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Del. David Bulova (D-37) addresses colleagues on the floor of the House of Delegates Monday, Feb. 18.

Life and Death Online

Virginia lawmakers pass “digital assets” bill to ease parental access to deceased child’s accounts.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

In a rare display of bipartisan unity, the Virginia General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a bill Tuesday that makes it easier for parents and guardians to swiftly access minors’ online accounts after their death.

The digital assets bill—co-sponsored by Delegates David Bulova (D-37) and Tommy Wright (R-Amelia)—is now headed to Governor Robert McDonnell’s desk for signature.

Specifically, the bill allows a representative of the minor to obtain access to his or her digital accounts within 30 days of submitting a written request and death certificate to the social media site.

Bulova said he met with the governor earlier this week and is “hopeful” McDonnell will sign the bill, which would then become law on July 1, 2013 and could be applied retroactively.

“Honestly, when I submitted the bill, I had absolutely no clue what I was getting into. ... But, what I am most grateful for is that my colleagues allowed Delegate Wright and me lots of time to get this all figured out,” Bulova said, noting that the bill went through numerous committees, hearings and versions before four separate bills were rolled into one bill.

On Monday, the Virginia Senate unanimously passed the legislation; on Tuesday evening, the House passed the Senate version of the bill.

“Most other bills with these kinds of implications would probably have been looked upon sympathetically, but tabled,” Bulova said.

One Family’s Journey: ‘When the silence was broken ...’

In 2010, Ricky and Diane Rash, who owned a dairy farm in rural Nottoway County, had little use for social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

They were happy to raise their four children in the same house Ricky Rash grew up in, and wanted to impart the same values of faith, family and community service that they had grown up with as a foundation.

But their life was suddenly and irrevocably changed on the morning of Jan. 20, 2011, when they learned their 15-year-old son, Eric, had committed suicide.

“The silence was broken that morning at 5 a.m., when the sheriff called and said a body had been found, and they thought it was Eric,” Rash said.

Rash said the shock of seeing his son’s body—lying in field not far from the family’s dairy farm in rural Nottoway County—could have easily broken the family’s spirit as well. But the grieving parents, who have three young daughters, were determined to find answers instead.

“When I was at scene, investigators asked me a whole litany of questions, and I answered them,” Rash said, pausing. “The one question I could not answer, do you have any idea why?”

Why, they thought, would Eric, a straight-A student who had plans to attend Virginia Tech and dreamed of going to Harvard Law School, take his life?

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Fairfax Attracts 8,400 New Jobs

Intelsat U.S. headquarters relocation most prominent announcement of the year.



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Gerald Gordon

In 2012, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) worked with 186 businesses adding 8,438 jobs to the Fairfax County economy.

Companies in the professional services and information technology sectors dominated the year’s announcements.

The most prominent announcement during the year came from Intelsat, the world’s leading provider of satellite services. It will relocate its U.S. headquarters to the Tysons Corner area from Washington, D.C., bringing more than 430 employees when it relocates in 2014.

Another high-profile announcement came from TASC, which provides systems engineering and decision-support services to intelligence and defense communities and is adding 494 jobs to the county economy.

“For close to 200 companies to announce the addition of almost 8,500 jobs in 2012, while much of the rest of the Washington area continued to struggle economically, is a testament to the kind of economy that we have worked so hard to create in Fairfax County,” said Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the FCEDA.

“It also is gratifying to see our strategy of diversifying the economic base pay off with companies from many different fields, of all sizes and backgrounds, and from the U.S. and abroad, contributing to job growth here,” Gordon said.

Of the 186 companies, 138 are U.S.-based businesses. Announcements in 2012 came from healthcare provider Kaiser Permanente, adding 146 jobs with the opening of a Tysons Corner medical center; IT solutions provider Carahsoft Technology, adding 109 jobs; and Fulcrum IT Services, an IT ser-

vices provider, adding 80 jobs.

“Carahsoft has grown from zero to more than \$1.4 billion in eight years and as we continue to grow we are pleased to call Fairfax County home because of the access the county provides to a high-caliber workforce and the kind of amenities that help us attract and retain our team members,” said Craig P. Abod, president of Carahsoft. “In 2012, we hired more than 100 new employees to expand our business development, sales, marketing and government contracting resources, and we anticipate hiring more than 150 employees in 2013.”

Seventeen minority-owned or veteran-owned companies are among the U.S.-based expansions. They include OMNIPLEX World Services Corporation, which provides security services to government agencies, adding 325 jobs; DISYS, a minority-owned IT staffing and consulting firm, adding 150 jobs; and Onyx Government Services, a service-disabled veteran-owned small business that provides data management services, adding 25 jobs.

Thirty-one foreign-owned firms announced expansions in 2012, including Volkswagen Group of America (Germany), adding 107 jobs; Newgen Software (India), adding 40 jobs; ASCOM Network Testing (Switzerland), which develops technologies to analyze mobile networks and is adding 11 jobs; and MobileAccess (Israel), adding 15 jobs. Almost 400 foreign-owned firms from 44 companies maintain operations in Fairfax County.

—VICTORIA ROSS

Bike Safety Bills Killed in Richmond

Local cyclists vow return in 2014.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Virginia may be for lovers, but bicyclists? Not so much. On Monday, the Virginia House of Delegates killed the last bicycle bill to come before the body in a vote of 55-42. The bill, SB1060, would have added bicycles to the list of vehicles that cannot be tailgated.

Other bills killed by the House include another version of the tailgating bill, and a bill that stated car doors should not be recklessly swung into traffic.

"All of these bills applied to and benefited all vehicles, not simply bicyclists. All are part of universal vehicular safety," said Michael Gilbert, co-founder of RideRichmond.

The Republican-controlled House had previously rejected an identical measure (HB1950) from Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-Arlington County.) Both bills would have added bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles to the list of those that can't be followed "more closely than is reasonable and prudent."

In addition to legally tailgating bicyclists, it is also permissible to open your car door into the path of an oncoming bicyclist.

Sen. Chap Petersen's (D-34) "anti-dooring" bill passed the Virginia Senate, and then a House transportation subcommittee. It looked like a win.

But it was essentially struck down when the House transportation committee voted 7-7 on the question of reporting it to the full House, since a tie vote equals a loss in the General Assembly. Virginia now remains one of only 10 states in America that do not prohibit "dooring."

"Cycling has become an increasingly popular way of getting around Northern Virginia, and providing for rider safety on our congested roads would not seem to be controversial. Cyclists also sought the law so that insurance companies could not reject their medical claims by saying that no fault had been as-



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State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34) works the phones in his Richmond office after Monday's General Assembly session.

sessed by police after a bike-vs.-car door accident," said Gilbert.

The down vote on SB1060 ends the 2013 session's bicycle safety package, advocated by Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), the Virginia Bicycling Federation, Bike Virginia, RideRichmond, and other regional bicycling organizations.

"Making our roads safe for all users—drivers, pedestrians and cyclists is simply good public policy," said Champe Burnley, Northern Virginia president of the Virginia Bicycling Federation.

"As we transition to other forms of transportation over the coming years, it is critical that the laws protect all our road users and penalize those who cause injury or death to others. These bills would help make our roads safer for everyone. How someone would vote against them is beyond me," Burnley said Monday.

"We only have one year left before the 2015 World Road Cycling Championships. The vast majority of other states have these laws, and once again, Virginia is being left behind due to ... backwards views on universal vehicular safety," said Gilbert.

In 2015, Virginia will be host of the UCI World Road Cycling Championships with an estimated viewership of 300 million. The United States has not hosted the event for 29 years, since 1986.

Time to Pass Go for a Good Cause

Sixth annual Monopoly Tournament benefits Lorton Food Pantry.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

You may not get a "Get Out of Jail Free" card, or prime boardwalk property, but Realtors Ron Kowalski and Susan Borrelli, founders of Lorton's annual Monopoly Tournament, said players of all ages will have a blast competing in the sixth annual game tournament at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Monopoly, one of the first and most popular board games, is played by millions each day—some with a laid-back attitude and others with fierce competitiveness.

This year's tournament is open to children ages 8 and up (and all talent levels).

"This tournament is for anyone who enjoys playing Monopoly and wants to support a local charity at the same time," said Susan Borrelli. The proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC), an independent, non-profit organization serving low-income individuals and families in southeast Fairfax County.

The \$25 registration fee per player includes a continental breakfast, a raffle ticket for door prizes and lunch, compliments of Glory Days Grill in Lorton. Table

sponsorships (\$250) are also available and are a great way to support a community charity and promote your business. Volunteers are also needed for various roles to help make the tournament a success, including "Bankers" for round one and two. To learn more, sponsor a table, volunteer and register to play, visit www.lortonmonopoly.com.

The tournament includes two 75-minute preliminary rounds as well as a final round where the top six competitors will play for the top prize of \$500. Cash prizes will also be awarded for second and third place. Space is limited so register today.

To learn more about LCAC, call 703-339-5161, visit their website at www.lortonaction.org, or email: info@lortonaction.org.

New Approach to Helping Chronic Homeless

County joins "100,000 Homes" effort as chronic homelessness rises.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The number of chronically homeless individuals in Fairfax County is on the rise. Currently, nearly 300 individuals are considered chronically homeless, many living in cars or sleeping in tents. In an effort to find permanent homes for these individuals, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness is joining the 100,000 Homes Campaign, a national movement to find permanent homes for 100,000 chronically homeless throughout the nation.

"While we have generated some exciting results by rapidly moving families and individuals into housing with services, those experiencing chronic homelessness have been harder to help," said Dean Klein, director of Fairfax County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH). The 100,000 Homes movement is designed specifically to help identify and address the needs of those who continuously struggle with finding a safe and consistent place to call home.

"The campaign provides concrete, innovative tools and infrastructure that will help us end homelessness in our community," Klein said.

Klein said that while many may think the chronically homeless don't want to leave the streets, the reality is that the majority of chronically homeless individuals endure serious illness, and physical and mental disability on a daily basis.

"Outreach to this community has shown that many would like to have a home, if all they

needed to do was pay rent and be a good tenant," Klein said.

The 100,000 Homes model provides homeless individuals with caring, individually tailored support services at each stage of their journey from homelessness to housed. As of Dec. 10, 2012, the national campaign has already housed 23,151 people, with more than 90 percent of those helped remaining stably housed.

100,000 Homes Fairfax: A Home for All

Fairfax County's local campaign kicks off on Feb. 23 with Registry Week, when volunteers will create a registry, by name and photograph, of everyone experiencing homelessness in the county. The personalized stories about these individuals are designed to help the county and community partners make decisions about how to prioritize and allocate housing and support resources.

"This registry will be a first of its kind for Fairfax, putting a real face on homelessness," Klein said. "Nearly 300 people are chronically homeless in our community. Through this campaign, we anticipate getting half of them in housing in three years."

To help make Registry Week a success, a variety of volunteer opportunities are available. We need your help to make Registry Week a success. To learn more, go to:

- ❖ About Registry Week and Volunteer Opportunities at
- ❖ www.fairfaxcounty.gov/100khome/registry-week.htm

AREA ROUNDUPS

Suspect Charged in Incendiary Event

Police and Fire department personnel responded to the report of an apparent explosion and fire at 9504 Richmond Highway in Lorton on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at

about 10:30 a.m. The fire was extinguished quickly and one adult male victim was ground transported to a local hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation indicates that some sort of incendiary event occurred inside the business and that one black male

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was observed running from the scene. It is possible that this subject sustained injuries from the fire.

Police helicopter and K9 units responded to check the area. Crime Scene Technicians and Homicide Detectives also responded and are conducting the follow up investigation in conjunction with the Fire Marshall's Office. That office will ultimately determine the origin and cause of the fire.

An arrest has been made after a joint investigation by Fairfax County homicide detectives and the Fairfax County Office of the Fire Marshal. Horace Thompson, 25, of no fixed address, was arrested by Washington Metropolitan Police on a fugitive from justice warrant after he was released from the Washington Burn Center on Thursday, Feb. 14. After his extradition hearing, Thompson will be returned to Fairfax County where the warrants for arson of an occupied building and aggravated malicious wounding will be served.

Anyone with information is asked to contact 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.

Fairfax County License Plate Approved

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors last week approved Supervisor Pat Herry's (R-Springfield) plan and design for a Fairfax County license plate. Besides allowing residents to show pride in their community, proceeds from the license plates' sales will go to the World Police and Fire Games, which the county is hosting in 2015.

Afterward, from 2016 on, continued proceeds will go to Visit Fairfax to bolster its advertising and help increase tourism to bring valuable, out-of-state dollars into the local economy. Visit Fairfax has been aggressively signing up customers for the new plates, including private citizens and shuttle buses, plus hotel and hospitality fleets. Visit Fairfax is currently on its way toward meeting the 350 pre-signed applications threshold to make this Fairfax County plate a reality. The plates may be pre-ordered now at <http://www.fxva.com/plates/>.



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OPINION

To 'Get That Vote We All Deserve'

From Fix Gun Checks tour to White House.

BY OMAR JOSEPH SAMAHA
BROTHER OF REEMA SAMAHA

GUEST EDITORIAL



After my sister Reema was killed at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007, our lives changed forever. I say "our lives" changed forever because gun violence doesn't just affect the direct family of the person killed, but an entire community. As I learned more and more about gun violence, I found that on a daily basis, this ripple of pain and suffering is repeated 34 times in 34 communities around the country, that's a Virginia Tech massacre every day.

This all became even more apparent when I drove around the country on the Fix Gun Checks tour. The campaign promoted respect for the second amendment and fixing our background check system on gun purchases to prevent dangerous, prohibited purchasers from acquiring them.

The campaign began shortly after the Tucson, Ariz. massacre where U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords was shot along with many other innocent Americans. For months I campaigned across the country, holding public events in small towns and big cities. When I made it to Tucson, Gabby was still recovering from her gunshot to the head, yet I had the opportunity

to meet her sister and those affected by the shooting. Her sister gave me a bright blue bracelet that had inscribed on it, "Gabby," along with a peace sign and a heart. I've cherished it and worn it ever since along with my "Hokie Hope" bracelet as I've hoped and prayed for her recovery and for all those affected by gun violence.

IN EVERY STATE I traveled to, I met with families and survivors of gun violence, mayors, congressional members, law enforcement officials, doctors, gun owners and NRA members. From the rural countryside, to the suburbs, to the inner cities, I witnessed the same thing; gun violence affects people in every community and from all walks of life. The resounding plea

from everyone I met along the way is that we must do more to prevent gun violence in our country while respecting our second amendment rights. This can and must be done in a comprehensive manner in order to have real results.

After the Newtown shooting, everything changed, and Americans could not bear the thought of inaction. We can see that a push from citizens could cause the president and Congress to finally act to prevent these tragedies from occurring.

I went to the White House last Tuesday to speak with the first lady and other policy advisors and on Capitol Hill I spent much of the day meeting with congressional members. Everyone is now committed to working on the

complex issue of gun violence prevention around our country while making sure our Constitutional rights are not infringed.

On Capitol Hill, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran has been a very strong vocal leader in gun violence prevention and has worked closely with us over the years. He invited me to be his guest to the State of the Union. I was honored to attend along with many others who have experienced gun violence in their lives and even more so when President Obama acknowledged our presence.

The president spoke strongly about how the time for talk is over and the time for action, to vote on gun violence prevention measures, is now. He reiterated, "They deserve a vote!" when referring to those who have been murdered in the growing number of massacres, for the 34 Americans killed every day, for the families and communities affected, and for the survivors who live their lives with permanent injuries and trauma.

SHORTLY AFTER the State of the Union address, as I was leaving, I randomly got to meet one of those survivors, Gabby Giffords. She was being escorted by her husband, Capt. Mark Kelly. I had the feeling that one day we would cross paths. I introduced myself to her and though I don't believe she knew who I was, when I showed her the bracelet with her name on it her expression changed to one of excitement and enthusiasm.

Although Gabby is still recovering and re-learning how to speak, the words we exchanged were enough to give us more hope and energy, to continue on until we get that vote we all deserve, for our safety, for our children, and for our families and communities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to Vote On Gun Control

To the Editor:

A powerful moment was reached during the State of the Union address when President Obama spoke of America's responsibility to survivors of gun violence. The president said, "they deserve a vote" — on gun reform. Representatives from Virginia should heed this call.

"They" also applies to the countless Americans who, like myself, remain concerned and disheartened by horrific gun violence. Though I was hundreds of miles away at school in Washington, D.C., on the day of the Virginia Tech massacre, just watching the images on television and knowing I had friends at Va. Tech at the time invoked a tremendous sense of shock and sadness that I still have to this day.

Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) has the responsibility, in his capacity as chairman of the House

Judiciary Committee, to make a serious effort to find ways to make our communities safer. Our Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10) should, too, take this opportunity to strengthen our state's, and our nation's, gun laws.

The time for a vote is now. It is time to close loopholes and increase preventative measures that were not, but should have been, in place.

These are just some of the meaningful reforms that will reduce gun violence.

Some lawmakers may declare that today's most pressing issue is the economy and looming sequester, but that should completely not rule out a plan for gun reform. Simply sweeping any chance for gun reform under the rug is foolhardy. It's time to tackle the issue head on, because we, as concerned citizens of Virginia and of the nation, deserve a vote.

Velginy Hernandez
Great Falls

Does VRE Need More State Oversight?

To the Editor:

Two bills (SB 1210 and HB 2152) before the Virginia General Assembly would give the state two more votes on the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Operations Board. The board strongly objects because it was not consulted in advance and state taxpayers contribute just 16 percent towards its budget. They were shocked by this request because the state's lone representative has never complained about this 20-year arrangement. They feel that this matter should be negotiated instead of forced down their throats.

Over the last 20 years, the railway has grown by leaps and bounds. Station parking lots have been massively expanded numerous times. Seventy new coaches

and 20 new locomotives were purchased. Ridership records are routinely broken to the point that close to 20,000 trips are made per day. On-time performance now reaches an astonishing level of 97 percent. This transit system passed the stress test of 9/11 with much praise.

All local members of the current board are selected from a pool of elected officials. If they make bad decisions they could lose their bids for reelection. This "club" works fine because board members keep getting reelected, and VRE's ridership and on-time performance keeps rising.

What the railroad really needs is more money. The funding amount in the transit portion of the governor's plan needs to be greatly expanded so VRE can be extended to Gainesville/Haymarket and can build a new mid-day train storage yard.

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Members of Potomac River Running training program have been preparing since September.

By TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

When contemplating Disney princesses, one immediately thinks of fairy godmothers and pumpkin carriages, flying carpets and pet tigers, flaming red hair and fishtails. Inner strength is a characteristic these women share—one of which we are quick to remind young girls—and so is rescue-ability. But for 16 local female runners who have been training since last fall to complete a half marathon, the Disney Princess is all about being their own hero.

Led by coach Kelly Kavanaugh of Fairfax Station, 15 other members of the Potomac River Running training group in Burke will take part in the Feb. 24 Disney's Princess Half Marathon and Royal Family 5K in Orlando, Fla. For most of Kavanaugh's team, it will be their longest run ever. They must also brave sleep deprivation: a 5:34 a.m. start time means athletes won't get in the way of typically dense park traffic. It's hard work being a princess.

IN ADDITION to rounding out coursework for a degree in English from George Mason University, blogging, drafting a pair of manuscripts and helping coach the Centreville High School girls cross country team, Kavanaugh is the lead instructor for several running classes based out of the Burke location of the Potomac River Running store. She initially took over a beginning class of six runners in August of 2011. By the winter, she had added an advanced class and winter conditioning program.

Now, her eight-week Running 101 program (which resumes in the spring and has several sessions throughout the year) has ballooned to roughly 40 members and is one of the biggest of all the store's eight locations throughout Virginia and Maryland. Her more competitive 201 has a membership

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SATURDAY/FEB. 23

Speed Stacking Tournament. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at North Springfield Elementary School, 7602 Heming Court, Springfield. Single and double (parent and child) cup stacking competitions held concurrently with prizes; food for sale to benefit the school \$4. 703-658-5563 or semetz@fcps.edu.

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www.lortonmonopoly.com.

Robinson Gives Back. 7 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. A benefit concert organized by the Tri-M Music Honor Society members at Robinson, including small ensembles representing String Quartet, Cello Ensemble, Woodwind Quintet, Brass Quintet, Guitar Ensemble, and two choirs, Robinson Singers and Select Women's Ensemble. Free and open to the public, with donations suggested, all of which will go to Wounded Warriors.



Artistic Duo IV

Watercolor artist Carolyn Grossé and photographer Stephen Gawarecki exhibit their work at a joint show at Green Spring Horticultural Center Gallery, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, from Tuesday, Feb. 26, through Sunday, April 28, daily from noon-4:30 p.m. Grossé's paintings range from realistic to abstract and Gawarecki's work features a window series as well as moody landscapes. The artists' reception is on Sunday, April 7, from 1-3:30 p.m. 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 24

Purim Fest. 5-8 p.m., at Ohev Yisrael Messianic Jewish Congregation, 8196 Terminal Road, Suite 0, Lorton. Celebrate Esther's obedience to the Lord resulting in the salvation of the Jewish people; games, prizes, story, food, and cake walk. 703-550-0888 or www.ohveyisrael.org.

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Halley Race for Technology 5K & Color Fun Run. 8:30 a.m., at Halley Elementary School, 8850 Cross Chase

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 27

Women Gone Wise in a Wild World: Exploring Desires. 10-11:30 a.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway,

Springfield. Area moms are invited to a casual gather on the topic of modern sexuality; coffee, tea, homemade breakfast fare and childcare provided. \$7. Register. MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 2

The Broken Spell. 1 p.m., at the Workhouse in the W-3 Theatre, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A children's theatre performance that tells the story of the princess that keeps falling asleep until her parents try to fix it by spell. However, it doesn't work and true love must be found. \$12 for adults; \$8 for children. www.workhousearts.org.

Springfield Art Guild Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m., at Northern Virginia Community College, Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center—Building CE 2, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The Springfield Art Guild, in collaboration with the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community Colleges, presents a month long exhibit and sale in the Ernst Auditorium lobbies.

FRIDAY/MARCH 8

Josh DeWeese Ceramics. 7-9 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Josh DeWeese, assistant professor of art at Montana State University, Bozeman, and former resident director of the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts in Helena, Mont., exhibits ceramic piece that have been thrown then altered,

using pottery as an expressive art form in a contemporary context. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Saawariya: Dinner and a Movie

Night. 8 p.m., at the W-3 Theatre in the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Film, dinner and soft drinks make it an arts experience to savor; the Bollywood masterpiece directed by Sanjay Leela, inspired by Dostoyevsky's White Nights, shows. Reservations (indicate dietary needs). \$39 per person. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 9

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.

City Works Opening Reception and Book Signing. 6-9 p.m., in Studio 4, the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The paintings of John Gascot and Mary Gallagher-Stout, or "The Art Monkeys" explore urban life, culture and architecture—their collaboration, or "ongoing conversations," began with their first children's book, USA to Z: Artful ABC's for Kids of All Ages. www.TheArtMonkeys.com.

Northern Virginia Choral. 7:30 p.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. The chorale, accompanied by a jazz ensemble, presents "American Journeys," a sentimental musical journey that recalls sights and sounds across the nation from Route 66 to New York, New York and the like. \$20 at the door; \$15 in advance. www.northernvirginiachorale.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra:

Masterworks V. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman performs J. Strauss' Emperor Waltz and Tick Tack, Pizzicato, Trisch-Tratsch Polkas and Overture to Die Fledermaus; R. Strauss' Suite from Der Rosenkavalier, Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks and Salome's Dance. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

2013 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., at Waterford, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards serve as a community-wide celebration of volunteerism and the awards honor individuals, groups and organizations that have given outstanding volunteer service. Nominations/online application are due: Feb. 4 by 4 p.m. 703-246-3825 or www.volunte Fairfax.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks VI. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman, tenor Brennen Gullory and soprano Joni Henson perform Wagner's "Prelude and Liebestod," Tristan und Isolde and Prelude to Act 3, Lohengrin; Verdi's Overture to La Forza del Destino, Overture to I vespri siciliani, Love Duet Finale Act I Oello, "Dio ti giocondi, O Sposo" Otello, "Dio mi potevi, scagliar" Otello, Willow Song Otello and "Libiamo," La Traviata. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

5800 Backlick Road, Springfield, holds a prayer service followed by a fellowship reception on World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m. 703-764-0872.

Knollwood Community Church Fellowship Center,

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Local Runners Ready for Disney's Princess Half Marathon

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of 10 to 15. "Everybody that comes stays," Kavanaugh said. "We just keep getting bigger."

Kavanaugh graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2009, where she was a record-setting track and field athlete. She accepted a scholarship to join the track team at Virginia Tech, but transferred after her sophomore year. Drawing from her extensive and successful running experience, the young coach develops training groups that are strong not only physically, but also emotionally and communally.

"People are terrified of a group setting," said Kavanaugh, "but everybody is in the same boat. When you need motivation and inspiration, a class is better than even personal training. At gyms you're alone in an army of people—you're surrounded, but you're not really surrounded. [Here] you're creating relationships."

Relationships are a primary reason for the exponential growth in Kavanaugh's class size, and the social, supportive, fun atmosphere



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON

From left—Sarah Lane, Rosie Bombaugh, Coach Kelly Kavanaugh, Michele Dobiecki and Laura Weeks, all members of Potomac River Running's Burke training class, are part of the group traveling to Orlando to participate in the Disney's Princess Half Marathon.

she fosters accounts for how the 101 class took it upon themselves to sign up for the half marathon in Orlando. "Last fall, they decided it was an awesome goal," she said.

At that point, a majority of the group maxed out at just one or two miles. In September, they were up to five miles. By now they've doubled that distance.

"I feel like I'm more prepared for this than I have been for other half-marathons," said Sarah Lane, a

Centreville resident and Prince William County Bureau manager for the Washington Post. Lane began training for marathons in 2000 despite having no prior running experience. She ran off and on for the next decade before a friend convinced her to try Kavanaugh's group, where she "started over." "Now I'm at the point—for the first time—I go out running and I really love it," she said.

Though Lane admitted to running independently outside of class, that's not always the case. "I would never do it without the group," said Fairfax Station resident and small business CFO Laura Weeks. "It motivates you to show up. I can always run more, further, faster with at least one other person."

HER GENUINE ATTENTION that toes the line between drill sergeant and cheerleader isn't only felt by members of the class, but has spawned a culture of runners that hold themselves accountable. "It's a team full of coaches," said Rosie Bombaugh, a Fairfax County Park Authority administrator from Burke. "We all started to get better because we pushed each other. You go to your comfort level and you don't surpass it. You need people to make you a runner—these people are part of who I am now."

And even though not everyone is on board with the matching tiaras and tutus members have purchased for the entire contingent to wear in Florida, Kavanaugh will be there to give them the healthy push they need.

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Choosing a Summer Camp

Region offers programs to tempt children with interests ranging from sports to drama to science.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While most of Washington is braving the winter weather, April Toman has been planning for summer. At the top of her list: choosing a camp for her two children, Claire, who is in fifth grade, and Will, who is a second grader.

"I start thinking about it in January," said Toman, who lives in Alexandria. "I talk to my kids about what they are interested in taking. There are so many options and the popular camps fill up quickly."

Education experts say summer camp is an important part of a childhood experience, and parents should start considering options well before the end of the school year.

"I think summer camps are wonderful for kids," said Tammy Davis, a doctor of education and a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. "Sometimes kids lose ground over the summer, especially with regard to their mental activity. Summer camp can continue brain development, especially with regard to creativity, mental activity, physical activity and social activity."

Davis, who is a former camp counselor, elementary school teacher and school counselor, said children who are not exposed to new social activities could become isolated. "If your kids are only playing video games or going to the pool every day, they run the risk of cocooning themselves," she said. "Choose a camp that expands your child's horizons, that will be stimulating and engaging and where they will develop new friendships without the pressure of an academic environment."

Toman, whose children will attend summer camp at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, says that from traditional day camps to specialty camps, the options for children are plentiful. "My children have done junior veterinarian camp in the past, and this year we might try an eco-adventures camp."

FROM SPORTS TO SCIENCE, the Washington region is filled with camps that will suit almost every child. For example, Annie Moyer, director of the Sun & Moon Yoga Studio in Arlington and Fairfax, says yoga camps are options for children who have never practiced yoga. "No yoga experience is necessary," she said. "We do yoga games and poses, breathing, artistic expression and, weather permitting, outdoor playground time."

For youngsters with a passion for all things artistic, Jeanne Loveland, education director for the Greater Reston Arts Center, suggests art camp. "Our camps are based on the GRACE mission, which is contemporary art" she said. "There are some discussions and there are art projects. There is one camp of messy art projects that your mom would never let you do at home. The camps are educational, but also fun. We will bring in local artists."

Loveland added that during one session, students will learn about public art, and "will create a public art work that will be displayed publicly after the camp."

Jim Supple, director of summer programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, encourages parents to consider specialty camps as well as traditional day camps. "Specialty camps are great ways to try new

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Students show projects that they made during a physics camp at SummerTimes Camp at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School last summer.

things, to expand horizons, and to challenge yourself," he said. "Children are naturally curious and specialty camps provide a way for children to learn more about their interests. If a child is not the most athletic and would rather learn about fashion or photography, acting or magic, specialty camps provide that outlet. They allow children to find things that they are good at and lets them be proud in that activity."

While the thought of academic camps might cause some children to cringe, Mollianne Logerwell, Ph.D., director of science education at George Mason University's Virginia Initiative for Science Teaching and Achievement, says that does not have to be the case. George Mason hosts science camps, and "students frequently tell us that camp was not only fun, but also increased their interest in science," she said. "Additionally, classroom teachers have told us that students who attended a VISTA camp ask higher-level questions and are more engaged in science lessons than students who did not attend camp."

Logerwell said VISTA camps are geared toward low-income students. "It's also a great way to expose families with limited knowledge to the possibility of attending and affording college."

WITH SO MANY OPTIONS for summer camps, choosing the best camp for your child can be overwhelming. "When parents are looking for a camp, they should try to find a camp where they're comfortable with the facility, the programming, and counselors and staff," said Kevin Rechen, camp director for the Norwood School in Bethesda, Md.

Gabrielle Summers, who is planning to send her children to summer camp at the Norwood School, says that she considers safety first. "Second, [I consider] the qualifications of counselors and leadership and their love of the children. [Then] I look at cost, early bird discounts, payment due dates and cancellation policies."

For those who may not be able to afford the cost of summer camp, Rechen suggests that parents do a little research. "Many summer camps offer financial aid," he said. "There are also foundations that give grants for camps."

No matter which camp a child attends, however, Davis has one caution: "Be careful about over-scheduling camps, doing back-to-back camps and not giving children down time," she said. "Some people use camp as day care and that is not always a good thing."



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Elementary school students at the Potomac School, in McLean, celebrated Black History Month by researching, writing and reading essays about famous African-Americans.

Learning From the Past What some local schools are doing to celebrate Black History Month.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

The sound of steel drums vibrates through the air of a crowded auditorium in Potomac, Md. In McLean, elementary school girls share their understanding of the struggles of Rosa Parks. A group of second graders from Alexandria treks to downtown Washington to see the massive memorial statue of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Local schools are celebrating Black History Month with activities like these. They range from student-led faculty meetings to music and food-filled festivals. In fact, some local school officials say acquiring knowledge of the history of the African-American community is a significant part of a well-rounded education.

"I think acknowledging and celebrating Black History Month is important because we're not yet in a place where we can say that we're paying attention to the contributions, perspectives and experiences of African-Americans in this country on a consistent basis," said Rodney Glasgow, head of the Middle School at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md.

A group of eighth-grade boys at St. Andrew's led a faculty meeting and told teachers and staff what it's like to be African-American teenagers. "The boys helped our faculty understand a little bit more about where they come from and some of their unique perspectives and challenges," said Glasgow. "It is

different way to celebrate Black History Month, but we're hoping to do something meaningful and really address the state of African-Americans in our culture."

Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission for The Madeira School, in McLean, said students there shared a school tradition: "We had an all-school meeting in which a team of eight Madeira students who had attended the Student Diversity Leadership Conference [in Texas] ... discussed their experiences. Madeira has sent a team of students to that conference for the past 10 years."

Kindergarten through third grade students at the Potomac School in McLean researched, wrote and read essays about famous African-Americans. "Each homeroom teacher selects one black American each week whose achievements have had a positive impact on our nation," said David Grant, the school's director of diversity and inclusion. "The students write a report about that person. Three or four students from each class will do a short presentation during a school assembly on each Friday during February. Students will have learned about 12 important African-Americans by the time the assembly is over."

Educators say that while Black History Month activities are important, they hope the events spark a dialogue that extends beyond February. "It is important because many people may not understand how important the African-American experience is to our country's history," said Grant.

SPORTS

Lake Braddock Wins First District Title Since 2002

Gregorits named MVP of Patriot District tournament.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock boys' basketball team conquered the Patriot District tournament's top seed in the semifinals, beating Woodson 57-54 on Feb. 14.

The following evening, when Lake Braddock trailed late in the district final, the Bruins had enough gas left in the tank to overcome a fourth-quarter deficit and capture their first championship in more than a decade.

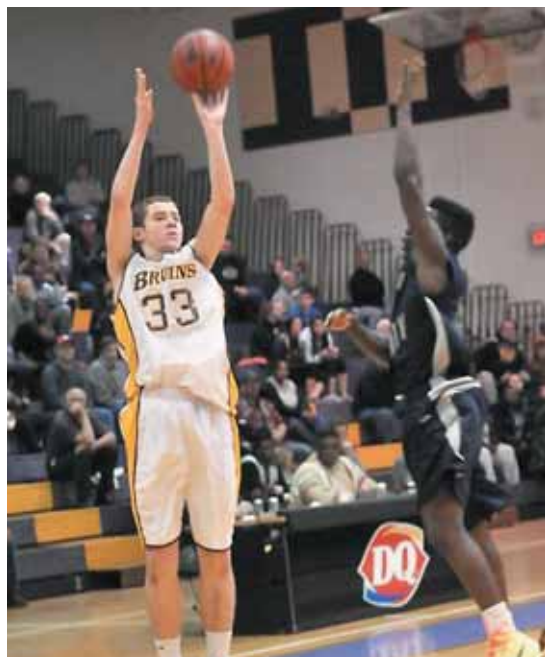
Lake Braddock won its first Patriot District title since 2002 by defeating South County 50-40 on Feb. 15 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The fourth-seed Bruins held a four-point advantage entering the fourth quarter, but the seventh-seed Stallions took the lead a minute later after a 3-pointer and a layup by Justin Williams. The South County senior scored again with 3:05 remaining in the contest, giving the Stallions a 37-35 lead, but Lake Braddock closed the game on a 15-3 run to secure the title.

"We knew they were going to come in there, give us a run for our money," Lake Braddock sophomore A.J. Alexander said, "but we just had to stay settled down, keep a cool head and we knew we were going to pull it out."

Alexander and junior Will Gregorits led Lake Braddock, with each making a significant contribution in the paint. Gregorits finished with 21 points and six rebounds, and Alexander scored 16 points and grabbed eight boards.

"We don't win if [Alexander] and Will don't rebound like they did," Lake Braddock head coach Brian Metress said. "That was our whole emphasis before the game: we said, championship if you rebound."

"It's the best feeling in the world," Gregorits said. "I've never had a feeling like this. It's probably the single-greatest event of my high school career so far. To be over 10 years without winning [a district title], we had to get it—we just had to."



Lake Braddock junior Will Gregorits scored 21 points against South County in the Patriot District championship game.

Alexander was named to the all-tournament team, along with Woodson's Eric Bowles, T.C. Williams' Landon Moss and South County's Williams and Justin Hampton.

Williams led the Stallions with 16 points in the district final. Hampton, a first-team all-district selection, went scoreless in the first half, but finished with 10 points, including a trio of 3-pointers. The senior converted a four-point play in the third quarter, cutting South County's deficit to 26-17.

The Stallions finished district runner-up for the second straight season.

Lake Braddock followed its district championship with a 60-43 victory against Stuart, the No. 4 seed from the National District, in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament on Feb. 18. The following night, Lake Braddock's season came to an end with a 46-43 loss to Robinson, the Concorde District's No. 2 seed, in the region quarterfinals.

Regional Basketball Matchups Set

The Northern Region basketball tournament semifinals will take place Thursday and Friday at Robinson Secondary School.

The girls' semifinals will take place on Thursday. Edison, the No. 2 seed from the National District, will face Centerville, the Concorde District champion, at 6 p.m. The second game of the doubleheader will match Oakton, the Concorde District runner-up, against South Lakes, the No. 2 seed from the Liberty District.

The boys' semifinals will take place Friday. The 6 p.m. matchup will be a Patriot District showdown between Woodson, the district's No. 2 seed, and South County, the No. 3 seed. Woodson won both regular season matchups with the Stallions.

Woodson defeated Yorktown (N3) in the opening round of regionals and beat Herndon (C1) in the quarterfinals. The Cavaliers went 13-1 in the Patriot District during the regular season and entered the

district tournament as the No. 1 seed, but lost to No. 4 Lake Braddock in the semifinals.

South County lost its final six regular-season district games and finished 3-11. The Stallions entered the district tournament as the No. 7 seed and upset No. 2 West Potomac and No. 3 T.C. Williams to reach the championship game, where South County lost to No. 4 Lake Braddock. In the regional tournament, the Stallions defeated Mount Vernon (N2) in the opening round and beat Chantilly (C4) in the quarterfinals.

The 8 p.m. matchup will be between Robinson, the Concorde runner-up, and Wakefield, the National District champion. Robinson defeated Wakefield 57-41 during the regular season on Dec. 1.

Robinson lost to Herndon in the Concorde District championship game, but bounced back with regional wins against McLean (L3) and Lake Braddock (P1).



Woodson's Keara Finnerty, center, and Madeline Nguyen, right, were named to the All-Patriot District Tournament team.

Woodson Girls Finish Runner-Up

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Woodson girls' basketball team overcame a 0-6 start to the season, qualified for the Northern Region tournament for the first time since 2010 and, thanks to a 40-point outburst from Keara Finnerty, played in a district championship game for the first time since 2004.

The Cavaliers accomplished plenty during the 2012-13 campaign, but T.C. Williams assured "district championship" would not be on Woodson's list of accolades.

T.C. Williams defeated Woodson 58-35 in the Patriot District tournament final on Feb. 15 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Two nights earlier, Woodson defeated three-time defending district champion and No. 1 seed West Springfield 61-43 in the semifinals. Finnerty, a senior guard, scored 40 points, made 8 of 11 3-point attempts and shot 73 percent from the field.

"From an offensive standpoint, I've never seen anything like it at Woodson," said Neri, who has been on the Cavaliers coaching staff for 13 seasons,

including eight as head coach. "Even the years when I was an assistant and we went to the state semis, we didn't have anybody put up those kinds of numbers."

Against TC, Finnerty and Anna Walker each scored 10 points for the Cavaliers. Madeline Nguyen finished with nine points.

The Titans took control in the second quarter, outscoring Woodson 19-2 in the period en route to a 34-12 half time advantage. The Cavaliers cut the Titans' lead to 12 when a three-point play by Walker made the score 41-29 at the end of the third, but Woodson would get no closer.

TC's Rejoice Spivey led all scorers with 29 points. Angie Schedler finished with 14.

Finnerty and Nguyen were named to the all-tournament team, along with TC's Christian Roberts and Baylee Simpson, West Springfield's Amy Berglund and Lake Braddock's Natalie Butler. TC's Spivey was named MVP.

Woodson's season ended with a 56-29 loss to Edison, the No. 2 seed from the National District, in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament on Feb. 18.



Second on Beam

Woodson senior Simone Freidman tied for second on beam at the VHSL state gymnastics meet on Feb. 16.

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State Senate Passes 'Digital Assets' Bill

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In their search for clues about their son's death, Ricky and his wife, Diane, tried to access their son's Facebook page. They thought Eric may have posted something on Facebook that could shed light on their son's state of mind. Citing state and federal privacy laws, Facebook denied them access.

Rash said he and his wife were stunned to learn that they had no legal control over their minor son's digital legacy.

They wrangled with Facebook for

living, but it is generally interpreted by social media giants as forbidding them to give parents access to their deceased child's online accounts.

Ironically, it was the "terms of service" agreement that allowed lawmakers Bulova and Wright to craft a bill that many say is solid enough to withstand a future legal challenge.

"We decided to plant the law on social media's 'terms of service' agreements, because it's contract law, which makes it under the purview of the state," Bulova said.

While five states have passed laws addressing "digital assets," the legislation varies widely and is largely untested. As a result, the Uniform Law Commission—a national group of lawyers that researches and drafts uniform state laws that can be adopted by state legislatures—formed a committee last year to study hot-button issues such as the right to "digital assets."

But a uniform law could take years, Bulova said, and he did

not want parents to be in the same position as the Rash's—locked out of their deceased child's online life.

State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34), who spoke in favor of the bill on Monday, agreed:

"If the feds pass a law in the meantime, great. But we're not going to sit around and wait if we can do something now," Petersen said. "As a parent of teenagers, it seems that parents ought to have access to what their child posts online, especially when the child dies."

Rash predicts Virginia's law—and other states tackling similar issues—will force social media companies to "take notice."

"They don't want to become experts in a patchwork of laws from 50 different states, so this effort in Virginia may push the Uniform Law Commission to come up with something regarding digital legacies sooner rather than later," Rash said Tuesday evening, after learning that the bill had passed both chambers of the legislature.

Passage of the bill has given the Rash family some measure of comfort.

If the bill becomes law, they know other parents won't have to go through the same struggle to see their child's online life.

Rash said the past 24 months have been a journey his family never wanted to embark upon, but the support from Eric's friends, family members and other parents has helped the family remain strong.

"I think Eric would be proud ... parents are making progress for once," Ricky Rash said Tuesday evening.

"The support has been overwhelming. There were times we wanted to withdraw, but hearing stories about Eric, knowing that we could help other parents, we were able to push this thing to the bitter end."

"Most other bills with these kinds of implications would probably have been looked upon sympathetically, but tabled."

— Del. David Bulova (D-37), who co-sponsored Virginia's "digital assets" bill

nearly a year to divulge their son's password, but were repeatedly locked out. If Eric had left any clues on his Facebook page, that information would be forever out of reach to his distraught parents.

That's when they began to lobby state lawmakers to tackle the issue.

"If Eric had left a journal, or anything tangible, we would have had access to it as his parents. Parents should have the same rights and access with anything online," Rash said.

"We never dreamed we would have to get into these issues," Rash continued. "But it's imperative that parents understand that the Internet and social media have overreached in their privacy laws, and that we wanted to change that."

Social Media and Privacy Laws

Rash learned that social media has evolved faster than the federal law, and the question of who controls or stewards online legacies lacks legal clarity and consistency.

In fact, the last federal law dealing with digital privacy was enacted by Congress in 1986, nearly 20 years before Facebook was created.

The Electronic Communications Privacy Act allows children to enter into "terms of service" agreements, a contract all users must agree to when they sign up with social-media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter.

Legal experts say the law was intended to protect the privacy of the

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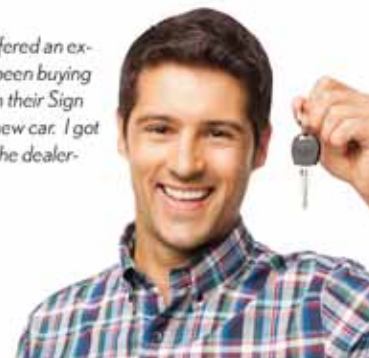
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Buzz Jordan 703-503-1866



Clifton **\$899,900**
Your Private Retreat! Stunning 4 BR/4.5 BA custom home tucked away on 5 private acres in Clifton! Hardwood floors, chef's kitchen, 3 gas fireplaces, 2 story family room, huge walkout rec room, beautifully maintained.
Nancy Basham 703-772-2066



Lake Anna **\$550,000**
Second Home or Rental. 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA Waterfront home with large rooms, second kitchen, lots of glass and soaring ceilings, large 2 car garage, and 2 sheds. Good water with pier, ramp, and gazebo.
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Fairfax Station **\$664,900**
Lovely 4 BR, 2 1/2 Bath Colonial in Beautiful Crosspointe. Huge eat in kitchen, Family Room with floor to ceiling Brick Fireplace, French doors lead to lovely deck and fenced in yard, Finished lower level with new carpeting, Office, and Exercise Room.
Sheila Adams 703-503-1895
Ann Witherspoon 703-503-1836



Alexandria **\$497,500**
Classic colonial in Mt. Vernon Hills. 3 finished levels, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Wood floors. Fireplace in family room. Large deck overlooking fenced back yard. Easy access to GW Pkwy, Old Town, Airport, DC, scenic hike/bike path along the Potomac River.
Judy Semler 703-503-1885



Manassas **\$269,900**
Adorable ... charming Turnkey! What word best describes this updated and move in ready 3 BR Cape style home on 0.6+ acres? From the renovated granite kitchen w/upgraded stainless appliances, to the main level master BR with cathedral ceilings - this home is move in ready! Renovated bath features double sinks, slate tub surround, bead board & more! Patio with trellis, friendly front porch, fenced yard, even a garden area! Country ambience, just minutes to commuter routes & shops.
Marsha Wolber 703-618-4397



Clifton **\$945,000**
Meticulously maintained and updated! Sited on 5 gorgeous acres with in-ground pool and walk-out LL with complete guest suite. Detached 3rd car garage. Quiet, private neighborhood.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Alexandria **\$619,900**
Kingstowne Area! Close to Metro & Ft. Belvoir! 4BR Colonial with den. Quiet cul-de-sac! Updated kitchen & baths, HVAC system & windows. Family room with fireplace walks out to deck & fenced back yard.
David Billups 703-690-1795



Clifton **\$1,750,000**
Incredible one of a kind estate! Surrounded by trees & rolling hills, this custom home unites the luxuries of inside & out. Three finished levels, screened porch, balconies front and back, wonderful pool! Perfect symmetry! You'll fall in love the minute you pull into the driveway! Work from home in your own oval office, entertain year round for generations.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Gainesville **\$530,000**
Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club 50+. Spacious Beauty - 3 fin lvs, 3BR, 3.5BA, Living room, Dining room, Family room, Kitchen: 42" cabs, island & corian. Loft, scr porch. Walk/out Lower Lvl: Rec room, Bonus room & BA (possible in-law suite), storage, 2 car garage.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax Station **\$710,000**
5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Prime cul de sac location overlooking beautiful wooded parkland. Hardwood floors just refinished, fresh paint, new carpeting. Windows replaced. Beautiful granite. Extensive 2 tiered decking. Immaculate move in condition!
Betty Barthle 703-425-4466



Fairfax Station **\$760,000**
Traditional Center-Hall colonial in South Run sited on .67 acre lot nestled amidst the trees on quiet cul-de-sac. Flowing floor plan w/spacious rooms. Gleaming hwdws in LR, DR & Fam Rm. Expansive eat-in kit w/walk-in pantry. Mn lvl BR & BA. Lower lvl boasts den, walkout rec rm, storage galore & amazing workshop. Deck & gazebo. Fresh paint & brand new carpet thruout. 1 yr warranty. Pool, tennis. Mins to shopping.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Clifton **\$1,749,000**
Stunning Antebellum estate sited on gorgeous park-like 5 acres. Offers 6 BRs, 6.5 BAs, 4 fireplaces, and a luxurious main level MBR and MBA. Features also a private guest suite complete with Kit, BA and Laundry on the walk-out lower level. A sparkling pool surrounded by lush landscaping complete this home.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Annandale **\$132,850**
Great location just inside the beltway. Spacious one bedroom/one bath upper level condo in great condition. Vaulted ceilings and much more!
Claudia Callis 703-620-2790



Fairfax **\$285,000**
Fabulous updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Fairmont, behind Fairfax Town Centre! This one-level unit has great natural light, plus updated kitchen with granite, new carpeting, updated bathrooms, new fixtures, balcony, and gas fireplace. The location couldn't be better, with movie theater, restaurants, and grocers right next door. Commuter's dream and move-in ready!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Fairfax **\$262,500**
Light-filled 2nd floor unit backs to trees, 2MBRs, Liv, Gas Fpl, Din, Sunroom, Deck, Kitchen with new SS Gas stove & DW. Close to Fairfax Town Cntr & 166/50/286.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax **\$500,000**
Stylish Rambler in sought after Kings Park West has it all - updated eat-in kitchen with granite, updated baths, freshly painted throughout, and finished walkout LL with fireplace. Plus, new roof & vinyl siding. Perfect for children of all ages - family-friendly neighborhood, nationally ranked schools, & few blocks from Royal Lake/Lakeside Park w/amazing playground & sports fields. Close to VRE, Metrobus & shopping.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Fairfax **\$585,000**
Stately center-hall Colonial is beautifully updated and offers both space and convenience. Great floor plan features 3 finished levels to include 5BR/3.5BA, hardwoods, freshly painted, and eat-in kitchen, adjacent to family room w/french door walkout to spacious deck & flat, tree lined backyard. Nationally ranked schools, VRE, & Metrobus just steps away!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421

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December 2012 Sales \$700,000~\$749,999



5 6317 Still Spring Place, Alexandria — \$718,000



6 8311 Periwinkle Place, Fairfax Station — \$710,000



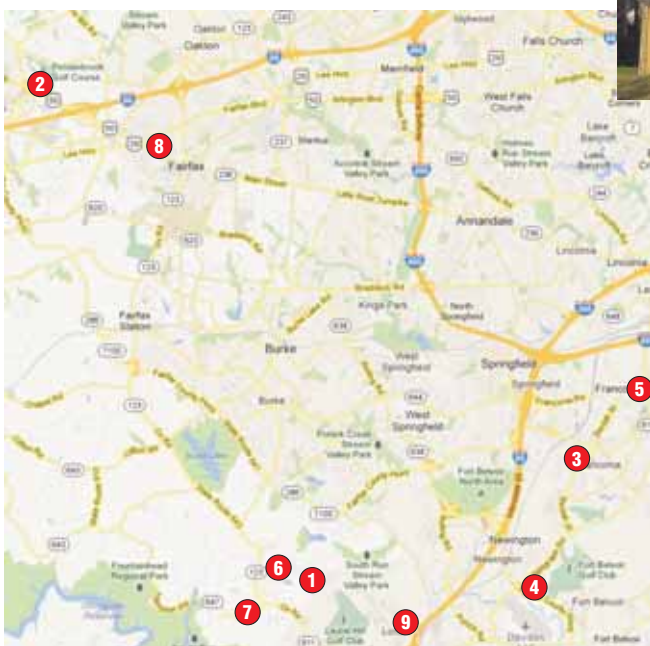
7 9830 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station — \$710,000



8 10806 Second Street West, Fairfax — \$707,550



9 8092 Paper Birch Drive, Lorton — \$700,000



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2	3835 PARKLAND DR	4	..	4	..	1	FAIRFAX	\$740,000	...	Detached	...	0.18	22033	PENDERBROOK	12/13/12
3	7230 RITA GRAY LOOP	4	..	3	..	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	...	Detached	...	0.16	22315	WINDSOR KNOLL	12/20/12
4	6810 CORDER LN	4	..	3	..	1	LORTON	\$720,000	...	Detached	...	0.53	22079	MOUNT AIR	12/27/12
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9	8092 PAPER BIRCH DR	5	..	4	..	1	LORTON	\$700,000	...	Detached	...	0.18	22079	LAUREL HILL/LANDBAY	...	12/02/12

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