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Fairfax Golden Gavel Awards. 5:30 p.m., at Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. With a networking reception and dinner to follow, Fairfax Law Foundation recognizes community contributors. \$150. 703-246-2084 or jsehrer@fairfaxbar.org.

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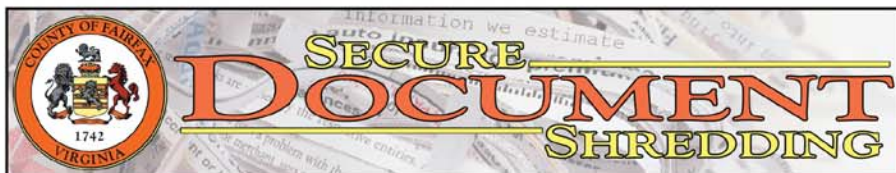
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Mitt Romney speaks to a crowd at Van Dyck Park in Fairfax, Thursday, Sept. 13.

Romney Addresses Fairfax Crowd

Candidate draws almost 3,000 at Van Dyck Park.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney appeared in Fairfax, Thursday, Sept. 13, bringing almost 3,000 supporters out to Van Dyck Park. Attendees packed the streets surrounding the park all morning, and stayed in line even if they weren't able to get in throughout Romney's speech.

Romney, who said that "Northern Virginia could very well determine who the next president is," drew many locals who said they hoped to ensure he won Virginia.

"It's going to come down to Virginia, Florida and Ohio in November, so I think, and hope, we'll be seeing a lot more of Mitt around here," said Dennis Blatt of Fairfax, who got in line first thing in the morning. "I think in Virginia it's going to come down to Northern Virginia, so hopefully he can start connecting with people who are ready for a change."

Debbie Munoz, the vice president of a small construction company, said she came out to support Romney because of his pro-business policies.

"Under the economy Obama presented with us, we've seen opportunities dwindle because of the size of our business," she said. "EPA regulations have strangled businesses like ours, we used to build gas stations, and I don't know if you've looked around to see how many have been built lately, but in 2008 we built our last gas station in Ashburn, Va. because Exxon and Shell and companies like those decided it just wasn't worth it to fight with the regulations the EPA was confronting them with."

"It's been a popular notion to dismiss Gov. Romney for his lack of foreign policy experience, but Obama came into office without a lot, and to be hon-



Almost 3,000 people gather to hear Mitt Romney at Van Dyck Park in Fairfax, Thursday, Sept. 23.

est, I think the president has acquitted himself well in that field," said Sharon Finnegan of Falls Church. "So there's no reason to think Mitt can't learn on the job."

ROMNEY ADDRESSED foreign policy during his speech, bringing it close to home for many Americans who are affected by the economy.

"When China manipulates their currency by holding down their currency, what it does is make their products in this country artificially cheap. And that makes American manufacturers and producers out of business and kills jobs. The president has had a chance for years to label China a currency manipulator, but he hasn't done so. I will label China the currency manipulator they are on my first day in office."

Romney cited a recent USA Today article as an example of the way the economy has affected employment and income over the past few years.

"These are tough times for American families who have work, and there are 23 million without work, or have stopped looking for work, or are underemployed," he said. "What our president has done the last four years has not helped, it has led to a \$4,300 decline in median income, it's led to unemployment being above eight percent for 43 straight months."

Natalie Enoch, who lives nearby in Fairfax City, said she came to get a little better sense of who Romney the person was.

"I think in sounds bites and short clips he might come across as a little awkward, but I really saw his ability to address and connect with a large crowd," she said. "It's hard to separate rhetoric, because both candidates sort of say the same thing a lot of the time, but I think Mr. Romney has a clear vision, and if he can execute it we'll all be in a better place."



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

A 40-foot tree, uprooted by the June 29 derecho storm, landed on a sidewalk at George Mason University.

County Launches Safety Campaign

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In the past 12 months, Fairfax County residents have experienced an unprecedented number of emergencies, from an earthquake and a tropical storm to floods, a tornado and a derecho.

The June 29 derecho—a fast-moving line of thunderstorms that rolled through the area without warning—wreaked the most havoc, surprising residents with 50-80 mph winds, toppling trees and knocking out power to more than 1 million homes.

In the wake of these emergencies, Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) launched an emergency preparedness campaign called "Fairfax Prepares: 30 Ways in 30 Days." The multi-media campaign is a month-long effort to promote emergency preparedness through daily tips, ideas and outreach efforts. The campaign coincides with National Preparedness Month (NPM), sponsored by FEMA in partnership with Citizen Corps. NPM is held each September to encourage Americans to make sure they are prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

"We encourage your participation and, even more importantly, your willingness to share these tips with your family, friends, coworkers, faith community, interest groups and neighbors," said Marcelo Ferreira of the OEM. "We're always at risk for other incidents such as terrorism."

Here's how to participate in this campaign:

❖ Each day, check the new

post on the OEM emergency blog at fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com/

❖ Each idea will have an "ask" for you to accomplish—something practical.

❖ When you complete the ask (or if you were already prepared for a specific tip), then tell the OEM through one or many of these ways:

❖ Post a quick reply in the blog comments section such as "I've done this."

❖ Use the Twitter hashtag #fairfaxprepares and tweet your accomplishment.

❖ Like the Facebook page for this campaign to leave comments and share tips.

❖ Email staff at publicaffairs@fairfaxcounty.gov that you accomplished an ask.

"Try to accomplish as many asks as you can in the 30 days (all asks may not apply for example, if you don't have pets).

"Tell us how you customized an ask for your family or personal situation. And again, please share these tips with your networks of friends, neighbors, faith community members and more," said Ferreira.

Currently, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management offers preparedness brochures in 10 key languages. These can be printed and shared with people you know who speak those languages.

"More than 160 languages are spoken in Fairfax County Public Schools. That's one measure of how diverse our community is today," according to OEM officials. "While we will predominantly publish emergency information in English, we need our whole community to be engaged in emergency preparedness."

AREA ROUNDUPS

Democratic Women to Discuss School Issues

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) will meet Sunday, Sept. 23, from 3-5 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are invited. Democratic Fairfax County School Board members have been invited to discuss later school start times, parental notification and discipline policy reform, school lunch reforms, renovation queues for schools, the superintendent search and the budget.

For more information, e-mail cliftonwomendems@aol.com or visit www.democraticwomenofclifton.org.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices—such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes—including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road in Lorton. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Bike Summit Slated

The inaugural Fairfax Bike Summit will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, at George Mason University. The goal is to bring together current and future bicyclists, bicycle organizations, bike shops and transportation

professionals to discuss how to make Fairfax County a better place to live by making bicycling a major component of the transportation system.

Nationally known speakers will include County resident Andy Clarke, president of the League of American Bicyclists, Chris Eatough of BikeArlington and Stewart Schwartz of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. And on display will be the latest transportation bikes and gear from local bike shops.

Register online for free; attendance is limited to 200 people. Display space is free and available for bicycle businesses and organizations. The event will be held at The HUB at GMU in the front-middle ballroom, 4400 University Drive in Fairfax. Further information is available at www.fabb-bikes.org and bikesummit@fabb-bikes.org.

Sponsoring the summit are Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), GMU and Fairfax County.

Stacy C. Sherwood Center Wins Best New Facility Award

The Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Awards and Citations Commission determine award winners in 14 different categories from all over the Commonwealth of Virginia—the Stacy C. Sherwood Center was nominated for, and won, the prestigious Best New Facility Award.

Opened in 2011, the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center was built by money donated by Geraldine Sherwood to honor her husband, Stacy C. Sherwood, a former city council member and local businessman. The center now caters to a wide range of arts, activities and programs run through the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation.

BUSINESS NOTES

Donatos Pizza Opens in Fairfax

Fairfax City residents got their first taste of Edge to Edge® Pizza when Donatos Pizza opened, Tuesday, Aug. 28. The new restaurant, located at 10160 Fairfax Blvd., is operated by Donatos franchise partner Slice of Life Enterprise, LLC.

The restaurant offers a wide variety of pizzas, subs, wings and salads. The Edge-to-Edge® toppings and the pizza's thin crust has been the hallmark that has made Donatos a Midwest favorite, and the owners think it will soon be a favorite of Fairfax City.

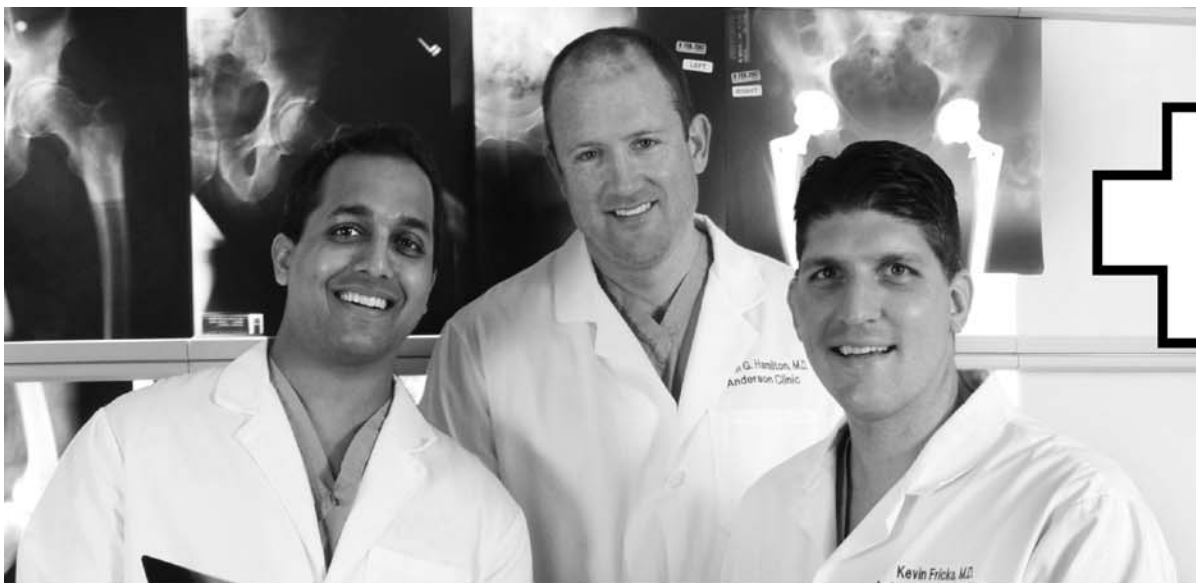
The business plans on hiring up to 45 full-time and part-time associates to staff the Fairfax City location. Tim Short, a veteran of Donatos, has been selected as the general manager. He has recently relocated to Northern Virginia with his wife Melissa. His background in community outreach and relationship were chosen to mesh with the businesses, non-profits and schools in Fairfax City.

The Fairfax Blvd. pizzeria will feature a 28 seat dining area as well as convenient delivery and pick up services. In addition to dining-in at the new Donatos, customers can place their orders by calling 703-273-6333 or by logging onto www.donatos.com/NOVA. Store hours are 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

HS Management Consulting Opens for Business

Hollis Stambaugh, a management consultant, has launched a new business, HS Management Consulting (HSMC) based in Fairfax. Stambaugh has led major strategic and analytic studies, enhanced emergency preparedness capabilities for government and commercial clients, conducted dozens of post disaster analyses and guided multi-agency partnerships for over 30 years. Her goal in establishing HSMC is to work closely with clients to provide customized services that enhance rather than replace clients' base of operations or programs.

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NEWS

Eight Months Prison for Fairfax Man

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax resident Peter Kim has been sentenced to eight months in prison for conspiracy to commit wire fraud. He was also ordered to pay his share of the more than \$700,000 lost by financial institutions because of his part in a \$1.5 million mortgage-fraud scheme.

Authorities said he and others joined together to defraud financial institutions into making fraudulent mortgage loans. The players included a mortgage broker, an unqualified straw buyer, an executive from a title company and several intermediaries who prepared and approved fraudulent loan documents.

According to a May 17 federal indictment, six co-conspirators "prepared and submitted false, fraudulent and misleading mortgage-loan applications for an unqualified buyer who would not have otherwise been approved for the loan. The fraudulent applications contained false information regarding the applicant's employment, income, assets, immigration status and intent to live in the property as a primary residence."

Court documents revealed that, "One month after conspirators fraudulently obtained \$1.2 million in mortgage loan proceeds, they applied for and fraudulently received a \$350,000 home equity loan, the proceeds of which were distributed among some of the conspirators."

The indictment stated that those involved in the scheme "created fake documents to corroborate false information contained in fraudulent loan applications—including a fake lease, fabricated bank statement and a bogus W-2. One conspirator also falsely verified another conspirator's employment in order to qualify for the loan."

The mortgage-fraud scheme involved a home in Gainesville, and in May in the U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Kim, 39, Fairfax's Erin Cullen, 32, and three other conspirators pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Kim returned for sentencing Sept. 7 and, at that time, U.S. District Court Judge Anthony J. Trenga sentenced him to eight months incarceration followed by three years supervised release. Kim must also pay his portion of the \$700,536 restitution owed the victims. Cullen is slated for sentencing this Friday, Sept. 21.

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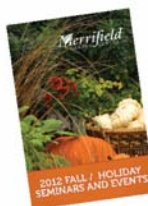
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This week, this volume containing George Washington's personal copy of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other legislation passed by the first session of Congress, with his handwritten notes in the margins, went on display at the Mount Vernon Estate, on Constitution Day which was Monday, Sept. 17. The book will be on display at Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center at the Mount Vernon Estate through President's Day in February 2013.

It is certainly worth the trip to see. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments, are a model of spare writing, packing every word and phrase with meaning, anticipating much and providing a framework for future. Here is the text of the Bill of Rights, courtesy of the Library of Congress. I cannot imagine that 500 words anywhere from any era convey so much power. These 500 words are what make democracy work.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Major Disappointment

To the Editor:

The Sept. 13-19 issue of the Connection was a major disappointment.

The page headline was "News" and yet the main article (Bow Hunting in Fairfax County Parks) concentrated on sensationalism and offered no opposing material on the subject. Any reader could easily tell that the top left deer photo was "enhanced" with the arrow—most likely with Photoshop or similar editing software. It wasn't News; was it a paid advertisement? If so, it was in poor taste.

The article, and the cited web site, was rife with incorrect or misleading statements. I believe the Connection Publishers owe it to their readers to investigate the facts. What better source than Victoria Monroe, the Fairfax County wildlife biologist. Ms. Monroe runs the Parks Bow Hunting Program and does a credible job.

I could have attached a legiti-

mate photo of a sick and starving deer within Fairfax County—but that serves little except to tug at the emotional heartstrings. Overpopulation of deer in Fairfax County is a reality and it is a problem that must be faced square-on, using science, biology, personnel majoring in the wildlife career field and an understanding of the alternative costs of managing the deer herd. If citizens don't understand that an overpopulation of deer causes sickness, hunger, stress and death for the deer themselves, that it causes the under-story/browse in our parks to disappear, that it leads to a reduction in the diversity of wild birds, plants, flowers and other wildlife, that it increases auto-deer collisions—then managing and controlling the deer population is that much harder.

Bow hunting in the parks is one method of managing the deer herd. Your readers need to know that the participant bow hunters are not just a group of careless individuals who just picked up their bows yesterday for the first time. Ms. Monroe's program sees to it

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A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Article IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall

be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Article VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

— MARY KIMM,

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Someone can put a gun to your head and say, "Do this." But, you make the choice. No one can make you create a business. No one can make you take over a business built by others. No one can make you eat your vegetables.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 24

LifeCircle Alliances Awards

Breakfast. 7-9:30 a.m., at the Mason Inn on the campus of George Mason University, Fairfax. LifeCircle Alliances (LCA) is seeking caregiver nominations for its third annual Kudos for Community Caregivers Award Breakfast; awards will be given to outstanding volunteer caregivers, family members, faith-based organizations or corporations who provide dedicated care day in and day out enabling seniors and adults with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities. 703-975-3180 or Kaylarmer@verizon.net or www.LifeCircleAlliances.org.

3rd Annual Kudos for Community Caregivers Awards Breakfast. 7-9:30 a.m., at the George Mason Inn, 4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. The buffet breakfast benefits programs and services for young adults with disabilities and autism while honoring outstanding volunteer caregivers or organizations. \$35. www.lifecirclealliances.org.

Grocery Coupon Workshop. 7-9 p.m., at the Pennino Building, room 206A, 12011 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax. In celebration of National Coupon Month, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs brings the author of BeltwayBargainMom.com and a Savings.com DealProto teach a workshop on how to master coupon use. 703-222-8435 or consumeraffairs.eventbrite.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 25

Washington Area Transportation

Forum. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dewberry Offices (Back Building Basement), 8403 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Featuring a facilitated panel discussion on lessons learned on past Design Build Transportation projects from the owner's and design-build teams perspective. members, \$35; non-members, \$55; owners, \$10; students, free. dbiaacetransportationforum.eventbrite.com/.

CASINO NIGHT

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Teaching Kids About Money

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Experts offer advice on raising financially savvy children.

“Money comes from my daddy,” said Ian, a 7-year-old boy from Arlington, who is missing his front teeth.

“My parents got it from an ATM,” said 6-year-old Claire when

asked about the origins of the \$10 bill that she was using to buy a scoop of chocolate ice cream.

Financial experts say that as soon as children are aware of the purchasing power of money, par-

ents should start teaching them how to use it wisely. Children who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

“No matter how young a child is, they can always learn good money practices,” said Theresia Wansi, an associate professor of finance at Marymount University in Arlington. “What matters in life is not how much money you earn, but how you manage your finances. We hear stories all the time about people who make millions and end up broke.”

Potomac, Md., resident Glen Bucu, president of West Financial Services, says many financial advisers in his McLean, office are also parents who are passing along penny-wise know-how to their children. “When their children receive money, the parents help them develop a budget using a ‘three bucket system,’ said Bucu. “One bucket is for saving, one is for spending and one for charity.”

Experts like Bucu say wise shopping is a key component of money smarts: “When children want items like clothing or electronics, help them develop a budget with the money they’ve saved and then shop around,” he said. “One of the mothers in my office helped her 9-year-old daughter shop for shoes online by comparing prices, looking for discounts and free shipping.”

Ilham Nasser, an associate professor of early childhood education at George Mason University in Fairfax, says impulse control is often a stumbling block to financial stability. “Parents can teach self-regulation by using techniques like telling their children to count to 10 or take a deep breath or by playing simple games like ‘Simon Says’ to teach delayed gratification.”

Wansi says children should also be taught to keep track of the money that passes through their hands. “Everyone should have a spending diary,” she said. “Use a spreadsheet where the child lists what they spend. They might see that they are spending much more than they thought they were.”

Setting financial goals and working toward them is another strategy for managing urges to spend money frivolously. “Everyone can set short-term, intermediate and long-term financial



Ilham Nasser, Ph.D., of George Mason University in Fairfax, says parents can teach children delayed gratification by using simple games like ‘Simon Says.’



Herndon resident Theresia Wansi, Ph.D., of Marymount University in Arlington, encourages parents to help children keep track of their money by writing down the amount they spend each day.

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Theresia Wansi, Ph.D., who teaches finance at Marymount University in Arlington, believes that those who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

goals,” said Wansi. “The goals you set have to be realistic and specific in measurable terms. For example, ‘I am going to get a part-time job to save for a \$2,000 car in six months.’”

WHEN IT COMES TO LEARNING to save, experts say to start early. “Even an elementary school student who has \$5 can be taught to save \$2 in a piggy bank,” said Wansi. “When they are old enough to open a savings account, they can save money there.”

Parents can help their children understand expenses and how simple actions can save money by allowing them to see bills, due dates and the amount of money owed.

“If your children leave lights on all over the house and you yell at them, they’re not going to get it. You have to share your bills with your children,” said Wansi, who lives in Herndon. “When my kids were away at college, my bill was around \$100 dollars ... and when they came back [for a school break] it was \$500. I took the bills for them to see and they were amazed that a bill could be that expensive. Then everybody starting turning off lights without being asked.”

Nassar suggests parents use a show and tell approach: “Part of raising a child is being a role model and showing an ability to manage expenses,” she said. “When you go to the grocery store, take your children and say, ‘We have \$100 today and we need to get these things. Let’s see which are the most important things.’ Help them think about priorities.”

Understanding credit is a critical part of financial management, says Wansi: “In the U.S., it is hard to live without good credit. Teach children the advantages and pitfalls of credit. Beginning at middle school, it is important for children to understand the importance of good credit. I’ve talked to high school students who didn’t know that when you use credit cards you have to pay the money back.”

Bucu says that debit cards might be a good alternative. “I’ve seen parents use these when their kids go off to college,” he said. “They would put money in the account and the kids can use the debit card. Several parents in my office who have 12- and 13-year-olds have set up debit cards with zero balances. When the kids find something they want to buy, [they can] move money out of savings into checking.”



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As the application period gets underway, local independent school officials offer suggestions.

START SURFING. "I would encourage parents to visit a variety of school websites to get a feel for the wide range of fabulous independent school options available. A comprehensive directory of schools with website information [can be found at <http://www.independenteducation.org>]." Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School, Bethesda, Md.

WATCH AND RUMINATE. "Observe your child and think about the learning style that's best for him or her. What are the values of your family? What are your hopes for your child's education?" Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

AVOID FOLLOWING THE PACK. "Don't be swayed by popular opinion or reputation. Instead, visit every school you're considering, talk to current or alumni parents and students, and then decide whether that school may fit your child's interests, personality and needs." Tim Simpson, director of admission, Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND START SLEUTHING. "Create a list of five or 10 things that are important to you and your child. Check the athletic schedules and the theatrical and fine arts performance schedules, which are posted on the websites of [independent schools]. You should come to those events ... because the more time you spend on a campus, particularly at an event that is not run by an admissions office, you're going to get a much better sense of what that [school's] community is like. For example, do you see students there who you could see yourself being friends with?"

Do you like the way that the adults are interacting with the students in the community?" asked Ann Miller, director of admission, Madeira School, McLean.

MAKE A LIST AND CHECK IT. "List out the schools you think you may want to apply to and check on their application processes and deadline dates. Many schools have parts of the application that are extremely time sensitive, such as signing up for admission testing as well as filing for financial assistance." Pat Harden, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Md.

DEAL WITH STICKER SHOCK. "Don't eliminate a school from your search because of the cost of tuition without looking into financial aid [or] merit and scholarship awards that may help reduce the cost." Scott Conklin, director of admissions, Episcopal High School of Virginia, Arlington.

FIND A CLEAR PICTURE. "When considering schools, take a moment to actually visit the campus and ask the tough questions. A school's website may or may not be the full picture. The question for the parent is, how real is the image they are seeing online? A few conversations with parents and teachers go a lot farther in this regard. Ask admissions officers what their schools' mission is, how it is different from that of other schools and how they implement the mission." Rich Moss, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac.

GET ORGANIZED. "Finally, once you have decided that you will be applying to a school for your child, get out that calendar again and write down all deadline information – application deadline, financial aid deadlines, supporting documents and testing deadlines." Mimi Mulligan.

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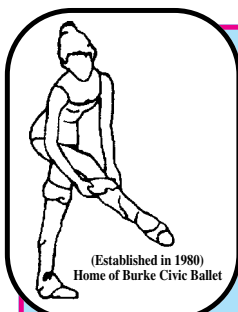
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Giving Back to Task Force One

Firehouse Subs gives firefighters \$10,000 toward search tool.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

When disasters nearly anywhere in the world trap people in buildings and under rubble, Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Team is often called to find and rescue them. Now, thanks to a new piece of equipment called a telehandler, the team will be even better prepared for the task.

"It looks like a forklift on steroids," said Battalion Chief Chris Schaff, program manager for the team, called Virginia Task Force One (VA-TF1). "It gives you the ability to pick up stuff and also be

able to boom out and reach out over a rubble pile while training."

The telehandler cost \$42,000 total. Women in Homeland Security, a Herndon nonprofit, donated \$32,000, and Firehouse Subs' Public Safety Foundation awarded the team a \$10,000 grant for the rest. Last Wednesday, Sept. 12, it presented a ceremonial check to the Fire and Rescue Department.

The ceremony was in the parking lot of the Firehouse Subs in the Fairfax Towne Center in Fair Oaks, which raised the money for the telehandler via customer contributions. About 50 members of VA-TF1 were on hand.

Known for its hearty submarine sandwiches, Firehouse Subs was

founded in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1994 by former firefighting brothers Chris and Robin Sorensen. Years later, their family's 200-year firefighting heritage inspired the formation of the company's Public Safety Foundation to support public-safety entities throughout the U.S.

"In 2005, they went to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina and were overwhelmed by the commitment of the firefighters they saw there," said Robin Peters, the foundation's executive director. "And they knew there's no fire department that couldn't use some help."

THAT YEAR, Firehouse Subs created its nonprofit foundation to provide money, lifesaving equipment and educational opportunities to aid first responders. Since then, it's given more than \$4.5 million to fire and police departments and EMS organizations, including more than \$219,700 to public-safety entities in Virginia.

Donation canisters on register counters explain the foundation's mission and collect contributions. And each restaurant's roundup program allows patrons to round up their bill to the nearest dollar, while contributing the spare change to the cause.

At last week's ceremony, Peters said, "Driving up here today and seeing all the firefighters, it makes you feel really good—and very humbled. I'm here to say thanks."

She said the Fairfax Towne Center's Firehouse Subs is one of the top fundraising restaurants in the chain. She even presented its franchisee, Mark Gilbert, with a certificate for having the system's number-one fundraiser in 2012.

But Peters gave the credit to the local residents. "People's small donations in our stores—a quarter here, a dollar there—add up to millions, and that enables us to do what we do," she said. "So we thank the people of Fairfax County for donating and making this possible."

Gilbert, in turn, praised his restaurant's general manager, Brian Hollenbach, who led the local fundraising efforts. "Basically," said Gilbert, "we're giving back to the people who give back to us. When we ask our customers if they want to contribute to first responders, they say yes."

He said he's happy to supply food to VA-TF1 when it deploys and give small discounts to the firefighters when they come to his restaurant for lunch. "This store opened four years ago, but we're



Some of the Urban Search and Rescue Team members with a replica check from Firehouse Subs.

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(From left) Battalion Chief Chris Schaff, VA-TF1 program manager, and Firehouse Subs franchisee Mark Gilbert with a photo of the telehandler.

not just in business to do subs," said Gilbert. "We have a heart to give back to the community. Thank you, guys; this is what makes this job worthwhile."

NEXT TO SPEAK was Assistant Fire Chief John Caussin. "To our men and women of Virginia Task Force One, this is an example of the importance of the service you provide and how it will come back to you twofold," he said. "Not only do you provide superior service in Fairfax County, but nationally and internationally. So on behalf of Chief Ron Mastin and the entire fire department, I thank you."

Noting how Firehouse Subs always supports the local firefighters, Schaff said, "I can call and say we need 80 sandwiches in two hours, and they're there." He then presented Gilbert and Firehouse Subs area representative Dan Lowe with a photo of the telehandler.

"We also want to thank you for all you do," Schaff told them. "This is above and beyond what we could ever have imagined. We look forward to developing this new

equipment at our training site in Lorton."

Caussin said the telehandler will allow the firefighters "to replicate the real-life scenes they see at earthquake and other disaster sites so they're better prepared to deal with them." Schaff said it's critical to have this capability.

"We need to be able to change our training rubble pile so it's not the same pile and rescue exercise for the crews every time," he explained. "The telehandler keeps it dynamic so we can simulate different types of collapses with different materials. We can also bury metal in the pile so people can work with K9s to pinpoint a person hidden in the rubble."

Lowe said Fairfax County firefighters donated used gear, such as helmets, axes and other tools, to help Firehouse Subs decorate its restaurants since opening in the County in 2007. So the company was pleased to help fund VA-TF1's new piece of equipment. Added Lowe: "Aside from just doing the right thing and making our communities a safe place to live, it's been a great partnership."

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David Rogers

David Rogers at Epicure Café

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Rita Dove

Rita Dove at Fall for the Book Opening Night

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. in the Harris Theatre on George Mason University's Fairfax campus, poet laureate Rita Dove will kickoff the Fall for the Book Festival, Sept. 26-30. Dove was recently awarded the prestigious National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama and will receive this year's Busboys and Poets Award—only the second recipient of this prize, after Claudia Rankine last year. Dove's most recent collection is *Sonata Mulattica*. www.fallforthebook.org.

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SPORTS

Fairfax Field Hockey Wins Invitational

Rebels outscored opponents 37-1 during 10-0 start.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After the Fairfax field hockey team had captured the Herndon Invitational championship, Senior Captain Shannon Cosgrove, recipient of the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, was asked if the Rebels' accomplishments—past and present—have placed a target on the team's back.

"Yeah, but we like that," she said. "... I think it puts some good pressure on us."

In 2012, "good" pressure has led to good results for the Rebels.

Fairfax defeated Herndon, 4-0, on

Sept. 15 to win the Herndon Invitational and improve to 10-0 on the season. The Rebels, winners of the last three Liberty District championships, defeated West Potomac, Yorktown, Wakefield and the Hornets en route the tournament title, outscoring their opponents 17-0 during the two-day event at Herndon High School. Through 10 games this year, Fairfax outscored its opponents 37-1.

Fairfax is continuing to thrive despite graduation losses that reached double digits.

"It's nice to be playing your best hockey as you head into districts," Head Coach Amber Beaudoin said. "... We really just need to solidify our defense and really just keep playing at a high level all the time."

Fairfax defeated West Potomac, 5-0, and Yorktown, 4-0, during the first day of the tournament on Sept. 14. Against West Potomac, forward/midfielder Cosgrove led the Rebels with a pair of goals. Sophomore forward Charlotte Duke, junior defender Sara Allen and senior midfielder Amanda Blackwell each scored once. Against Yorktown, sophomore forward/midfielder Cori Black, junior forward Emily Freeman, sophomore midfielder Trisha Le and Cosgrove each scored a goal. Fairfax beat Wakefield, 4-0, on Sept. 15. Cosgrove scored twice for the



Fairfax Senior Captain Shannon Cosgrove was named MVP of the Herndon Invitational.



Senior Captain Sam Zelenack and the Fairfax field hockey team won the two-day Herndon Invitational on Sept. 14-15 at Herndon High School.

Rebels, and senior forward Nikki Strickland and Allen each added a goal.

In the championship game, Freeman scored twice, and Cosgrove and sophomore midfielder Katie Buchen each had a goal.

Cosgrove scored a team-high six goals and contributed two assists during the tournament. She led Fairfax with 13 goals through 10 games and was tied for second with six assists.

Freeman had six goals and four assists during the 10-0 start.

"Emily just came out of nowhere," Beaudoin said. "She's a junior. She was the last player off our bench last year and now

she's turned it around, which is a great thing to have — when ... something clicks inside [a player's] head and they just start playing out of their mind, which is what she's been doing."

Senior midfielder Sam Zelenack, a captain, had five goals and three assists through 10 games, and Allen had three goals and a team-high 10 assists.

Goalkeepers Mackenzie Anderson (8 saves), a sophomore, and Shelby Allen (5 saves), a senior, combined to allow just one goal in 10 games.

Cosgrove, Zelenack and Freeman were named to the all-tournament team.

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3 7003 Springville Court,
Springfield — \$774,500



4 5958
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Woods Drive,
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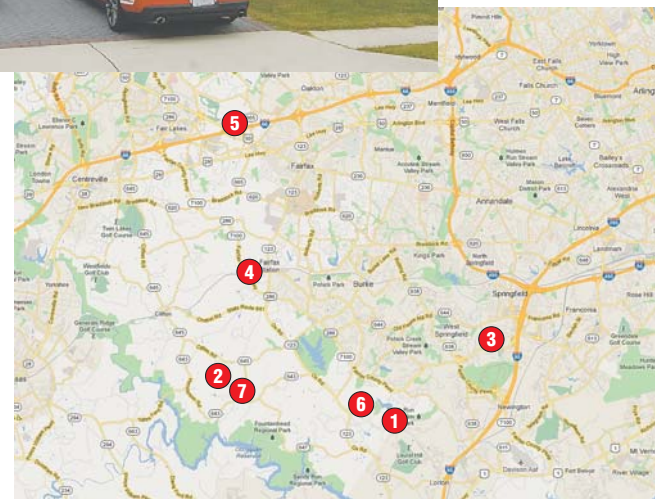
6 7902
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5 3907 Pender
Spring Drive,
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\$760,000

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2 11808 WINTERWAY LN	5	..	3	..	1 FAIRFAX STATION ...	\$775,000 Detached ..	5.01	22039	GLENVERDANT ESTATE	07/18/12
3 7003 SPRINGVILLE CT	5	..	4	..	0 .. SPRINGFIELD	\$774,500 Detached ..	0.33	22150	SPRING VILLAGE ESTATES	07/31/12
4 5958 FAIRVIEW WOODS DR ...	5	..	4	..	1 FAIRFAX STATION ...	\$769,000 Detached ..	0.59	22039	FAIRVIEW WOODS	07/24/12
5 3907 PENDER SPRING DR	6	..	5	..	1 FAIRFAX	\$760,000 Detached ..	0.36	22033	SMC PENDERBROOK	07/19/12
6 7902 GREENEBROOK CT	5	..	4	..	1 FAIRFAX STATION ...	\$760,000 Detached ..	0.28	22039	BARRINGTON	07/16/12
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