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Voter ID Bills Signed

McDonnell directs state to send every voter a new voter card before Election Day.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Governor Robert McDonnell (R) signed watered-down versions of Virginia's Republican-backed voter identification bills on Friday, adding the Commonwealth to the growing list of states adopting stricter voting standards.

Under the new law, voters will be required to show ID before they cast their ballots, a measure that Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly have said will disenfranchise many voters, especially minorities, the poor and the elderly.

To subdue critics, the Governor signed measures expanding the type of ID acceptable at the polls – which include a utility bill or a Virginia student ID card – and directed the State Board of Elections to send every registered voter a new card before the 2012 presidential elections in November.

“Every qualified citizen has the right to cast one vote. Not two votes; not zero votes,” McDonnell said in a statement released Friday. “This legislation does two things. It increases the forms of identification that can be used for purpose of voting, while helping to further prevent voter fraud and ensuring Virginians that they can have faith that votes have not been fraudulently cast.”

THE PREVALENCE – or absence – of voter fraud is at the heart of the debate over whether Virginia or other states need any new legislation.

“The ‘voter identification’ bills are a solution in search of a problem,” said State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in an email on Saturday. “Our current system is working fine. By agreeing to these gratuitous changes, the Governor is making the system less open and convenient to law-abiding citizens.”

State Sen. David Marsden (D-37) has said that using voter fraud as a justification for new voter identification rules is a smokescreen for voter suppression. “When we’ve asked these legislators (in Virginia) to cite one example of voter fraud, they just can’t do it,” Marsden said.

Even McDonnell noted Virginia’s “tradition of honest elections” and a voter compliance rate of nearly 100 percent in a survey of localities from the last presidential and gubernatorial elections in 2008 and 2009.

Currently, Virginia voters are allowed to vote without ID by signing a sworn affidavit affirming their identity. Under the new law, voters without ID cards will still be able to vote provisionally, on the condition they provide proper ID later for the vote to be



The Burke Centre polling place at the Commons Community Centre preps for Election Day.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Under the new legislation and existing law, the following are acceptable forms of ID for voting:

- ❖ Virginia voter registration card
- ❖ Social Security card
- ❖ Valid Virginia driver's license
- ❖ Any other identification card issued by an agency of the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States
- ❖ Any valid student identification card issued by a Virginia institution of higher education
- ❖ A valid identification card issued by an employer containing a photograph of the voter
- ❖ A copy of a current utility bill
- ❖ A copy of a bank statement
- ❖ A government check
- ❖ A paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter

counted.

“Some have argued that there are voters who do not have any form of ID to bring to the polls. For that reason, we will be sending every voter in Virginia a free voter card between now and Election Day to ensure they have at least one form of ID to bring with them to the polls,” McDonnell said.

In addition to issuing every active voter a new card, McDonnell also ordered election officials to coordinate a public education campaign to help raise awareness about the approved ID to the polling place on Election Day, and the process for obtaining a free voter card if someone does not have a form of ID.

McDonnell said the additional steps his administration is taking to implement this legislation ensure that no voter is “overly burdened by the provisions included in this legislation.”

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan research organization, Voter ID continues to be a high-profile and highly-contentious issue in many state legislatures. Currently, 32 states have voter ID legislation pending, and several states have pushed for rigorous laws that require voters to present a state-issued photo ID card.

JUST BEFORE McDonnell’s pronouncement, the Fairfax County Office of Elections launched a campaign to alert voters to new voter registration cards the state is in the process of mailing to approximately 195,000 county voters this week.

But the cards are being mailed only to voters affected by Congressional redistricting and voters still holding a card that included their Social Security Number (SSN), which will be replaced with a system-generated identification number.

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Congressman Gerry Connolly and Congressman Elijah Cummings at the congressional forum at the Fairfax Government Center earlier this month.

Forum Focuses On Technology

Connolly holds forum on federal government and technology.

Senior representatives of national and local technology companies, including Google and Microsoft, and the new Chief Information Officer of the United States, participated in a congressional forum held by Virginia Congressman Gerry Connolly and Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings at the Fairfax Government Center earlier this month.

The forum focused on the federal government and technology, both critical components of Northern Virginia’s vibrant economy, and how technology can be used to increase government efficiency without increased spending.

Congressman Connolly, who is the Ranking Member of the House Oversight Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, and Procurement Reform, and Congressman Cummings, who is the Ranking Member on the House Oversight and Reform Committee, brought the congressional forum to Fairfax County because it is the hub of the information technology on the East Coast, rivaling California’s Silicon Valley.

More than 75 representatives of local technology companies attended the forum where they heard from Federal CIO Steven VanRoekel, Microsoft’s Susie Adams, Google’s David Mihalchik, and Alan Chvotkin of the Professional Services

Council, an organization that represents many federal contracting firms in Northern Virginia.

ALL OF THE PANELISTS agreed that the federal government continues to place greater emphasis on the use of all aspects of information technology, including moving to cloud computing, reducing the number of federal data centers, responding to increased cybersecurity threats and expanding mobile technology in support of telework. Yet federal spending on technology will likely remain flat, if not shrink, for the foreseeable future. That factor places a premium on federal partnering with private sector companies, which will allow the government to be more flexible in meeting its technology needs, VanRoekel told Connolly and Cummings.

Connolly reinforced the point and said that government not only has to do more with less, but also must do it better to improve services for the public. “We already are doing more with less, but to do it better we have to make thoughtful investments not only in technology but also people,” Connolly said. “Furthermore, If we are going to attract technology talent from college campuses or the private sector to deliver this new generation of government

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NEWS

Governor Signs Voter ID Bills

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Now, every registered voter will get at least one new voter card. The cards mailed out this week also indicate a language preference.

According to Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official, as a result of the 2010 Census, Fairfax County falls under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires the county to provide voting and elections-related materials in English and

Spanish.

She said Fairfax County is now providing voter information and materials for Spanish speakers. And the county's website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections has a Google Translations line that can translate information into Spanish and several other languages.

Quinn said that while the Fairfax County and state websites are updated, not all voter election web pages and links have been updated

Voter Information

- ❖ If you have not received a new card, but would like to check your voter registration status and information, go to the Virginia State Board of Elections at www.sbe.virginia.gov/
- ❖ For more information, go to Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections
- ❖ Or contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

with the new congressional district information.

"Those voters whose congressional district changed as a result of redistricting are currently being mailed a new voter card," Quinn said. "Whether or not you received a new voter card, if you have questions or to be certain you know your congressional district information, refer to the county or state election office's website for the correct information or call us at 703-222-0776."

Government to Launch New Digital Strategy

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services, we need to make sure public service is rewarded and not constantly under partisan attack."

THE TECH EXECUTIVES said smart use of the cloud will offer government agencies the opportunity to make more efficient use of limited dollars and allow technology staff to focus on improving overall agency mission and services rather than the day-to-day maintenance of complex networks and servers. Use of the cloud also

will allow the federal government to better keep up with technological advances.

In the coming months, the federal government will be launching a new Digital Strategy. Connolly noted that telework, something he has consistently championed since his days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, must be a central focus of that effort. He said Telework was one important factor that can help reduce traffic congestion in Northern Virginia.

Commenting after the event, Jack Hargis, Director of Fairfax-based CGI, said, "It was great to see Congress and the Administration come together to discuss how our industry can work with the federal government to improve efficiency through technology. Congressmen Connolly and Cummings facilitated a collaborative dialogue between industry and government, and provided representatives of the area's tech community the chance to hear directly from Steven VanRoekel, the

new U.S. Chief Information Officer."

"For companies like CGI, this kind of forum helps us to continually understand what our federal government clients need to accomplish their missions in an era of budget constraints. Likewise, I appreciate the Congressmen's willingness to listen to the challenges facing industry, including the need for initiatives that promote innovation—like cloud—while working toward increased government-industry collaboration," Hargis said.

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The cardboard boat regatta, one of the most popular Springfield Days activities will be held Lake Accotink Park on Sunday, June 3.

Springfield Days — the Ultimate ‘Staycation’

Event features food, fun, entertainment for pets and people.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Everyone has their favorite Springfield Days event, whether it's the cardboard boat regatta, the amusement rides, the petfest or the farmers market. Whatever it is, the annual community-wide celebration has something fun, entertaining and exciting for everyone.

"It's four days of fun for everyone. Springfield Days is one of our great community events. For me, it means that summer is finally here, and it's something my family never misses," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

The festivities begin with a kick-off reception on Thursday, May 31 at Safford Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Springfield, the event's main sponsor.

"Each year it's a little different," said Tawny Hammond, co-chair of the event along with Lee Ann Shenefiel. "It's driven by volunteers and the energy of community, and showcases all the resources in the community. That's what's so cool about it."

THE BIGGEST CHANGE this year is moving almost all the activities, except for the carnival, to South Run REC Center. Now called "Party in the Park," the South Run event includes: FitnessFest, PetFest, Paws-On-Parade, OutdoorFest, Open Swim party and Movie in the Park at dusk, which will be Happy Feet 2. On stage there will be pet demos, fitness demos and music. There will also be farm animals, wagon rides and nature walks.

"The day is for the entire family, both two-legged and four-legged members," said Rod Hudson, a veterinarian at Colonial Animal Hospital and chair of the pet activities.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 31 THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 3

- ❖ **May 31-June 3** - FamilyFest at Springfield Mall featuring amusements, rides and games
- ❖ **Saturday, June 2** - Party in the Park at South Run REC Center featuring:
 - ❖ PetFest
 - ❖ Family FitnessFest
 - ❖ OutdoorFest
 - ❖ Entertainment Stage
 - ❖ Pool Party
 - ❖ Outdoor Movie
- ❖ **Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** - Smart Market Farmers Market
- ❖ **Saturday, June 2, 7:30 a.m.** at Lee High School - The 15K and 5 K runs
- ❖ **Sunday, June 3** - Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink
- ❖ For more event information, go to www.springfielddays.com. For more information on the races, go to www.runspringfield.org.

One of the most popular events – the Cardboard Boat Regatta – will be held Sunday June 3 at 2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, where thousands of people set out their lawn chairs to watch an assortment of human-powered boats made of corrugated cardboard.

"This is one of my favorite events," said Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors gave out a proclamation to the organizers of Springfield Days at the board meeting on Tuesday, May 22. "There's even a 'Titanic' boat...It's an event that everyone enjoys."

SATURDAY MORNING the 15K and 5 K run starts and finishes at Lee High School. Proceeds from the event are distributed to various charities throughout the greater Springfield community.

Hammond said the event typically attracts more than 50,000 people.

"This is the place to kick off summer," said Hammond, who served as chair of the event for 10 years. "It really is the ultimate 'staycation,' because we have so many events throughout the greater Springfield area. It's a labor of love for me. What really speaks to me is the fact that so many people and businesses in the community continue to support this event."

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Remembering on Memorial Day

Time to honor, also time to ensure proper care of veterans.

In February, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, there is just one reported death in Iraq, and more than 115 in Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded in the war on terror, although that number is likely to be revised upward. The New York Times reported earlier this month that the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Other Virginia losses since Memorial Day 2011:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died earlier this month on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb.

Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of



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Command Sgt. Maj. Guitaud Leandre, 13th ESC, hands Cindy Hildner an artillery shell moments after it was fired from a cannon in her husband's honor at Fort Hood Feb. 9. Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner of Fairfax died in Afghanistan Feb. 3.

EDITORIAL

Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Stanley, a Seabee, was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3

Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Parwan province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 25th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, 335th Signal Command Theater, East Point, Ga.

Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

HERE ARE the names of other local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and in support of the "war on terror." We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff

Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with a roadside bomb.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the

Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. Just last month, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an amazing organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a "good grief" camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to

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OPINION

Time to Honor

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protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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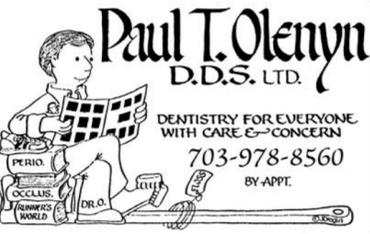
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Conductors James Puckett and Winn Jones of the Fairfax County Park Authority get ready to take guests for the first ride of the new and improved Burke Lake Park train on Sunday, May 20.

Big Wheels Rolling Again!

Burke Lake Train celebrates improvements to train and track.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

All Aboard Burke Lake Train

Little engineers jumped aboard Fairfax County's first miniature Central Pacific Huntington steam engine as it chugged over the tracks at Burke Lake Park, carrying guests on a quick loop around the park to celebrate improvements to the train and tracks.

On Sunday, May 20, a new version of the one-third-scale replica C.P. Huntington started making the rounds after the little engine that could was temporarily retired in 2005.

"This train has been a popular ride for nearly 40 years," said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who greeted guests during the celebration and boarded the train for its inaugural ride.

"I remember riding my bike here when I was a kid, through what's now Burke Lake Center E. We were adventurers," Herrity said. "Generations of families come here every year. It's one of our most popular parks."

The new locomotive looks the same, but new technology has made the ride advances in the design of miniature trains. According to Charlie Reagle, Burke Lake Park Manager, this model gets diagnostic tests performed by laptop computer, it's quieter and the improved gas mileage is a driver's dream - 26 runs, almost continuously throughout the day, on just four gallons of gas.

"This train never goes out of style," said Reagle, who estimates about 90,000 people ride the train

- ◆ Burke Lake Miniature Train - Fee: \$2.50
- ◆ Hours of Operation: April 7 through Memorial Day weekend - weekends only
- ◆ Memorial Day through Labor Day - open every day
- ◆ First train ride is 11:15 a.m.; last train ride is 5:45 p.m.
- ◆ After Labor Day - open weekends only
- ◆ Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Park grounds remain open sunrise to sunset. For more information on the park, train or other rides, call 703-323-6600 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark

each year.

"We love riding the train," said Meredith Materka of Burke, who rode with her son Nico, 2 1/2. "It's an annual rite to come here, ride the train and the carousel and then get some ice-cream."

Mason Keeney, 3, who was riding the train with his mom, Stephanie, and dad Cody, said he wanted to ride the train "at least two times, and get some ice-cream."

The train takes riders over 1.75 miles of track in about 10 minutes and reaches speeds of 10 to 12 miles per hour.

After the chug-along, there's more old-fashioned fun - a spin on the carousel, a hand-dipped cone at the Ice Cream Parlor and a walk on the park trail rated one of the 10 best urban fitness trails in the nation by the American Hiking Society.

The miniature train track, which runs parallel to the shoreline of Burke Lake, passes through a small tunnel, crosses 11 drainage cul-



Three generations of train lovers: The Rice family of Fairfax Station - grandfather Craig; mom Shelley holding Marina, 18 months; dad Peter holding Sam, 3 1/2 and grandmother Betsy. "We come here every year," Betsy Rice said. "It's a family tradition."



Guests get ready to board the new and improved Burke Lake Train on Sunday, May 20, during a special celebration of the popular ride, which has chugged along the tracks for nearly 40 years. From left, front row: The Boulou family of Burke - Lillian, 6, dad Patrick, mom Nicole and brother Kevin, 4, along with the Adams family of Fairfax Station - mom Natasha, dad Scott and daughter, Mila, 3. Back row: Harold Pyon, the West Springfield District member of the Fairfax County Park Authority and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).

verts, and a wooden trestle. Renovations included replacing existing ties, rails, and switches, reconstructing the stone base and replacing the culvert pipes. Approximately 1,500 linear feet of wooden retaining wall was also replaced,

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SMILE Carnival Earns Gold Award

Katelyn Sparks, a South County Secondary School freshman, recently achieved the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award for something she does every day - SMILE.

SMILE - an acronym for Socially Mutually Involved Life Enhancement - was the name Sparks gave her service project, which earned her the Gold Award, comparable to the Boy Scout Eagle Award.

The SMILE Carnival, held at South County Secondary School last month, provided socialization opportunities for teens and adults with disabilities from across Fairfax County, while at the same time providing hand-on volunteer opportunities for more than 65 non-disabled teens.

"Teens and adults with special needs don't often have the chance to interact with those without disabilities in a fun environment," Sparks said. "Also, many teens without disabilities don't have experience interacting with the special needs population, so they can feel uncomfortable or indifferent towards them. I wanted to change that."

Sparks said her volunteer work with special-needs adults at the



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A Girl Scout since 2002, South County Secondary School freshman Katelyn Sparks achieves Gold Award for SMILE Carnival.

Friendship Club - a mission of Christ Church in Fairfax Station - was the inspiration for her project.

"The carnival was a huge success," said Maria Frazzini, the leader of Girl Scout Troop 374 in Lorton, where Sparks will continue to participate.

"In a survey following the carnival, 82 percent of teen volunteers said they had more compassion for the special needs population, and 100 percent said they would be more helpful and friendly to individuals with special needs in the future," Frazzini said.

— VICTORIA ROSS

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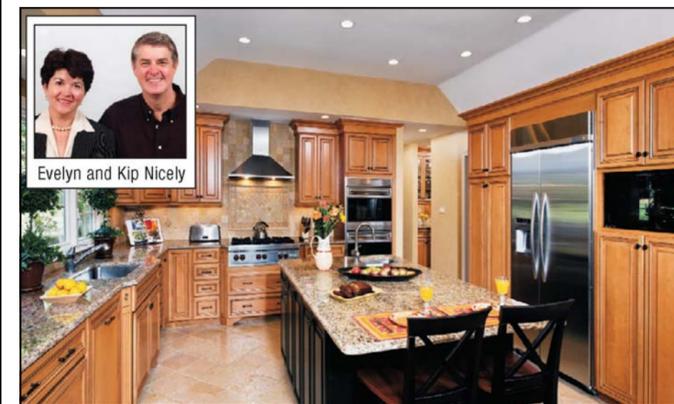
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'Happily Ever After' at Workhouse

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Full of energy with plenty of foolishness to sweeten the life lessons hidden in plain sight, the magical fairy tale "Rapunzel" is given an appealing live production rendition at the Workhouse Studio 3 for Young Audiences.

Careen Hearne, director of the production, set out to produce a "Rapunzul" with some of its Grimm's Fairy Tale darkness softened a tad for younger audiences. The Workhouse version is the same "Rapunzel" we know, but "with much humor and also much heart." She has accomplished her goal and given younger audiences three dimensional characters who also interact with the audience throughout the production.

Hearne has also made certain that the various characters beyond just Rapunzel receive their time in the spotlight. Whether the Witch, the Prince, Bakers or Monsters, each have time to shine in their own ways and to be much more than a mere car-



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From left Kindra Cook and Amanda Spellman.

Where and When

Workhouse Youth Arts Center, Building W3, 9601 Ox Road in Lorton. Performances: Saturdays, May 12-June 30 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets: \$12 adults; \$8 children under 12 years old. Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.WorkhouseArts.org. Note: Suitable for all ages

toon character.

In this telling, the Witch has a deep sorrow in her life that leaves her searching for a way to give

someone all the love she has inside her. The husband and wife Bakers do some naughty things and there must be consequences for their actions. A two-headed, three-legged monster is, well, quite cuddly and adorable and not such a scary beast at all. The Prince and his Squire show fortitude and work hard to rescue Rapunzel from her lonely, high tower.

The technical aspects of the production are charming and well accomplished. Fake stone walls, a lit working fountain and bright,

colorful flowers greet the audience. There is also original music by Alex Aucoin to take the audience through scene changes and underpins the actions and text. The costumes are sharp; delightfully vivid, conveying the essence of each character.

Not to be missed, the well-remembered phrase "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your lovely hair" even leads to some well accomplished, unexpected physical activity by any number of characters.

The actors all deserve mention. They include Kindra Cook, a Witch with a flair for the dramatic movement of her arms and great flashing eyes. Ashley San is innocent Rapunzel, the young woman who grows "bored and sick to death of happiness." Jesse Baskin and Amanda Spellman are loudly comical baker and his wife. Anna Jackson and Chris Galindo combine to create a sweetly cute monster. Eben Kuhns is the resilient heartthrob Prince and Jason Krage his hard-working Squire.

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

"The 39 Steps." 8 p.m. Workhouse Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A mysterious woman and an ordinary man are caught in an international espionage ring. \$15-\$20. www.WorkhouseArts.org.
Friday Friends Book Club. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The Jacket by Andrew Clements. Ages 8-12. 703-249-1520.

SATURDAY/MAY 26

"Rapunzel." 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Studio 3 Theatre for Young Audiences, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A lost prince, a two-headed monster, an unscrupulous baker, a lonely witch and a flaxen-tressed maiden. \$8-\$12. www.WorkhouseArts.org.
Strawberry Social. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Cranford UM Church, 9912 Old Cholchester Road, Lorton. BBQ, hotdogs, cole slaw, chips, beverages, ice cream and strawberries and more. Bake sale, drawing for strawberry-related basket. Takeout available. 703-339-5382.
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Virginia Grand Military Band. 8 p.m. Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. "Memorial Day Salute" performing works by Sousa, Gilmore and Liszt. With John Philip Sousa IV. Adults \$20, band directors, students and under 18 free. 703-426-4777 or www.vgmb.com.

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SUNDAY/MAY 27

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TUESDAY/MAY 29

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

Learning English. 10:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/MAY 31

Story Time. 10 a.m. Caribou Coffee, 11947 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. With Miss Elise, children's director at Fairfax Circle Church, reading "Little Bear's Dragon" by Jane Hissey. 703-815-2001.
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Finetta Jensen, Lydia Gonzalez and Megan Jolley have their hands full taking care of the Toddler Class, but they're still smiling.

Learning and Laughter at Northern Virginia Academy of Early Learning

The Northern Virginia Academy of Early Learning sits quietly in a corner of the shops of Lorton Valley center giving away little with its typical brick and glass store front look. But just get through those secured main doors, and you enter into a world of color, imagination, learning and lots of hugs. The entry and halls are all hand-painted with scenes from books that are familiar to the young students and it is not uncommon to see them "greet" the colorful characters. The splashes of color continue in all of the neatly kept classrooms, well furnished with everything needed to keep those youngsters productively occupied. Make-believe is also encouraged on the playground where young "travelers" and "conductors" can hop aboard a replica train when they are not engaged in typical running around and jungle-gym activities.

The state licensed private day school, open from 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, provides educational and recreational programs and activities for children from infants to pre-school, as well as an after school program for children up to twelve. With so many child care facilities to choose from, why does Director Mahrukh Aziz think the Academy is special? "One thing is that we are not a big

chain," she says. "Our administrator, Fran Gattis, has 33 years of experience. She is very hands-on. She knows what's going on here and really cares." Both Aziz and Assistant Director Angie Gould were quick to also note that most of the staff are long tenured, something they say is not that common in the industry. "We know all of our students. Who needs an extra hug, who wants to be the helper, who just needs a little extra help."

While there are appropriate rest periods, the Academy's curriculum includes plenty of activity geared toward each age group. The children are engaged by the staff, not just left to their own devices. There are reading programs, math exercises, science experiments, Sign Language and Spanish, even field trips to places like the Reston Zoo. And things won't slow down just because it's summer time. "Our theme this summer is the Olympics and the World of Sports," Aziz explained. "In addition to keeping up all the learning activities, there will be an emphasis on fitness and sports."

The Academy is located at 8931 Ox Road in Lorton. Director Aziz and staff invite parents and guardians to contact them for a tour or more information about the school...and to step back for just a few minutes into the wonderful, colorful world of childhood.

— ANDREA WORKER

CALENDAR

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Rams Defeat Westfield in Rainy Concorde Title Game

Robinson baseball builds 3-0 lead before weather delay; Go on to 4-2 title game victory.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Both the Westfield and Robinson baseball teams, along with competing against one another in Tuesday night's Concorde District tournament baseball championship game, had to deal with sloppy, rainy weather conditions as well. Ultimately, following a third inning delay due to rain, the Rams of Robinson came away with a 4-2 finals win.

The title game was originally scheduled to be played on Monday night at Chantilly High, but rainy conditions forced postponement to Tuesday. While the contest did get played on Tuesday, the site was changed - from Chantilly High to Westfield.

The 6:30 p.m. scheduled start got

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— Westfield head coach Chuck Welch

off without a hitch. The game began with overcast clouds and the threat of rain, with a light sprinkle starting up later in the opening inning. Later, in the top of the third with Robinson batting, the rain began coming down harder. By the time the half inning concluded, the rain was coming down steadily and conditions were such that the umpire crew stopped play until the rain stopped or slowed down.

Players from both teams helped pull a large, white tarp onto the infield. The state of the art field protector also covered several feet of the outfield grass.

Fans in attendance had sought shelter away from the ball diamond and the players, after putting the tarp on, stayed in their respective dugouts waiting to see what the remainder of the evening would bring. The rain grew harder and steadier.

Music from the press box - everything from the classic 'Singing in the Rain' to the Beach Boys - echoed throughout the mostly vacated ball diamond and stadium area. The game's three umpires, along with game officials and media personnel, hung out in a crowded press box.

One of the three men in blue stated,



Robinson leadoff batter Patrick Baker stands at the plate during the first inning of Tuesday's Concorde District baseball finals at Westfield High School. The senior second baseman went on to smack a double and eventually scored to give the Rams a lead they never lost.



The team's head coaches - Westfield's Chuck Welch (left) and Robinson's John James (right) - meet with the plate umpire prior to the start of the game.

"I think we got the teams off just in time," as the rain began falling even harder.

Westfield head coach Chuck Welch came up to the press box, got to a computer, and checked the weather forecast for the remainder of the night on intellicast.com. A large, motionless heavy rain cloud, it appeared, loomed over the area and was there to stay.

"It's not the first time this year this has happened to us," said Welch, recalling a home game versus McLean in which the Westfield ball field was covered by tarp prior to the start of the game. Eventually, the non-

district meeting got underway and was completed.

Speaking of the huge tarp, Welch, talking to the umpires and others in the press box, said, "I'm pretty sure this might be the only tarp [of this quality] in the Northern Region. It's pretty easy to put on, not so easy to take off."

ULTIMATELY, THE GAME resumed following a long delay. After the teams had ample time to warm up again, 'play ball' was the call. Robinson, who led 3-0 when the game was initially stopped in the third inning, went on

to the 4-2 championship victory.

Initially, at the start of the game and prior to the rain delay, things had gotten off to a somewhat rocky start for the Rams, although they did take an early lead. The guests had scored a run in the top of the first inning, thanks to an RBI double down the left field line and off the outfield wall by Rams' No. 3 batter Chase Bailey. The extra base hit, which came with one out, plated Patrick Baker, who had led off the game with an opposite field double down the right field line. Danny Herrera, Robinson's No. 2 batter, executed a sacrifice bunt to move Baker to third before Bailey's two-bagger accounted for the game's initial run and a lead the Rams would never relinquish.

Following the Bailey double, Robinson's Denis Mikush walked and Will Miller reached on an infield single to lead the bases for the Rams, who were threatening to score more. But Westfield starting pitcher Bryan Drager retired the next two batters and Robinson left the bases full.

But Robinson soon found itself in a serious jam upon taking the field. In Westfield's first inning at-bats, walks to the first three Bulldog batters - Matt Pisarcik, Wade Arduini, and Kyle Corwin - loaded the bases and forced Robinson head coach John James to make an early pitching change. Reliever Matt Spaulding, who started the game at shortstop, took over on the mound and somehow got out of the inning without the Bulldogs scoring.

The first batter he faced, Patrick McLaughlin, sizzled a hard ground ball to third base. Rams' third baseman Herrera fielded the ball and threw home for a force play at the plate. Robinson catcher Kyle Hatterick, with one foot on home plate, made an outstanding short-hop catch of the throw for the innings first out. Spaulding then coaxed a 4-6-3 double play to get his team out of the inning unscathed and Robinson still ahead 1-0.

The game's next scoring inning came in the top of the third when Robinson scored twice to go ahead 3-0. Herrera and Bailey opened the inning by earning walks. A wild pitch advanced both runners before Mikush hit a high sacrifice fly down the right field line to score a run and make it 2-0. Next, Miller, who bats left-handed, plated the innings second run on a fielder's choice ground ball to second base. When the half inning ended, Robinson had built a 3-0 lead just as the umpires were putting a temporary halt to the game due to the rain. The fairly long delay followed.

But at night's end, it was the Rams who had outlasted the elements and beaten a strong team in the Westfield Bulldogs.

Both Robinson and Westfield are scheduled to host opening round Northern Region playoff games this Friday night. Their opponents will be Langley and Marshall from the Liberty District.

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Purpose of notice: To seek public comment on the tentative decision by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to grant a variance to regulatory requirements of the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations (VSWMR) regarding the Lorton CDD Landfill in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Public comment period: May 23, 2012 to June 20, 2012

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Lorton CDD Landfill, SWP 331

VARIANCE PETITION applicant: Envirosolutions, Inc.

Faculty Position Announcement: Instructor

Starting Date: August 1, 2012
Tenure: Tenure Ineligible.
Term: 12-Months

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Project description: Golder Associates, Inc., on behalf of Envirosolutions, Inc., submitted a petition to the Director for a variance to the requirements of 9 VAC 20-81-130.J.2.b.(5), which requires an 18-inch drainage and protective cover layer with a minimum hydraulic conductivity of 1x10-3 cm/sec as part of the synthetic liner for CDD landfills. In lieu of meeting this requirement, the petition outlined the use of a drainage/protective cover layer consisting of a 200-mil geonet composite and 18 inches of on-site soil as the drainage material with a minimum hydraulic conductivity of 1x10-5 cm/sec. This petition has been submitted consistent with the requirements of 9 VAC 20-81-760.A. The tentative decision to approve this petition for a variance is based on information submitted to the Department.

How to comment: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the variance petition at the DEQ office named below.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Kathryn Perszyk, Solid Waste Permit Coordinator, Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3856; E-mail: kathryn.perszyk@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821.

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Located in a park-like setting, this 4 BR, 2 full & 2 half BA brick TH features new Kit w granite, SS appliances & ceramic flrs, hardwoods on main & upper lvls & French doors lead to a New Orleans style balcony. The large brick patio and beautiful backyard complete this home.
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Alexandria \$414,878
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Fairfax \$639,900
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