Some Girls" at The Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, this weekend June 13-15. The play is about a guy who decides to visit his ex-girlfriends before his imminent marriage.



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FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Basic Gardening: Shade Gardening. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. You can have beautiful color, ample texture and plenty of variety without full sun by giving attention to plant selection, soil preparation and watering. Learn from master gardeners the basics about shade gardening. \$10. 703-642-5173.

Summer Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Your favorite books - in pristine condition - plus numerous media offerings are waiting for you.

White Elephant Sale. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Sale of furniture, antiques, household, garden, sports, toys, books, DVDs and CDs. 703-323-0345.

Summer Concerts. 7 p.m. Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Some Girl(s). Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This play by Neil LaBute tells the story of one man as he flies across the country in search of the perfect woman (whom he's already broken up with). Admissions: \$5-\$10. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13 - SATURDAY/JUNE 14

"Princess Whaterername." 7 p.m. Thomas A. Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The story follows a girl lost in the forest who can't remember anything — not even her own name! On her journey to discover her identity, she meets Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Cinderella, Rapunzel, and other beloved fairy tale characters who help her find her true identity as a princess. Tickets \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14 - WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

Arts from the Turkic World Exhibit. 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The exhibition will feature a collection of works from various Turkic countries and territories as well as the works of featured artists of Turkic descent.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Family Fun: Bees, Beetles and More Bugs. 1-2 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Rd, Alexandria. Explore the mind-boggling variety and outrageous adaptations of the insect world. Go on a safari to capture bugs and get a close look at insects in your neighborhood. \$6. 703-642-5173.

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Father Daughter Dance. 6 - 9 p.m. The Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Girls, ages 3 - 11, dress in their beautiful gowns and dads dress to impress. Girls celebrate Father's Day with your dads, granddads, big brothers, godfathers and family members. There will be lots of dancing, games, prizes and food. Call 703-385-7858 for tickets. \$30 per person.

Panoplia Opening Reception. 7 p.m. - midnight. Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. An eclectic and groundbreaking collection of paintings and mixed media work by local artists, and curated by The Bunnyman Bridge Collective. Panoplia will be on view at Epicure Café from June 14 - Aug. 2.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html for more.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins two weeks prior to event. \$65/team. Fee due at time of registration, includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

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Gillespie to Challenge Warner for Senate

FROM PAGE 3

THE DEBATE about whether to select candidates using a convention rather than a primary may have been the most divisive issue at the convention this year, perhaps even more divisive than the selection of a candidate to run against Warner. Every delegate seemed to have an opinion about the issue, and opinions were all over the map. Some looked at the recent history as an indication that the party needed to change direction. Others said conventions offered a way for candidates to save fundraising dollars for a general election rather than spending the campaign war chest going after other Republicans.

"It's not always Republicans that are voting for a candidate," said James Glenn, a delegate from Mount Vernon. "In addition to independents you could have Democrats crossing over. So you're not truly getting a Republican conservative candidate."

For some, the issue of convention versus primary came down to one simple question: Which strategy would defeat Democrats? "Maybe it will drum up a little support and get people interested in what's happening because we've got too many people who are uninformed and not interested in the political process," said George Graham, delegate from Arlington. "If we are going to run an American country, we need people who are informed and interested."

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE Warner is a flawed candidate, and they are hoping to seize on his support of the Affordable Care Act during the coming campaign. Over and over, delegates to the convention accused voters of voting for President Barack Obama

"He can raise the money. That's key in this day and age for any campaign, but particularly when you are running against a millionaire."

— Alexandria delegate Sharon Annear

97 percent of the time. That's a record that was not pleasing to Republicans, many of whom purchased toilet paper featuring the image of the Democratic president at a booth off the convention floor. Each roll of toilet paper, made in China, sold for \$7.

"It's funny, and it's a great gag," said businessman Stephen Tyler, who was selling the product. "It's a great way to be able to surprise somebody who might be of the other party who you might want to poke some fun at concerning the mockery that's become this administration." On the convention floor, though, delegates were taking a much more serious approach to the campaign. In the coming months, they hope to portray Warner as a big-spending liberal who supports expanding health insurance for those who live in poverty or are disabled.

"He has voted for big tax increases. He has voted for big spending," said Jay McConville, former chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "He is an Obamacare supporter, and that is not what the people of Virginia need and that's why we are going to replace him with Ed Gillespie."

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Robinson Boys' Lax Beats Battlefield in State Semifinals

Sophomores Henry, Daniel propel Rams to first state final since 2007.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Doubt crept in the mind of sophomore attackman Johnny Daniel after the Robinson boys' lacrosse team lost to Landon, 15-1, on March 31. Were the Rams, who had just lost three of their first four games, really that good?

More than two months later, Daniel was doubt free as Robinson faced Battlefield in the 6A state semifinals. In fact, No. 23 settled into a comfort zone with a long-time teammate.

Sophomore midfielder Austin Henry scored three first-half goals, each assisted by Daniel, and Daniel added a goal of his own in the second half as the Rams secured a berth in the state championship game with an 8-4 victory over Battlefield on June 10 at Robinson Secondary School.

"We've been on the same team since seventh grade and we've done everything together," said Daniel, who has more than 30 goals and 30 assists this season. "Whenever he does a little move ... I don't even have to look at him and he'll be wide open for a beautiful shot. That's a connection that I'm so happy that I've had and I'm going to have for the next few years."

Robinson led 4-3 at halftime, thanks to a first-half hat trick from Henry. After producing three first-half assists, Daniel scored with 10:01 remaining in the third quarter, giving the Rams a 5-3 advantage. Robinson led by at least two goals for the remainder of the contest. "They know each other really well," Robinson head coach Matt Curran said. "Austin's one of the best shooters I've been around. When he catches inside, or even on the run, he has a tendency to [score]."

After a 1-3 start to the season, Robinson has won 16 consecutive games and will play in its first state championship game since 2007.

"I knew we had what it took," Daniel said. "In the beginning of the year, I doubted it for a second.

Robinson sophomore Austin Henry scored three goals against Battlefield in the 6A state semifinals on June 10.

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THE CONNECTION



Robinson junior Jack Rowlett scored two goals against Battlefield on June 10.

We definitely stepped it up after we lost to Landon. ... We promised to Coach Curran that we wouldn't lose any more games, because that's the worst feeling you can possibly have. We just stuck to our word and did the best that we could."

Robinson will face Langley in the state final at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The Rams thumped Langley 15-3 in the 6A North region championship game on June 6, but the Saxons bounced back to beat 6A South champion Osbourn Park in the state semifinals, 21-8, on Tuesday.

"[The Saxons] beat Osbourn Park pretty handily," Daniel said. "I don't think they were ready [in the region final]. Their game plan was not prepared last game, so we're really going to need to work hard and take this seriously. They beat [defending state champion] Chantilly. I think they just had an off game against us."

Curran said the Rams must avoid a letdown against Langley after beating the Saxons convincingly in the region final.

"I don't think we played our best ball tonight, so we need to play better," Curran said after Tuesday's win over Battlefield. "We can't take for granted at all that we had a great game against Langley the

first time. They crushed Osbourn Park tonight. ... After a 12-goal victory in the regional final ... you take 15-, 16-, 17-, 18-year-old kids, it's almost guaranteed to be a little bit of a letdown the next game."

Battlefield held first-half leads of 2-1 and 3-2. Henry's goal with 9:02 remaining in the second quarter tied the score at 3-all. Henry scored again with 59 seconds remaining in the half, giving the Rams a 4-3 lead they would not relinquish.

Junior defenseman Jack Rowlett scored twice in the third quarter. His second goal gave Robinson a 7-4 lead with 4:20 remaining in the period.

Junior attackman Chapman Jasien and junior midfielder Jack Smith each scored a goal for Robinson.

Senior goalkeeper Nick Kondracki, who was voted team MVP this season, was credited with five saves.

"It means a great deal, it really does," Curran said of reaching the state championship game. "I'm really excited."

Robinson last won a state championship in 2007, when the Rams defeated Westfield in the final. Langley has captured four of the last five state titles, winning four straight from 2009-2012.

South County Softball Wins Region Championship

Sophomore shortstop Williams drives in go-ahead run against Lake Braddock.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

In four meetings with Lake Braddock this season, the South County softball team had scored just one run in 36 2/3 innings against Bruins pitcher Ashley Flesch when sophomore shortstop Jade Williams stepped to the plate in the eighth inning of Friday's 6A North region championship game.

The Stallions had hit the ball well on this day, but had nothing to show for it. Now, with a runner in scoring position and two outs in a scoreless tie, Williams had an opportunity to break through.

"I knew we were due because we had been hitting the ball hard," Williams said. "We had been getting progressively better every game and I knew, some time, it was going to drop in."

For Williams and the Stallions, that time was now.

Williams ripped a run-scoring double down the third-base line, designated player Mollie Maglich followed with an RBI double and South County captured its first region championship since 2009 with a 2-1, eight-inning victory at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

"We all wanted it really bad — I think we wanted it more than them," Williams said. "I just wanted to hit the ball hard. I was confident and I really wanted to win."

South County won the first meeting between the teams, 1-0 in 13 innings on April 24. Flesch struck out 19 and did not allow a hit until Martin's walk-off double in the 13th. Lake Braddock won the regular-season rematch, 4-0, on May 12, and defeated the Stallions 1-0 in nine innings in the Conference 7 championship game on May 23.

"We hung in there, kept battling [and] finally strung a couple hits together at the end there," South County head coach Gary Dillow said. "That second run obviously ended up being huge, too, because you know they're just going to battle back.

"... We've progressively got-

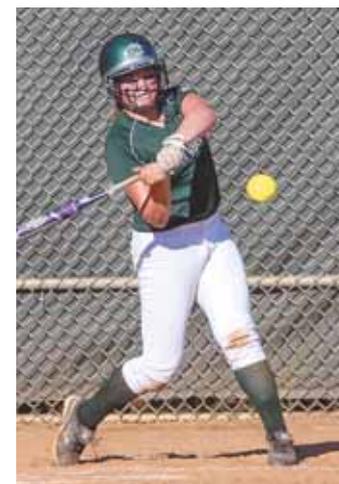


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South County shortstop Jade Williams drove in the go-ahead run with a double in the eighth inning of the 6A North region championship game against Lake Braddock on June 6.

ten better each time we've seen [Flesch]. I think it's just a matter of seeing her enough. We played 29 innings against her coming into today and we got eight more. It's just a matter of familiarity, I guess. ... We talked about progressively getting better and I think we got just a little better today and it was enough."

Williams went 2-for-3 at the plate. Martin and second baseman Cara Yates each went 2-for-4. Caitlin Maglich, catcher Haylea Geer, Mollie Maglich, and Ward each had one hit.

While South County (24-3) finally scored some runs, Martin took care of business in the circle. The senior right-hander tossed a complete game, allowing one unearned run and seven hits in eight innings. She walked two and struck out two.

Martin, the 6A North region tournament MVP, threw 99 pitches, including 67 strikes. She threw a first-pitch strike to 26 of 35 batters faced.

"Rebecca usually throws a lot of first-pitch strikes and they were attacking a lot of first-pitch strikes," Dillow said. "We were fortunate enough to get them to ... pop some pitches up early, so it helped keep her pitch count down and I think it helped because she's pitched a lot in the last week, and I know Ashley has too."

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Dog Adoption. 12- 3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. 703-817-9444. hart90.org

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18
Antipsychotics and Dementia: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. 1:30 p.m. Memory Care Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. An overview of current antipsychotics commonly prescribed for those with memory impairment, and the pros and cons that accompany taking these medications. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP and for more information.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19
Cribbage Club. 7 – 10 p.m. American Legion, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield. Cost: \$10. If you like to play cribbage and would like to play in an organized setting with friendly mature people, contact Bill at natbill@juno.com or call 703-503-9420 for information.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 26
Bone Marrow Donor Drive. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, Heart and Vascular Institute Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Inova Fairfax Hospital is holding a Bone Marrow donor drive, where you can register to be a potential donor for someone in need.

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The women's show choir is interested in new talent to perform at various Northern Virginia community sites. Practices are Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Burke. Contact Gayle Parsons, 703-644-4485 or email gparsons3@cox.net.

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with the person they chose. Although validated by a state-wide referendum, polling indicates a change of heart. Numerous Federal Court rulings indicate that this is likely to be overturned by the Supreme Court in the near future.

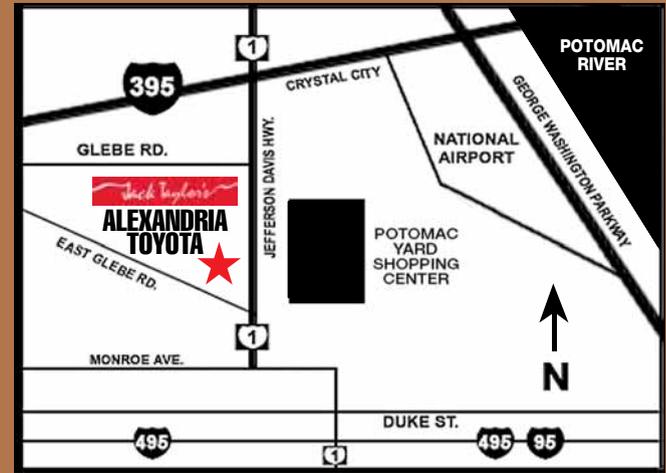
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