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Paint the Town Purple

Traveling purses raise domestic violence awareness.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

Victoria moved to the United States eight years ago with her husband. (Her name has been changed for protective anonymity.) At the beginning, he was the perfect gentleman: holding doors, full of compliments, telling her he loved her. She quit her job to be with him, her first love. Their future in a new country seemed bright.

But once they were married and living in America, Victoria felt her partner growing apart from her. He wouldn't communicate with her. When she asked him to tell her things, what he was thinking or what his plans were, he got annoyed.

The annoyance led to verbal insults and angry outbursts. Victoria thought she was doing everything she could to make the marriage work, but it just seemed like she was making things worse. She, not he, was doing it wrong.

"After you hear this again and again, I feel like opening an old wound, something I had healed a long time ago," said Victoria. "It wore me out," Robison said. "It was like constant verbal abuse."

The verbal abuse turned physical. First Victoria's husband would cock back his hand, threatening to slap her. Then real slaps came, and then beatings. Then rules for the number of times sex had to be offered each week. A quota to be followed. "For her it became the normal," said Susie Pigg, assistant director at Artemis House, the 24-hour domestic violence shelter operated by the Falls Church-based nonprofit Shelter House. "Oh it wasn't that bad, I could survive a slap." But then it escalated. "Yeah, he rapes me; all those things became normalized to her, which is heartbreaking."

Victoria went along with it because she wanted her husband to be happy. She put her love for him above everything else: her love for her children, her father and herself. Her own happiness would fill in if she could make her husband happy.

"He really hurt me, but I already felt like I was brainwashed," Victoria said. "I believed that he's better than me, smarter than me, more capable. He should be the one to make the orders."

She knew she had to get out of the situation, but felt trapped. She had no job and wanted the best for her children. She had no friends or family in the United States. "I cannot get out of this marriage," said Victoria. "I have no hope, no place to go and I cannot even imagine leaving him."

After a particularly painful degrading day and night, she decided she had no choice but to take a stand. Victoria had to show her husband she couldn't be treated this way. An altercation resulted in her spending almost a year in jail.

Victoria found out about Artemis House through her jail caseworker. She spent her first night after being released in a motel and the next night she was in one of 34 beds at Artemis. She's been a resident-client there for several months and is on her way being employed and restarting her life.

Artemis House is one of 11 locations in Fairfax County offering services for victims of domestic violence. The county's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (OFWDSVS) contracts with Shelter House to run Artemis, which has apartment-style dwellings.

According to the OFWDSVS FY 2013 report, Artemis House served 134 adults and 148 children in that period. Pigg says additional off-site locations allow them to help up to 44 clients at once.

FUNDING AND AWARENESS are two major challenges facing the shelters and other domestic violence services.

"It's not an easy conversation to have," said Shelter House director of development Jolie Smith. "It's a dark topic. Everyone knows someone that has a story, or their own story."

Shelter House recently partnered with the Allstate Foundation for its nationwide "Purple Purse" project to raise awareness and money for domestic violence. The partnership came with a $1,000 grant and a conversation-sparking collection of purple Coach purses. Smith handed out four purses that made their way around Virginia in the hands of Shelter House directors, elected officials and professional athletes.

Smith and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook decided that rather than just be seen with the purse, why not pass it around and challenge others to make donations, similar to the ALS Ice Bucket campaign. At the Sept. 23 Board of Supervisors meeting, Cook moved October be designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and passed the purse first to chairman Sharon Bulova.

The purses were highlighted at another Shelter House fundraising event on Oct. 10, the "Chipping In to End Domestic Violence Charity Golf Tournament" held at the Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton. It was there that Smith met Robin Robison and her husband, former Washington Redskin Superbowl champion Ron Saul. Robison was a victim of domestic abuse from a former husband 15 and a half years ago, and was keen to help raise awareness.

"It's not an easy conversation to have," said Robison, "that anybody else out there will come out. You don't have to put up with this. Pick up that phone. Make the call. You're given an instinct: if you have any hesitation in your mind, whatsoever that something isn't right, you don't do it."

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County sexual violence service and information hotline have shot up dramatically following the Ray Rice news coverage. The OFWDSVS reported 1,664 such calls in FY 2013.

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"The Purple Heart is for wounded service members," said Smith. "Victims of domestic violence are wounded physically and mentally. It's about survival, dedication to ending violence and courage."

"People should know they're not born to be a victim," said Victoria. "We should know we can have a second chance. We can make other decisions. So never give up."

THE 24-HOUR Fairfax County domestic violence hotline is 703-360-7273. The county's website for domestic violence is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/divolence. More information about Shelter House can be found at www.shelterhouse.org.

Shelter House executive director Joe Meyer models one of the four purple purses from Allstate Foundation.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

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For the past 10 years, the women of Fairfax Presbyterian Church have made a mission trip/cultural exchange to Guatemala. And in mid-October, some of the Guatemalan women they met came here to visit. One of their stops was at the Main Street Child Development Center in Fairfax. It mainly serves children from low-income, working families and provides an affordable, early childhood, educational program for them.

“We have 72 preschoolers, ages 2 through 5, and 76 percent are from low-income families,” said Development Coordinator Jim Dempsey. “Plus we have 20 students who come here before and after school at Daniels Run Elementary. They get a healthy breakfast and homework assistance.”

“It’s an outstanding program and our church does activities for the children here,” added Renna Jordan, a former Main Street board member and one of the Fairfax Presbyterian Women. “So we thought it would give our Guatemalan visitors an idea of a preschool here.”

The women came from Quetzaltenango, the second-largest city in Guatemala. At Main Street, said Marina Monterroso, “We wanted to see the work they’re doing because it’s different than what we have in Guatemala. Here, they have all the supplies they need for the students – even little chairs and tables – and give them lots of attention.”

“More students here are able to have access to preschool education,” said Juana Herlinda. “In Guatemala, only rich people have access to preschool education, and there isn’t any in the rural areas.”

Martha Lidia Salanic was impressed with “the dedication the teachers have for the children and the way they treat them.” And Monterroso noted how nicely the Fairfax children stand in line. In Guatemala, she said, each teacher has as many as 40 students to handle.

Since the guests also have a relationship with the Presbyterian Women in Winchester, they visited with them, too. They saw a senior center and toured Shenandoah National Park. “It’s very big and beautiful, with the changing color of the leaves,” said Magdalena Diaz. “We don’t have that in Guatemala.”

Allica Moscoso also noted how the Presbyterian Church helps in its community. Accompanying the Guatemalans to Virginia was Jennifer Thalman Kepler of a theater company in Louisville, Ky. She grew up in Fairfax Presbyterian Church and lived in Guatemala from 2003-04 as a church volunteer supporting the work the women there were doing in their church.

“My company creates original plays based on women’s experiences, and Marina asked me to come and help do that for them,” said Kepler. “So we’ve been working with them for 10 years, and both the Winchester and Fairfax churches helped bring the women here.”

The guests also planned to see Washington, D.C. and its sights and lead that Sunday’s worship at the Fairfax church. “We’d like to come back,” said Monterroso. “We appreciate the care and love we’ve received here.”

“We’ve felt like princesses because of the way we’ve been treated here,” added Moscoso.

“It’s a privilege and an honor for women of Christian faith to have these women here with us,” said Carol Drago, a Fairfax Presbyterian Church elder. “I met them five years ago, and it’s a dream come true for them because they’ve always wanted to come here and see us.”

“Fairfax Presbyterian has been a huge supporter of ours for many years,” said Lieske. “During the holidays, they prepare Christmas stockings and wrap gifts for the children. And for every child’s birthday, the church provides cupcakes, so it’s a lovely partnership. They also support us on a regular basis with donations. So we’re thrilled when they bring guests and we can show off our children and our facility.”
Teen Drug Abuse Signs, Symptoms

Parents can learn the signs and symptoms of teenage drug abuse, actions to take and where to find supportive resources at a “PROTECT Against Substance Abuse” program. It’s set for Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 7-8:30 p.m., in choral room K:104 at Fairfax High, 3501 Rebel Run in Fairfax.

It’s presented by the nonprofit Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County and organized by UPC’s PROTECT (Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together) work group. Middle- and high-school parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

“Our program makes an impact on each audience because of the personal stories of the dangers of substance abuse told by our panel of parents, young adults in recovery and professionals working in this area,” said UPC’s PROTECT coordinator Jennifer Lewis-Cooper.

The Fairfax High panelists will include Chris Leibowitz, GMU student in recovery; Bill Fulton, school resource officer coordinator, Fairfax County Police Department; David Edelman, LCSW, clinical supervisor, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board Youth and Family Team; and Lori Shapiro, parent of a son in recovery. Moderator is Paula King, intake officer, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Attendees will also be able to ask questions. For more information, visit www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org.

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Mason Professors Win Virginia Center of Aging Grant

Funding will be used to study Alzheimer’s disease.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Two George Mason University professors recently won a prestigious and competitive grant that they hope will lead them closer to success in their fight against Alzheimer’s disease.

Professor Joseph J. Pancrazio, chair of the Department of Bioengineering, and Professor Robin Couch, an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, were awarded grants from the Virginia Center on Aging’s Alzheimer’s and Related Diseases Research Award Fund, which is administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Center on Aging.

“I am very appreciative to the Virginia Center of Aging for giving us the opportunity to pursue this new line of potentially high impact research,” said Pancrazio. Although they are using different approaches, both Pancrazio and Couch are studying ways to defeat or slow down the progression of Alzheimer’s disease, which Couch characterizes as “the progressive deterioration of cognitive and functional abilities, leading to the loss of bodily function and death.”

Pancrazio and his research team are looking at ways brain cells react to certain medications. “Our main research goal is to develop an engineering platform that can be utilized to study the underlying mechanisms of Alzheimer’s disease and eventually to test new therapeutic options,” said Pancrazio. “By growing brain cells, neurons, on a dish which is very similar to a computer chip, we can then measure the electrical activity of the cells and determine how the activity would change in presence of an Alzheimer’s disease biomolecule such as amyloid beta peptide. We believe our platform provides a fast, non-invasive and accurate screening tool.”

Electrical and computer engineering Ph.D. student Hamid Charkhkar is on Pancrazio’s research team. “Every day, I feel more devoted to pursue this research, not only because it satisfies my scientific curiosity, but also [because] I am very hopeful that the outcomes of my research would potentially help patients with Alzheimer’s disease,” he said.

Couch and his research team are treating brain cells with molecules to prompt them to release a “nerve growth factor,” a protein that keeps neurons alive.

“While the pathology of Alzheimer’s disease is related to the accumulation of protein deposits — or plaques — in the brain and the death of specific neurons, the currently employed therapeutics address the cognitive decline, but do little to halt or even slow the progress of neuronal decay,” said Couch. “A radically different approach to the treatment [and] prevention of AD is known as neuroprotection, which involves the use of therapeutic agents, such as nerve growth factor, to defend the neurons from death. Nerve growth factor, naturally produced in the brain, binds to ... the neurons associated with Alzheimer’s disease and promotes their survival.” Justin B. Davis, who is the lead Ph.D. student on Couch’s research team, said, “While the complexities of Alzheimer’s disease and its progression make it an academically stimulating research topic, the gravity of the disease and its effects on the population are the true driving forces behind our efforts at George Mason.”
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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.fbministries.org.

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

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Thanksgiving Help for Those in Need

Roll up those sleeves and help.

This week is the week to jump in to help the many organizations that will help needy families through the holidays. Here are a few ideas of how to help, but the opportunities are limitless.

More than 236,000 people living in the area do not have access to enough food to sustain an active, healthy life for all members of their households, according to Catholic Charities. That is to say, more than a quarter of a million people, including many children, go hungry on a regular basis.

Catholic Charities is launching a new food distribution project, the St. Lucy Project, designed to respond to food insecurity in the diocese. “The reality in Northern Virginia is that thousands of our neighbors suffer from gripping poverty and hunger,” said Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. “Pope Francis has consistently called us to be a ‘church of the poor and for the poor.’ The project will provide food in Alexandria and other parts of Northern Virginia. See www.ccdva.net for more.

One way you can help is to donate $5 for Thanksgiving at www.burd.com/McLean.org. LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more, needs contributions of food, coats and holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. On Nov. 15, LINK will distribute food, gently used winter coats/clothing and grocery gift cards to more than 800 families. 703-437-1776

FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. Information about supply donations and FACETS holiday gifts drive is available on the website at www.facetscares.org. You can find a list of local Fairfax nonprofits here: http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/11/27/newcomers-guide-area-nonprofits/

SHARE of McLean seeks donations of grocery cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org

OPINION

Thanksgiving HELP for Those in Need

By John C. Cook
Supervisor (R-Braddock District)

If you have ever been in the position of providing ongoing, long-term care for a loved one, you are very familiar with the sacrifices involved. You should also know that you are not alone. Whether it is a result of illness, disability, or injury, 39 percent of all adult Americans are caring for an older loved one – an increase from 30 percent in 2010. Most older-adults would prefer to age in place. We know this to be true, and it makes sense. It’s a more comfortable, familiar environment.

However, it does come with its own stresses and challenges as 80 percent of the care for the elderly is provided by family, friends and neighbors. Every November we take time to recognize Caregiver Appreciation Month. It is a time to acknowledge and appreciate all those around us who go the extra mile to take care of others.

If you are a caregiver, know that Fairfax County has support services that can help as you continue on the caregiving journey. The Long Term Coordinating Care Council is a wonderful resource to start. You can visit the website at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/lcccc/. Another option, a phone line, 703-324-7948, is the Services for Older Adults. There you will reach social workers that can help you navigate through the myriad of resources available. The Fairfax County 50+ initiative is also looking to help develop additional services and resources for caregivers. Please contact my office to learn more about the progress of these programs. You may also consider reaching out to ElderLink, a non-profit organization created by a partnership of the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, the Inova Health System, and the Alzheimer’s Association, that seeks to provide affordable care management services to older adults. They can be reached at 703-324-7948. Another helpful resource is the Caregiver Action Network website. It offers a variety of tips and tools - http://www.caregiveraction.org/resources/toolbox/.

I also hope that my show this month on Fairfax County Channel 16, which features several personal caregivers, will help those who find themselves in the position of providing care. The show airs throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m.

It is very important to remember that you must take care of yourself first in order to provide the best level of care to your patient or loved one. It is very easy to become consumed with trying to finish all tasks only to find that many more are waiting. Develop a support network. Find respite and relaxation for yourself. If you are not a caregiver today, you may become one. So reach out to help if you can. By working together, we can build communities ready to serve our neighbors.

EDITORIAL

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

To the Editor:

I appreciate your coverage on the work that Shelter House is doing in the Reston community and elsewhere. Domestic violence is a very serious issue that doesn’t seem to receive enough attention for how widespread of an issue it is. It’s unfortunate that there seems to be a stigma surrounding domestic abuse, when in fact there desperately needs to be awareness raised about it. I think part of the reason this stigma exists is because some people may fail to recognize how difficult it is for the victim to escape an abusive situation. While females that are victims of domestic abuse may objectively realize the danger they are in, there are often more critical factors they have to take into account, especially if they have children. I think Shelter House is an excellent solution to this problem, as it offers support and viable options to these victims. It’s good to see awareness being raised in the local community, and I’ll be curious to see how this organization creates positive change in the future.

Gizan Glyer
Fairfax Station

Preserving the Planet

To the Editor:

Tuesday’s win for the Republicans presents us with an opportunity for soul-searching. Many conservative Americans accept the science on climate change. However, many of the Republicans we elected to represent us in Congress aren’t in line with the most basic of conservative impulses: conserving the planet that we live on. In fact, many of the Republicans we elected have established sad track records of letting climate change continue unabated. As a mother and a person of faith, I hope that conservative leaders will take a page from the U.S. Catholic Bishops, who support limits on carbon pollution. It’s time for our representatives to represent conservative values at their best.

Irene Sayne
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Faith

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 Sundays at 9:30 a.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. 703-451-1300 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.

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In the Spirit of the Season

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The group presented the liturgical music for two services on Sunday morning. Although the group is based in the Springfield-Burke area, their road trip proves that they are never afraid to sing “Kentucky Waltz,” but lately they have been focusing on traditional carols of the season. Their next presentation will be on Oct. 26. The group traveled to Greenwood, Va., to provide service music at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Oct. 26.

The group has returned for a Christmas music program on Dec. 21. They have presented the liturgical music at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Oct. 26 and will return for a Christmas music program on Dec. 21. The group has presented the liturgical music at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Oct. 26 and will return for a Christmas music program on Dec. 21.

The Netcasters' electric bass player, Flip Russell, danced with a resident at Iliff Rehabilitation Facility during the group's performance there last spring. They will be returning for a Christmas program on Dec. 21. Facility for a Christmas music program. The group may be contacted at thenetcasters@gmail.com to schedule a return visit to Iliff Rehabilitation Facility during the group's performance there last spring. They will be returning for a Christmas program on Dec. 21.
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Top Sales in September, 2014

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McLean Location for 2015 DC Design House

House will benefit Children’s National Health System.

By Marilyn Campbell

The new country estate at 956 Mackall Farm Lane in McLean will be the location for the 8th annual DC Design House, a project that raises money to benefit Children’s National Health System. The 2015 DC Design House will be held from April 11 to May 10. “We’re excited to have found such a wonderful location and partner for the 2015 DC Design House,” said Skip Singleton, co-founder of the DC Design House. “The new home by Artisan Builders is a charming old farmhouse-style home in McLean, our first venture into Virginia, with many rooms for our team of designers to decorate.”

Built by Artisan Builders and designed by Harrison Design, the 8,869-square-foot home replicates an old American farmhouse. The home is reminiscent of a Virginia countryside home, but offers modern amenities. The interior floor plan is an L shape, which was popular among early farmers because of the ease and efficiency of adding future rooms.

“My partners and I are truly thrilled that Artisan Builders’ new old farmhouse in McLean, Va., has been selected as the 2015 DC Design House,” said Stephen Yeonas of Artisan Builders. “Our entire team is committed to making the event the best ever, while helping a great cause, Children’s National Health System.”

Some of the area’s top designers previewed more than 20 rooms in the three-level home, which includes first floor formal and family foyers, dining and living rooms, library, kitchen, breakfast room, family room, mudroom and front and rear covered porches. Among the rooms on the upper level are a master suite with reading nook and three secondary suites, while the lower level offers a bistro and bar, media and game rooms, and an additional bedroom and bath.

“We’ll be announcing designers by the end of November,” said Susan Hayes Long, chair of the DC Design House, “and we’re sure the 8th annual DC Design House will continue our tradition of exceptionally innovative designs and inspiration, all while raising money for our beneficiary: Children’s National Health System.”

The interior designers create presentation boards, which show how they would design the home. Volunteer staff choose the designers who will donate their time and talent to transform the house into a showcase home.

The DC Design House began in 2008 as an event for the DC Metro area in which top area designers showcased their talents in a “flowing design home” to raise funds for a local charity. What began as a single event goal to raise funds for Children’s National Health System, formerly Children’s National Medical Center, has developed into an annual residential design attraction and fundraiser.
Feeling the ‘Heat’ at Mason

“In the Heat of the Night” by L.A. Theatre Works at GMU Center for the Arts.

By David Siegel
The Connection

Crippling detective mysteries are not only on the television or streaming on the Internet. They can be found in a live theater production coming to the George Mason University Center for the Arts courtesy of the touring company, L.A. Theatre Works. The show is “In the Heat of the Night”.

The production will be in a live radio drama format adapted from John Ball’s mid-1960’s book “In the Heat of the Night.” His book was a classic not just of police work, but of people grappling with integration trying to move toward a future of respect over skin color or ethnic status.

Adapted by playwright and screenwriter Matt Pelfrey, “Heat” is the story of a white, Southern police chief from a small town in Alabama, and an African-American detective from the North, who lock horns with a black detective, Virgil Tibbs, during a murder investigation.

According to Kite, the production will give the audience the opportunity to deeply feel what the characters are dealing with. “It is a story about race, fear and ultimately respect.”

For Ryan Vincent Anderson who plays Virgil Tibbs, the African-American detective, one of the key things about the show is how the two main characters “build a relationship” to investigate a murder as well as to get along together. Given current events, he expects the powerful story will resonate with audiences who may not be familiar with either the Academy Award winning movie or the Emmy Award winning television show based upon the original novel “In the Heat of the Night” book.

The production will put the audience in a ripped-from-the-headlines theatrical experience.

Where and When
L.A. Theatre Works presents “In the Heat of the Night” at the Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4440 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets: $26-$44. Call 888-9450-2468 or visit: www.gmu.edu. Note: Performance includes adult language. Parental discretion is advised.

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper’s publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/NOV. 15-16
“The Nibbler.” 2 & 6 p.m. Irish Community Cultural Center, 8133 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Come share in the magic of the holiday tradition and celebrate Burke Civic Ballet’s 21st Anniversary Season. Featuring 3 feet old miniature dolls to professional dancers courtesy of Colorado Ballet, this production will enchant all ages. Be mesmerized by a growing tree, magic tricks, leaping mice, toy soldiers, falling snow, authentic costumes made in the Ukraine, 75 dancing flowers and delectable confections from the Kingdom of the Sweets. Purchase tickets online at http://www.buffal.com/burkecivichall.html or group sales email burkecivicballet@gmail.com.

Some Kind of Wonderful: Bayla Whitten Sings Carole King. Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCC) continues its third performing arts season with cabaret created just for the J. A homegrown performer, Bayla attended Greber Jewish Day School when she was at the J. After high school, she studied in London and performed in the West End production of Les Miserables. Bayla regularly performs at Signature Theatre, and we are proud to welcome her back in a tribute to songwriter Carole King (nee Carol Klein), who “wrote the soundtrack to a generation” — Will You Love Me Tomorrow, One Fine Day, I Feel the Earth Move and more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 15
The 15th Annual Taste of Fall with FACETS. 7 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Sample delicious food and drinks from local restaurants, wineries and breweries; enjoy live musical entertainment; bid on unique items in the silent and live auction. Tickets are $50 and include tastings of all food and beverages, including wine, beer and sodas. Register online at www.FacetsCares.org or at the door.

Gazpacho for Nacho. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Children’s author Tracey Kyle will read her book Gazpacho for Nacho a lively rhyming story, sprinkled with Spanish, that will delight little chefs. School Age. 703-249-1320.

Native American Heritage Month: Storytime with Mama Mary Sunbeam. 11 a.m. Library Kings Park, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Celebrate with storyteller and musician Mama Mary Sunbeam.

SUNDAY/NOV. 16
Franconia United Methodist Church and the Ghana Wesley United Methodist Church Musical Concert. 11 a.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. For more information, email admin@franconiaumc.org, call 703-971-5155 or visit http://www.franconiaumc.org/.

MONDAY/NOV. 17
Turkey Trouble Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join us for stories, songs, and activities that promote early literacy skills and celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Ages 3-5 with adult. 703-249-8700.

Magic Tree House Club. 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Let’s read the ninth story in the series Dolphins at Hidden Pond. Follow along by reading the story aloud. Letters will be taught. Book discussion and handouts. 703-249-1520.


WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19
The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia continues its third performing arts season with cabaret created by homegrown performer, Bayla Whitten performing on Nov. 15-16.

PJ Library Book Buddies. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Please join us as we read selections from the PJ Library and make a craft to take home. PJ Library provides families with a free treasury of Jewish books and music each month. Age 6 months to 5 years. 703-249-1520.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20
Pohick Church Christmas Market. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere with rooms filled with Art Treasures, a Consignment Shop, a Christmas Shoppe with craft items and jewelry, and a Pantry Shelf with fresh baked goods, homemade apple butter, and frozen casseroles. The Docent Guild will be leading tours of our historic church, and a delicious luncheon will be served by ladies dressed in colonial costumes. There will be three seatings for the luncheon: 11 a.m, noon and 1 p.m.

FRIDAY/NOV. 21
Holiday and Gift Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come to find all types of books for giving during the holidays. All ages.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22
Family Fun: Turkey Hunt. 1-2 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn the history of the turkey, it’s importance to early Americans and track it through the Green Spring Gardens’ grounds. Make table decorations to bring home. Admissions: $6. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

Thanksgiving Table Arrangement. 1:30-3:30 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come and make a centerpiece for turkey day with a fresh pumpkin. Admissions: $35 per person plus $25 supply fee.

Holiday and Gift Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come to find all types of books for reading during the holidays. All ages.

MONDAY/NOV. 24
Music and Movin’ with Miss Susan. 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10380 North Street, Fairfax. Cospinoodled by the Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Ages 6 months-5 years with adult.
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Rebels Capture Region Title

Rebels survive late goal from Chantilly, win in double overtime.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

W ith a region title on the line and her Fairfax field hockey team battling Chantilly in a second overtime period, head coach Amber Beaudoin turned to a pair of media members on the sideline and cracked a joke.

"Is this exciting enough for you guys?" Beaudoin carried herself with a cool calmness during a pressure-packed situation, but would later say she was "dying" on the inside. For the second straight season, the Rebels squandered a lead and went to overtime in the 6A North region final. In 2013, the result was a 2-1 loss to Westfield. On Thursday at Fairfax High School, the Rebels responded in championship fashion.

Senior captain Cori Black scored the game-winning goal with 4:40 remaining in regulation, giving the Rebels their first region title in two decades.

"I’m kind of in shock right now," Robertson said after the game. "I’ve been on this team four years, and I’ve made it to the region semifinals every year. The last two we made it to this game, and to win this year is just incredible. To be with this team and to win is just unbelievable.

"Fairfax, making its second straight trip to the state tournament, will face First Colonial, the 6A South region runner-up, in the state tournament, will face First Colonial, the 6A South region runner-up, in the state tournament.

Lake Braddock boys’ XC Wins Region Title

LB, Robinson, West Springfield send two teams to states.

The Lake Braddock boys’ cross country team won the 6A North region championship, and the Bruins, Robinson, and West Springfield will each send their boys’ and girls’ teams to the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Great Meadow.

Led by senior Alex Corbett, the Lake Braddock boys’ team won the region title with a score of 37 on Nov. 5 at Burke Lake Park. Oakton finished runner-up with a score of 86. West Springfield (118), Chantilly (120), Robinson (170) and Washington-Lee (203) also qualified for states.

Corbett won the individual title for the Bruins with a time of 14:41. Six days prior, Corbett became the first Lake Braddock boys’ harrier to break 15 minutes when he won the Conference 7 championship with a time of 14:47, which at the time was the 11th-best time in the history of the Burke Lake course.

Lake Braddock’s Kevin Monogue placed fourth at regionals with a time of 15:00. Colin Schaefer placed sixth (15:07), Ben Fogg finished seventh (15:22), and Evan Chase took third (15:49).

Robert Lockwood led Woodson with an eighth-place finish, recording a time of 15:23. West Springfield’s Timothy Ward placed 10th (15:28), and Fairfax’s Alex Maguire qualified for states with a 15th-place finish (15:34).

Hunter Jetas was Robinson’s top finisher, coming in 16th with a time of 15:35. Oakton won the girls’ region title with a score of 58. Madison (67), Lake Braddock (79), Patriot (116), Robinson (190) and West Springfield (219) also qualified for states.

Patricia’s Rachel McArthur won the event with a time of 17:21. South County’s Faith Zolper (18:02) and Louisa McPherson (18:04) placed 100th and 111th, respectively. Lake Braddock’s Kate Murphy finished 12th (18:10) and teammate Sarah Daniels placed 15th (18:17).

Emily Keast led West Springfield with a 24th-place finish (18:34).
Jean R. Packard Remembered

Memorial for first female Board of Supervisors chairman held at Meadowlark Gardens.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

Jean Packard was Frank Roberts’ first boss. He was 13, she was 22 and the acting editor of her father Dave’s Clermont Sun newspaper in Batavia, Ohio. “I was a ‘devil’s rat,’” Roberts said, responsible for odd gofer jobs around the office. “I was trying to hide from work and she’d track me down. She was a tough boss.”

Packard was perhaps more well known for serving as the first female chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (1972-1976), founding and chairing the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, and being a passionate environmental civic leader in Fairfax County for the past five decades.

She died in her Fairfax home on Oct. 21 of congestive heart failure.

Roberts was among nearly 200 elected officials, civic leaders and friends of Packard who gathered Nov. 6 in the Meadowlark Gardens Atrium to remember the 92-year-old.

In the early afternoon, clouds passed and sun shone while rain continued to fall.

“I love it, it’s beautiful,” said Roberts. “She’s beloved and highly regarded by so many people. She lived without any apparent need for self-glorification and was committed to the community, other people.”

Among her myriad citizen organization positions, Packard sat on the board of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (now NOVA Parks) for 24 years. Her late husband Fred was the first director of the Fairfax County Park Authority, as well as that organization. The current NOVA Parks Executive Director Paul Gilbert spoke to open the formal portion of the afternoon. “She was a remarkable woman who leaves a remarkable legacy,” he said. “She was an authentically kind person who actually bore no grudges or let it get personal,” he said. “She was passionate, but didn’t micromanage her vision. She was light on obsessing over details, so if her larger goals were being met, she was fine.”

Current Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova echoed Gilbert. “She was genuine, the real deal,” she said. “She doesn’t just lead, but has rolled up her sleeves and gotten into it with you. She’s picking up trash and then adopting policy.”

Recently re-elected U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) spoke about Packard’s keen ability to move a meeting along, and how she projected what she believed in.

“She was a passionate protector of her values system,” Connolly said, “which she thought reflected our values systems.”

Jim Darracott of Falls Church city worked with the younger Jean for the ambulance service and has known the pair for 30 years.

“He said that even up until her death, civic engagement was incredibly important to Packard.

“Jean sent in her absentee ballot a week before she passed,” he said. “That was so Jean. She always knew votes counted. She knew she couldn’t get to the poll, so she wanted to make sure her vote got in.”

PACKARD was on hand Sept. 27 when NOVA Parks broke ground on a new building at Occoquan Regional Park, called the Jean R. Packard Occoquan Center.

“It’s wonderful. I’m delighted,” Packard said in an interview after the event. “To think the regional park authority thinks I deserve this honor is really icing on the cake.”

Packard is survived by her daughter Jean E. Packard of Fairfax and cousins Frank Roberts of Fairfax and Michael Roberts of Cincinnati.
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