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Lake Braddock senior captain Natalie Butler, a six-foot-four middle blocker, had 22 kills during a win against West Springfield on Oct. 9.

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President Barack Obama spoke before a raucous crowd of George Mason University students, teachers and volunteers Friday afternoon.

Women's Health, Jobs and Big Bird Top Talking Points at GMU Rally

During campaign stump speech at GMU, Obama rallies the women's vote.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

For President Barack Obama, 7.8 was the magic number that gave him and his supporters a reason to be hopeful again. After a week that included a bruising debate with GOP challenger Mitt Romney and around-the-clock punditry detailing how Romney "cleaned Obama's clock" during Wednesday's debate, the president got a useful October surprise.

And he bragged about it Friday as he swooped onto the stage at George Mason University in Fairfax to deliver the good news that the jobless rate had fallen to 7.8 percent, dropping below the critical 8 percent for the first time since he took office. During a raucous campaign rally at the university, Obama boasted about the jobs report, mocked Romney's "Big Bird" comments and criticized his opponent's political pivots during their debate on Wednesday in Denver.

"My opponent has been trying to do a two-step and reposition, and got an extreme makeover," Obama said, drawing cheers and laughter from the crowd of 300-plus students and teachers.

Obama reminded the crowd that when Romney was asked specifics about cutting spending and reducing the deficit, he went after public television.

"So for all you moms and kids out there, don't worry, someone is finally getting tough on Big Bird. Rounding him up. Elmo has got to watch out, too," Obama said, clearly enjoying the college crowd's cheers and shouts of "we love you" as dozens of

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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) stumped for President Obama at GMU on Friday.

people in the audience jumped up to wave their Big Bird stickers.

While Big Bird got the laugh lines, it was women's health issues that resonated with crowd of mostly female supporters – from high-school age students to female professors.

STANDING IN FRONT of a backdrop of more than 50 women waving "Forward" signs, Obama tore into See Obama, Page 13

Parents Confirm Bryan Glenn's Death

Searchers find body of Woodson High School student in Thaiss Memorial Park.

As news of 17-year-old Bryan Glenn's death spread throughout the community Monday, Oct. 8, condolences poured out to the Glenn family, in person and on the Facebook page launched last week to help find the W.T. Woodson High School senior who went missing on Oct. 1.

More than 3,000 people from around the world posted poems, memories and offers of help to the Glenn family, who confirmed late Monday that their son's body had been found in Thaiss Park on Pickett Road. In a statement released Monday night, Bryan's parents, Michael and Rosella Glenn, said:

"With tremendous sadness in our hearts, we learned this afternoon of our son Bryan's death. This devastating news has been a great shock to our family and friends. Right now this family and our community are grieving and we need to let the investigation run its course. Thanks to everyone in the community and around the globe who offered their love, prayers and support to our family over the past week. Your kindness has given us strength during this difficult time and has touched our hearts forever. Our family would like to express our profound gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers and search team leads. Special thanks to the media and Fairfax area businesses for their continued support."

Authorities have not yet officially identified the body as Glenn's. According to Lucy Caldwell, public information officer for the Fairfax County Police Department, their office is currently waiting for the Office of the Medical Examiner to determine identity, cause and manner of death.

"I am not sure when that will be determined; possibly today or tomorrow," Caldwell said in an email Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Glenn, a popular Woodson football player, was reported missing on Monday, Oct. 1. According to police, he was last seen on the high school campus around 7 a.m. last Monday. His



Family photo

Bryan Glenn

car was found in the parking lot next to the baseball field at Thaiss Memorial Park early the next morning.

During the past week, more than 400 friends, family members and police combed the wooded area near the park several times for any evidence of the missing teen. According to his family, Glenn's body was discovered by searchers Monday morning, Oct. 8.

"My thoughts and my prayers are with the Glenn family. Our family was on the search yesterday and our prayers are for strength for the Glenns to get through this time... Please be strong and remember that you have a lot of support and we are also feeling a deep pain and loss for precious Bryan. He has touched many lives..." posted Shannon Lee on the Facebook group "find Bryan Glenn" on Tuesday.

Glenn, who attended Heidelberg High School (HHS) in Germany from 2009 to 2011, was also remembered by his friends from HHS Tuesday evening.

Several messages were posted on the HHS memorial website, which noted that the school will hold a memorial gathering on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the sports field.

To demonstrate their sorrow over losing their senior classmate, Woodson students wore black to school on Tuesday. Glenn's family has not yet announced plans for funeral arrangements for their son.

—Victoria Ross

News



Photo by Michael Lee Pope/The Connection

Fairfax Police say the murder took place in the 5400 block of Broadmoor Street in the Hayfield neighborhood.

Murder Rocks Hayfield

Quiet residential neighborhood becomes murder scene.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

It's been almost 30 years since the last time a murder happened in the Hayfield neighborhood, a leafy suburban community west of Huntley Meadows Park. That was when a child gained access to a gun and accidentally shot another child. What happened last week-end seems much more intentional, according to Fairfax County Police officials, who have arrested 30-year-old Manuel Garces for the murder of 30-year-old Mark Earl Ives in the 5400 block of Broadmoor Street.

"This is a quiet neighborhood," said Lorraine Monaco. "So we don't usually have things like this happen here. This is really an anomaly."

Neighbors say the feud between Garces and Ives was about a woman. Police say that dispute turned deadly at 2 a.m. on Oct. 7, when Ives died of trauma to his upper body. No weapons appear to have been used in the attack.

Neighbors say Ives crossed the street after the attack and collapsed in the yard of a nearby house.

"This is the first time we have had any kind of violence happen here in a long time," said Ed Thorne. "It's not the kind of place where murders take place."

Fairfax County public information officer Eddy Azcarate said Ives was dead when investigators arrived. Investigators immediately classified it as a suspicious death. Homicide detectives and crime-scene detectives descended on the neighborhood, and the investigation continued throughout Sunday. They eventually approached the Garces family, which cooperated with police officials after a warrant was issued for his arrest. Garces turned himself in at 10 p.m. — about 20 hours after investigators first arrived on the scene.

"They got cooperation from his family," said Azcarate. "Eventually, Mr. Garces turned himself in."

Ives lived in the Hayfield neighborhood, and Garces lives in Springfield.

Bulletin Board

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 10

NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting. 1 p.m., at the American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Malcolm Gaskins of the Federal Employee Program at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield speaks on "The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Continuities and Changes"; guests welcome. 703-313-9387 or

jkadelg@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Ocoquan River Fall Cleanup Day. 9 a.m.-noon, Bull Run Marina, 12619 Old Yates Road, Clifton; Fountainhead Park, 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station; Ocoquan Regional Park, 9751 Ox Road, Lorton. All three locations allow you to preserve the region's natural resources among other volunteers. 703-887-1124 (Bull Run), 703-624-7124 (Fountainhead), 703-674-7847 (Ocoquan Regional). www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield.

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Springfield Fondling Attacks May Be Linked

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Fairfax County police released a sketch this week of a suspect they say may be responsible for at least five fondling attacks in Springfield over the past month.

The most recent incident occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 2. A 15-year-old girl reported that she was grabbed from behind and fondled around 7:15 p.m. in the 6200 block of Hibbling Avenue in Springfield, police said. After she was grabbed, she pulled away from the suspect and fled.

On Thursday, Oct. 4, police said a 40-year-old woman reported that she was walking along Hibbling Avenue near Exmore Street on Sept. 19 when she heard someone behind her. As she turned to see why he didn't pass, he grabbed and groped her as she struggled free. The suspect then fled, police said.

Police said they are investigating whether these assaults are linked to similar incidents that took place in September.

According to police, a 17-year-old girl was grabbed from behind and fondled around 9 a.m. in the 5900 block of Erving Street on Sept. 27. On Sept. 19, a 16-year-old girl



Fairfax County Police released this sketch of the suspect they say may be responsible for September's string of fondling attacks in Springfield.

was walking on a path in the 6700 block of Metropolitan Center Drive around 2:45 p.m. when she was grabbed and fondled, police said. On Sept. 7, a 26-year-old woman reported that she was grabbed from behind and fondled while walking along the 7200 block of Monticello Boulevard, police said.

Victims described the attacker as a Hispanic male in his 30s, about 5 feet 8 inches tall with a goatee or neatly-trimmed beard and wearing a plain, red baseball cap. None of the victims required medical attention.

Police said they believe there may be additional victims and incidents that have gone unreported and urge women to contact police if they have encountered this suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Two Years Later, the Search Goes On

Homicide detectives are still seeking leads in a two-year long investigation of the murder of Yong Suk Yun, 61. He was killed on Oct. 7, 2010, in his Fairfax Station home at 5781 Ladues End Court. Yun owned the Dr. Wash in Chantilly and detectives believe Yun's murder stemmed from a robbery.

The reward for information leading to an arrest in this case has increased to \$70,000. Police have interviewed over 100 people, watched over 100 hours of video and exhausted numerous leads surrounding this homicide. They also created a video in Korean language in their efforts to reach out to non-English speakers, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b3uwOnAjak>.

Detectives continue to ask for the public's assistance in reporting any information to the police, no matter how insignificant it may seem.

"We are committed to solving this murder and continue our plea to the community for information," said lead detective Connie Morris.

"We are seeking information that may not seem related to this case but was unusual or uncommon in someone else's day—that could be the key to solving this murder. Something that seemed random or un-noteworthy could be the missing link in this case. Perhaps someone left work early, or arrived

home late and seemed anxious, not themselves or wearing different clothing; these could be indicators of suspicious activity," Morris added.

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The tournament is organized by the Shanton ALS Foundation, which was started in honor of Marty Shanton, a Fairfax husband, father, and respected businessman, who recently lost his battle with ALS. The tournament—which includes golf, dinner, and entertainment—costs \$225 for individuals. To register, sign up online at www.theshantonALSfoundation.org or call 561-670-3625.

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Opinion Cancer Awareness

Success with breast cancer awareness should help other cancers.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Anyone connected to media of any variety already knows this. A massive marketing success, we all know that pink shows support for breast cancer prevention, especially in October.

For me, last month marked three years since I completed chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer. Because of early detection, advances in treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and ongoing hormonal treatment in my case), and ongoing monitoring, my prognosis, and the prognosis for most of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, is excellent.

Still in 2008, the last year reported by the CDC, 40,589 women died from breast cancer. The same year, 210,203 U.S. women were diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cancer for U.S. women other than skin cancers.

Breast cancer awareness month is the perfect time to be sure that you and/or the women in your life are following best practices for breast cancer screening. While in recent years, there has been some confusion about breast cancer screening, if you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts,

self exam, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal, is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In January 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern.

Now three years later and cancer free, I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

Editorial

I share my experience in breast cancer awareness month, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection in breast cancer really can save lives.

THE SUCCESS of the breast cancer awareness movement has resulted in more than \$630 million annually in spending on research. It is not too much.

But at Connection Newspapers, we have two other employees who are in ongoing treatment for cancer. Kenny Lourie, who has stage 4 lung cancer, writes a weekly column that appears in most of our papers that discusses his more than three-year journey with candor and humor. Jean Card was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in early 2011 and has also written about her experience as she raises money for leukemia research and outreach. Visit www.LighttheNight.org and search APL Dumpling Gang.

Lung cancer kills more people in the United States every year than any other kind of cancer, in fact more than the other top cancers combined. In 2008, more than 208,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer and more than 158,500 died of lung cancer. This is more than the deaths from breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. Spending on lung cancer research? Less than half spent on breast cancer, about \$280 million annually. As Lourie wryly points out, part of the problem may be that you can't turn out tens of thousands of lung cancer survivors for a march because, well, there are very few survivors over time.

Prostate cancer has more new cases per year and about the same death rate as breast cancer, but half the funding.

In 2012, there were an estimated 47,150 new cases of leukemia with 23,540 deaths, more than half the number of annual breast cancer deaths. But funding for leukemia research lags behind.

Nothing should be taken away from the efforts of breast health advocates. But clearly more effort is needed in other areas.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH RISKS, on average more than 20,000 people a year in the United States die from the flu. The numbers vary from year to year, with as many as 50,000 deaths in some years, and some studies showing the average number of deaths to be more than 35,000. The influenza vaccine is a cheap and effective method of preventing or reducing the impact of the flu.

Remember that no matter what health plan you have, there is just one person in charge of your health care: you.

— Mary Kimm,

mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Volunteerfest Provides Opportunities for All Interests

By Supervisor John Cook
(R-Braddock)

I'd like to encourage all Fairfax County residents to consider participating in this year's "VolunteerFest," sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax on Saturday, Oct. 27.

This year marks the 18th year for VolunteerFest, and more than 1500 County residents are expected to volunteer their time at dozens of sites around the County. Tasks include landscaping, sorting and collecting food at food banks, maintaining an outdoor classroom at an elementary school, helping seniors, cleaning libraries and sorting clothes at a thrift store that funds programs for people with disabilities. A full list of events can be found at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/>.

Volunteer Fairfax is much more than "VolunteerFest," however. For 37 years, this organization has



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been a tremendous resource for volunteering in Fairfax County. Through a variety of programs and services, Volunteer Fairfax strengthens the capacity of its nonprofit members and offers meaningful volunteer opportunities for local citizens. Moreover, all year long they match the skills and in-

terests of volunteers and donors to the needs of local nonprofit organizations, helping to build a better community through service.

Why volunteer? One of Fairfax County's strengths is the volunteer effort of its citizens. In 2011, more than 16,000 individuals volunteered their time through Volun-

teer Fairfax, and thousands more volunteered through other organizations. These hours equate to millions of dollars in benefits for our communities. Indeed, in difficult times, the need for volunteers increases as more people are in need and charitable giving in dollars is dropping.

But there is another, perhaps more selfish reason. Volunteering does great things for the volunteer! Volunteers learn about unfamiliar subjects and a variety of needs in their communities. They meet new friends and develop new ideas about how they can work together on additional projects. Most importantly, it's good for the soul. Volunteers come away refreshed and thankful for the opportunity to help others and the community.

So, please consider giving some time on Oct. 27 for VolunteerFest. Your community will benefit, and so will you.

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The following students were named semifinalists in the 2013 National Achievement® Scholarship Program: **Hayley V. Harris** and **Warren D. Smith** from Centreville High School; **Tommie A. Banks** from West Springfield High School.

The following students were named semifinalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Emily R. Costigan** of South County Secondary School; **Benjamin D. Sando** of Centreville High School; **John B. Hyde**, **Victoria L. Irvine**, **Yaser Kim** and **Alexander C. Moree** from West Springfield High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Peter L. Nguyen of Springfield graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Nguyen is the son of Kim Le of Springfield, and stepson of Dwight Rider of Stafford. He is a 2006 graduate of West Springfield High School. He earned an associate degree in 2010 from Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria.

Jessica Marsh has been named to the spring 2012 dean's list at Montana State University.

Cole Mitchell has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. He is the son of Taylor and Sue Mitchell of Springfield.

Kayla Magaha, a student from Hayfield Secondary School, won a third place award at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference. Magaha won in the career health day category.

Heather Flint of Robinson Secondary School, **Nikki Paculan** of Lee High School and **Kailee Tangen** of West Springfield High School won a fourth place awards at the Health Occupations Students of America State Leadership conference.

Sarah Elizabeth Davis of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 honor roll at Gardner-Webb University of Boiling Springs, N.C. **Davis is majoring in elementary education.**

Rebecca Brandt of Springfield was named to the fall 2011 dean's list with honors at Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minn. Brandt is pursuing a degree in urban studies. She is the daughter of Randy and Julie Brandt.

Asheq Imran of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Georgia Institute of Technology of Atlanta, Ga.

Lindsey Gregg of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Mansfield University of Mansfield, Pa.

Monica Renee Laux of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 president's list at Clemson University of Clemson, S.C.

Brittany Bullard of Springfield was named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton, Va.

Mary Brophy of Springfield has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Ill. She is the daughter of Barbette and William Brophy.



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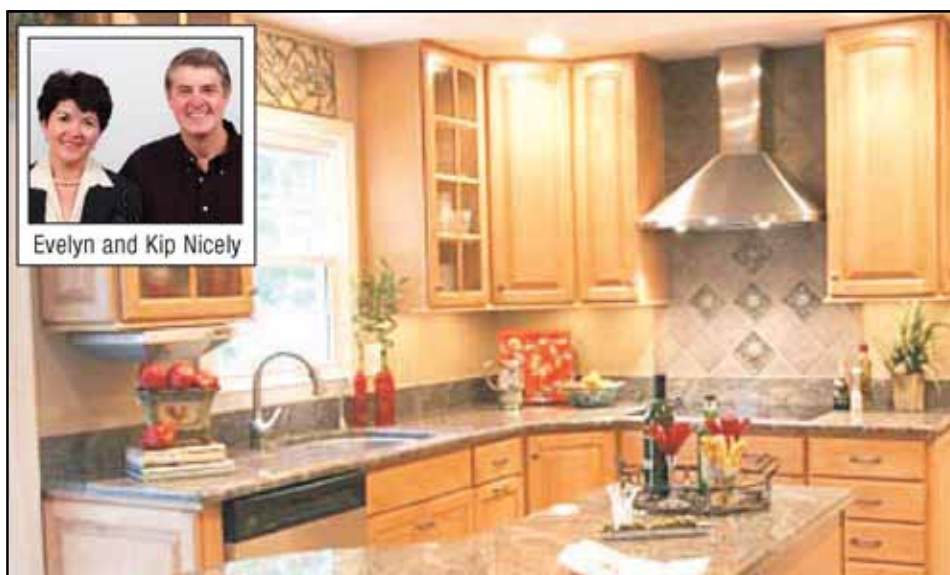
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The Color of Peace

West Springfield Students Become "ChalkStars."

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

The chalk was provided, so all the students had to bring was their creativity. And create they did.

For nearly two hours on Monday, Sept. 24, more than 100 West Springfield Elementary School students expressed visualized peace on the blacktop during the school's third annual Chalk4Peace event. They filled the space with an explosion of colorful images—from four-foot flowers and giant hearts to basketballs and peace signs.

"The turnout was remarkable," said parent Karen Lathrop, a former WSES PTA board member. "The weather was perfect this year, and our school blacktop really came to life with dozens of colorful drawings."

Chalk4Peace is an international art project where young artists from around the globe share their visions of peace by chalking up sidewalks, school blacktops, playgrounds and other public spaces.

From its beginnings in 2003 in Arlington, as a Sunday sidewalk chalk project for children, Chalk4Peace has become a global campaign with thousands of young artists on four continents sharing their visions of peace. John Aaron, founder of the project, said the event is about letting children experience the joy of creativity and instilling a spirit of goodwill, rather than making a

political statement. "It's a way to advocate for peace in a non-partisan way," Aaron said on the Chalk4Peace website.

The event has been recognized by the Arlington Arts Commission, the DC Commission for the Arts and Humanities, the DC mayor's office, the Humanities Project of Arlington and Whole Foods Markets.

"It was a cool, fun event," said Corbin Lathrop, 10, a fourth-grader at West Springfield Elementary School, who drew a basketball with a peace sign on it. "I think peace means being happy and free. Everyone was drawing peace signs, so it was a peaceful event."

WSES Art Teacher Allison Whitbourne was instrumental in bringing the event to the school three years ago.

"I think Chalk for Peace helps children realize that they are all an important part of our community and that they can be a big influence on the world," Whitbourne said.

She said she talked to students in her art class about the concept of peace and how to express it through art.

"We had discussions about peace in art class before the event, and the kids all agreed that being peaceful is important in their home, school, community and ultimately having world peace," Whitbourne said. "The world is a better place when people are friendly, positive and happy and loving."

She said students were encouraged to draw symbols of peace and love, peaceful scenery, "colors that make them feel peaceful, and people of all types getting along."

For more information about Chalk4Peace, go to their website at www.chalk4peace.org.



Chalk4Peace was on Monday, Sept. 24 at West Springfield Elementary.



Students from West Springfield Elementary School spent several hours "visualizing peace" during the school's third annual Chalk4Peace event on Monday, Sept. 24.



A student creates her vision of peace.

Photos by Allison Whitbourne



Chalkstar Patrick Andrews, a fourth-grader at West Springfield Elementary School, creates a giant star during the school's third annual Chalk4Peace event on Monday, Sept. 24.

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2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Elisabeth von Trapp Concert. 7 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6027 Franconia Rd, Alexandria. Free. <http://www.franconiaumc.org/> <http://www.franconiaumc.org/>

Harvest Wine Dinner at Paradise Springs Winery. 7:30 p.m., at 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. The second annual fundraiser dinner in the tasting room; a four-course meal with award-winning paired wines. \$129. Reservations. 703-830-9463.

SUNDAY/OCT. 14

Musical Gems From France. 4 p.m., at Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Debussy, Bizet, Ravel, Tansman and more for harp and orchestra; reception to follow. \$25, adults; \$20, seniors; \$20, online general admission; students, free. 703-758-0179 or www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 15

Republican Women of Clifton with Bishop E.W. Jackson. 7 p.m., at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Jackson talks on

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FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Dinner & a Movie Series. 7 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Plan 9 From Outer Space shows; enjoy an interesting film among cinephiles with a three-course dinner to complement the film's theme. \$50. www.workhousearts.org.

Closing Reception. 7-9 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Closing reception for Gail and Robert's Raku and Smoke-fired Sculptures and Vessels, showcasing the couples well-lauded artwork; meet the artists before they lead their workshop. www.workhousearts.org.

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Gail and Robert Piepenburg Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The celebrated sculptors, teachers and writers lead their popular workshop; continued on Sunday, Oct. 21. www.workhousearts.org.

George Washington Vestry Election's 250th Anniversary.

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Sun Design Remodeling's two-level window wall brings in natural light and visual continuum, yet satisfies exacting building codes regulating large-scale glazing solutions. Improvements to the Mulligan home received a National "Contractor of the Year" Award.



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Creating a New Point of View

Custom-designed two-level window wall invites in-door/outdoor continuity.

By John Byrd
The Connection

Nick Bonadies can point to the 25' x 16' custom window wall in a newly remodeled home in Fairfax as a kind of triumph of glazing aesthetics over the challenges of wind. Bonadies, who is director of sales and design at Sun Design Remodeling, knows this problem well, and encounters it often: "Homeowners come to us for design ideas that will open up space and invite indoor/outdoor continuum," he said. "But new Fairfax County's rules on wind-resistance requirements for large-scale windows are quite technical, and demand thoughtful engineering."

For instance, since wind-load has been known to cause exposed windows to crack and even shatter, the code outlines exacting specifications on the relationship of a window's size to its distance from adjacent bracing panels.

Hence, Bonadies and colleagues are always investigating engineering solutions that will not only satisfy code, but give homeowners the exceptional effects they're seeking.

Case in point, Gini Mulligan, whose 2,200 square foot 1960s split foyer Sun Design recently converted into a 4,238 square foot French colonial complete with wrap-around porches, a new master bedroom suite addition, and a spacious gourmet kitchen that boasts a jaw-dropping view of towering backyard trees.

"We bought this house over 20 years ago—mainly because of the lovely woodland setting," Mulligan said. "So it's funny that I spent so many years gazing out of a small back window, trying to imagine how the house would feel if we could only create a stronger visual linkage to our surroundings."

"And the strangest part is—I knew what I wanted all along," she said. "I just didn't have any idea how to achieve it... until recently." Recently would be the period in late last year when Mulligan began describing her vision to Bonadies and team.

"Every interior plan that concentrates on indoor/outdoor continuum will entail a lot of technical considerations," Bonadies explains. "And every now and then—one piece of the equation is especially tricky...asks you to introduce a wholly original pro-

cess."

In this case, the sheer scale of Mulligan's vision—a two-story rear elevation window wall that enables occupants to see backyard tree tops even from the front foyer—presented dozens of feasibility questions, all of which had to answer to stringent code requirements. "We knew Gini's vision called for a custom-designed two-level frame," Bonadies said. "But here's the rub... the width of a wooden frame needed to ensure wind-shear resistance would be so thick it would actually restrict the view."

"That's when we proposed a steel 'moment' frame," he said. "This is still pretty unusual in a residential setting—but it's proven to be a very effective way to create a dramatic glazing component."

Among the challenges: zero tolerance for error. Since all the frame's constituent parts are created off-site, there's no way to cut, bend, shape or finesse its pure tempered steel once the on-site assembly is underway.

"The design and fabrication must be absolutely precise," Bonadies said. "Otherwise, the project fails."

To assist in the execution, Sun Design engaged a local sculptor known mainly for outdoor art forged by welding steel and iron. The process took two days. The glass panes—which have a high-level of thermal resistance—were, likewise, cut by hand and fitted into the frame.

"It all looks very delicate, and the process is quite intricate," Bonadies said. "But this window can withstand winds of up to 90 mph."

OTHER ASPECTS of the new interior focused on developing confluent traffic patterns, and—of course—unfettered sightlines.

"Every room in the house is visually linked to the setting," Mulligan said. "This time of year, we're treated to colorful oak and maple foliage. In winter, its snow-dusted hollies."

The gourmet kitchen itself—which required extending the floor space previously allocated to a small "bump-out"—was designed to recall the couple's two-level A-frame cabin on the Shenandoah River.

"The reverse gable and window expanse make the space feel much bigger than it actually is. Anyone coming into the house immediately gravitates towards the view," Mulligan said.

The reconfigured first level plan also proves congenial for any number of entertainment scenarios.

Last month the Mulligans hosted a fete for 300. Since the kitchen can be accessed from three sides—living room, dining room and back deck, Mulligan finds it easy to tend to both food preparation and hostess duties.

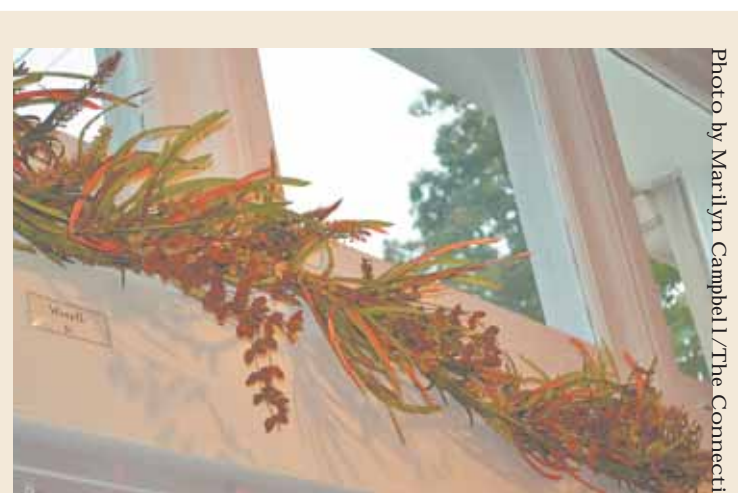


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Nature-inspired décor can extend from Halloween to Thanksgiving.

Decorating for Halloween

Suggestions for getting one's home ready for Fright Night and beyond.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Whether one's preference is witches and ghosts or candles and pumpkins, there is no reason why fall décor should be limited to one month, say area tastemakers. A few local designers offer autumn embellishment ideas that span the spectrum from spooky to all-natural.

"Decorating for fall is one of the most enjoyable times of the year for many people. We particularly like it because nature provides so many wonderful options to use for decorating," said Ann O'Shields, owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax. "If you are purchasing seasonal decorations for fall, we suggest choosing items that can go past Halloween and into Thanksgiving."

Add spine-chilling accents to traditional fall accessories. "One thing that you can do is hang faux cobwebs between orange pillar candles," said Angela Phelps, owner of Le Village Marché in Arlington. "Remove the webs after Halloween."

Use black and orange strategically. "We like putting white and orange pumpkins inside the fireplace," said O'Shields. "They are striking against a black interior fireplace to fill the space until cooler fireplace weather arrives."

Be inspired by seasonal bounty. "The varieties of pump-

kins and gourds available at local farmer's markets, nurseries and even grocery stores are the perfect start for seasonal décor," said O'Shields. "White pumpkins in particular are gorgeous and can make such a statement lined on a long table as a centerpiece. Mixed in with gourds of different colors and shapes, you have a simple, natural arrangement that is also eye catching. Wreaths with white pumpkins, branches, sunflowers and leaves welcome the season and extend into winter."

Make use of transparent containers like cylinder vases. "Fill glass containers with the miniature white and orange pumpkins or green or red apples and use them on a mantel or centerpiece," said O'Shields. "If your backyard is anything like mine, you can find tons of acorns, which also make a great filler for glass jars or bowls."

For a more frightful look, Judy Philactos, owner of Periwinkle Gifts in Washington suggests using "lace tablecloths that look like cob webs, mantle pieces that have hands hanging down and black feather wreaths."

Fill one's home with scents of the season. "Seasonal candles and diffusers are wonderful for bringing the scents of fall into your home," said O'Shields. "Pumpkin, cinnamon, apple, clove and vanilla are all perfect fragrances."

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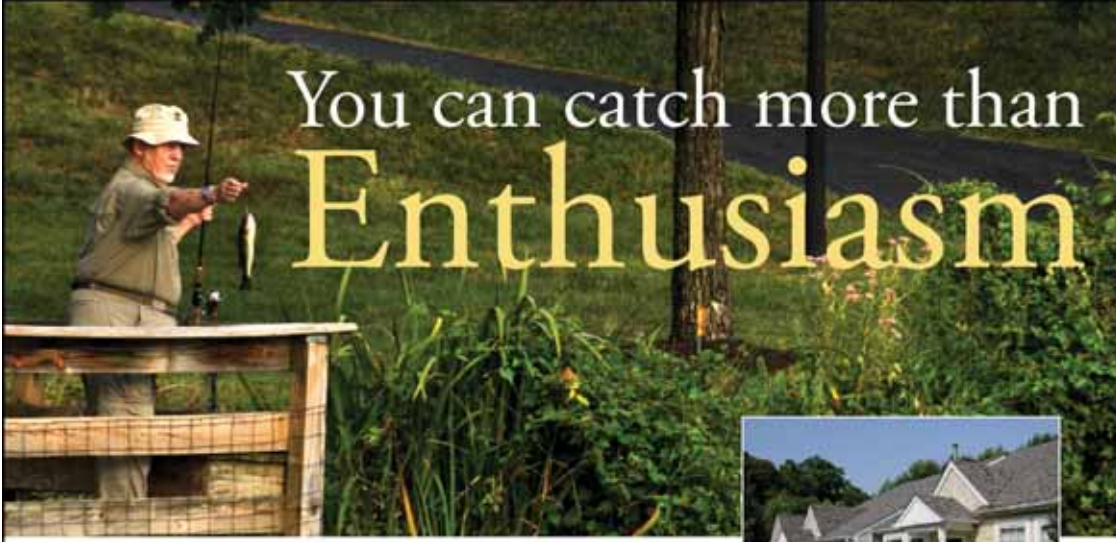
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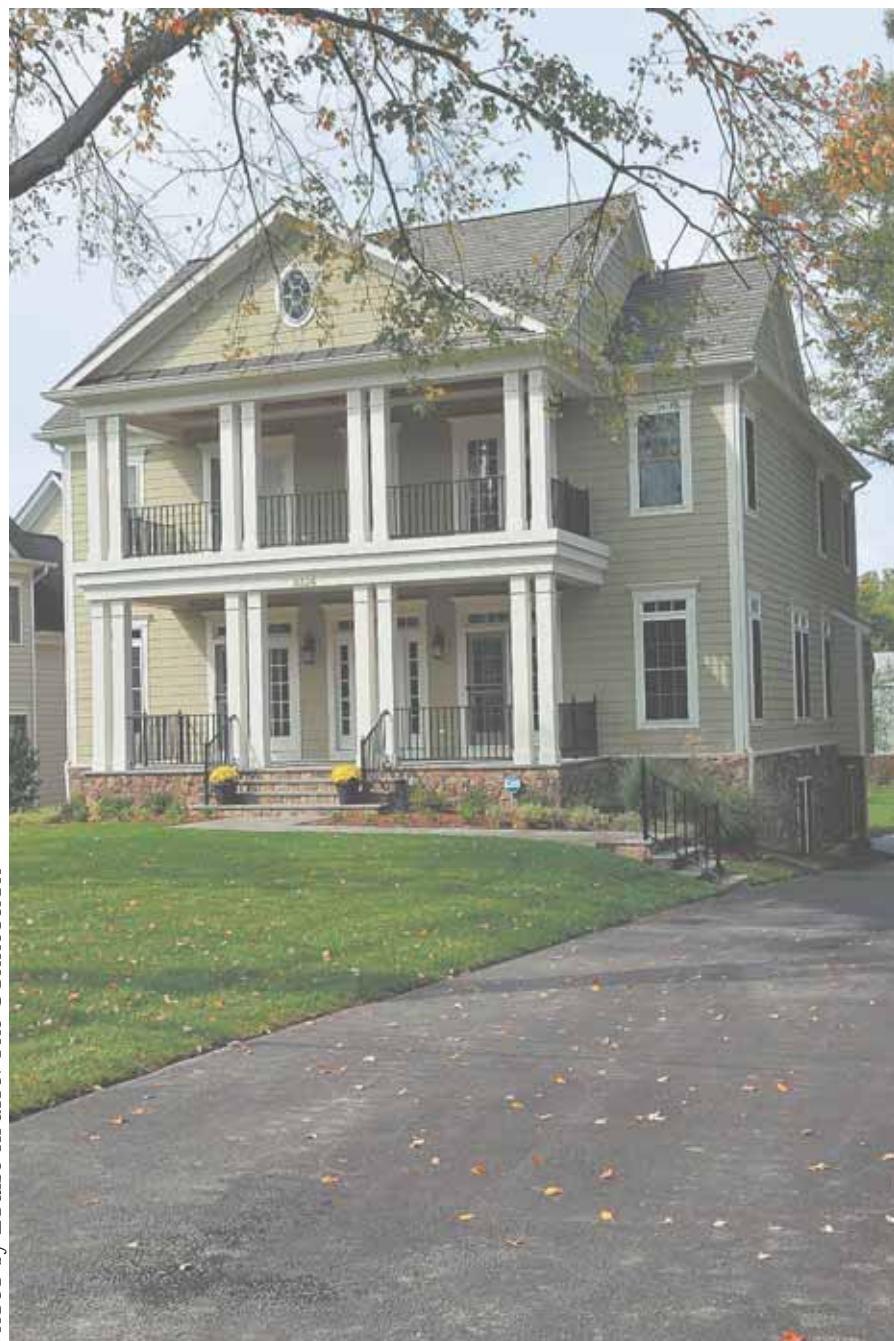
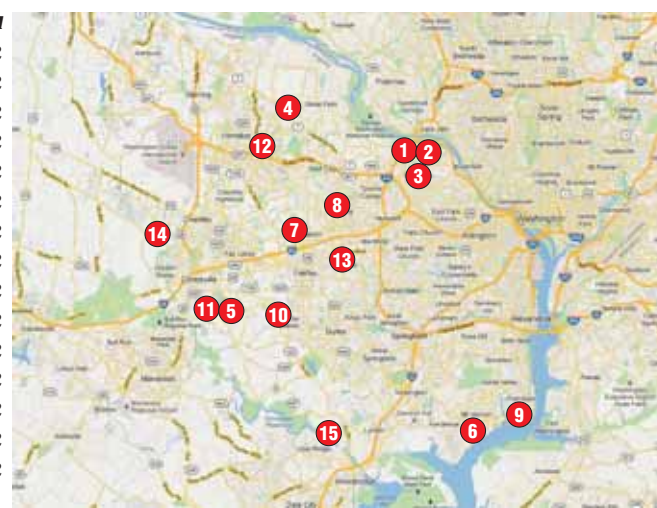


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Obama Receives Enthusiastic Welcome

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Romney on women's health issues and outlined the "stark choice the women of Virginia are facing in this election," warning that Romney's policies would turn back the clock for women to the 1950s, when abortion was illegal, and breast cancer was something women had to be ashamed of.

He said his new healthcare laws have secured access to preventive care like mammograms and cancer screenings with no copay, no deductible, and no out-of-pocket cost for more than 20 million women.

"Now, before this new law, many health care plans charged high deductibles or copays for these preventive services, or they just didn't cover them that all... more than half of all women put off the care they needed because of that," Obama said, shaking his head.

"I don't think a working mom in Arlington should have to wait to get a mammogram just because money is tight. I don't think a college student in Fairfax or Charlottesville should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. That's why we passed this law, and I am proud of it. It was the right thing to do, and we are going to keep it," Obama said, drawing applause after each line.

Polls show Obama with a strong lead (nearly 19 percent) among women voters, especially in battleground states such as Virginia. Before Obama took the stage, a parade of pro-choice women – a young mother from southwest Virginia, a former Republican supporter from Richmond, and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) – praised Obama's record on healthcare reform and women's issues.

Filler-Corn got a rousing response as she talked about the recent General Assembly session, when her state GOP colleagues passed a controversial ultrasound bill and proposed "personhood" legislation that attempts to make abortions illegal in Virginia.

"These decisions affect every woman's health...you deserve a president who will fight for your choice and your health," she said.

"He was great today," said Annandale resident Jane Wilson, who brought her daughter Sarah, 10 to the rally. "She was very excited about the whole experience."

Wilson said Obama's remarks on women's issues – equal pay for equal work, health care, affordability of education – are key issues for her.

"There is something to be said for a man who came from the middle class like us. He understands the issues we live every day," Wilson said.

"I thought his speech was really empowering," Sarah Wilson said. "You could believe what he was saying. I want a job someday where I get paid the same as my brothers."

"Being involved in politics is something I do for my children and my community," said Catherine Read, a City of Fairfax resident who brought her daughter, Emily, to the rally. "Attending rallies when women's healthcare is threatened is not nearly as effective as voting people into office who safeguard women's healthcare choices. If I do one thing that matters as a parent it's to instill in my children the importance of voting in every election - local, state and national."

Janice Allen, Dotte White and Jeannie Hicks, of Alexandria, said the president nailed it when talking about women's rights issues.

"We are all in this together, men and women. Preventative healthcare makes sense whether you care just about the economics of healthcare, or you really care about women's health," White said.

NIRA GUARE said she and her 15-year-old daughter,



Catherine Read and daughter Emily of Fairfax attended the Obama rally at GMU in Fairfax on Friday, Oct. 5.

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Audrey Lyons and Rachel Plotkin of Burke were selling Obama pins at the campaign rally at George Mason University on Friday, Oct. 5.

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ter, Madison, McLean residents, appreciated Obama's focus on women's issues.

"My daughter is very passionate on issues of social equality, and women's issues are clearly part of that. Pro-choice, for sure, but also topics like gay rights, equal access to education, pay equality for women, access to health care," Guare said.

"There's something about the 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps' message from Republicans that falls flat to me when so many people are born without boots. He and (former Virginia Governor) Tim Kaine both seemed to be framing 'women's issues' as just 'American Issues,' which I appreciated. If you are a man, and your mom or wife or daughter is dying of breast cancer and can't get health coverage, isn't that your issue too? I have four daughters, and my husband grew up with three sisters and no brothers, so we understand that a woman's issue is everyone's issue with great clarity," she said.

Obama told the crowd he would continue his fight for women's rights.

"The decisions that affect a woman's health aren't up to politicians; they're not up to insurance companies, they're up to you. They're up to you...So, one month. Just one month from tomorrow, Virginia, you're going to step into a voting booth, and you are going to have a very big choice to make."

Obama left the stage amid chants of "Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!"

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IN RE: ZOIE AVA AUSTIN,)
(a minor under 18 years old))
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v.)
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JOHN DOE,)
DONOR ID NUMBER 1432,)
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Sports

Butler Leads Lake Braddock Volleyball to Victory

Senior has 22 kills in win over Spartans.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

Fresh off a 22-kill performance against West Springfield on Oct. 9, Lake Braddock senior Natalie Butler stood on the Bruins' home court and said her volleyball skills are lacking.

If compared to her basketball talents, Butler's volleyball ability would finish second. Butler, who stands six-foot-four, has a basketball scholarship offer from Georgetown University. She pushed herself to improve in recent years as she worked toward her goal of playing in college.

Volleyball, on the other hand, is something Butler has played to help stay in shape. Because of her height, she was encouraged to try out as a sophomore and wound up playing for the Lake Braddock JV.

"I don't have any skill set, but they just told me to stand at the net and block," Butler said, "and I'm like OK, I can do that."

Basketball is in Butler's future. But for now, she is a captain on the Lake Braddock volleyball team who is showing passion and hard work—along with the gift of size—can turn someone lacking natural ability into a difference-maker.

BUTLER LED THE BRUINS to a 3-2 (25-17, 25-17, 19-25, 18-25, 15-12) victory against West Springfield on Tuesday at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The Bruins won the first two sets but dropped sets three and four. With West Springfield having seized momentum, Butler put an end to the Spartans' comeback hopes with a dominant performance in the deciding fifth set. She had six kills, including the match-winner as the Bruins improved to 2-0 in the Patriot District.

Butler finished with 22 kills, including 10 kill-blocks. She had four kill-blocks in the fifth set, alone.

"I've had problems blocking in the past," Butler said. "I guess I was just feeling it this game, so it was good. Once you get one and then you sort of feel it a little bit, you can sort of continue that. My teammates were cheering me on and that just pumps me up even more."

Butler and the Bruins dominated early, capturing the first two sets. West Springfield scored the first point of the second set, marking the only time Lake Braddock trailed during the first two sets. The Spartans proved resilient, however, battling back to win sets three and four, but couldn't complete the comeback.

West Springfield head coach Stephanie Noriega said Tuesday's match was one of



Lake Braddock senior Natalie Butler had 10 kill-blocks against West Springfield on Oct. 9. Butler, a 6-foot-4 middle blocker, has a basketball scholarship to Georgetown.

Photos by Craig Sterbutzel /The Connection



Lake Braddock senior captain Kyra Rodi, right, will play volleyball at Division II Hillsdale College in Michigan.

the Spartans' worst offensive performances of the season.

"Tonight was a different night for us because we've never had as many hitting errors at all this season as we did tonight," she said. "I actually only had one player hit in the positives tonight and you just can't win games when everybody's hitting negatives. The first two sets were really bad. I didn't have a single player hit in the positives in set one and set two. I was very impressed with Lake Braddock tonight. They've definitely improved a lot, but ultimately, we gave it away."

Noriega said Butler played a role in the Spartans' offensive struggles.

"We haven't faced a blocker that's as big as her before and so that's just an adjustment [we needed to make]," Noriega said.

"... I think [Butler] was a factor, absolutely. She did a nice job tonight."

First-year Lake Braddock head coach Aubrey Eaton, who coached the West Springfield JV last season, said Butler is a difference-maker at the net.

"Natalie Butler will make you change your shot," Eaton said. "A lot of players are scared to [hit at an] angle because she's standing right there, ready to block that, so they try to hit [along the] line and most high school players, that's not their first shot."

Lake Braddock jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the fifth set, including three consecutive Butler kills, and the Bruins led by as many as five in the final set. The Spartans chipped away, cutting the Lake Braddock lead to 14-12, but Butler ended the match with her 22nd kill.

"She just plays from her heart. You could tell in the fifth set she made the decision 'We are not going to lose this set,' and she played like that."

—Lake Braddock volleyball coach Aubrey Eaton about Natalie Butler

"She just plays from her heart," Eaton said about Butler. "You could tell in the fifth set she made the decision 'We are not going to lose this set,' and she played like that."

Savannah Schutzmeister and Jennifer Zimmerman each finished with nine kills for West Springfield. Monica Colon had eight kills and Destini Nelson-Davis had six. The Spartans dropped to 8-7, including 1-1 in the Patriot District. West Springfield will host Lee at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11.

"I was happy with how my team played the last three sets, but ultimately it never should have gone to five," Noriega said. "Set one and set two is why we lost, not set five."

LAKE BRADDOCK improved to 5-5. The Bruins will travel to face defending district champion Woodson at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Lake Braddock senior captain Kyra Rodi, who will play volleyball for Division II Hillsdale College in Michigan next year, finished with 12 kills against West Springfield. Her final kill gave the Bruins a 14-10 lead in set five. After two Spartan points, Butler ended the match with a kill.

"Now, being a co-captain with Kyra Rodi, who is going to play volleyball in college, and to be a starter, it's something that I never dreamed of — or being a dual-sport varsity athlete," Butler said. "I'm very thankful of my coaches and everyone who invested in me in the process."

Rodi had high praise for Butler.

"She is one of my favorite people to play with because she is always working hard; she is always busting her butt to get better," Rodi said. "Basketball and school and volleyball; she just does such a good job managing and really giving it her all whatever she's doing. She has grown so much over the past three years."

Not bad for an athlete lacking a "skill set."

'Election Ready?'

Fairfax County prepares voters for new election measures.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Frustrated by a bad economy, empty promises and echo-chamber politics, voter apathy is at an all-time high across the nation. According to a recent USA Today poll, about 90 million American voters, nearly 40 percent of those registered, won't go to the polls this year.

The same is not true in Fairfax County, where 79 percent of the County's registered voters cast their ballots in the 2008 elections, compared to 38 percent nationally. And nearly 90 percent of eligible voters, about 721,000 out of 800,000, have already registered to vote in Fairfax County.

But a slew of changes—from congressional redistricting to new voter ID laws—may leave even the most committed voter stymied at the polls this year.

"The good news in Fairfax County is that almost everyone who is eligible is registered to vote," said Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief election official. "Our problem in Fairfax County is not voter apathy, and it's not getting people to register. What we don't have is every registered voter registered at their correct address."

Quinn said voters, especially those who only vote during presidential elections, get complacent about where they vote or who their candidate is. She calls them "cicada" voters, who go into their cocoon every four or more years, and emerge thinking that nothing has changed.

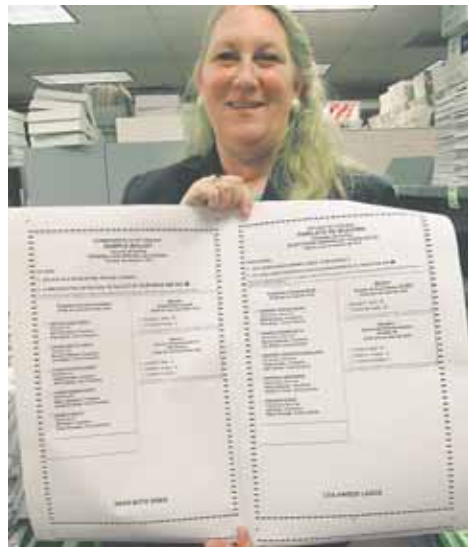
"These are voters we want to reach now," Quinn said. "The most important thing is to check your voter status before Monday, Oct. 15," Quinn said. "Are you, in fact, registered? Have you moved? Do you know if your precinct changed during redistricting? You must update your voter registration if you have changed your address or name, or you may not be able to vote," Quinn said.

TO CHECK YOUR STATUS, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711) or go to one of the websites listed. "We'd rather people call us with questions now than get frustrated when they go to the polls," Quinn said.

Fairfax County's Office of Election employees have been working overtime the past few months to make sure voters are "election ready" on Tuesday, Nov. 6. In conjunction with the State Board of Elections, the County recently kicked off an intensive voter preparedness campaign to inform and educate voters on changes.

Quinn estimates the election's office currently gets 600 calls every day, and many calls concern the new voter ID measures.

Brian Moran, chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party, said it's important that



Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official, holds up a sample ballot in the County's office of elections.

voters remember that Voter ID does not mean "photo ID."

"There are a number of acceptable forms of Voter ID, and it's important that this issue doesn't discourage voters," Moran said.

In August, the Justice Department signed off on Virginia's new Voter ID law, a bitterly contested measure that some claimed discriminates against minorities. Virginia, one of 16 states with a history of voter discrimination, must receive federal approval under the Voting Rights Act before making any changes to voting law.

The new law, which closed a provision allowing Virginians to vote without identification, also expanded the types of ID accepted at the polls.

Quinn said the State Board of Elections just mailed every voter a new voter card, which was sent to ensure that all voters have at least one acceptable form of identification. She said if voters bring their voter card, they don't need another form of identification.

"Virginia tweaked its voter ID laws this year to allow many new forms of acceptable identification," Quinn said in an online forum.

"Virginia also has mailed a voter information card (or sometimes called voter registration card) for many years. You need some form of identification under Virginia law, and this voter information card is considered an acceptable form of identification," Quinn said.

Other forms of acceptable identification include a driver's license, military ID or current utility bill. For other forms of acceptable ID, visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/votinginperson.html.

In addition to getting voters ready for the general elections, the office has also been preparing to comply with new mandates and changes.

Last year, the state mandated that all voter education material be translated into Spanish. While the county has complied with that mandate, they are still short on election-day volunteers, especially those who are



Photos by Victoria Ross/The Connection

Norma Rengel and Patricia Ferguson, with the Office of Elections, spent hours putting tent cards in cafeterias and lobbies in the Fairfax County Government Center to educate voters and recruit volunteers.

Voter Checklist: Know Before You Go

❖Voters with any questions about voting this Election Day can visit two comprehensive websites for answers: The Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov and The Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/voterinfo.

❖Call: If you don't find the information you need at the websites, call the Office of Elections at 703.222.0776.

❖Fairfax now has a free smartphone mobile app to check your registration and other voting information. Download the free app by searching Fairfax County Government at the App Store (coming soon to Android Market) or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile/>. Once you download the app, look for the Vote icon.

❖By Monday, October 15:

❖Update your registration, or you may not be able to vote if you have moved since you last registered.

❖To check if your registration is correct, go online at www.sbe.virginia.gov/register, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

❖If you are not registered, or need to update your registration, complete a Virginia Voter Registration Application, which you can download

at www.sbe.virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776.

❖By Tuesday, October 30:

❖Virginia does not have "no excuse" absentee voting. If you want to complete a Virginia Absentee Ballot Application, download from www.SBE.Virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776. to have one sent at The Office of Elections must receive the ballot by 7 p.m. on Nov. 6th

❖Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6.

❖Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

❖It's Voter ID, not "Photo" ID: When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. There is a comprehensive list on Fairfax County's website of all the acceptable forms of voter ID. Here is a sampling:

❖A Virginia Voter Registration Card

❖A Social Security Card

❖A valid Virginia Driver's License

❖Any official ID card issued by a Virginia government or Federal government agency

❖An employee ID card with photo of the voter issued by an employer

❖A nursing home resident ID, if issued by a government facility.

bilingual in Spanish and English.

Norma Rengel, the office's language accessibility coordinator, and Patricia Ferguson, the County's outreach coordinator, spent hours last week putting tent cards in cafeterias and lobbies in the Fairfax County Government Center and other Fairfax County locations to encourage volunteers to call the elections office.

"One challenge for us is to recruit bilingual polling officials, and by law, Spanish is a priority," Rengel said.

Quinn said the Elections Office also spent \$50,000 this year to beef up office security. Several new walls and barriers were constructed last week so visitors are not able to wander, intentionally or unintentionally, from one department to the next or get too close to where ballots are stored and counted.

"We know there are concerns about integrity, and we realize there are people in both parties who will try to skew elections, people who think the end justifies the means," Quinn said. The fact that Northern Virginia is now considered a battleground region in a battleground state spurred the new security measures.

"In the end, we want the votes to reflect the will of the people and they know that their vote counted," Quinn said.

Another way to ensure the integrity of

elections, Quinn said, is to make sure polling officials are educated and up-to-date on the law and the latest technology. Travis Potter, an elections office training coordinator, said about 3,000 polling officials have undergone training since August. "One of the things we're excited about is the electronic poll books," he said, which will allow voters to check in faster, and reduce waiting time.

ON ELECTION DAY, staff will be coming through voter lines with a handheld device called "Ask ED," which contains the entire County voter list to check once again if the voter is in the correct precinct. If there is a discrepancy between what's on the voter's card, and the most current information on the County's election rolls, the staff person will call the registrar's office.

If the voter is trying to vote in the wrong precinct? Best not to argue, or insist on a provisional ballot, Quinn said. According to the Virginia State Constitution, provisional ballots don't count if the voter casts a ballot in the wrong precinct.

"The only way your vote counts is if you are voting in the correct precinct. That's why we don't want people waiting until the last minute. When in doubt, call the elections office. We will pull the most current voter card and match it to our map," Quinn said.



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Stately center-hall Colonial is beautifully updated & offers both space and convenience! This wonderful floor plan features 3 finished levels to include 5BRs, 3.5BAs with multiple entertainment-living areas. Flat, grassy backyard lined by trees with patio accessed from family room. Fully updated and waiting for you! Schools, Metrobus, & VRE just steps away.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Burke Cove
\$215,000
Move right in this sparkling 2 BR, 2 BA condo on the main level with NO STEPS! Custom paint, updated appliances, your own secure storage room! Very quiet building and lots of privacy. Walk to shops, Metrobus, community pool, Lake Barton and less than 1 mile to Burke Centre VRE!
Marsha Wolber 703-618-4397



Fairfax
\$557,900
Welcome to beautiful Fairfax Estates where this lovely Colonial awaits you. Located on a cul-de-sac setting, huge 14,765 sq. ft. lot, 2 car garage with long driveway, 4 BR's, 3 1/2 Baths, hardwood flooring in foyer/family room, great kitchen with granite counters, adjacent family room w/lovely brick fireplace. Full walk out basement with recreation room, exercise room or media room.
Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



Falls Church
\$975,000
More room than you can imagine! All brick Colonial has large, bright rooms with lots of windows and is beautifully renovated. This 6BR/3.5BA home features hardwoods throughout, new windows & great floor plan. Fantastic kitchen adjoining family room with fireplace. Impressive & private Master Suite with amazing closets. Sited on half-acre grassy lot backing to parkland.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Clifton
\$699,900
Super sized 4 level split with room to room! 4 BRs, 4.5 Bas, gleaming hardwoods on 3 levels! Granite chef's kitchen w/42" cabinetry! Fin WO LL with FB. Over 3700 fin sq feet. Fenced back yard, on 6 private acres! All on a quiet cul-de-sac. Robinson Schools.
Marsha Wolber 703-618-4397



Manassas
\$337,500
Welcome Home! Beautiful 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA SF Colonial w/upgraded Kitchen, new SS Appliances, New Cabinets, Granite Counters. FR & Kitchen Hardwoods. Huge Sun Room, and much, much more!
Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803
Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948



Lake Anna
\$469,000
Waterfront Wooded Privacy! Adorable cottage nestled on 3 acres (potential to divide). Open floorplan, wood stove, front and rear decks, close to water and boathouse. Bonus 2 story guest house/game room with 1 1/2 baths
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Lake Anna
\$749,900
Waterfront Home. Very open floor plan takes advantage of the great view of Lake Anna. Large rear deck adjoins covered screened porch. Single boat shelter with electric lift and sun deck. Privacy and deep water make this a must see home.
Buddy Poland 540-894-7821



South Riding
\$329,900
Dazzling garage TH. 3 fin levels w/upgrades galore. Inviting 2-story foyer. Expansive rear KT w/doors to amazing deck. Open & airy living/dining room w/hdws. MBR boasts vaulted ceiling, lux bath w/separate soaking tub/shower, dual vanity & W/I closet. Fireplace in walkout rec rm. Steps to towne centre.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Burke Centre
\$649,900
Beautifully Landscaped 4 BR, 3.5 Bath Colonial. Many updates throughout the 3 Finished levels. Screened in porch boasting a cathedral ceiling. Walks out to stone patio and lush back yard. 2 Car garage. All in the nationally renowned Burke Centre Community.
Carol Hermendorfer 703-216-4949



Fairfax
\$615,000
Beautiful 4BR/3.5BA Colonial has it all...Great floor plan, generous size rooms, stylish updates, and desirable lot. Renovated kitchen has new breakfast bar, additional cabinetry, and gas cooktop. Comfortable family room off kitchen and large master suite with tons of closets. Great outdoor space with screen porch, tiered deck, & hot tub.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Fairfax
\$429,900
Bargain Pricing! Gracious Center-Hall Colonial. Fireplace in living room. Family room off kitchen. Large walk-in pantry off eat-in kitchen plus separate laundry room. Brand new carpet in bedrooms. Master bedroom with full bath. 1 car garage w/attached workshop/storage area. Nice, level lot with big yard.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Burke
\$280,000
Light-filled, 3 finished level, end-unit townhome/condo in Oakwood Commons features 2 MBR Suites and 3rd full bath on finished lower level. Living room has fireplace & SGD to deck and backyard. Many updates: hardwood floors, new carpet, new fixtures, and freshly painted throughout. Great location-around the corner from VRE, shopping, and restaurants. Move in ready!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Alexandria
\$675,000
Whimsical & welcoming rambler on near 1 acre lot. Stunning kitchen renovation. Large dining area/breakfast nook. Family room off kitchen. LR w/manted fireplace with big picture window overlooking expansive yard. Expanded MBR w/sitting area & remodeled full bath. Walkout rec room with pub & fireplace, den, 2 BRs, 1.5BA. To-die-for backyard w/gorgeous in-ground pool, gazebo & patio.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Fairfax
\$485,000
Lovely 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in sought-after Kings Park West has newly updated kitchen and updated baths. Updated kitchen features enhanced cabinetry, new floor, countertop, backsplash & fixtures. Newer Andersen windows throughout. This home is perfect for children of all ages with its family friendly neighborhood & convenience to trails, parks, and top-rated schools. Close to VRE, Metrobus, & shopping! This home has it all!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Clifton
\$1,375,000
This spectacular home, rebuilt/extended in 2012, sits on 5.5 idyllic acres of serene beauty; the magnificence of the setting is matched only by the design excellence of this contemporary Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home. Perched on a ridge top, this luxury home extracts full value from its unique location, provides stunning views from all 3 levels, each represents the pinnacle of designer living.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899



Lorton
\$949,000
This home has been beautifully redesigned and updated with the finest materials and superior craftsmanship—over \$250,000 of improvements since 2008. The home is sited on over half an acre just one block from the Potomac River and features a spectacular open floor plan and private back yard. The community offers a private beach, deep water boating access and sport courts with gorgeous water views.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899



Centreville
\$259,900
New Listing! Fabulous 3 finished levels! 3 bed, 2.5 updated baths. Renovated kitchen features maple cabinets, tile bar, farm sink. Master suite w/sitting room, dressing area & French doors to balcony encompasses one private level. Dramatic lighting. Deck. Use of all Little Rocky Run facilities included! GREAT PRICE & LOCATION!
Debbie Besley 703-346-5103



Lorton
\$579,000
This beautiful home offers a fantastic open floor plan and a private yard backing to trees. The home features a bright kitchen that opens to a large family room with fireplace, a main level office, formal living and dining rooms, master bedroom with sitting room, luxury bath, his and her closets, and a finished basement with a large recreation room and full bath.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899

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