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A view of the 95 Express Lanes construction. The lanes will be completed by the end of 2014.

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We would also like to extend a special thank you to the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Police for their vital presence at our party. Finally, we'd like to thank the staff of the Audrey Moore RECenter for all their help in making the night run smoothly.

Make plans now to support our 2015 party on June 17th, 2015. Also, mark your calendar for our mulch sale on April 11th and 12th, 2015.



Susan Shaw, Megaprojects Director for VDOT, speaks about changes and updates on the 95 Express Lanes.



Walter Lewis, the project director for Fluor-Lane 95, speaks about what to expect in the final months of construction of the 95 Express Lanes.

Expect HOV Lane Closures This Summer

Construction of 95 Express Lanes continues.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Drivers planning on using Interstate 95 to get to their vacation destination, or even just to get to work, should prepare for overnight and weekend HOV lane closures from Washington, D.C. to Dumfries as construction of the 95 Express Lanes continues.

That's according to Susan Shaw, Megaprojects director for VDOT, who announced July 10 that construction of the 95 Express Lanes is more than 80 percent complete.

"We try to make every effort to minimize impact and keep traffic moving," Shaw said. "We do understand that this is a very heavily used corridor. We're trying to use the times when traffic volumes are the lowest."

Construction will be completed by late 2014 and will be opened to traffic by early 2015.



PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

Kevin Ginnerty, director of project delivery for Transurban, talks about the new tolls that will be put in place when the 95 Express Lanes open in early 2015.

"While the final phase of construction may be less visible to drivers than in the past, the 95 Express Lanes Corridor remains an active work zone, in which the safety of drivers and workers are our top priority," Shaw said. "Now more than ever, it is important for the traveling public to use caution when traveling through our work zone. When you see the orange cones and barriers, slow down for your own safety and remember that there are people working on the other side."

The 29-mile system of express lanes will require all drivers to purchase an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex in order to use the lanes. This includes those who are driving alone, in a carpool, a slug, or in a vehicle with a clean fuel plate. The E-ZPass Flex will allow those who are traveling with three or more people to experience a toll-free trip.

Construction in the final phase of the project, which runs from Stafford County near Garrisonville Road up to 395 near Edsall Road, is focused on installing tolling

and traffic management devices.

"We have over 950 tolling and traffic management devices that we need to test, and we need to test them in the field and also back at the Express Lanes operation center," said Walter Lewis, the project director for Fluor-Lane 95.

Up to 1,500 workers will be on the construction site working to finish the lanes between now and the end of the project.

"To keep our workers and fellow I-95 drivers safe, we ask drivers to support orange cones no phones by putting down their cell phones while traveling through the 95 Express Lanes work zone. No phones, no text and no distractions," said Kevin Ginnerty, director of project delivery for Transurban.

The almost \$1 billion public-private partnership, which according to VDOT will make travel in the area faster once opened, began in August 2012. Six new bridges, four flyovers, three widened bridges, and 15 bridge and ramp repairs are included in the project.

"We know that this work is going to cause some unavoidable delays with the lane closures, and it can be frustrating for drivers. But we are making sure that the closures that we have are necessary to keep the traveling public and the work crews safe," Shaw said.

Numbers Indicate Stable Market

The Northern Virginia market recorded increased inventories, providing buyers with more choices. Nonetheless, buyers are challenged by affordability and accessing credit.

The June market in Northern Virginia continues the trend of sales numbers coming in just under those from one year ago at this time, but the signs of a stable market have led to an increase in sellers planting signs on their lawns.

"It is all about managing expectations," said Lorraine Arora, Managing Broker at Long & Foster Real Estate in Springfield. "Some buyers are nervous. When houses are priced correctly, homes will sell."

Arora explained that since there was no activity in winter months, there was

pent up demand for this region's early spring season. Now, she explained, prices are higher but not all sellers are getting their full price. Buyers are less willing to engage in bidding wars.

The housing affordability may continue to be a challenge in the region, said Mary Bayat, 2014 chair elect of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors. "While the slightly rising home prices indicate an improving market, people are just not making quick decisions to buy." Bayat, a broker/owner of Bayat Realty in Alexandria, also noted that the current tight mortgage regulations have been a drag on buyers' loan process. She noted that mortgage standards are under scrutiny by industry and housing groups at this time.

The Northern Virginia Association of Re-

June home listings climb, with slight dip in sales; average, median prices continue to inch up.

altors reported on June 2014 home sales activity for Fairfax and Arlington counties, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton.

A total of 2,174 homes were sold in June 2014, a 12.90 percent decrease below June 2013 home sales of 2,496.

Active listings continued to show an increase this month compared with 2013. Listings were up 47 percent over last year, with 4,777 active listings in June, compared with 3,247 homes available in June 2013. The average days on market for homes in June 2014 was 30 days, an increase of 25 per-

cent compared to the 24 days on market for homes in June 2013.

Average home sale prices increased slightly this June to \$580,013. This is up 3 percent compared to June 2013, when the average price was \$563,223.

The median sold price of homes this June, which is \$505,000, rose by 1 percent compared to the median price of \$499,900 in June 2013.

The 2,047 new pending home sales in Northern Virginia in June is a decrease of 9.62 percent compared with 2,265 contracts that were pending in June of last year.

Fairfax School Board Elects Chairman, Vice Chair

Tamara Derenak Kaufax and Ted Velkoff elected to lead Board.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District) and Ted Velkoff (at-large) were elected chairman and vice chair of the Fairfax County School Board on Thursday night, following an abstention from some members in the election of chairman. Both will serve in their positions for one year.

“Ms. Derenak Kaufax has served the Lee district well and is also a team player for the greater good across the county,” said Ilryong Moon (at-large), who served as chairman of the school board for two years. “One thing is for sure—she is not afraid to speak out.”

Derenak Kaufax is the owner of Altamat Marketing Solutions and has been a school board member since January 2012. She is the parent of a sophomore and a 2013 graduate of Fairfax County schools.

Derenak Kaufax said the board is one with “many challenges” but a lot of passion.

“I want us to be the best board ever. I will respect your opinions, as I think you know I have while working as the vice chair. I will work to keep everyone informed—sometimes you may not like what I say, but I will keep us moving forward in a strategic way,” Derenak Kaufax said at the meeting.

Dan Stork (Mount Vernon) nominated Sandy Evans as vice chair of the school board, while Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill) nominated Ted Velkoff for the position. Velkoff won the position with seven votes.

“He thinks outside the box a lot,” Hynes said. “He’s also shown tremendous leadership on the budget.”

Velkoff has also served on the



Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District)



Ted Velkoff (at-large)

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school board since January 2012 and was this year’s chair of the budget committee. He is the parent of two Fairfax County graduates and previously served as Chantilly High School’s PTSA president and treasurer.

“When I look back a year from now, what will I have seen? I want

to look back and see that in my role here as vice chairman, that I’ve helped to bring some balance and have tried to build bridges to represent fairly the views of everybody that’s on the board and to offer my best advice to the chairman and to the superintendent, and communicate fairly and

equally to everyone,” Velkoff said.

Kaufax was elected chairman with seven votes, while five members abstained from voting because of what they explained was a “brokered deal” for the position of vice chair.

The same seven votes from Tamara Derenak Kaufax, Pat Hynes, Ryan McElveen, Ilryong Moon, Kathy Smith, Jane Strauss, and Ted Velkoff gave Ted Velkoff the majority as vice chair. Sandy Evans, Megan McLaughlin, Patty Reed, Elizabeth Schultz and Dan Stork voted for Sandy Evans for vice chair.

Some school board members said they didn’t know Velkoff was running for vice chair until hours before the vote.

“Until last night, Mrs. Smith was the other candidate for vice chair, and she withdrew. We were in a 6-6 deadlock. We couldn’t break it. At 3:30 this afternoon, I got a phone call from Mr. Velkoff saying that he was a candidate for vice chair,” said Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield).

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Greenspring Resident Receives Award from American Legion

The American Legion Department of Virginia held its 96th annual convention July 10-July 13 in Herndon. During the event, representatives from the department presented a variety of awards including those for leadership and service. Greenspring resident, Pete Straub, received the 17th District Vice Commander of the Year award.

Straub said that he received this award largely for his work with four American Legion posts in the district. Currently, he is the Commander of Post 123 at Greenspring retirement community in Springfield.

Four years ago, Greenspring Post 123 was issued its formal charter as an independent Post in The American Legion. Now, the Post has approximately 60 members. Also during the convention, Greenspring Post 123 was presented with the 100 percent Old Dominion Award for attaining its membership goal for the 2013-2014 Legion year.



PHOTO BY JESSICA MCKAY
Pete Straub, Commander of American Legion Post 123 at Greenspring, displays his recent award.



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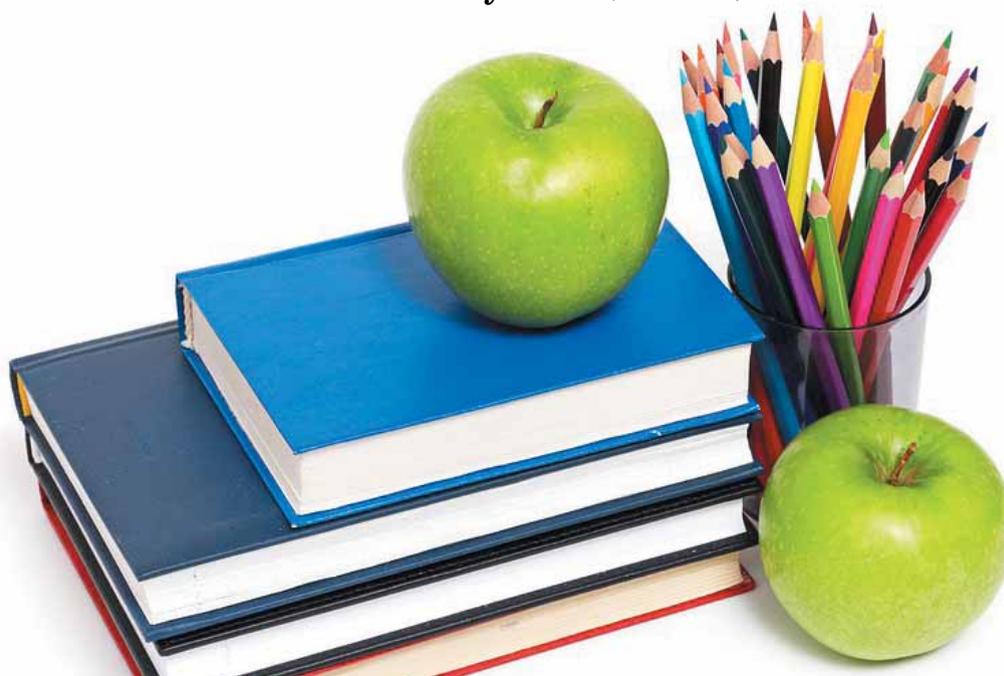
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Opposite Sides of the Road

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Washington is on the road to creating a short-term fix for funding the nation's highways, kicking the can down the road and handing the problem to the next Congress. That means voters will have the final say when they cast a ballot in this year's hotly contested race for Senate, a contest that features three candidates with sharply different perspectives on how to handle the \$100 billion shortfall over the next six years.

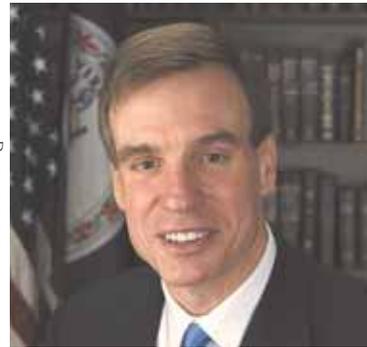
Democratic incumbent Mark Warner supports public-private partnerships as a way to raise new revenue, an approach that includes a bipartisan proposal to leverage private capital known as the Bridge Act. Republican challenger Ed Gillespie says revenues for roads could be raised from offshore energy exploration, an approach that Republicans say Democratic President Barack Obama has blocked. Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis says the federal government should get out



Ed Gillespie



Robert Sarvis



Sen. Mark Warner

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— Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics

of the business of funding highways altogether, leaving the role of funding surface transportation to the states.

"This is an issue that voters should care about," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's something of daily importance

that could impact voters directly, whereas it's harder sometimes to draw a direct connection between immigration policy or certain aspects of health-care policy."

One aspect of the debate all the candidates agree on is that revenues from the gas tax are on the decline, and as automobiles be-

come more efficient the government continues to receive less money. One solution is to raise the gas tax, a proposal supported by Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). But neither Corker nor Murphy are up for reelection this year.

Gillespie opposes raising the gas tax, and a spokesman for Warner says he does not support the proposal currently before Congress to raise the gas tax.

"This is going to be a very big issue next year," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. "So it's something voters should consider when they go to the polls in terms of what this means to the taxpayers of Virginia."

THE HIGHWAY TRUST Fund was created during the Eisenhower administration in 1956, when the Highway Revenue Act created a new tax of three cents per gallon. In January 1983, Republican President Ronald Reagan signed a bill that increased the gas tax to nine cents a gallon. A few years later, Republican President George H.W. Bush increased it to 14 cents a gallon. Then Democratic President Bill Clinton increased the gas tax to 18.4 cents a gallon, which remains the current rate. That brings in about \$34 billion a year even though the current transportation bill includes about \$50 billion in infrastructure spending.

"Despite months of debate, lawmakers have failed to act," said BlueGreen Alliance executive director Kim Glas in a written statement. "The job market is steadily improving but the threat that Congress will let the Highway Trust

Fund go bankrupt looms large."

Conservatives in Congress have questioned the role the federal government should play in surface transportation. Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) introduced legislation that would eliminate the 20 percent of the trust fund that is not spent on roads. And Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) wants to create a fund for emergency transportation projects paid for by repatriating overseas capital back to the U.S. The Libertarian candidate takes those arguments a step farther, saying the federal government should get out of funding surface transportation altogether.

"It just creates graft and corruption and inefficient use of resources," said Sarvis. "The federal government should not be channeling billions of dollars of taxpayers dollars through the federal bureaucracy to the states."

THE TWO MAJOR party candidates both believe that the gas tax is a dwindling source of revenue, and neither candidate supports raising it. Instead, Warner and Gillespie have seized on alternatives sources of revenue in a way that reveals something about their priorities and legislative style. As governor, Warner supported public-private partnerships such as rail to Dulles. Now that he's in the Senate, he hopes to use his background as a venture capitalist to forge a solution to the funding crunch facing the nation's roads.

"We need to acknowledge that the current funding mechanism — the gas tax — is a declining source of revenue, and that means everyone will have to bring some new ideas to the table," said Kevin Hall, spokesman for Warner. "That should include Sen. Warner's Bridge Act, a bipartisan proposal that will leverage more private capital to jumpstart work building and modernizing our country's infrastructure."

On the Republican side, Gillespie responded to a question about the Highway Trust Fund by blasting Democrats for presiding over an economy when gas prices have gone up so dramatically.

"We need to increase accountability in how transportation funds are spent, give states more say in spending decisions, and identify a stream of revenue to fund our transportation infrastructure projects for the long-term," said Paul Logan, a spokesman for Gillespie. "One such revenue source could be new revenues from offshore energy exploration, which this administration has consistently blocked."

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Inova Fairfax Medical Campus

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- ❖ Ear, Nose and Throat
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- ❖ Geriatrics
- ❖ Nephrology
- ❖ Neurology and Neurosurgery
- ❖ Orthopedics
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News Best Children’s Hospital Rankings, Inova Children’s Hospital was named 42nd in the nation for Neonatology.

U.S. News publishes Best Hospitals to help guide patients who need a high level of care because they face particularly difficult surgery, a challenging condition or extra risk because of age or multiple health problems. Objective measures such as patient survival and safety data, adequacy of nurse staffing levels and other data largely determined the rankings in

most specialties.

The rankings are freely available at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals> and will appear in the U.S. News “Best Hospitals 2015” guidebook, available in August.

All five of Inova’s hospitals were recognized again this year in the top 15 best hospitals in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, and top 20 in Virginia. To learn more about Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, visit www.inova.org/ifh.

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OPINION

Save a Little, Help Others Prepare for School

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies is a good reminder to donate supplies and dollars for children who need help arriving at school prepared.

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies and clothing is Aug. 1-3, and it makes sense to take advantage of the savings, and to spread the wealth around.

During this three-day period, school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item, and clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item will be exempt from Virginia sales tax. There are some items that do not qualify, for example digital school supplies. See <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/> for more details.

When you are buying school supplies for your family, buy extra to donate to local families

who are not able to afford to do the same.

In Fairfax County, just under 50,000 students are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced price meals at school.

EDITORIAL

In Fairfax County, local nonprofits, Fairfax County Public Schools and corporate partners are collecting school supplies and backpacks. Monetary donations and backpacks are being accepted by eight local nonprofits and through local Apple and Northwest Federal Credit Union Branches, as well as online at <http://collectforkids.org/donate/> through Sept. 2. Last year the drive provided supplies for nearly 20,000 students. A

\$10 cash donation goes a long way.

Collect for Kids Program runs through Sept. 2. Monetary donations can be accepted any time. Donate money at www.collectforkids.org. Donations of backpacks are also being accepted at every Apple Federal Credit Union and Northwest Federal Credit Union branch in Fairfax County and at any of the affiliate charitable organizations, including Cornerstones, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Our Daily Bread, Koinonia, United Community Ministries and others.

For more, see the Collect for Kids website at <http://collectforkids.org>.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More Sleep As a Smokescreen

To the Editor:

There is no doubt that more sleep is healthier. That is common sense. The real mental disorder is spending money that the school can't afford. Spending money to tell us this ground breaking news that more sleep is a good thing. When it is simply a cover up.

The funny thing is that they speak of science and facts yet have no facts that children will go to bed at the same time in order to benefit from the later start. None! This is hopes and wishes which don't come true, a liberal standard.

Most of the school board members are placing a smoke screen in front of the community to pretend they have done something positive in the last four years. There is an election coming up next year. They are covering up the fact that test scores are down and the Hispanic children are the biggest losers. Hispanics score the lowest in SOL tests in math, reading, writing, science and U.S. History. Hispanics have a high school drop out rate that is six times higher than average. This is wonderful Fairfax County! Wonderful it is not.

The lack of performance from the liberal "Class of 2011" school board members is an embarrassment. Placing "sleep" as an important issue in front of the community is really covering a nightmare future that is being placed upon the Hispanic community and the future of Fairfax County.

Fredy Burgos

2013 Candidate House of Delegates. District 41

Time for Change, but Teachers Will Miss Monday Planning

BY STEPHEN GOSSIN

I read your editorial ["Hurray for Full Day Mondays"] in the July 10-16 Burke Connection with keen interest. Even though I am retired after 42 years in elementary education, I still have passion for education. I'm writing to make one minor point and one major point.

First, let me say that I totally agree with your point that it is time for a change. I completely disagree that it was never a good idea. Let me explain.

Here's the minor point. Monday was never a half day for elementary students in Fairfax County. When the early release was created, elementary schools in Fairfax County kept the 30-hour week, the historic standard throughout the country. When the proposal was drafted and eventually accepted by the Fairfax County School Board and the Virginia Board of Education, Monday was a four-and-a-half-hour day and Tuesday through Friday were six-and-a-half-hour days. Tuesday through Friday were lengthened by 30 minutes and the time "banked" so that the students left 2 or 2.5 hours early on Monday. (The release on Monday was 2 hours in some schools and 2.5 hours in others depending on Transportation.) This gave elementary teachers a large block of planning time.

Here's the major point. When the early release was created, elementary educators (teachers and principals) saw the need for a longer block of planning, team meetings to plan, parent conferences, training, and staff meetings, to mention a few. When I came to Fairfax County in 1967, I remember fondly going to meetings on some Monday afternoons to learn about the science kits that were coming to me, a new math series, a new reading series, and meetings about teaching history. These meetings were conducted by teachers who piloted the newly adopted book series and by specialists. In addition, it was recognized that teachers needed to meet in teams. Teachers needed to meet with parents.

Over the ensuing years, the job of the elementary teacher has become much more complicated and the need for planning is critical. In some schools, the teachers keep their students all day and teach all subjects: language arts (reading, writing, speaking, spelling and vocabulary), math, science, and social stud-

ies. That consists of more than four preparations and the expectation that language arts is infused throughout the other curriculum areas. In those schools, it is necessary for teachers at the same grade level to meet and discuss how their students are performing on common assessments, what is working, and what is not working. In other schools, teachers at a grade level split up the curriculum and teach one or two areas. In those schools, it is critical for the team to meet regularly and discuss the students they have in common, what's working, and what is not working.

Since retiring after 29 years as an elementary administrator (3 years as assistant principal and 26 years as the principal at five different elementary schools), I have regularly substituted as a teacher. Some of these sub jobs have been long-term (2 weeks to 3,5 months). I can't emphasize enough how I used the block of planning time on Monday to prepare for the week or weeks ahead. In 1967, I had 5, half-hour planning blocks during the school day and I had Monday afternoon. Then and now, as a substitute teacher, I experienced the somewhat limited value of the half-hour time blocks. In elementary schools, the teachers accompany the students to their special classes (physical education and music to mention two) and wait until the specialist is ready for them. We return before the time is expired so that the next group does not have to wait. Teachers universally rely on the longer Monday block. With the new proposal, the teachers will continue to have 10-plus hours of planning time (they are not losing planning time), but this planning time will be more of the shorter blocks as they lose the longer Monday block.

There is absolutely no doubt that elementary students spending more time in school is a good thing. However, most elementary educators agree that it is a good thing provided that the students spend this time with their classroom teacher. Sadly, this is not part of the proposal. The students are proposed to spend the extra time with people other than their classroom teacher.

Stephen Gossin served as principal at: Annandale Terrace, London Towne, Terra Centre, Canterbury Woods, and Cherry Run; assistant principal at Kings Park School; and taught at Burke School and Laurel Ridge. He is a long-time resident of Burke.

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Eight FCPS Students Win College-Sponsored Merit Scholarships

Eight Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) graduates from the class of 2014 have been named winners of college-sponsored scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Recipients of college-sponsored scholarships from the NMSC, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

❖ Celia Islam of Vienna, Marshall High School (medicine), National Merit George Washington University Scholarship.

❖ Brian Clark of Burke, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (engineering), National Merit Case Western Reserve University Scholarship.

❖ Adam Friedman of Fairfax, TJHSST (environmental science), National Merit Emory University Scholarship.

❖ Nicholas Jones of Round Hill, TJHSST (aerospace engineering), National Merit University of Central Florida Scholarship.

❖ Thomas Lunn of Potomac Falls, TJHSST (international relations), National Merit Bowdoin College Scholarship.

❖ Timothy Ruitter of Centreville, TJHSST (biomedical engineering), National Merit University of Georgia Scholarship.

❖ Vishal Talasani of Alexandria, TJHSST (economics), National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship.

❖ Tony Xiao of Herndon, TJHSST (film production), National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship.

College-sponsored Merit Scholarships provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

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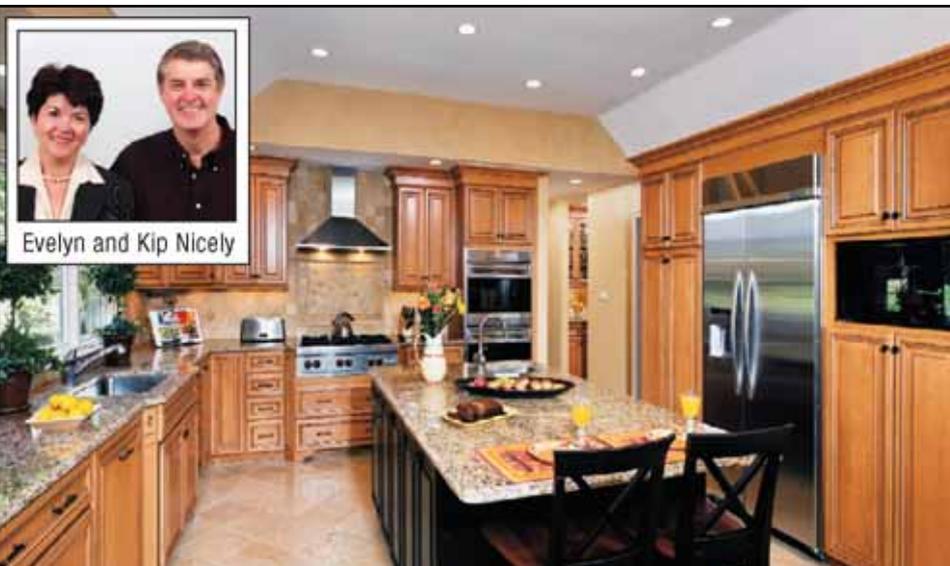
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Climate Change Could Affect Your Drinking Water

Residents could see — and smell — a very different Potomac River by 2040.

BY LISA SPINELLI
THE CONNECTION

Drinking cups of clear tap water could be a luxury we are less likely to take for granted in the near future as climate-change culprits affect our waterways—and our water bills.

The increased development of Northern Virginia, along with agricultural uses, have been slowing down the Potomac's fast-moving water for a number of years; add climate-change factors like rising air and water temperatures and we now have what the Shenandoah Riverkeeper Jeff Kelble calls a "double whammy" on the river.

"Outside of big storms, hot dry summers like we experienced last summer reduce the flow of the Potomac over the falls, reducing its ability to flush pollution from the tidal waters in the area. This is sort of like under-filling a toilet tank before you flush - slots of gunk stays in the bowl," said Dann Sklarew, associate professor of applied ecology and sustainability in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at George Mason University who is actively involved in the sustainability of the Potomac.

The Obama Administration's third National Climate Assessment report confirms earlier reports from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin that air tem-

peratures in the area have risen about 2 degrees in the last 100 years. If global carbon emissions continue at their current rate, we will see a spread of longer heat waves and a further increase in average air temperatures.

WATER TEMPERATURES in the Potomac River are following suit with an average warming of .046° C per year due, in part, to the hotter air temperatures. By 2040, the Potomac River—which supplies 75 percent of the area's drinking water—will likely see an increase in surface water temperature of about 2.7° F, but could increase as much as 4.1° F.

"Algae love that gunk—it's what's for breakfast for them—so they tend to flourish in such soupy conditions," added Sklarew.

The increased temperatures—both in and outside the water—create a changed ecosystem for the Potomac and Occoquan that could force water treatment plants to change their filtration process. Some of these problematic scenarios could include the above stated longer blooming seasons for blue green algae, a decrease—or killing off of—eelgrass, and more runoff from farms and rainwater filled with contaminants and pollutants like manure and fertilizer.

"We just got results back from three weeks of sampling the North Fork, South Fork and Main Stem (three streams that feed the

Potomac) and found species of blue green algae known in other places to create algal toxins," said Kelble last month. Kelble's group is a branch of the D.C.-based clean-water nonprofit company Potomac Riverkeeper.

Blue green algae or cyanobacteria can release toxins called cyanotoxins which have been known to cause liver tumors, neurological disorders and even death in animals and humans. While many European countries follow the World Health Organization drinking water guideline of 0.001 mg/litre for at least one type of cyanotoxin, the United States has yet to adopt any federal regulations on these toxins.

Fairfax Water's Chief of Source Water Protection Gregory Prelewicz admits they have no cyanotoxin regulations either.

The algal blooms do occur naturally, but the increase in duration, species and number of algal blooms could create toxins harmful to our health as well as absorb the much-needed oxygen in the water, which affect the odor, clarity and taste of the water.

Still, the people in charge of the drinking water are not overly concerned.

"There are no real alarm bells going off for us," said Tom Jacobus, general manager of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineer's Washington Aqueduct. The aqueduct collects, filters and sells the drinking water to D.C. Water who provides Falls Church, Dunn Loring and other parts of Northern Virginia with their drinking water.

And while Fairfax Water, who provides the majority of our drinking water, has a quan-



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ty contingency plan by developing the new Vulcan Quarry, they see "nothing [else] on the horizon that has come to our attention that we need to prepare for," said Tracy Goldberg, manager of planning.

Customers in the future are likely to see higher water bills, Jacobus conceded. The additional costs could be as low as a few dollars, still a few dollars could be problematic for lower-income families who can't

afford even a moderate increase in their bills.

ONE GROUP HELPING educate NoVa residents on water quality and taking action is the Arlington-based nonprofit Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE). ACE leads monthly river clean-ups to help fish out the bikes, packing peanuts and other random trash thrown into the

waterways. The 30-year-old organization also helps educate people on water conservation and how using less means less energy consumption not just for them, but the water treatment plants as well—reducing everyone's carbon footprint.

"Just installing things like low-flow faucets, we have seen it cut a person's water bill by 10 to 25 percent," said Elenor Hodges, Executive Director of ACE.

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Samantha M. Bell of Fairfax, received her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law on May 23. In August, Samantha will become the Judicial Law Clerk to The Honorable Ronald D. Wigler,

the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of Essex County. Samantha has been a Student Attorney for the Center of Social Justice at Seton Hall University. She was also a Law Clerk at Krumholz Dillon, P.A., and a litigator for the New York Legal Assistance Group/Clinical Center for Domestic Violence. Samantha graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Spanish Language and Literature, with minors in History, Law, and Society, in 2011. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, with an Honors Degree in Spanish from the Presidential Honors Scholar Program. Her Honor's Thesis was on Rosa Montero's novel, 'Te Trataré Como a Una Reina' (1983), and Pedro Almodovar's film, 'Gender and Space', (1988). Samantha is a graduate of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax. She is the daughter of William and Judith Bell of Fairfax. Samantha currently resides in New York City, NY.

Cadet Carson Giammaria, son of Rick and Kim Giammaria of Lorton, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on May 28. Giammaria graduated from Hayfield Secondary School in 2010. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in Engineering Psychology. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the

Armor branch and will report to Fort Benning, GA., to attend Ranger School. Upon completion, he will be stationed in Germany.

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Alissa Caitlin Feudo, daughter of Dr. Christopher V. and Melanie L. Feudo, of Fairfax Station, graduated Magna Cum Laude on May 9 from Christopher Newport University, in Newport News, Va. Alissa was awarded a number of ribbons and medals, and received the highest award, 'Excellence in Psychological Research' from the Psychology Department. Alissa was the awardee of the 2012 Honors Program Summer Research Stipend, the International Honors Society in Psychology Smithfield-Goodwin Scholarship, selected for the Dean's list for all four years, elected to Director of the Research Lab (for all 4 years), and was Solo Author presenter at five (5) conferences. She was also co-Author of an article for the International Psychology Community. She is a talented musician on her

way to pursue her dreams, as a song-writer and singer.

Andrew Neils of Fairfax Station, has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering for outstanding scholarship during the Spring 2014 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Abigail Coster of Clifton graduated from Columbia Law School on May 22, 2014, earning a juris doctor. Coster is a graduate of James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School (2006) and the University of Virginia (2010) where she earned a B.S. in commerce.

While at Columbia Law School, Coster was the vice president of the Entertainment Law Society and a co-captain of the softball team. She worked for the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington during the summer of 2012. During the summer of 2013, Coster was a summer associate for Schulte Roth & Zabel, working in both the firm's New York and Washington offices and with its white collar litigation and investment management groups. Coster will begin as an associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel's New York headquarters, as a member of the litigation group.

She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Sarah Coster, who reside in Clifton.

Five Fairfax County schools have been named winners of the annual Best of the Web contest, sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Department of Communications and Community Outreach, to recognize excellence in school websites. The winning schools are:

- *Woodson High School: Sam Wightman, curator; Jeff Yost, principal.
- ♦ South County Middle School: Lyndsie Galizio, curator; Marsha Manning, principal
- ♦ Centreville Elementary School: Carlotta Moulder, curator; Dwayne Young, principal.
- ♦ Keene Mill Elementary School: Brian LaChance, curator; Renee Miller, principal.
- ♦ Little Run Elementary School, Maggie Gawn, curator; Sharon Baumgarten, principal

The winners were selected from WebStar award winners during the 2013-14 school year and were judged on the high quality of web-based communication between each school and the community it serves. Websites were assessed for the usefulness of content, clarity of design, frequency of updates, ease of navigation, and adherence to FCPS web policies. Three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school are se-

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Financial planners advise college students to avoid the credit card debt trap and make an effort to save money.

Financial Education For College Students

Local experts offer budget tips to keep students out of debt.

That leaves approximately three years for them to learn about money management before leaving home. And that education is key: financial education is the best way to develop sound money management skills, say financial advisors.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE CONNECTION

As the summer wanes, many recent high school graduates are preparing to head to college. For those who are living away from home for the first time, this means newfound independence. But that freedom brings responsibility — especially when it comes to money.

From student loans to credit cards, the financial maze can be filled with debt-traps and money pitfalls. A recent financial literacy assessment of 15-year-old students by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development shows that one in six lacks basic financial literacy skills.

Taking a financial education class is an option. The Northern Virginia Urban League offers a financial literacy workshop series with Fairfax County Human Services and Fairfax County Homeownership & Relocation Services.

“College students can learn everything from understanding a [credit] score and avoiding credit traps to banking and money management,” said Vickey King of the Northern Virginia Urban League.

“College is not the time to live the lifestyle of your dreams,” said Rachel Powell of the Northern Virginia Council for Economic Education at George Mason University’s Center for Economic

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Budget Tips for College Students

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Education in Fairfax. “College courses, room, board, books are all costly. You can expect to be poor in college, and if you use the many resources your college makes available to you in exchange for all the fees you are required to pay, you can expect to be fed, safe and reasonably comfortable.”

THE FIRST STEP in financial literacy for college students is taking a personal money inventory. “Know before you go how much money you’ll have available from your income or allowance,” said Powell. “Will your folks be making regular contributions to your survival or are you on your own?”

Make a budget that includes all expenditures, including luxuries like frozen yogurt or coffee or movie tickets. Put some money aside for emergencies; even \$5 per week will add up over time.

Online tools can help college students organize their finances and track their spending and savings patterns. Alexandria-based financial planner Mark Friese recommends mint.com, which categorizes spending, and bettermoneyhabits.com, which offers videos clips on how to budget better.

“Many people, especially teens and young adults, are surprised when they look at their entire spending picture because they haven’t ... had to make the money they spend,” said Friese. “They just don’t know the value of a dollar until they are lining their own wallets with their own money. So the big picture tools that highlight spending and savings habits are helpful.”

Know the difference between needs and wants: “Don’t buy what you don’t need,” said Powell. “Cold medicine — yes. The latest movie on DVD — no.”

Open a checking and savings account at a bank located close to campus, one that offers products and services for students, advises Powell. “Don’t accept accounts that require minimum balances or charge fees,” she said. “Shop around for the right bank.”

Find a way to establish or build savings, especially if you plan to work during college. “Pay yourself first,” said Friese. “When

you have a job, take a set portion of it and save it for your future self. If the job offers a retirement plan such as a 401(k), take advantage of it. A 401(k) provides the significant benefit of saving before taxes are taken out.”

AVOID USING CREDIT CARDS for immediate gratification and focus on building a high credit score for the future, said Friese. “That score, that number, will be more important and reap greater rewards than any grade or SAT score ever was or could be,” he said. “If you build and maintain a good credit score, you will be rewarded time and time again with preferred lending rates.”

When it comes to financial aid, take time to do research, and don’t underestimate the availability of college scholarships. Friese points to a study from scholarship.com, which shows that billions of dollars in scholarship funds go unawarded every year.

“Take advantage of the opportunities out there,” he said. “Don’t assume that scholarships are only for top scholars or athletes because many scholarships start with GPA requirements of 2.5 or less. Start looking as early as sophomore or junior year and apply as soon as you qualify.”

“Saving as much as possible from summer jobs ... can help with at least some of the expenses,” said Powell. “Loans are available for all the expenses you cannot pay for through gifts, grants and scholarships. Be aware that money borrowed must be repaid and the interest [accrued] is the cost of the rental of those funds.”

In fact, the Department of Education reports that 10 percent of U.S. college graduates default on student loans so only borrow money as a last resort.

Investigate federal loans first. “Loans such as the Stafford loan can be far more cost effective than higher-priced private loans,” said Friese.

College students should also estimate how much they will be able to afford to repay after graduation, said Powell. “Make sure that your target labor market is willing to compensate you with income commensurate with the cost of your education.”

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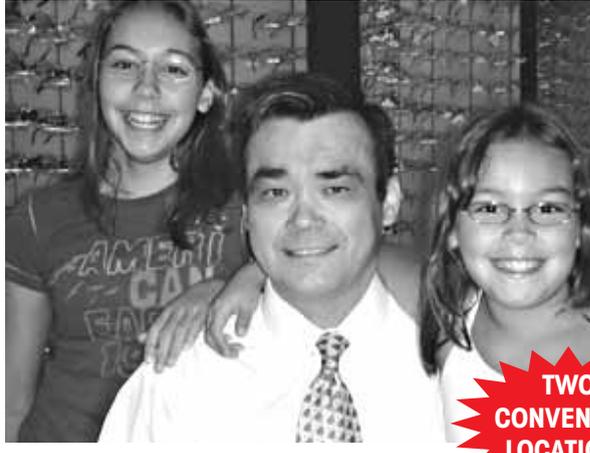
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THURSDAY/JULY 17

Springfield Writers Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults.

Talking Baseball with Grant and Danny. 7:30-9 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Grant Paulsen and Danny Rouhier from 106.7 The Fan (WJFK-FM) discuss the Washington Nationals' season so far and the latest Major League Baseball news. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/> under "Events."

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Explore it with the Smithsonian's Spark Lab. 2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Join Spark!Lab for an Invent-a-Vehicle Challenge. Explore your inventive creativity—to create, collaborate, build, explore, test, experiment, and of course, invent! Age 6-12.

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FRIDAY/JULY 18 & 25

"Pippi Longstocking: The Family Musical." 7:30 p.m. Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. A family-friendly musical comedy for all to enjoy. For ticket information, visit www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org.

FRIDAYS/JULY 18-AUG. 29

Braddock Nights Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for location and schedule.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

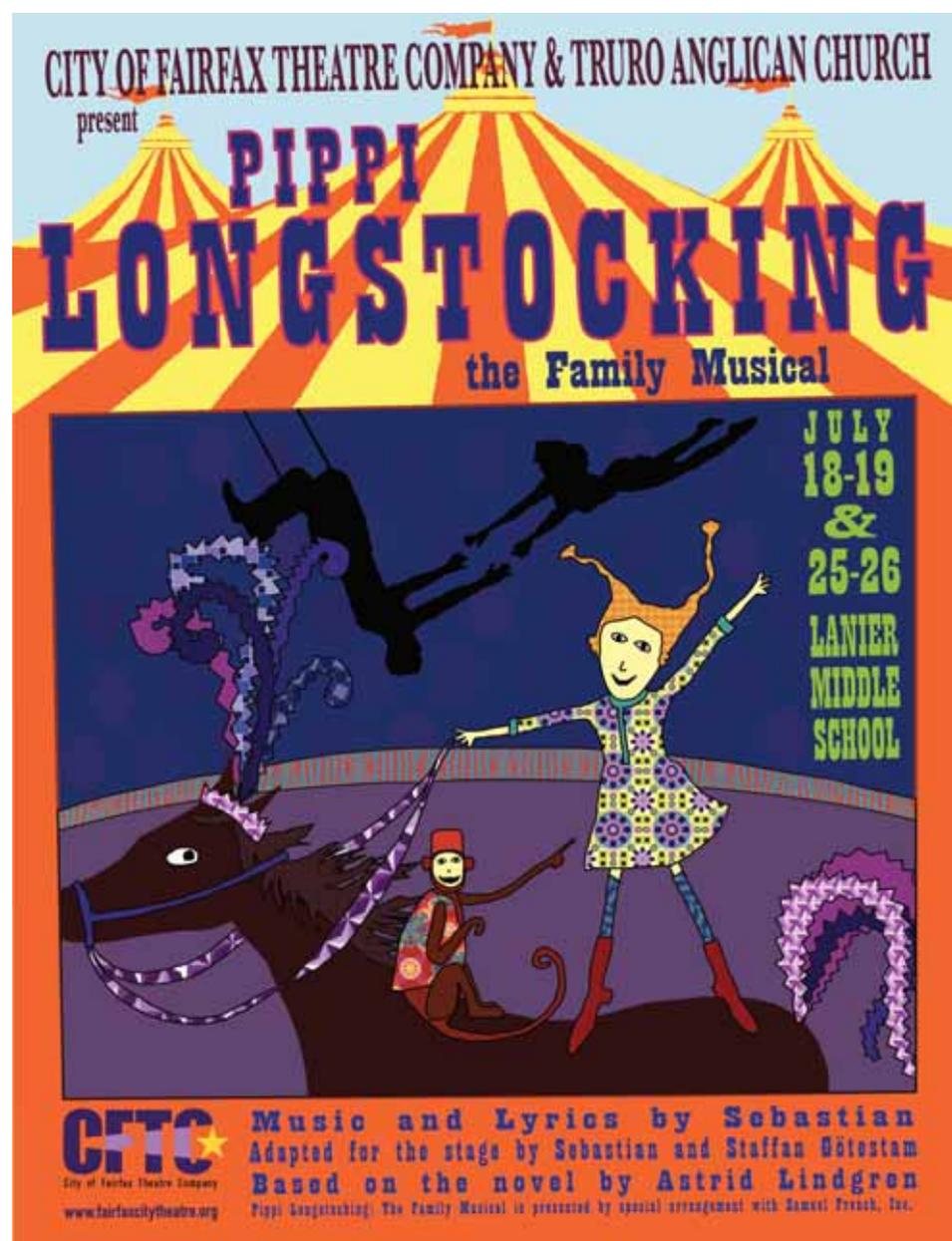
Workshop: Hanging Succulent Garden. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn to make a wire mesh frame to grow and display tender succulent plants as a hanging garden or tabletop display; please bring gloves. \$55. Register on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. TAB is a group of young adult volunteers between the age of 13 to 18 years who meet twice a month to plan and implement projects that will benefit the library and the community.

Origami Workshop. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn how to make animal figures and geometric shapes. Age 10 to adult.

Raingutter Regatta. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. VRE Train Station Front Parking Lot, Burke. Packs can participate by sponsoring a rain gutter track. Participation will count towards earning the Summertime Activity Award. Non-cub scouts and parents/guardians, especially first graders, can experience a cub scout activity and meet some of the local Packs. This free event consists of constructing miniature sailboats and racing it with family or friends on a track that is filled with water. For more information, visit: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotSummer>, email pring978@Verizon.net, 703-674-6178

Master Gardeners Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will your gardening questions. 703-978-5600.



Grab your hat and join the fun as pirates, circus entertainers, a few cops and robbers, and the world's most popular whippersnapper come to life this summer in the City of Fairfax Theatre Company (CFTC) and Truro Anglican Church's rollicking and whimsical Pippi Longstocking: The Family Musical, running July 18-19 and July 25-26 at Lanier Middle School.

Wag a Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Need a little practice reading or just love dogs? Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kn/> under "Events" to read to one of our therapy dogs; ages 5-12.

What is 3D Printing? 1-3 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn about 3D printing: what it is, how it works, and some of its real-world uses. 703-644-7333.

SATURDAYS/JULY 19-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

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SUNDAY/JULY 20

Sunday Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the parking lot at the intersection of West and Main Streets behind Wells Fargo Bank in Fairfax. Every Saturday there is fresh produce, goods and wares at the market. church@sovgracefairfax.org or www.FairfaxSundayMarket.com.

Two Day NTRAKScale Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Museum members, free;

adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Information on the museum and shows is at www.fairfax-station.org phone 703-425-9225.

NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra, "Jazz with Strings: A Tribute to the Recordings of the Great Charlie Parker". 7:30 p.m. Richard J Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8133 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Featuring American standards from Parker's famous Mercury Records sessions. \$0-\$15. 703-323-3159.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 1-4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. 703-644-7333.

Sunset Cruise. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Soak up the sunset and relax as you cruise the beautiful shoreline of Lake Accotink.

Sit back and listen while your tourboat guide shares interesting facts about the history of the park, the lake and the surrounding area. \$6 per person.

Reservations and advance payment required. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/events.htm>

MONDAY/JULY 21

Professor Parsnip's Lab. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The Professor mixes food, science and fun in this Bright Star Theatre production. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages.

Children's Science Center Mini Lab. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. The Children's Science Center will conduct four hands-on, science-based activities on animals, aeronautical engineering, creative engineering and forensic

science. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kn/under/Events>.

MONDAY/JULY 21-FRIDAY/JULY 25

"Wilderness Escape" Vacation Bible School. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Children will learn to trust God as they join Moses on the incredible journey through the wilderness and discover what it was like to live in the Israelite camp; ages 3-12. 703-971-5151.

TUESDAY/JULY 22

American Giants of Science. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Meet America's most famous inventors and see them come to life onstage with Bright Star Theatre. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library. Age 6-12.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. 703-644-7333.

Preschool Legos. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Thousands of LEGOS Duplos await you and your creativity; come with friends or make new ones. 703-644-7333.

Kings Park Library Friends Meeting. 6:30-9 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Exploring Fiction Genres. 7-8 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Explore adult fiction genres with presenter Peggy Bercher, the adult fiction materials selector for FCPL. 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 23

Fun with Ones. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Enjoy books, songs and rhymes in a special story time just for ones. Age 1 with adult.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

Erik Dobell, Mind Invader. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Erik Dobell is a psychic magician who reads minds, moves objects telepathically, and predicts the future...or does he? Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kn/under/Events>.

FRIDAY/JULY 25

S.T.E.M. Storytime. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (S.T.E.M.) Each month we will focus on one of the STEM subjects with stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers. Age 4-5 with adult.

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SATURDAY, JULY 26

Garden Photography: Creative-Documentary. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn to use composition and time of day to record changes in your garden and to highlight what design elements are working or not. \$18. Register on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Cub Scout Bear-Sharing Your World with Wildlife. 1:30-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Cub Scout Bear Achievement. \$10. 703-642-5173.

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Jeri Sager Concert. 7 p.m. Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Broadway actress and singer Jeri Sager will offer a free concert to the public as part of the celebration of the church's 50th year. 703-451-5120.

Broadway Performer Comes Home

Free concert on Saturday, July 26 at Westwood Baptist Church in Springfield.

Broadway actress and singer Jeri Sager will offer a free concert to the public on Saturday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at Westwood Baptist Church as part of the celebration of that church's 50th year. Sager is a former member of the church, and it is there that she first discovered her musical gifts and sang in front of an audience. Sager was 12 years old when her love of singing, and her amazing voice, were first discovered. Her first public performances were in Westwood Baptist, her local church. This hometown girl graduated from West Springfield High School in 1978 where she was a member of the International Thespian Society, the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and the Keyettes. As she

grew up, Sager's passion for singing grew into a life-long love affair. She studied Opera (Vocal Performance) at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Like many young people with big Broadway dreams, it was hard to find the path to achieving those lofty goals. One of her first musical theater jobs was working as a cast member at Kings Dominion. Ultimately, her profound love of performing led her to New York City. There she made her Broadway debut as "Frumah-Sara" in the Tony Award winning, 25th Anniversary Production of "Fiddler on the Roof." The New York Times review of this production said "When Fruma-Sara [Jeri Sager] scurries across the stage... 'Fiddler' levitates." Sager has enjoyed critical acclaim for her portrayal of "Fantine" in Les Miserables and "Eva Peron" in Evita. She is delighted her career has allowed her to work with such theater notables as Tony/Oscar Award winning director Jerome Robbins, Tony/Drama Desk Award winning director Trevor Nunn and Tony/Drama Desk Award winning singer/songwriter and playwright Rupert

Holmes. Sager has also enjoyed performing with celebrated artists such as Bob Hope, Gregory Peck, Michael Crawford, Betty Buckley, Theodore Bikel, Bill Anderson, and John James. She has had the honor of performing for such dignitaries as President Jimmy Carter, President George W. Bush and Pope John Paul II. Through her work with the USO, Sager has performed for both American and British troops. Other notable appearances include her rendition of the National Anthem for the Baltimore Orioles on July 4 and her debut at the Grand Ole Opry.

Make plans now to attend this free concert on Saturday evening, July 26 at 7 p.m. at Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, to enjoy the music of Jeri Sager. Theater students and musical theater students are especially encouraged to attend and see how this lady from the local area has achieved brilliant success and critical acclaim in this competitive field. For further information, call the church office at 703-451-5120 or visit Sager's website at www.jerisager.com.



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Broadway performer and hometown girl Jeri Sager gives a free concert to celebrate Westwood Baptist Church's 50th Anniversary on Saturday, July 26.

FAITH NOTES

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

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at

9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music.

More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults.

The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

JCCNV Mother's Circle program, for women who are not Jewish

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Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Church. A group meets at 7:30 p.m. on July 6 and 20 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

A group will begin meeting every Wednesday starting September. Sessions are in the Old Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Smith at 703-273-5369 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

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21 Announcements

PUBLIC NOTICE
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION FOR AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE
JUNE 23, 2014

There has been a release from an underground storage tank system at:

Fairfax County Department of Vehicle Services
Newington Maintenance Facility
6900 Newington Road
Lorton, Virginia, 22079

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has worked with Fairfax County to develop and implement a Corrective Action Plan to address cleanup of petroleum hydrocarbons at the site. If you have any questions regarding the cleanup please contact:

Randy Chapman, Environmental Specialist Senior Project Manager Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Northern Regional Office
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193
703-583-3808
Randy.chapman@deq.virginia.gov
www.deq.virginia.gov

As part of the corrective action process a Corrective Action Plan was submitted to the Northern Regional Office of VDEQ on September 6, 2013. The Corrective Action Plan consisted of measures to be undertaken during the installation of storm sewers and other utility structures associated with site renovation activities at the Newington bus maintenance facility in Lorton, Virginia. The Corrective Action Plan was essentially composed of the following measures:

1. Petroleum-impacted soil encountered during site development activities was excavated, removed from the site, and properly disposed of;
2. Utility trenches located within petroleum impacted soils were lined with a polyethylene barrier to prevent petroleum migration into the utility trench or bedding gravel;
3. Confirmatory soil samples were collected at the base of the utility trench excavations and submitted to the VDEQ for review.

The Corrective Action Plan implementation was carried out between September 7, 2013 and December 7, 2013. If you would like to review or discuss the implementation of this Corrective Action Plan with the staff of VDEQ, please feel free to contact Randy Chapman who is listed above. You may also contact:

Kenneth Lim, Project Manager or Christopher Elliot
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VDEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments for a period of thirty days from the first date of this notice regarding the Corrective Action Plan implementation and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is a significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the VDEQ at the address listed above. VDEQ requests that all written comments should reference the tracking number for this case; PC # 2014-3041.

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ABC LICENSE
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FRIDAY/JULY 18
English Conversation Group. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice your English conversation skills. 703-978-5600.
Basic Computer Skills Training. 1-2 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn basic computer skills with our one-on-one technology volunteers. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/> under "Events."
Genealogy Help Desk. 2-3 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Bring your family history stumpers to genealogists and library staff. 703-293-6227.

SATURDAY/JULY 19
English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other and improve your skills.
Genealogy Help Desk. 2-3 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Bring your family history stumpers to genealogists and library staff. 703-293-6227.
Spanish Class for Children. 3-4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Spanish conversation class for children ages 7-13. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/> under "Events."

MONDAY/JULY 21
Library eBook Tech Help. 11 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn to use the library's eBook collection and compatible devices with a library staff member; please bring your library card, eBook reader and laptop. 703-293-6227.
Chess Club. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn openings, strategy, tactics and more. Players ages 8-16 paired with others of similar skill. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/> under "Events."

TUESDAY/JULY 22
English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Practice English with others and improve your skills.
Morning English Conversation Group. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice your English conversation skills. 703-339-7385.
Library eBook Tech Help. 2-3 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn to use the library's eBook collection and compatible devices with a library staff member; please bring your library card, eBook reader and laptop. 703-293-6227.

Storytime and Rhyme. 2:30-3:15 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Storytelling, music and movement with Wolf Trap teaching artist Kofi Dennis. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/> under "Events."
English Conversation Group. 5:15-6:15 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice your English conversation skills. 703-339-7385.
English Conversation Group. 7-8:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Practice speaking English with others and improve your skills. 703-293-6227.

Life Line Screening. Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy, 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station. Stroke and Osteoporosis screenings coming to Fairfax Station. Packages start at \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 23
English Conversation. 10:15-11:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for people learning English. 703-339-4610.

SPORTS

Robinson Grad Pinkston to Play Football at R-MC

Q and A: 5-foot-8 defensive tackle defies odds by continuing career.

At 5 feet 8 inches, 250 pounds, Jake Pinkston lacks the size college football coaches covet in the interior of the defensive line.

The position of defensive tackle is meant for giants, who either occupy multiple blockers or penetrate an opponent's backfield. Pinkston, however, used his strength, quickness and desire to produce a decorated career at Robinson Secondary School.

Pinkston was a four-year starter for the Rams at defensive tackle and never missed a game. He earned first-team all-district/conference, first-team all-region, and second-team all-state honors each of his last three seasons. Already possessing a low center of gravity, Pinkston used the weight room to turn himself into a powerhouse. He can bench press 375 pounds and squat 550, making it tough for opposing linemen to move him.

Pinkston was also a two-time state champion wrestler for the Rams, reaching the heavyweight state final match each of his four years.

While Pinkston had his doubts about being able to play college football, the 2014 Robinson graduate made it happen, and will continue his career at Division III Randolph-Macon College. Pinkston recently participated in a Q and A via email with The Connection.

❖Connection: What made Randolph-Macon the right fit for you?

Pinkston: After I met coach [Pedro] Aruzza, I was sold. He and his staff have been together for 10-plus years. I really connected with him not only on a football level but a personal one. Plus, I like the idea of a small college with a prestigious football program. R-MC fit that perfectly.

❖Connection: What is your major?

Pinkston: I plan on majoring in business, minor in economics.

❖Connection: At what age did you start playing football? Were you always a defensive tackle? When did you realize playing college football was a possibility for you?

Pinkston: I started wrestling, playing football, and baseball when I was 6 years old. I was always a big kid. I played offensive guard and defensive tackle my whole life. Honestly, I dreamt of playing college football ever since I was young. As I got older, I began to realize that my size would dismantle that dream. Football is my first love. My senior year was when I realized playing football in college was a possibility. All of my coaches believed that I could compete at the collegiate level.

❖Connection: At 5 feet 8, 250 pounds, it seems like you would have a pretty low center of gravity. Has an opponent ever said



Robinson graduate Jake Pinkston (43) will play defensive tackle at Randolph-Macon College.

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anything to you about your size or how difficult it is to move you?

Pinkston: Yes, actually most of the teams I've played have said that. They tell me that I am very strong yet quick and agile. As everyone says, "the low man wins," and you can't get much lower than 5'8."

❖Connection: You were also a state-champion wrestler at Robinson. At what point did you make a decision between playing football in college and wrestling in college? Did you consider doing both?

Pinkston: I considered wrestling in college for about two months, then I realized how much raw passion you need to wrestle in college.

I didn't have that passion for wrestling. When I was younger, I wrestled to make my hand techniques, agility, hip movement, tackling techniques, and mental toughness better for football.

That was the main goal. I ended up ex-

celling at both in high school, but wrestling a little more with state championships.

❖Connection: The Robinson football program had three different head coaches in your four years (Mark Bendorf, Trey Taylor, Dan Meier). What was it like playing for a program with so many changes at the top?

Pinkston: It was difficult to say the least — more frustrating than anything — but I learned to roll with the punches. It forced me to become a leader and a student of the game. Since I was one of the last guys affiliated with the "Bendorf era," I took some of his philosophies that he taught me onto the field in the following years. Most of the freshmen and sophomores were on either [the] freshman or JV [teams], so they never really experienced his style like I did. The process was very frustrating for our teams. We had all the talent you can wish for, yet we could never really come tougher or "click" as a whole.

"The losses stand out. . . . But if it wasn't for those losses, I wouldn't know how to combat adversity. It also gave me a striving force to be better."

— Robinson graduate Jake Pinkston

❖Connection: What is your favorite memory of playing high school football?

Pinkston: Oct. 1, 2010, we were playing Lake Braddock, I sacked Michael Nebrich two times and all I can remember was the fans chanting "He's a freshman" over and over again.

❖Connection: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?

Pinkston: Nothing. I've learned so much over my career. The losses stand out. Losing to Lake Braddock freshman year in the playoffs; losing in the [wrestling] state finals twice; losing a game by one point because someone didn't do his job; and a lot of others that I can't think of right now. Those stand out. But if it wasn't for those losses, I wouldn't know how to combat adversity. It also gave me a striving force to be better. You've got to have that dog in you. If you don't have that dog in you, you'll get eaten (that's what was lacking in our football teams after Coach Mark Bendorf retired).

❖Connection: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Pinkston: I am looking forward to the level of difficulty rising. I am always looking to improve. I hope to start at D tackle this year.

❖Connection: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Pinkston: I'd have to say Jason Aldean or Tim McGraw. They can put on a great show!

❖Connection: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Pinkston: "The Pursuit of Happyness." It portrays that anything is possible with hard work.

❖Connection: What is your favorite hobby outside of football and wrestling?

Pinkston: I love to hang out with my buddies, hunt, and fish — basically anything outdoors. I also love a good game of Madden on Xbox.

❖Connection: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Pinkston: My family is from Kansas. I go there every summer. That would be the farthest.

❖Connection: Did you follow the World Cup? If so, for which team(s) did you cheer?

Pinkston: Yes, I followed FIFA. I rooted for USA, of course! Once they lost to Germany, I rooted for them because they better win the World Cup after beating the next best team, USA!

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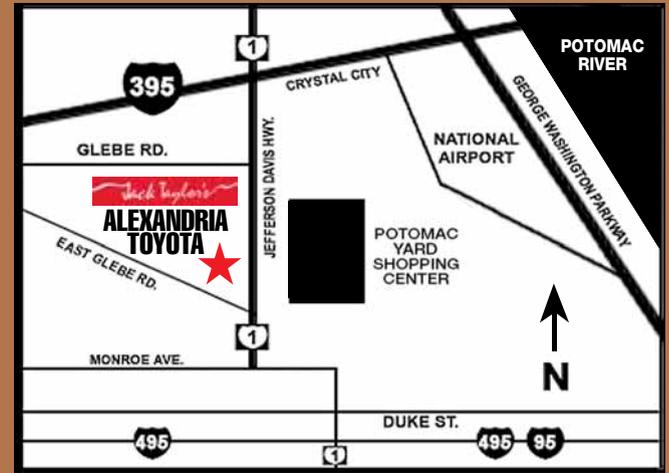
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