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Richard Ameyaw, a 3rd grader at Lynbrook Elementary School, runs in place with fellow students during a ceremony on Feb. 8 in which the Marine Corps Marathon celebrated the school's high participation in their 2011 Healthy Kids Fun Run on Oct. 29, 2011 and gave the school the Healthy School Award.

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Kaine Touts 'Talent Economy'

In bid for U.S. Senate seat, Kaine holds economic roundtables.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

During a campaign stop at a Fairfax workforce development company on Thursday, former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine (D) emphasized the need to foster a "talent economy" that will reboot America's drive to the top of the economic ladder.

Kaine spoke to about 50 staff and students at Multivision, Inc., an information technology (IT) consulting company, about giving American workers opportunities to acquire 21st century technical skills to keep pace with the evolving demands of global employers.

"I really believe - big-picture, national-policy now - that America will be stronger if we win the talent war, and we will have problems if we lose the talent war, to put it bluntly," Kaine said.

THE VISIT was one of several economic roundtables Kaine has been holding across the state in his bid to fill the seat vacated by Democratic U.S. Sen. Jim Webb. Kaine is being challenged by former Republican Governor George Allen.

Kaine said his focus on "talent issues," means three things: ensuring that education systems are world class from pre-K to higher-education; providing opportunities for retraining and workforce development; and an immigration system that allows the best and brightest to come to America to create jobs and contribute to the economy.

"For many years our country was number one in the world in percentage of our adult population getting some kind of degree after high school, but today we're 16th and we're slipping," he said.

Kaine told the group that Multivision caught his attention last fall when he met founder and president Srikanth Ramachandran, who came to America 14 years ago from India to pursue the "American Dream." Kaine said he was impressed that, since 2009, Multivision has provided training and job coaching that resulted in jobs for more than 45 unemployed Americans.

"What you're doing here at Multivision is a wonderful bridge for people who have the talent and desire, but not always the sufficient skills to be successful," Kaine said, adding that bridging the gap requires a scaled-up partnership between business, government and educational institutions.



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Now a U.S. citizen, Ramachandran said he started the Fairfax-based Multivision in 2002; by 2007, the company employed 200 people and netted \$32 million a year. But when the economy started to sputter in late 2008, Multivision struggled to find veteran talent in the rapidly evolving IT industry.

"We were astounded to find out how many unemployed did not have skills in the latest technologies. There was a huge gap between their skills and the required skills," Ramachandran said. "There was clearly a need to retrain workers in the latest technologies."

The company tackles unemployment by providing free, full-time IT programming to unemployed and underemployed during an intense 8-week, 40-hour program that Ramachandran described as "much like a boot camp."

"We provide training across different age-groups and ethnicity. About 40 percent of our students are above 50...The success of our training model depends on constant retraining," he said.

Ramachandran said it was "a pleasant surprise to talk to politician who is totally in touch with reality. I was impressed by his humility, intellect and clear understanding of the unemployed."

Kaine said one of the most common stories he hears in his travels across the Commonwealth is from unemployed workers who have a degree but not the advanced technology skills to find a job.

KAINE DESCRIBED a recent visit to a Kraft Foods plant in Winchester, where he talked to a manager who said he had five jobs available but could not find someone with the right skills to hire.

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Michael Artson, chief planner with the County's Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) Department, shows his appreciation for the record amount of donations when the bus was parked at the McLean Giant.

The Bus Was Stuffed

Local food pantries receive record donations from 2nd annual Stuff the Bus campaign.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County's second annual Stuff the Bus campaign roared to the finish line last week, collecting more than 25,604 pounds of food and \$3,483 - a 26 percent increase in food, and a 236 percent increase in cash over 2011 totals.

All donations went directly to local nonprofit organizations that help feed needy families and individuals in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community.

"The residents of Fairfax and our partners, like MV Transportation and Frank & Co., have really come out in support of the food pantries this year," said Michael Artson, chief planner

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FOOD TOTALS FOR STUFF THE BUS CAMPAIGN

JANUARY 16

Mount Vernon Plaza Shoppers Food Warehouse
7660 Richmond Highway, Alexandria
1,320 pounds of food was collected and donated to United Community Ministries.

JANUARY 21

Vienna Giant
359 Maple Avenue East, Vienna
1,198 pounds of food was collected and donated to Committee for Helping Others.
Village Center at Dulles Shoppers Food Warehouse
2425 Centreville Road, Herndon
1,907 pounds of food was collected and donated to Reston Interfaith.

JANUARY 28

Fox Mill Giant
2551 John Milton Drive, Herndon
1,746 pounds of food was collected and donated to Helping Hungry Kids.
Lorton Giant
8941 Ox Road, Lorton
2,158 pounds of food was collected and donated to Lorton Community Action Center.

FEBRUARY 4

McLean Giant
1454 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
6,221 pounds of food was collected and donated to Share, Inc.
Clifton Giant
5740 Union Mill Road, Clifton
3,487 pounds of food was collected and donated to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries.

FEBRUARY 11

Fair City Mall Shoppers Food Warehouse
9622 Main Street, Fairfax
2,708 pounds of food was collected and donated to Food for Others.
Kingstowne Giant
5870 Kingstowne Blvd., Alexandria
1,574 pounds of food was collected and donated to Koinonia Foundation.

FEBRUARY 18

Fair City Mall Shoppers Food Warehouse
9622 Main Street, Fairfax
2,009 pounds of food was collected and donated to Our Daily Bread.
Seven Corners Center Shoppers Food Warehouse
6360 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church
1,274 pounds of food was collected and donated to Falls Church Community Service Council.

Nourishing Body and Soul

Fourth annual fundraiser draws 300 attendees.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Professional and student artists have been busy shaping and decorating nearly 500 bowls for the fourth annual Empty Bowls event, hosted by Our Daily Bread, a nonprofit that works to eliminate hunger, homelessness and poverty in Fairfax County.

More than 300 community residents turned out for the annual fundraiser at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax on Thursday, Feb. 23. By purchasing a \$25 ticket, guests could choose one of the hand-crafted bowls, take part in a silent auction and enjoy a simple meal of soup, bread and dessert donated by local restaurants.

"I love how they do this event," said Barb Brehm of Fairfax. "Everyone gets a great bowl, and the next time they eat soup at home, they are grateful that their bowl isn't an empty one."

"Let this bowl be a reminder that on this night you helped fill empty bowls...I think that says it all."

— The Rev. Karen Rasmussen of Fairfax

With more than 60 families on its food program waiting list, and overwhelming requests for financial aid, the fundraiser generates thousands of dollars each year for ODB, said executive director Lisa Whetzel.

"It takes an income of about \$60,000 for a family of four to thrive in the Fairfax County area," said Whetzel. "Most of the clients we help only make about \$20,000 a year. Here in one of the wealthiest areas in the nation, it is shocking that tens of thousands of people struggle with hunger and hardship on a daily basis...When the community supports our Empty Bowls event, they help us make a real difference for our neighbors in need."

THE EVENING INCLUDED live music by the



Barb Brehm cradles a clever trompe l'oeil bowl that depicts hands holding the colorful pottery. Each guest at the Empty Bowls fundraiser picked out a handcrafted bowl crafted by local students and artisans.



Members of the Fairfax County Shark Tank Racing Squad created colorful bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser held on Thursday, Feb. 23. Standing, from left, Charlie Lertlumprasert, 13, of Fairfax; Crystal Pham, 12, of Burke; Alejandro Rodrigues, 11, of Burke; Coach Patty Friedman of Fairfax Station; Holly To, 14 of Springfield; Rachel Stewart, 14 of Springfield; (front, from left) Elle Rose Friedman, 9, of Fairfax Station; Audrey Bowden, 10, of Burke; and Julia Sharkovic, 8, of Fairfax Station.

Fairfax Saxophone Quartet, children's activities, and a silent auction that included a chance to ride with Sharon Bulova (D-at-large), chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, during the County's annual Fourth of July Parade; an Outer Banks beach house rental, a Wintergreen Resort vacation rental, and a variety of gifts baskets and gift cards from area restaurants and businesses.

"This is a wonderful way to celebrate and raise awareness for a great cause," said Patty L. Friedman of Fairfax Station, who coaches the regional Shark Tank Racing Squad. "Each child on our team has a tremendous gift in their ability to swim, but I feel that we should all use our gifts to help others and give back." Friedman said swimmers created bowls and, throughout the year, raised \$7,700 for ODB's programs.

"It was a lot of fun making the bowls, and it feels good to be able to make a difference," said swimmer Rachel Stewart, 14, of Springfield, a member of the Shark Tank Racing Squad. "It's hard to believe there are children who don't have enough to eat here."

According to recent statistics from Fairfax County's Neighborhood and Community Services, more than 62,000 residents live below the federal poverty line in the county. During the 2010-2011 school year, Fairfax County Public Schools reported that more than 44,000 children, or 25 percent of the student population, qualified to receive free or reduced-price meals.

EMPTY BOWLS is a nationally-recognized grassroots program designed to help local organizations fight hunger and raise awareness of hunger, homelessness and poverty in the community.

For more information on Our Daily Bread, visit www.ODBFairfax.org.

Griffin's Final Budget

Outgoing county executive proposes 6.1 percent budget increase compared to last year.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Appearing before members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the last time, outgoing county executive Anthony Griffin had the luxury of taking the long view. When considering the challenges that currently confront the county, Griffin reminded the elected officials that it wasn't all that long ago that Fairfax County has essentially a rural backwater of the capital.

"If you take a look at where we were at the end of World War II, when we were the second largest dairy producing county in the state of Virginia and we had 50,000 people and then you look at where we are today with 1.1 million people," said Griffin, "we had huge challenges."

Since that time, Fairfax County has emerged as the powerhouse of Northern Virginia with a \$6.7 billion budget — larger than many countries across the globe. Griffin's budget for fiscal year 2013 keeps the current tax rate at \$1.07 for every \$100 of assessed value. Because of rising property values, that means the average homeowner will pay \$4,801, which is \$34 more than last year. County leaders say the rising property values have eased some of the tension created by the recession, although they were quick to point out that the county has yet to return to the boom times of the last decade.

"This proposed budget reflects the difficult economic situation as we recover from the Great Recession," said Fairfax County Board Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. "We are not yet out of the woods, but we are seeing some modest growth."

THAT GROWTH has funded several new spending initiatives at the Fairfax County Government Center. The largest new spending measures in Griffin's proposed budget is a 2.18 percent market-rate adjustment for county employees. That will cost more than \$22 million and will become effective this summer if supervisors approve the proposal. Griffin added that this is the fourth year that public safety employees will not get a step increase and county em-

ployees will not get a pay-for-performance bonus.

"I have to tell you that employees are getting anxious," said Griffin. "They're concerned about their ability as individuals to continue to maintain their lifestyle and their requirements in the absence of any change in pay."

In addition to raising property taxes, Griffin's budget also imposes a host of new fees. The stormwater fee would increase from 1.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed value to 2.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed value. The solid waste fee would increase from \$15.50 for each ton to \$17.50 for each ton. The sewer service charge would increase from \$6.01 for every 1,000 gallons to \$6.55 for every 1,000 gallons.

"There really is a crisis in this country right now because the infrastructure that is below ground, which people do not see is in serious shape," said Griffin. "We are better off because our community developed since World War II primarily."

GRIFFIN'S PROPOSED BUDGET maintains the current funding for the school system at 52.5 percent. That's \$1.68 billion, a 4.5 percent increase over last year. Yet it's also \$70 million less than the request from the school system, which was \$1.75 billion. As a result, Griffin suggested supervisors advertise a tax rate of \$1.09 to give supervisors some flexibility. The county executive also presented a PowerPoint slide to supervisors that showed the average residential property taxpayer's bill had declined \$45 since fiscal year 2007. But Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) pointed out that didn't include the stormwater fee, which is part of the annual property tax bill. Although Griffin said the average tax bill is \$4,801, Herrity pointed out that when the stormwater fee is added the average bill is \$4,913.

"So instead of decreasing by \$45, the check the average homeowner writes actually went up \$80," said Herrity.

"I'm not intending to try to confuse people," said Griffin. "But the stormwater is a separate account and a separate fee."

Lynbrook Elementary School Principal Mary McNamee and Assistant Principal Shirley Shannon hold a \$1,000 check presented to them by Larry McMarlin of Sodexo Corporation on Feb. 8, for the school's participation in the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run on Oct. 29, 2011. From left: Larry McMarlin of Sodexo Corporation, Richard Dexter, PE teacher at Lynbrook Elementary School, Assistant Principal Shirley Shannon, Principal Mary McNamee and PE teacher Jed Bobier.



Healthiest School

Marine Corps Marathon honors Lynbrook Elementary.

On Thursday Feb. 8, the students of Lynbrook Elementary School received the Marine Corps Marathon Healthy School Award for most participants in the event for the eleventh consecutive year. In what has become a popular school tradi-

tion, 300 students participated in the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run on Oct. 29, 2011, an event that was marked with the worst weather in recent memory. The school was awarded \$1,000 by Sodexo Corporation, a sponsor of the Healthy Kids Fun Run.

Valeria Navarro (center) shows off the medal she received after running in the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run on Oct. 29, 2011. To her right is fellow runner Cindy Lopez.



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Catherine Sierra and pal Stephanie Reyes (center) are all smiles during a ceremony at Lynbrook Elementary School on Feb. 8.



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Deidre and Jesse Johnson and their daughters Savannah and Madison.

Springfield's Immanuel Bible Church Installs New Pastor

Nearly 3,000 attend ceremony for Jesse Johnson.

Jesse Johnson, formerly Pastor for Outreach at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, Calif., was installed as Lead Teaching Pastor at Springfield's Immanuel Bible Church during three services on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Dr. Michael Easley was the keynote speaker. Easley, the popular pastor at Immanuel for more than 11 years, left the church in 2005 to become president of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

"The Immanuel Bible Church family is excited to welcome Jesse and Deidre Johnson to Northern Virginia," said Steve Holley, pastor of ministries at the church. "We look forward with great anticipation to serving with them as together we proclaim the glorious gospel of Christ to our community."

Johnson and his family – wife Deidre, and daughters Madison

and Savannah - relocated to Northern Virginia from the Los Angeles area. An author and speaker on evangelism and discipleship development, Johnson said his passion in ministry is for "helping people strengthen their relationship with God and their relationships within their families and with needy people locally and worldwide."

Located on a 13-acre campus at the corner of Braddock and Backlick Roads, Immanuel is an independent evangelical church serving a diverse and growing congregation of approximately 4,000 people fulfilling its mission to "Build mature followers of Jesus Christ who seek Him constantly, serve Him faithfully and share Him boldly."

To learn more about the church, go to www.immanuelbible.net.



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Jesse Johnson in front of Immanuel Bible Church.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Church Hosts 2009 Miss America

Women of all ages are invited to join the Women's Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, in Springfield on March 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at "For Such a Time as THIS," featuring the 2009 Miss America, Katie Stam.

The event is hosted by the Prince of Peace Women's Ministry in celebration of the church's year of Jubilee recognizing 50 years of ministry in the community.

A Showcase Boutique beginning at 9 a.m., will feature women-owned small businesses from historic Occoquan, Burke and Woodbridge including:

- ❖ Labella Bridal, www.labellabridal.com
- ❖ Mj's Ice Cream and More
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- ❖ The Picket Fence, shipthepicketfence.blogspot.com
- ❖ Adore Him Creations,

www.adorehimcreations.com
Ten percent of sales will benefit the Lazarus Project in Haiti (www.lazarusprojecthaiti.org) and the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide a matching donation.

Stam will share her faith story at 10 a.m. and sing a few songs including her winning rendition of the Via Dolorosa. Catered hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be time to get autographs and photos with Stam.

Tickets are \$15. Event brochure and registration information are available at <http://www.poplc.org/forsuchatime>.

Animal Shelter Needs "Puppy People"

Are you interested in helping save lives of puppies, kittens, turtles and an assortment of other animals housed at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter? The Shelter will host a special orientation session for citizens interested in learning more about the organization's animal foster care program. The orientation session will be March 6, at 7 - 9 p.m. at

the shelter located at 4500 West Ox Rd. in Fairfax. It is part of the shelter's "Become a Foster Parent Month." To attend, citizens should RSVP to kathleen.cornell@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Foster care providers save animals' lives by providing temporary out-of-facility care in their homes for some of the shelter's neediest animals. No special experience is required to become a foster and the shelter provides training, supplies and medical care for the animals. Foster care providers must be 21 years and older and must go through the shelter's volunteer process, which includes a background check and home visit.

The month-long "Become a Foster Parent" campaign begins March 1 and runs through the end of the month.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs group Meals on Wheels coordinators in Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

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OPINION

State Shirks Transportation Responsibility

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
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LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR AND
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COMMENTARY

Maybe we should rename our County The Bank of Last Resort. At our Board of Supervisors retreat in early February, board members and staff discussed the tools available to local government to narrow the chasm between growing needs and shrinking resources. As the state and federal governments continue to slash programs and funds to localities, the needs in areas like human services, education, public safety, and transportation continue to grow.

Fairfax County is at ground zero in all these areas. We're home to a growing population of seniors in need of basic services; our top notch schools are growing fast; and our first responders keep our community safe despite being asked to do more with less.

The current debate over transportation responsibilities is instructive. The Commonwealth of Virginia has primary transportation responsibilities that go back to the years of the Great Depression when the state took on all public road maintenance and construction for all counties except for Arlington and Henrico. In recent years, we've seen the fraying of this traditional responsibility and core function of state government as the state's failure to act has left many of our most well-traveled roads in deplorable condition. Saying, "Can't afford it anymore, it's your problem" seems to be the General Assembly's solution. That's not reasonable and it's certainly not responsible governance.

The current proposals in the General Assembly are either devolution-lite or the camel's nose under the tent. Either way, they amount to an abdication of the state's moral and legal responsibility to maintain our roads. Any effort by the state that does not result in a long-term dedicated revenue stream is a decision

to sidestep our transportation challenges. Fairfax County should not be forced to choose between its citizens' important needs simply because the state government is looking to take the easy way out. And keep in mind — as Fairfax County's fortunes go, so goes the Commonwealth. Our economic vitality supports and funds the rest of the state. A crumbling transportation infrastructure here will ultimately show up on the wrong side of the ledger downstate.

As elected leaders, we have the responsibility to listen and respond to the needs of our constituents. Time after time we hear that transportation is one of our residents' top concerns and key to our economic fortunes. Fairfax County has a creative and solutions-oriented local government. We believe that our transportation problems can be solved. Identifying a dedicated transportation revenue stream is the first and most important step in finding that solution and we ask that the Governor and the General Assembly meet their responsibility and identify that stream.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recognizing 'Young Heroes'

To the Editor:

Inarguably, enlisting in the military is one of the most honorable things one can do after graduating high school. While most are planning vacations to the beach or buying decorations for their dorm rooms, the select few who have enlisted are at basic combat training. A full day there lasts from 16 to 18 hours, with few breaks. They sacrificed the vacations and hanging out with friends for a higher purpose: the defense of our nation. Despite the sacrifice these young men and women are making, the local schools have failed to recognize the responsibilities they have just taken on. Every year Fairfax County Public Schools recognize students for athletic and academic accomplishments, yet they fail to give that same recognition to those who have answered our country's call to duty in a time when our nation's security is threatened.

Braddock Supervisor John Cook is a supporter of recognizing our young men and women who chose to enlist and serve our country rather than enjoy the normal post-high school graduation summer. Supervisor Cook partnered along with Christine Zinser and an organization called Our Community Salutes to hold an event that recognized the brave young people graduating from Robinson who chose to enlist immediately after high school. The event was such a success that there was only standing room! I believe that it is time

to recognize our young men and women the same way we recognize other graduates' achievements. This can be done by announcing their names at graduation to everyone in attendance and presenting to them a special chord to symbolize their dedication and sacrifice. Supervisor Cook showed great support for our armed forces and great leadership in our community by helping to pave the way for recognizing those young heroes who chose to enlist.

Taylor Black
GMU Campus Dorms

Supervising 'Little Things'

Letter to the Editor:

As I struggled through traffic, yet again, I was pressed to keep my sanity as I sat thinking about all the productive things I could be doing if I could just get home! Being a commuter to George Mason is far from the carefree lifestyle alluded to by the smiling faces on our University website, especially when you are as hyper involved as I am. My schedule is packed with classes, intramural sports, internships, Greek life, and Student Government. So no need to describe the stress induced by my time wasted in traffic, trying to travel only 5 miles to campus.

Luckily, my involvement paid off and relieved my stress at our last executive meeting of the fall semester for Student Government. When our chairwoman of University Services announced that they

where nearing the final stages of development for the "West Campus Connector" or western bypass funded as a part of the Governor's six year transportation plan.

I was told of how our Braddock Supervisor John Cook worked personally with the Transportation Secretary to fund this \$15 million dollar project to reduce congestion surrounding George Mason University at Braddock and Route 123. The proposed solutions take into account everything from how construction will affect the community to its impact on the trees and environment. Cook even established a West Campus Connector Advisory Group (WCCAG) to make sure the people were involved in the decision making process, hosting open forums and accepting public input. I am thankful that John Cook and Governor McDonnell are working hard to help the 19,700 students attending my university and all of those affected by the traffic we create. The care that was taken in developing this plan, projected to be finished in 2014, has reassured me that Supervisor Cook is aware of the little things that affect us.

Gabrielle Webster
Fairfax

Keeping the Potomac River Clean

To the Editor:

As a proud member of the

Northern Virginia community who spent my high school years rowing on the Potomac River, I am very concerned about the condition of this beloved waterway. The state legislature's decision to maintain Virginia's membership in the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) is a huge victory for both the health of the Potomac and Virginia's drinking water supply. The Potomac provides clean drinking water for at least 3 million Virginians and it is crucial for Virginia to continue paying its dues to the commission; every dollar helps support the commission's vital water research and cleaning efforts. Without Virginia's dues the commission may not be able to properly fulfill its purpose and then we'll put the Potomac River, as well as Virginia's drinking water, at risk. Just as the Governor's own commission appointee, Rob Hartwell, said, Virginia is more than adequately rewarded for the money it pays to the commission through returns.

As both a member of Environment Virginia and an active Northern Virginian citizen, I would like to encourage members of the Virginia State Senate to vote to pay the full membership dues to the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin so that the Potomac River will remain a clean source of drinking water for Virginians.

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NEWS

Former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, who is campaigning for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Democrat Jim Webb, visited Multivision in Fairfax on Thursday, Feb. 23. Kaine addressed students and staff at the IT workforce development company.

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VICTORIA ROSS/
THE CONNECTION



Kaine Comes to Area

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"There are a lot of companies that have manufacturing jobs and want to hire. I hear from people who say they know how to work the machines, but companies want to hire people to program the machines, so the old skills are not sufficient. This is what made me want to come to MultiVision," Kaine told the group.

Kaine said he was particularly moved by the story of a 55-year-old man he met that afternoon who is completing Multivision's training program.

"That was a poignant story. This man is unemployed and his son is going to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. That is the kind of talent story we should be telling," Kaine said.

Instead, he said the Virginia talent story is getting obscured by the GOP's focus on social issues.

"I am worried...Are we really talking about the legality of birth control," Kaine said after his visit to Multivision.

"This is no time to be complacent about the economy. When I said to the group that Virginia went from 38th in the nation (in per capita income) to being 7th, it's clear we didn't excel by getting bogged down in divisive social issues."

Kaine noted that when he was governor from 2006 to 2010, companies such as Northrop Grumman and Volkswagen of North America, decided to headquarter in Virginia, mainly because of people and talent.

"What I hear from our business leaders and owners is that they are tired of partisan games and distractions causing uncertainty and making it hard to be successful," Kaine said in a recent conference call with reporters.

Record Donations

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with the County's Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) Department, one of the food drive's organizers.

The annual campaign is a partnership between NCS, Fairfax County's Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) and MV Transportation Inc., which operates the FASTRAN buses and provides volunteers, as well as local grocery store chains Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse.

"In our first year, 2011, we collected more than 20,000 pounds of food valued at more than \$34,000; the total value of the food, goods and services donated by all the public and private partners was valued at more than \$56,000," said Patricia Stevens, executive director of OP3.

She said the "Stuff the Bus" campaign is intentionally scheduled between Martin Luther King Day

in January and Presidents Day in February, because donations typically decrease during the first few months of the new year, after the seasonal dose of good will.

Many Fairfax County pantries, including Our Daily Bread, FACETS, the Lorton Action Community Center and Food for Others, report that during the fall and holiday season, food pantries are stocked and brimming with donations from the community.

"But by February, our supplies are often running low even though the need for food is greater than ever," said Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread in Fairfax.

She said ODB collected 2,000 pounds of food and more than \$500 in cash and grocery cards when Stuff the Bus was parked at Shoppers Food Warehouse at Fair City Mall on Feb. 18, and much of the food went directly to clients the next day.

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The Peanuts gang sticks together during dress rehearsals last week. From left, Sarah Miller, a freshman at Robinson Secondary School; Andrew Giddings, a seventh-grader at Irving Middle School; Katie Tisler, an eighth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School; and Taryn Falkenstein, a freshman at Robinson.

‘Charlie Brown’ at Burke Presbyterian

Area youth present classic family musical.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The old gang may not be as trendy as The Simpsons, but everyone still knows and loves Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus and the rest of the Peanuts crew.

“You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” the popular musical based on Charles Schulz’s whimsical comic strip, will debut on Thursday, March 1, at Burke Presbyterian Church.

“This is an all-volunteer effort,” said Jill Kurtz, the show’s producer. “The 38 students in the show do everything from the performances to sound production, lighting, sets, you name it. We have a great cast and crew this year.”

Kurtz said the church’s musicals are a community tradition, and have been presented by the BPC youth since 1997.

“Anyone who wants to be in the cast is given a role. The shows are offered as a community outreach and all tickets are free,” Kurtz said. “We traditionally have full audiences on all performance nights, and it’s always a lot of fun.”

Cast members are drawn from

students in 7th through 12th grades. This year’s students hail from Robinson Secondary School, Lake Braddock Secondary School, West Springfield High School and Irving Middle School. Charlie Brady, the director, is a church member who performed in these musicals when he was in high school.

“The show is hilarious,” said stage manager Linda Kurtz, 23, a college graduate and a veteran of the church program. “The show is the revival version, with two new catchy tunes. People grew up with these wonderful characters, and it’s really about learning to appreciate what you have.”

The Tony Award-winning musical, which originally debuted on Broadway in 1966, is joyous, gentle and innocent fun. There is no plot, but a series of vignettes which set up the character-centric musical numbers.

The story centers on classic moments in the life of Charlie Brown, played by Zach Miller, a Robinson senior, as Charlie and his friends go through a series of events.

“All of the action is strung together in a single day, from bright uncertain morning to hopeful starlit evening. It’s a great, feel-good family show,” said Brady.

All performances are free and take place at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5960 Oak Leather Drive in Burke.

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/MARCH 1

Frank Lloyd Wright Lecture. 7 p.m. Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Two homeowners discuss the experience of living in Wright-designed houses. Sponsored by Woodlawn/Pope Leighey, Historic Sites of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. popeleighey1940.org.
Decide. 6 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$22-\$25. www.jaxxroxx.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 2

Zumbathon. 7-9 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Middle School attendees must be accompanied by adult 18 or older. Admission \$5. Proceeds benefit the class of 2012 All Night Grad Party. 703-371-7323.

SATURDAY/MARCH 3

Ballet Folklórico De Antioquia, Colombia. 8 p.m. George Mason University’s Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Sharing the richness and diversity of Colombian culture through authentic music, ritualistic dance, and physical theater accentuated with brilliantly-colored costumes. \$23-\$46. www.gmu.edu.
Possessed. 6:30 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$20-\$22. www.jaxxroxx.com.

Public Reception: Woman Made. 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A curated exhibition highlighting work by local women artists in celebration of National Women’s History Month. The exhibit will be open March 2-25. www.workhousearts.org.

26th Annual Fairfax Jazz & Tap Dance Festival. 8 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus Theatre, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. With performances by the Dancin’ Unlimited Jazz Dance Company, Encore Performers, Center Stage Dance, Capitol Movement, Impulse and MYTE. Supported and funded in part by the Arts Council of Fairfax County. \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. www.dujdc.org.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 12-4 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

SUNDAY/MARCH 4

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SATURDAY/MARCH 10

Artists’ Reception. 1-5 p.m. Artists’ Undertaking Gallery, 309 Mill St., Historic Occoquan. “Nothing But Trees” features hammered copper by Anne Jordan of Fairfax and photography and digital painting by David and Jane Ernst of Springfield. 703-494-0584 or www.theartistsundertaking.com.
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A family-friendly favorite, popular events include the Taste of Chocolate, featuring chocolate vendors selling anything and everything chocolate; the Chocolate Challenge, an arts ex-

travaganza where pros and amateurs compete for prizes; the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast featuring chocolate chip pancakes; historic re-enactments; children’s activities; open houses at historic buildings and much more.

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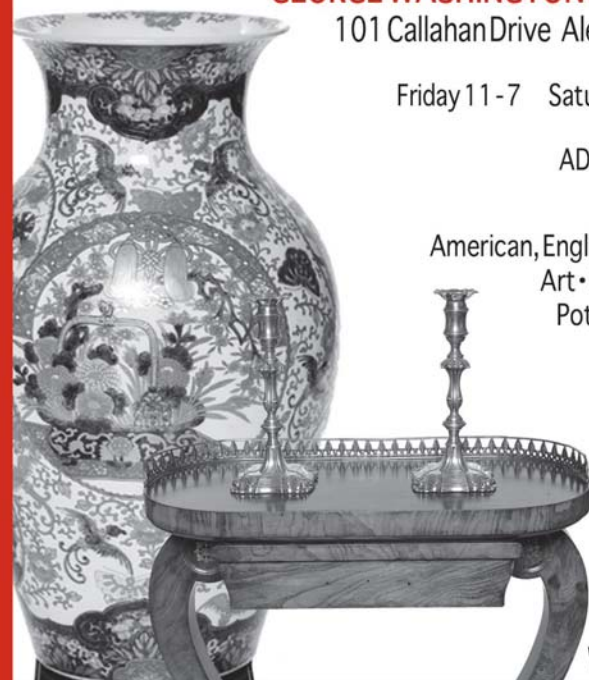
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Fairfax County Public Schools: Food and Nutrition News

Coming in March: Go Inside the Classroom with Teachers

Recognized for Food Safety

Food safety and sanitation are critical processes that require strict procedures and training. All FCPS food service managers have successfully completed the Fairfax County Sanitation Certification requirements and a manager training course. As a second safety measure, all FCPS schools have implemented a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) program, which requires managers to follow a purchased food product from the moment the food is received to the time it is served to ensure proper handling and temperature control. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the Office of Food and Nutrition Services for maintaining the highest levels of food safety and cleanliness in its food preparation areas.

Learn the 9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code for Your Health

- 9** Get 9 hours of sleep each night
- 5** Eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day
- 2** Limit screen time to no more than 2 hours each day
- 1** Get at least 1 hour of exercise each day
- 0** No sugary drinks

Right: First Lady Michelle Obama visited Parklawn Elementary School in Alexandria recently to unveil new federal standards for school meals which will require reducing sodium and fat levels, and increasing fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes in school lunches and breakfasts.

Healthy School Environment Starts with Nutritious Meals and Exercise

What are your memories of school lunches? Today's students look forward to lunch not just because they're hungry, but because of the variety of foods offered: baked chicken, fish tacos, pork egg rolls, spaghetti, hummus, whole wheat pretzels and yogurt, chef's salad with tuna, assorted fruits and vegetables, and much more.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is recognized as a leader in creating a healthy school environment by teaching children about the importance of eating a variety of healthy foods and getting regular exercise.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture established the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC) award to recognize schools that have created healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition and physical activity. This year 160, or more than 80 percent, of FCPS schools will receive the HUSC award for enhancing the quality of school meals, increasing physical activity, and providing nutrition education to students.

"FCPS school meals exceed the HUSC standards and offer students a variety of daily options including fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain products, fat free milk, and foods with zero trans fats,"

said Penny McConnell, RD, Director of Food and Nutrition Services.

"We value the important role we play in our students' nutritional well-being and contribution to the reduction of childhood obesity," she said.

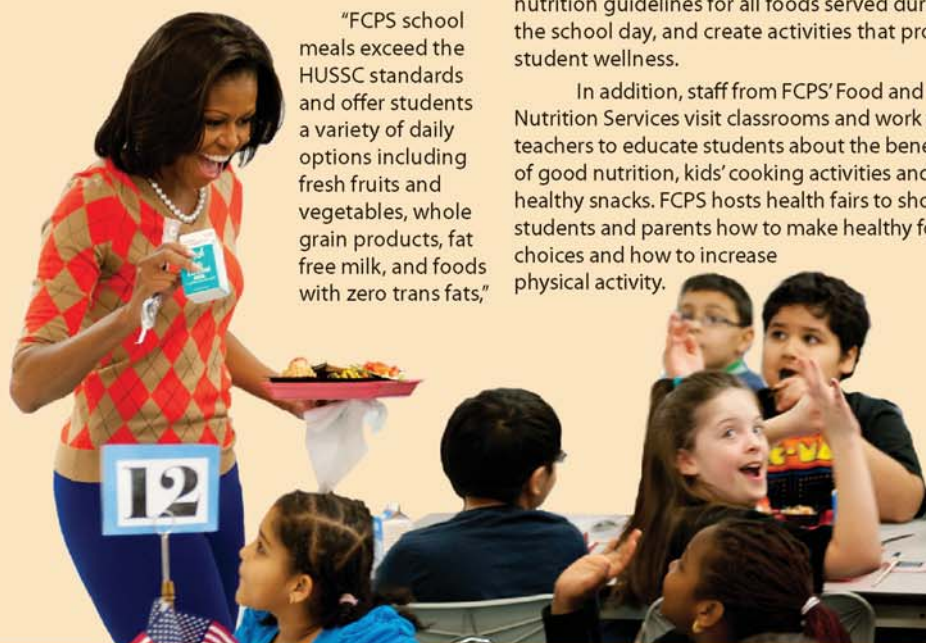
FCPS' Food and Nutrition Services program also places special emphasis on purchasing locally grown seasonal produce and supporting school learning gardens.

"We've talked to different groups within our community and share their desire to offer a wide variety of locally grown foods on our menu," said McConnell.

More than 30 FCPS schools have planted learning gardens that provide spring and fall produce for school lunches as well as a great learning experience for students.

A wellness policy guides FCPS Food and Nutrition staff as they develop programs in nutrition education and physical education, determine nutrition guidelines for all foods served during the school day, and create activities that promote student wellness.

In addition, staff from FCPS' Food and Nutrition Services visit classrooms and work with teachers to educate students about the benefits of good nutrition, kids' cooking activities and healthy snacks. FCPS hosts health fairs to show students and parents how to make healthy food choices and how to increase physical activity.



Getting To Know Us

**FCPS Operations Coordinator,
Food and Nutrition Services
Amy Hubal**

Seeing the smiling faces of students as they go through the lunch line is one of the perks of the job for Amy Hubal, Operations Coordinator in Food and Nutrition Services.

Hubal supervises the eight central distribution centers, or central kitchens, for the school district. The distribution centers prepare and deliver food to more than 200 schools and community organizations on a daily basis.

Her passion for food began at an early age, working in the restaurant business when she was 16.

"I enjoy feeding my family and friends and I am fortunate to be able to work with food for my job as well," she said. "Everyone loves to eat and preparing healthy food is so rewarding."

Hubal is interested in the process of garden-to-table and educating others about how to have a healthy relationship with food.

"Learning to grow and prepare food is a life-long skill that promotes health and wellness," she said.

Hubal serves on the district's menu committee helping to develop new recipes for Food and Nutrition Services.

The one aspect of Hubal's job she enjoys most? Her team of 180 staff, 24 managers, and 32 van drivers.

"I work with a dedicated, hard-working team of nutritional professionals that really care about what they do and the impact they make on a student's school day."

Want to learn more about FCPS school nutrition? Visit www.fcps.edu and click on the A-Z index for Food at School.

Did You Know?

FCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services is a nonprofit business. The program is self-supporting and receives no local real estate tax dollars.

Providing Nutritious Meals to Students, Community

Food and Nutrition Services employees take pride in preparing and serving more than 140,000 meals each day. Eight distribution centers (central kitchens), two secondary school production kitchens, a vending center, a central warehouse, and elementary, middle, and high school finishing kitchens, under the direction of highly trained managers, provide nutritious meals in all public schools and centers. Free and reduced-price meals are provided to needy students. In addition, food is catered to day care locations, senior citizen programs, Alzheimer centers and Meals on Wheels.

"Meals are planned by registered dietitians to reflect the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans," said McConnell. "But we also make sure that the menus reflect student cultural and personal preferences by conducting monthly student taste parties. Our goal is to plan menus that are affordable and provide students with several nutritious choices that they will select and eat."

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TUESDAY/MARCH 6

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 14

NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting. 1 p.m. American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield. With a presentation on the policies and programs affecting older adults in Fairfax County by Tanya Erway, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. Free. Guests welcome. 703 313-9387 or jkadelg@yahoo.com.
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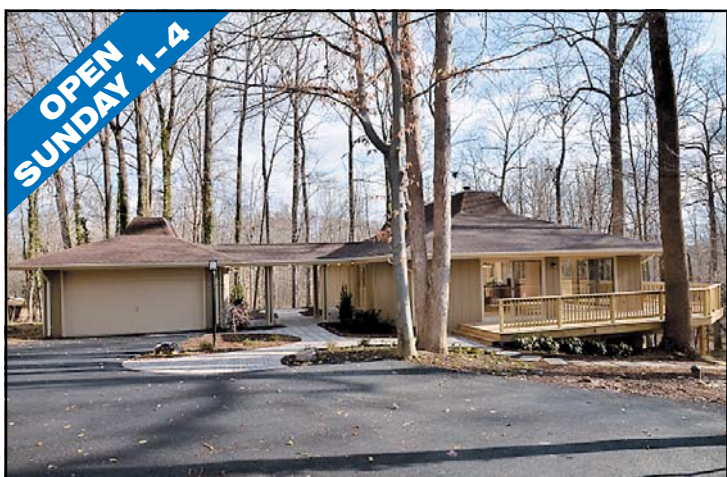
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Spartans Fall to Oakton in Region Basketball Finals

Katherine Coyer has game to remember as Cougars defeated defending champs.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield High's bid for a second straight Northern Region girls' basketball crown was not realized on Monday night when the Spartans, going up against the team they eliminated at regionals a year ago, lost a hard-fought title contest to unbeaten Oakton, 63-49, at Robinson Secondary.

It was not a season-ending loss for West Springfield (26-3), which along with Oakton (28-0) will represent the Northern Region at this week's eight-team state AAA playoffs. The Spartans will travel to Richmond to play Highland Springs, the Central Region champion, at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center this Friday night at 7. Oakton, also on Friday night at 7, will remain close to home when it faces Central Region runner-up Monacan High (Richmond) at Robinson.

A year ago, West Springfield defeated Oakton in the region semifinals, handing the Cougars their first loss of the season and ending their bid to win a third straight region crown. The Spartans, following that win, went on to defeat T.C. Williams, 46-41, in the region title game at Robinson.

Then at states, the Spartans defeated Woodside High (Newport News) before seeing their season end at the state semifinals with a loss to Stonewall Jackson at the Siegel Center.

ON MONDAY, Oakton and West Springfield met once again in a huge region postseason affair, this time in the region finals. Just like a year ago, Oakton entered

the meeting with the Spartans unbeaten. This time, however, head coach Fred Priester's Cougars were able to defeat the Spartans to earn their third region crown in four years. "It's definitely great to win, especially after last year's [semifinals loss]," said Oakton center Elizabeth Manner. "We've continued to work hard all year."

West Springfield fell behind 12-8 after the first quarter and could never get even or take the lead the rest of the night. Oakton senior guard Katherine Coyer had perhaps the best game of her career, scoring 29 points and pulling down eight rebounds to lead the Cougars. Coyer, the twin sister of backcourt mate Caroline Coyer, earned Tournament MVP honors during postgame ceremonies.

"She pretty much made everything she shot," said West Springfield senior guard April Robinson (10 points), of Katherine Coyer's outstanding night. "They played a better game than we did. We came out kind of timid. We'll rebound from this and come back at it on Friday."

Robinson, along with teammates Logan Battle (18 points, 9 rebounds) and Amy Berglund (6 points), were named to the seven-member All-Region Tournament Team. Robinson said making All-Tournament was bitter-sweet because of the finals loss.

"It was a good feeling but [compared to winning] the awards don't matter," she said. "I want to focus, and the team wants to focus on winning states."

For Oakton, along with Katherine Coyer, who accepted her first-ever region tournament MVP honor, Caroline Coyer (6 points) and fellow Cougar Karlie Cronin (6 points) were also named to the All-Tournament Team. The Coyer twins have played vital roles in the Cougars' unparalleled success over the past four years. Caroline, the team's point guard, is one of the Northern Region's all-time best players. Katherine, at shoot-



Logan Battle soars upward for a shot during Monday's region finals at Robinson. Battle scored 18 points and pulled down nine rebounds in the Spartans' title game loss. West Springfield will travel to Richmond this Friday night for a state AAA quarterfinals game against Highland Springs.

ing guard, is a tremendous defensive player who scores when called upon and can match the on-court prowess of the best players out there. The duo, in both their freshmen and sophomore years, helped Oakton win region crowns with Caroline garnering tourney MVP accolades.

No one was happier than Caroline when Katherine was named this year's tourney MVP. Both are set to play college basketball on scholarship next year at Villanova Uni-

versity in Philadelphia.

Katherine had a simply dominant game and helped the Cougars get off to a good start with eight first quarter points. Oakton, which led 24-18 at halftime, saw West Springfield get within 25-20 when Spartans' junior forward Lindsay Mares converted a 10-foot turnaround shot off the left wing early in the second half. But Kathleen Coyer responded with a 14-foot jumper to make it 27-20. The basket started a 15-7 Oakton surge over the remainder of the quarter, helping the Cougars take a 40-27 advantage into the fourth quarter.

WEST SPRINGFIELD never relented and, behind the strong fourth quarter play of Battle, fought back to within seven points at 51-44 on a pair of Battle free throws with two minutes, 53 seconds remaining. Throughout that final quarter, Battle, a senior forward, had kept her team in contention by scoring on hard drives to the basket. Fourteen of her team-high 18 points came in that final quarter.

But Oakton weathered the Spartans' fourth quarter threat. Following the free throws by Battle which got West Springfield within seven points, Oakton's Manner (12 points, 8 rebounds), a fundamentally-sound center, scored from close range while being fouled. Her ensuing free throw made the score 54-44 Cougars. Several moments later, Manner would answer a basket by Battle with a nifty,

inside spin move layup off the left side to make it 56-46 with 2:12 left. West Springfield never closed within 10 points after that.

West Springfield's only prior two losses had come during the holidays to out-of-area opponents. It has been a spectacular season for the Spartans, and they will be looking for three more wins at the state tournament. A key to West Springfield's success this winter has been a team-first mentality.

Woodson's Reaves Signs with Shepherd

Woodson senior Mike Reaves signed a letter of intent and received a scholarship to play football at Shepherd University in West Virginia. Reaves was a standout at linebacker for the Cavaliers, who also made an impact when moved to defensive end during the 2011 season. Reaves wrote in an email that he will likely play defensive end/linebacker and tight end at Shepherd.

"I chose Shepherd because I felt that it was the best place for me not only to get a good education, but to develop as a football player and compete with some great competition," Reaves wrote. "The location and homey feel was also a big factor in choosing Shepherd."

After Woodson started the 2011 season with five consecutive losses, Cavalier coaches moved Reaves from linebacker to defensive end for a game against T.C. Williams on Oct. 6. Reaves helped the

defense hold the Titans to 211 total yards and he blocked a potential go-ahead field goal, helping Woodson to its first victory.

"Just want to thank everyone who has helped me get to where I am now," Reaves wrote. "I want to thank Coach Taylor and his coaching staff for shaping me and building me into the player that I am now. I want to thank my family for always supporting me in my decisions and always being there to cheer me on. I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to chase my dreams and allowing me to play to the best of my ability. Last but not least I want to thank my father. Even though he isn't here anymore (he passed away when I was nine), I know he is looking down on me and is very proud of me. He is the main reason I do what I do. He is my role model, hero, and source of inspiration. I did it pops."



Woodson senior Mike Reaves signed a letter of intent to play football at Shepherd University in West Virginia.

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Rev. Thomas D. Moran, died on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago, IL, after complications from pneumonia. Father Moran was born on January 27, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. The son of Thomas and Mary (nee Roach) Moran, he grew up in a family of four children on the south side of Chicago. Fr. Moran is survived by his two remaining living sisters, Joan McGoldrick and Marie Tarpey; beloved uncle of many. The fourth sibling, his brother Roger is also deceased. Father made his first profession as a Claretian Missionary in 1947, perpetual profession in 1950 and was ordained a priest on June 9, 1955.

After his ordination, Fr. Moran served as a teacher and Principal at the Saint Jude High School Seminary in Mokena, Illinois from 1955-1967. At the suggestion of his then Superior, Fr. Moran was assigned to mission in Guatemala, where he spent approximately 25 years of his religious life as a missionary. During his time in Central America, he constantly championed for the rights of the indigenous and working people of the towns of El Estor and Livingston. Fr. Moran says his ministry on behalf of the impoverished Indian families encompassed "the happiest and some of the saddest years of my life as a priest." He was instrumental in helping to establish and promote an elementary school for children who could not write or speak in Spanish, the country's native language. His work in advancing the cause of education resulted in a new Indian school being named in his honor in Livingston.

After returning from Guatemala in 1982, and taking a 2 year sabbatical, Fr. Moran was then assigned to St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax, Virginia as parish priest from 1984-1990. In 1990, he returned to Guatemala for a second tour of duty for nine years. In 1999 when he returned to the United States, he was assigned as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on the south side of Chicago, where he served up until December of 2011. Visitation on Tuesday, February 27 from 2-9pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 3200 E. 91st Street, Chicago, IL 60617 with a prayer service at 8pm. On Wednesday, February 28 viewing at 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of the Resurrection at 9:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Hillside, IL. Elmwood Chapel Chicago, IL in charge of arrangement. 773-731-2749. www.elmwoodchapel.com

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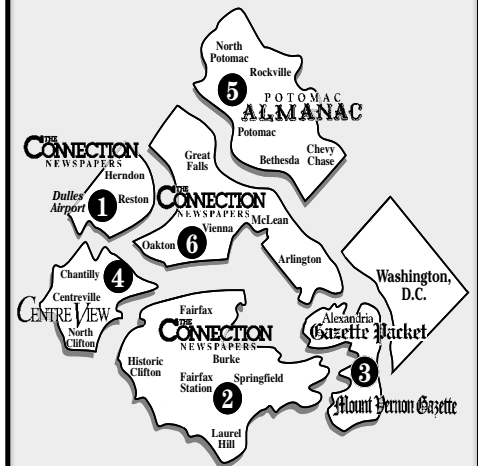
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Burke \$524,900
This updated Colonial in nationally recognized Burke Centre is move-in ready! Features updated Kit & BAs, fin LL, hardwoods in Foyer & Fam Rm, new carpets & paint throughout. Close to Terra Centre Elem, Metro bus, jog/bike paths, pools, ponds, tennis courts, shopping centers – something for everyone!
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Fairfax Station \$995,000
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 3/3 and 3/4, 1-4 PM
This stunning Colonial has over 5,000 sq. ft. on 3 levels. It has 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, and sits on 5 wooded acres. The spacious rooms are highlighted by the breathtaking views. One that must be seen!
Richard Esposito 703-503-4035



Gainesville \$524,900
Heritage Hunt 55+ Golf & Country Club (age 50+ OK). Shows like a Model! 4 BR, 3.5 BA, Hdwd flrs on m/l, Gourmet Kit w/granite, 42" map cabs, SS apps, m/l MBR, California WIC, Din rm, Great rm w/gas f/p, Sun rm, Study, Loft & Guest suite, cust drapes, blinds, ceilg fns, built-ins, fin LL w/wet bar, huge Deck, Indsep yd, Irrig syst. Many upgrades!
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax Station \$789,000
This terrific 3 BR, 2.5 BA brick Colonial has loads of features including updated gourmet Kit, remodeled MBA, & sparkling in-ground pool! A private oasis surrounded by beautiful landscaping just minutes from schools, shopping, dining, commuter routes, and recreation.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Springfield \$530,000
Great house! Great location! Check out this lovely 3-level colonial with 2-car garage situated on treed cul-de-sac. Brand new carpet, granite counters, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, plus family with fireplace opening onto patio/wooded lot! Conveniently located to schools, shopping, and transportation.
Pam Boe 703-503-1888



Fairfax \$559,900
This lovely home welcomes you to beautiful Fairfax Club Estates, where quiet neighborhood charm meets tree-lined streets and this lovely home awaits you. Stunning Colonial featuring 4 nice size Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths, Hardwood Floors on main level, Updated Kitchen and Baths, New windows and much more.
Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



Fairfax City \$899,000
Stunning 5 BR/4.5 BA home in Farrcroft. Main level master bedroom, 2 story foyer, hardwoods, gourmet kitchen, 2 story family room, gas fireplace, private yard, gated community with pool. Perfection!
Nancy Basham 703-772-2066



Gainesville \$435,000
Heritage Hunt 55+ 3 lv beauty – Main Level Master! 3 BR, 3 BA, Grmt Kit w/42" maple cabs & island, Corian cntrs & SS appls, Brkfst rm, Liv rm w/gas fpl & vault ceilg, Din rm, M/L MBR suite w/2 walk-in closets, Sun rm, Loft & Guest suite, Hdws, Neutral crpt, unfin W/O LL w/rough in BA, Huge deck. (50+ OK)
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Burke Centre \$522,500
Open Sunday 1-4. Just Listed! Be the first to tour this incredible 3 level colonial with 2-car garage on a gorgeous lot in the heart of Burke Centre! So many updates: new windows, granite, baths, decking, custom built-ins, custom hardscape/landscape – the list is endless!
Kim McClary 703-929-8425



Clifton \$1,325,000
Sited on 5 beautiful acres, this custom cape's renovation offers the highest attention to detail and quality. Elegance greets you at the grand brick stairs with porch and proceeds throughout the lovely appointed rooms. Features an expansive kitchen, a luxurious main-level master suite, and a family room with a dramatic stone fireplace and stunning views.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



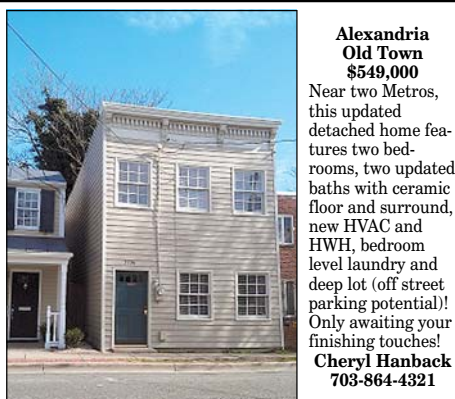
Clifton Hunt \$899,000
Striking Center Hall Colonial in idyllic setting on 5+ acres of wooded privacy, yet minutes to all amenities. 10' ceilings, upgraded Kitchen, Library, Bonus Room, Screened Porch, 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA. Light and Bright.
Ann Grainger 703-503-1870



Lorton/Mason Neck \$565,000
One block from Potomac River! Newly constructed Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms in boating community. Hardwood floors, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, vaulted ceilings. Main level master bedroom and master bath with jetted tub.
Lucia Ferguson 703-407-8737



Oakton \$1,150,000
Elegance abounds in this spacious 3-level home set on premium lot in the heart of Oakton. Upgraded throughout, this 4 bedroom 4.5 bath home with brick on 3 sides, beautiful hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, screen porch, 2-car garage makes the perfect home for everyday living or gracious entertaining. Absolutely move-in condition – everything has been done and more!
Pam Boe 703-503-1888



Alexandria Old Town \$549,000
Near two Metros, this updated detached home features two bedrooms, two updated baths with ceramic floor and surround, new HVAC and HWH, bedroom level laundry and deep lot (off street parking potential)! Only awaiting your finishing touches!
Cheryl Hanback 703-864-4321



Gainesville \$549,900
Heritage Hunt 55+. 3-level Beauty backs to trees! 4 BR, 4 BA, Gourmet Kit, Liv rm w/gas fpl, Din rm, Sun rm, Den, Main Level MBR, Loft, Rec rm, Games rm, Walkout LL, Irrigation system. Gated comm age 50+ OK.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Woodbridge \$249,900
New Listing! Amazing potential with this all Brick Rambler on 3/4 acre lot. 4 BRs, 3 BAs. Hardwood floors on main level. Relax in backyard with an in-ground swimming pool.
Judy Semler, Richard Esposito 703-503-1862



Gainesville \$214,900
Heritage Hunt 55+. Stunning Condo backs to trees! 2 MBR, Gourmet Kitchen with stainless steel appliances, Living room with fireplace, Den, laundry, store room, garage parking. Gated comm age 50+ OK.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Arlington \$257,500
New Listing! 2-level condo with 2 BRs, 1 BA. Located in the heart of Arlington. New carpet and paint throughout. Full-size Washer/Dryer.
Judy Semler, Richard Esposito 703-503-1862



Herndon \$323,000
Impeccable home in a great neighborhood that includes Pool, Tennis, Tot Lots, and Paved Trails. Main Level Living, Wood Flooring and open Living/Dining Rooms with Cathedral Ceiling and Wood-burning Fireplace. Master Bedroom also has Vaulted Ceiling. Fully Fenced rear yard.
Vince Rodgers 703-470-6987



West Springfield \$450,000
Many updates – backs to trees! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, Kitchen with granite, hdws, neutral carpet, Living room w/fireplace, Dining room, MBR with walk-in closet, Rec room, walkout LL, deck, car port, cul-de-sac lot! W. Springfield HS.
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