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Housing Market: Strong, But Slowing

Energized housing marketplace, but government cuts will eventually cool things down.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

A few weeks ago, George Mason University Professor Stephen Fuller, Ph.D, published an update of his July 17, 2012 report that projected imminent and hard-hitting economic effects from sequestration. A main component of the update regards the government mellowing the blow by using furloughs rather than layoffs. Payroll reductions still add up to equivalent job losses, the report explains, but the negative economic response ought to be slower to take effect.

Given the nose-to-nose nature of government spending and real estate economy, particularly in Northern Virginia, these calming words should inspire more confidence in a market that is already thriving.

First, interest rates have been in the basement: Freddie Mac reported a 30-Year Fixed-Rate of 3.57 percent for March this year, as opposed to 3.95 percent in March 2012 and 4.84 percent in 2011 (for reference, March 2005 was 5.93 percent).

Second, home prices are rising: RealEstate Business Intelligence reported a 10.23 percent increase in average sold price in Fairfax County between February 2012 and 2013. Even though inventory is shrinking across the county, distressed sales (foreclosures and short sales, for the uninitiated) are down. On the whole, everyone has warm fuzzies about the market.

"It's as healthy as it's ever been," said Dane Work, an associate broker with Re/Max Preferred Properties in Fairfax. "Everything is a hot potato. The whole market is red hot, white hot."

BUT HOW LONG until the extended honeymoon phase is over? And what will that market look like? According to GMU Professor of Finance Gerald Hanwek, a lot like it has before.

"The hype is, fundamentally, what you would expect from a market like this," said Hanwek, "not very dynamic, as had been in the past. For quite a while, this has been a terrific housing market in Fairfax County."

Hanwek came to GMU in 1985 after spending nearly two decades in the research division at the Federal Reserve Board. Today, in addition to teaching MBA finance courses, he is also associate dean for graduate programs.

The professor has seen real estate go through cycle after cycle over the decades, and is convinced "it really just took time to allow housing prices to get on a path of ris-



9816 Amsterdam Street, Lorton. "We may be building faster cars, but if there's fewer cars to sell, car sales won't make much money," said Ron Kowalski.

ing, at a rate they had in the past.

"When I first came here in 1968," Hanwek continued, "the thought was housing prices should always go up 10 percent a year. That was a rule. And in fact they did for some time."

Then, of course, there were bumps in the late 1970s and early 80s: double digit inflation caused price rising to slow and mortgages were harder to come by. The 80s and 90s looked more hopeful, but then an early 90s recession put the brakes on again.

"Now we've hit a plateau," said Hanwek, "to where we probably should take off and start having price rises between 4 and 6 percent a year, on average, for residential properties. Once we hit that, and that's been happening now for several years, prices are high enough—after they had fallen in 2005 and 2006—that people are willing to buy and sell. Enough time has passed."

But interest rates won't stay down; they can't, at least not much past 2014. And sequestration will take effect, whether government agencies start cutting expenditures in earnest later this year or into the next. "We're going to see a considerable slowdown in government spending," said Hanwek. "It's going to affect this area disproportionately, and it affects the housing market quickly."

And when the cuts do truly sink in? Fairfax County is an expensive place to live: furloughed workers and government contractors without projects will have a harder time affording to stay. Potential replacements could come from the service industry, but their salaries can't compete with those in the defense industry.

"There's going to be, perhaps, a real depression of price at the top line for homes as opposed to the lower price homes," said Hanwek. "\$300,000-\$400,000—in that range, they're not going to be as depressed. We'll go back to that two-tier question. It's happened here a lot and it will happen again."

Hanwek expects a repeat of what this

area saw between 1989 and 1990, when a slowdown in military spending caused the population of Northern Virginia to drop by 50,000.

"The long-term outlook is for slowing home sales and stagnating prices," he said. But, "after several years, after we've absorbed what's happening with the Federal Government, then prices will start to rise on their trend levels again. We're just running out of property, the supply is dwindling."

WHY THE DWINDLING SUPPLY? There are several factors, according to Hanwek, all of which result in people hanging on to their properties. Among them is a gradual increase in the number of retirees in this area. Another is people simply waiting to see how high prices will rise. And though more prevalent on the west coast, there are also more instances of business investors buying properties to rent.

But none of this should dissuade anyone, encouraged Hanwek. "Sell. Sell and buy," he said. "If you want to move, sell now, buy now. Buying six months ago would be even better, buying a year ago would've been even better. But buy. Over the next year, two years, it's going to be a good market. After that we're going to see Federal Government cuts actually start to impact."

"I'm incredibly optimistic," said Work. "I have been for about a year and a half. It makes me look like a saint. The writing was on the wall for some of this."

"It's such a great opportunity for the end user, for occupants," he continued. "Everybody's got to live somewhere. Now is the time to lock in on something and secure it."

That's assuming everybody qualifies for a mortgage right away. Which can be difficult.

However, "if they loosen the standards too much," cautioned Hanwek, "we'll be back in the world of the subprime loan: 110 percent funding of their house, and that's absurd. We know what happens." Hopefully.

VIEWPOINTS

'Perfect Storm' in Area Real Estate Market

Pat Richter, Residential Preferred Properties, Burke

"A year ago, we were happy to get one good offer. And here we have three. It's consumer confidence. They're thinking, everyone's looking for the bottom. I feel people think we've hit the bottom. Every offer I've received was full price. Two years ago you'd see properties on the market 30 days or more. Last year that changed to 10 days or so. It's timing. And price. There is a difference when you're priced under \$600,000 versus over \$800,000—it's strong under six, slower over eight. There's not many houses in Burke over \$1 million. Price makes a difference. We're not seeing vacancies. We're seeing good turnover, solid contracts. Short sales and foreclosures are minimizing—it's mainly standard sales. When you've got inventory turning over that quickly and you love the business like I do, it makes it exciting."



Dane Work, Re/Max Preferred Properties, Fairfax

"Fairfax is pretty diverse, one end to the other. Herndon, for example, has adjusted for the coming transportation. It's the buy of the century. Inside the Beltway is absolutely red hot. It's contracting so quickly, with multiple bids. It's reminiscent of 2001, 2002. A lot has a lot to do with the school systems: it's a very desirable county and people aren't hesitant to spend the money. Inventory, historically, is at 50 percent or less than what we're used to at this time of year, rates are at this historic low. It's the perfect storm for appreciation to go up very quickly. Here's what's happening: the rate of compression is designed to help Kentucky, Ohio Valley, Nebraska, Michigan, but it's uber-stimulating us."



—TIM PETERSON

THE COUNTY LINE

Fairfax County's Homeless Population Declines 12 Percent

Emphasis on rapid re-housing, prevention keys to success.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Despite the developing impact of across-the-board sequester cuts, and the rising cost of rental housing, the homeless population in Fairfax County declined 12 percent in the past year, and 26 percent since 2007.

"It's a remarkable achievement," said Michael O'Reilly, chairman of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, who released the figures Monday, April 1, along with Dean Klein, Fairfax County's director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH).

According to Fairfax County's annual "point-in-time" survey, the number of homeless individuals decreased by 184 people, from



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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova speaks about her experiences interviewing some of the county's homeless population during "Registry Week," which kicked off the 100,000 Homes Campaign on Feb. 23. "This was something I will never forget. It was one of the most powerful experiences of my life," Bulova said.

1,534 in 2013 to 1,350 in 2012. Since 2007, the number of homeless individuals decreased by nearly 500 people or 26 percent—from 1,813 in 2007 to 1,350 in 2012.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that jurisdictions

across the nation conduct a statistically reliable and unduplicated count of the homeless over the course of one day in January. The survey covers only those who are literally homeless—in shelters, in time-limited transitional housing or those who are unsheltered and living on the street.

Highlights: 2013 Point-in-Time Count of Homeless

The PIT count was conducted on Jan. 30, 2013.

❖ Of the 1,350 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community, 747 were people in families (55 percent of all homeless), and 603 were single.

❖ Thirty-three percent (452 people) of all persons who were homeless were children under the age of 18, the same percentage as last year.

❖ There were 19 fewer families who were homeless in 2013 compared to 2012, with 90 fewer people, including 53 fewer children and 37 fewer adults.

❖ Fifty-eight percent of adults in homeless families were employed. In 2012, 59 percent of adults in families were employed.

❖ In 2013, 27 percent of all persons in families were homeless due to domestic violence, a decrease from 40 percent in 2012. Thirty percent of families identified domestic violence as the reason for homelessness.

❖ Single individuals account for 45 percent of all homeless persons counted, a total of 603 people.

❖ Single adults decreased by 13 percent (94 adults) compared to 2012.

❖ Fifty-seven percent (341 people) of single adults who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, a decrease from 64 percent in 2012, and many had chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities.

❖ Twenty-two percent (134 people) of single adults were employed, and 9 percent (57 people) were identified as veterans.

THE GOAL of the count is to identify the number of homeless people at a given point in time and to collect demographic information about those who are homeless to provide direction for future development of housing and services. It is also a requirement to qualify for state and federal funds.

"When we launched the 10-year plan in 2007, we fully expected to have some success," O'Reilly said. What Fairfax County did not ex-

pects," Klein said. "I am pleased to see that the strategies embedded in our 10-year plan are working."

O'Reilly said the OPEH's effective implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which prioritizes transparency and allows the county to analyze data from a number of non-profit service providers, is an "often overlooked indicator" that provides a valuable big picture of homelessness in the county.

"These numbers are very encouraging and energizing for our community of nonprofit, government, business and faith community partners who are working day-in and day-out on behalf of some of our most vulnerable citizens"

— Dean Klein, Fairfax County director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness

pect were economic hurdles such as the 2008 recession and this year's sequester. "I think with those challenges, if that number [1,813] had remained constant, and we managed to tread water, that would have been seen as a success. But we've managed to reduce those numbers."

Klein said Fairfax County's key initiatives, such as rapid re-housing and expanding the range and availability of prevention services and resources contributed to the decline in homeless individuals.

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"We also gained momentum from the recent 100,000 Homes Campaign, but we still need new resources, new partners, ideas and affordable housing," Klein said.

"Affordable housing continues to be a challenge," O'Reilly said. "Although we have seen success in the past four years, we have significant challenges ahead with sequestration and the rising rental housing costs."

A BRIEFING on point-in-time highlights from around the region is planned for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments board meeting on April 10. The highlights will be available next month through Fairfax County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.

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AREA ROUNDUPS

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A man convicted of the Jan. 1, 2012 robbery of a City of Fairfax restaurant has been sentenced to 15 years in prison. He is Colin Thomas Bowie, 47, of 8801 Jones Mill Road in Chevy Chase, Md., and the incident occurred around 6:30 a.m. at the Denny's Restaurant at 10473 Fairfax Blvd.

Bowie entered the restaurant, drew a handgun and ordered the assistant manager into the office. Bowie also told him to open the safe and surrender the cash. The manager did so and the robber fled through the back door and escaped.

Following an investigation, Bowie was arrested Feb. 17, 2012 by Takoma Park police and charged with armed robbery. He was returned to Fairfax County for trial in Circuit Court. At his sentencing last Friday, March 29, he received 30 years in prison with 15 years suspended.

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Helping Keep Children Safe

City of Fairfax police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club of Fairfax, will be offering Safe Assured identification kits for children on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video showing movement and mannerisms, a general physical description, vital personal information and a family code word. Private information is encrypted and accessible only by law enforcement.

Missing-persons posters can be created and printed directly from the mini-CD in English, Spanish and French. The Safe Assured ID kits can also be used as a valuable aid for adults with special needs. The kits are free and an appointment is necessary. Call Sgt. Kyle Penman at 703-385-7923.

Italian Ices for Tara

Tara Sankner, an 8-year-old second-grader at Lees Corner Elementary, was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and the local community is rallying 'round to show its support. On Monday, April 8, from 6-8 p.m., area residents can enjoy sweet treats while raising money to help with Tara's medical bills.

During those hours, Rita's Italian Ice, at 10726 Fairfax Blvd., in Fairfax, will donate 20 percent off all sales to support Tara and her family. Those unable to attend may also contribute to Tara online. Go to www.airbanking.com/tools/; where it says to pick a charity, click and scroll down to Pray for Tara.



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OPINION

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April is poetry month, and we invite our readers to share their poems with us. Some will appear in the print edition and some will appear online.

We'd love to have a note from you about what inspired your poetry, and an illustration, photo of you, etc., are welcomed as well. Include the text of your poem, your name and address (we will only print your name and town name, not your full address), email address and phone number to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Here are some poetry happenings from around the area:

Alexandria's new poetry society, based at the Duncan Library, will hold its second meeting at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub on April 8 from 8-10 p.m. and will explore beat poetry. For more, contact the Duncan Library at 703-746-1705.

At presstime, Alexandria was expected to announce the name of the new Alexandria Poet Laureate, replacing Amy Young.

Bernadette Geyer of Vienna was selected for the 2012 Hilary Tham Capital Collection for

her poetry manuscript, "The Scabbard of Her Throat."

The Iota Club and Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, holds an annual poetry event on Mother's Day. This year's event, Sunday, May 12, 6-8 p.m., will feature Bernadette Geyer of Vienna and James Arthur. Iota Club and Café is at 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

Virginia's current Poet Laureate, Sofia M. Starnes, has launched The Nearest Poem Anthology project, which will collect 50-100 poems submitted by Virginia residents "that are most meaningful to us and thus create a testimony to the immediacy of poetry and its closeness to everyday life." Submissions will be accepted through June, and should include the full text of the poem, the name of the poet and the source, including where you encountered the poem, and 200-250 words of persuasive explanation of why you selected the poem. "This should include some information about yourself and why you consider your selected poem 'nearest' to you," Starnes writes. "The compelling nature of your write-up — your story — will play an important role in the se-

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Poem by Bernadette Geyer of Vienna
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Paying More for Less

Poorer taxpayers are hit the hardest.

By SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK
(R-BRADDOCK)

When it was first presented to the board, I described the county executive's proposed FY 2014 budget as asking taxpayers to pay more for the same services, and asking county employees to work harder for the same pay. It's clear that county taxpayers are hurt by this budget. The average home assessment increased by 3 percent, and I know many in Braddock saw higher increases than that. The county executive also added 2 cents to the rate. That is bad enough, but making matters worse, poorer taxpayers are hit the hardest.

In one condominium community in working class Annandale, assessments went up over 20 percent and middle class townhouses are, on average, up more than single family homes. The result is that some lower and middle class taxpayers will see huge tax increases due to assessments. This adds to an already increased burden as the two-year payroll tax holiday ended this year and the new transportation funding bill (a good thing for Fairfax overall) means the sales tax will go up a full percent.

Whenever taxes are raised, some automatically conclude that government must be out-of-control with rampant spending increases. While that makes for a great political sound bite, it's not always accurate. Total general fund disbursements increase only 1.45 percent in the county executive's proposed budget, less than the local 1.8 percent inflation rate—all in all, a rather flat budget.

What explains the proposed county tax increase then? A year ago, the county projected commercial



real estate growth of about 8 percent. That was the increase last year, and would be consistent with normal growth at the end of a recession (commercial real estate is the last to enter and the last to recover from a recession). Instead, this year commercial real estate assessments did not grow at all. Since commercial real estate is

roughly 20 percent of the real estate tax, that fact alone accounts for almost all of the 2-cent rate increase proposed by the county executive.

Commercial real estate has stalled almost entirely due to uncertainty over the federal budget. It's not sequestration itself that's the problem; it's that no one knows what is coming next. Business needs certainty. The federal government is operating on three-month continuing resolutions. In contrast, the county budget we vote on this month runs through June 2014. Unless and until there is some long-range certainty in the federal budget, commercial real estate will remain stagnant and residential taxpayers will either make up the difference or see county services decrease.

I am hopeful our board will scale back the county executive's proposed tax increase and come together with a common sense consensus budget. But no matter what the final terms are, it won't be pretty. The truth is, we are going to pay more for less, and that's the real life consequence of what is happening in Washington, D.C.

LETTERS

Photo ID: Victory for Voters

To the Editor:

The voters of Virginia won a great victory when Governor McDonnell signed SB 1256, which changes Virginia's law to require a recent photo ID as the only acceptable identification for voting. Thus, a positive identification can now be made with a visual check to verify that the person coming to vote is actually who he claims to be. The existing law allows a number of passive identifiers such as a voter registration card or even a utility bill which proves nothing other than that the person has in his possession a piece of paper with a name and address on it. The person's identity is not verified.

Voters across the commonwealth now can be assured that their individual vote will not be nullified by a fraudulent vote. Opponents of this bill will argue that there is no evidence of fraudulent voting and thus SB 1256 attempts to solve a problem that does not exist. However, when non-verifiable identification is allowed, it is virtually impossible to identify and convict fraudulent voters except in the most flagrant of cases where multiple votes are proven to be cast by a single voter or where the person attempting to

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

vote is clearly known not to be the voter listed in the registration book.

Photo identification has become a necessary requirement for many of our routine daily activities. Yet, somehow opponents of this bill believe that proving our identity to exercise our constitutional right to vote is less important than proving our identity before boarding an airplane or cashing a check at a bank or donating blood. Since the new law provides for free

photo IDs to be issued to those few without one, it is meaningless to claim that requiring a photo ID for voting will disenfranchise various groups such as the poor, the elderly and minority groups. In fact, studies from other states have shown just the opposite result. Voter registration and turnout have actually increased within these groups after enactment of a photo ID law.

Anne Damon
Fairfax

An Overlooked Aspect of Homelessness

To the Editor:

Thank you for the well written article, "Putting a Face on Homelessness," by Victoria Ross (The Connection, March 6-12, 2013). There were also articles and stories in local media, including The Washington Post, local radio and TV stations. One thing each of these media left out was that over one quarter of the people surveyed by the army of volunteers were over age 55. Much was said about the 23 percent of those surveyed that fell into the 18-34 age

bracket. I think most would agree that people in this age bracket are physically more able to withstand the rigors of being homeless than people over the age of 55—and especially more so than those over the age of 70. People age 18-34 are also much more able to gain employment than seniors. I could go on, but am just curious why not one media outlet chose not even to mention this fact. Like most people, I would like to see homelessness totally eradicated in our county and all counties for that matter. Seeing senior citizens living on the streets, in their cars and in county homeless shelters is particularly unnerving.

Robert Paxton
Falls Church

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SUNDAY/APRIL 14

Healthy eating: Making better dietary choices. 3 p.m., at ATFA, 3949 University Drive, Fairfax. Dr. Gewa Constace talks about the interaction between

dietary practices. RSVP required. <http://www.atfa.us/category/womens-club/>.

MONDAY/APRIL 29

Kindergarten Orientation/Registration. 2 p.m., at Greenbriar East Elementary School, 13006 Point Pleasant Drive, Fairfax. Explore the option of enrolling your child; contact the office with questions regarding the registration process. 703-633-6400.

TUESDAY/MAY 14

Board of Supervisors' Public Hearing: Home Child Care Facilities. 4:30 p.m., at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

A public hearing on the Home Child Care Facilities Zoning Ordinance Amendment; concerns number of children allowed to be cared for, parking, drop off and pick up areas, permit fees and conformance to use limitations in home child care facilities. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/.

ONGOING

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr., Fairfax. Tuesday and/or Thursday classes in a heated pool designed to work on balance and core muscles for injury prevention. \$10. 703-667-9800.



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The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC) is a nonprofit organization with more than 50 community partners working together to keep youth and young adults safe and drug-free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013



Tom and Michelle Dannan are newlyweds, Burke transplants, and now, owners of My Gym.

Newlyweds in Business

Burke couple moves to NOVA, buys a gym and launches business.

From the time he met her six years ago when the two were serving as Peace Corps Volunteers in Morocco, Tom Dannan knew that Michelle Connelly loved working with children. Just before joining the Peace Corps, she'd spent two years as the director of the My Gym Children's Fitness Center in Annapolis, Md., and always talked about how much she wanted to open a children's gym someday.

After flirting on and off, the couple began dating in 2009, were engaged eight months later, and got married this past October. In August, Dannan accepted a position with a small contracting firm in D.C. under the Department of Health and Human Services, and Michelle, who'd just finished her Masters of Public Health at Columbia University in New York and was finishing a short-term contract for Save the Children, spent the fall applying for long-term positions in D.C.

In November, Michelle learned that the My Gym in Burke was on the market from long-time owners Carmen and Rafael Cotto. That day, when Michelle picked Tom up from work, and had the usual chat about his work and how her job search was going, she asked, "Okay. What have I always wanted to do?" to which Tom instinctively knew the answer. "Open a My Gym?" Three months later, the couple signed a purchase agreement.

Michelle now works at the gym full-time, and Tom helps out on nights and weekends on top of his daytime job. Together, they average over 100 hours per

week at the gym teaching classes and hosting birthday parties, in addition to cleaning, organizing, and marketing the business. Though it's been a busy past month—they spent their first Valentine's Day as a married couple hosting a special "Parents Night Out" for the children—on top of the current nerve-wracking state of the local economy with uncertainties about sequestration and budget battles, the couple is excited for the opportunity. "This is the kind of job where I wake up every day and am excited to go to work," says Michelle. "It's a big risk, but also the biggest dream of my life." Tom echoes that, "I never imagined I'd be doing this, but I love it," says Tom. "It's a great change of pace from my other job, and I really enjoy getting to play with the kids and hear all the funny things that come out of their mouths. Plus, I get to spend all that time with Michelle."

The couple is planning an Open House on Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th, where they'll be formally introducing themselves to the community while showing off the gym's renovations and new equipment. There will also be lots of giveaways, face painting, and special games for the youngsters. People who sign up during the Open House will get free lifetime membership, 30 percent off classes for their first four weeks, and a \$25 gift certificate to the gym. The couple will also be auctioning off gently used gym equipment and donating the proceeds to a local children's charity. For more information, visit their website at www.mygym.com/burke.

WELLBEING

Local Researchers Address 'Concussion Culture'

Education and proper health care are keys.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

With the impending warmer weather comes an increased number of children participating in outdoor activities. Some local health care professionals and researchers are issuing words of caution.

"More children will be outside playing with friends, riding bicycles and engaging in contact sports. These activities and others where impact is a possibility place children at risk for a concussion," said Dr. Faith Claman, who holds a doctor of nursing practice and is an assistant professor in the Malek School of Health Professions at Marymount University in Arlington.

Local educators say it is important to know the facts. "A concussion is a brain injury, which often occurs as a result of a fall or blow to the head or body," said Dr. Dalila Birem, associate medical director of Molina Healthcare of Virginia and Fairfax Community Health Care Network. "Normally, the brain is cushioned by fluid, but when jolted violently, the brain crashes into the skull, resulting in damage to the soft tissue."

Birem says that while some people may lose consciousness, more common symptoms of a concussion include headache, blurred vision, fatigue or irritability.

"Others may experience no symptoms at all [and] with rest, most people fully recover from a concussion," said Birem. "However, severe concussions or repeated incidents may lead to more serious consequences, such as problems with speech, mobility or learning."

Researchers at George Mason University in Fairfax are taking action. "Concussions are running rampant across the country right now and it seems that no one, from middle school student athletes to professional players, are exempt," said university spokeswoman Catherine J. Probst. "As a result, some states are enacting new laws to change



Researchers in George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) joined the "Advancing Healthcare Initiatives for Underserved Students" (ACHIEVES) project to offer concussion education.

this concussion culture. Virginia's General Assembly [passed legislation] that requires student athletes and their parents to receive annual concussion education. ... The law also states that schools form concussion management teams to provide and document concussion education for students, staff, coaches and parents."

Implementing the legislation presents challenges, however. "Many Virginia public schools lack the necessary resources to properly deliver concussion education," she continued.

To address the dearth of resources, researchers in Mason's College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) joined the Advancing Healthcare Initiatives for

Underserved Students (ACHIEVES) project to offer effective medical care and concussion education.

"The project has already reached more than 80,000 student athletes, staff, coaches and parents to deliver more effective medical care and concussion education," Probst said.

ACHIEVES offers services that run the gamut from imple-

"Concussions are running rampant across the country right now and it seems that no one, from middle school student athletes to professional players, are exempt."

— Catherine J. Probst

menting an electronic medical record-keeping program to offering both online and face-to-face sessions. Probst says university researchers hope the ACHIEVES project will serve as a model for other school systems at the local, regional and national levels as more states enact concussion laws.

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W Salon Revamps, Attracts Celebrities

Three-year-old salon reveals new look, hosts 300 at posh party.

BY CHELSEA H. BRYAN
THE CONNECTION

The night that the W Salon unveiled its 3,000-square-foot space with champagne for toasting, live jazz, a photobooth, food and celebrity guests, they welcomed 300 partygoers regaled in lime green attire (in honor of the salon's signature color)—and some follow-up business too.

Although the W Salon is a three-year-old Burke beauty boutique, they decided to have a fresh start of sorts. On Saturday, March 2, co-owners Sue Lawhorn and Souny West opened their doors for the W Salon Grand Opening Celebration, showing off their newly renovated modern space with a custom bar designed to offer clients refreshments along with salon services.

Among the 300 present to celebrate the changes were a host of special guests, among them Miss Virginia USA 2013 Shannon McAnally, former Redskins quarterback and founder of ProView Doc Walker, Founder Maimah Karmo of TigerLily foundation, swimsuit designer Emily Gonzaga (whose designs were recently showcased at the Oscars and Grammy's) and a host of DC socialites, including fashion bloggers and boutique

The W Salon team



On left is Emily Gonzaga, swimsuit designer of D'Milikah, who recently had her Brazilian-inspired bathing suits showcased at the Oscars and Grammy's, pictured with The W Salon clients Gayela Bynum, Michael Lilly and Gloria D'Molina. Gonzaga flew to the W Salon grand opening from Los Angeles to show her support.

owners.

The W Salon is located in Burke at 6003 Burke Center Parkway. To

see more pictures of the event and for more on services and the like, visit www.wsalonva.com.

CALENDAR



PHOTO BY LARISA PEDENCHUK

The Russian National Ballet Theatre performs Giselle on Saturday, April 6, at George Mason University's Center for the Arts.

Russian National Ballet Theatre Dances for Fairfax

The tragic tale of a peasant girl betrayed by the man she loves will be told on pointe by the Russian National Ballet Theatre at GMU on Saturday, April 6, at 8 p.m. The next day, Sunday, April 7, at 4 p.m. the ensemble dances the beloved Swan Lake, the tale of the cursed princess and the prince who loves her. The Center for the Arts is at 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are half price for youth through grades 12 when accompanied by an adult. \$27, \$46, \$54. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

cfa.gmu.edu.

THURSDAY/APRIL 4

Turkish Coffee Night. 7-9 p.m., at ATFA, 3949 University Drive, Fairfax. A monthly gathering in a nice and warm environment with presentation, fun activities, conversation, Turkish food, and Turkish Coffee. RSVP required. www.atfa.us/category/womens-club/.

Designing Resilient Communities. 7 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics David W. Orr, of Oberlin College, talks on a world made unpredictable by climate change. 703-993-1170.

Passaggio. 8 p.m., at the Harris Theater at GMU, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Mason playwriting program student and rising playwright Michael Patrick Smith presents the story of a small town in Italy during the festival of the Madonna, during which the opera-loving mayor confronts town secrets, hidden love and the townspeople's demand that he bring wealth back to the community. \$15 for students, faculty, staff, seniors and groups; \$20 for general admission. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

FRIDAY/APRIL 5

Passaggio. 8 p.m., at the Harris Theater at GMU, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Mason playwriting program student and rising playwright Michael Patrick Smith presents the story, directed by Washington, D.C.-based director and teacher Stevie Zimmerman, about a small town in Italy during the festival of the Madonna, during which the opera-loving mayor confronts town secrets, hidden love and the townspeople's demand that he bring wealth back to the community. \$15 for students, faculty, staff, seniors and groups; \$20 for general admission. 888-945-2468 or

SATURDAY/APRIL 6

Passaggio. 2 p.m., 8 p.m., at the Harris Theater at GMU, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Mason playwriting program student and rising playwright Michael Patrick Smith presents the story, directed by Washington, D.C.-based director and teacher Stevie Zimmerman, about a small town in Italy during the festival of the Madonna, during which the opera-loving mayor confronts town secrets, hidden love and the townspeople's demand that he bring wealth back to the community. \$15 for students, faculty, staff, seniors and groups; \$20 for general admission. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

MCCP Foundation Dress-up With Grown-Ups Gala. 6-10 p.m., at the Mason Inn Conference Center & Hotel, 4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Bring children and grandchildren willing to dress up for the family friendly gala held by the Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation. Adult: \$150; child: \$75.

Giselle. 8 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The tragic tale of a peasant girl betrayed by the man she loves will be told on pointe by the Russian National Ballet Theatre; tickets are half price for youth through grades 12 when accompanied by an adult. \$27, \$46, \$54. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Trivia Night. 8:30 p.m., at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Compete with a table of old friends or new ones to win a \$25 gift card for every seat at the winning table and a chance to win two tickets to Theater J and dinner for two at Distrikt Bistro; drink ticket and light refreshments included. \$22 per seat; \$144 for table of eight. 703-323-0880 or jccntrivia.brownpapertickets.com.

FAITH

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

Knollwood Community Church Fellowship Center, 10000 Coffey Woods Road, Burke, holds a 12-week Stretch Your Faith-themed yoga class series through Saturday, May 16, on both Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:45 p.m. All levels are welcome; bring a yoga mat, towel and optional yoga strap and blocks. The first class is free. \$72 (one day per week) or \$8 drop-in rate. 571-239-3416, sandyro@holyyoga.net or www.facebook.com/holyyoganova.

Reverend Russell D. Heiland, Jr. has been appointed senior minister by the **Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees**. During interviews at Unity of Fairfax, Rev. Heiland shared his enthusiasm for youth, family and campus ministries. He finds young adult ministry to be especially rewarding and invites church leaders to think, act and be outside the box.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible Study Fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and Children's Church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100, www.fbtministries.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sun-

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First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service. 7300 Gary Street, Springfield. 703-451-1500. www.fbcspRINGfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The

program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at 703-451-5320.

JCCNV Mother's Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or LaurieA@jccnv.org.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14, at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Church. A group meets at 7:30 p.m. on July 6 and 20 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A group will begin meeting every Wednesday starting September. Sessions are in the Old Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Smith at 703-273-5369 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

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SPORTS

Robinson Boys' Lax Beats State Champ Langley

Sophomore Jasien leads Rams with three goals against Saxons.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

On March 27, the Robinson boys' lacrosse team lost to an unknown opponent. The following day, the Rams beat the four-time defending Virginia state champion, leading head coach Matt Curran to voice concern about his team potentially resting on its laurels.

While Curran might have to play the role of team psychologist, the Rams showed during spring break they can hang with the best.

Robinson defeated Langley 9-6 on Thursday, March 28, at the Ram Slam tournament at Robinson Secondary School. The Rams jumped out to a 5-0 lead against the four-time defending state champion Saxons and cruised to victory.

Now Curran will have to deal with any repercussions.

"It gives them confidence," Curran said. "What I don't want it to do is make them cocky, get their heads too big. ... We can't get complacent. We can't think, oh we beat Langley so we're really good. We lost [on March 27] to a team called Midlothian these guys have never heard of before. They're a good team. I feel like there's a lot of parity so we can't—and I've got to try to impart it on young guys—that we can't come out and think just because our name is this and their name is that that the game is going to go a certain way."



Robinson sophomore attackman Chapman Jasien scored three goals against Langley on March 28.



Robinson goalkeeper Nick Kondracki finished with 12 saves against Langley on March 28.

SOPHOMORE ATTACKMAN Chapman Jasien led the Rams on offense, scoring three goals. Jasien, listed at 5-feet-6, 140 pounds, led Robinson with 17 goals through five games.

"He's an exceptional player," Curran said. "... He's not a big guy, but he's super quick and he's very, very strong for a little guy and I think that he's deceptive in that people think they can push him around and they can't. He also has the absolute best stick skills on our team—some of the best stick skills I've ever seen in a player, especially a sophomore. He started last year as a freshman; he's that type of player."

Jasien's third goal gave Robinson a 7-2 lead with 5:52 remaining in the third quarter. The Rams led by as many as six in the second half.

"We really just wanted to play smart and get the job done, that's really all we discussed," Jasien said. "We didn't even talk about them being four-time defending state champs because that's obviously intimidat-

ing. We just said play smart and just get it done."

Senior attackman Charlie Morrisette and senior midfielder Connor Lloyd each had two goals for Robinson. Freshman midfielder Johnny Daniel and sophomore attackman Chris White each had one.

Curran praised the effort of sophomore defenseman Jack Rowlett, who is committed to the University of North Carolina, saying he played a "phenomenal" game.

Junior goalkeeper Nick Kondracki finished with 12 saves.

"He played extremely well, especially down the stretch," Curran said about Kondracki. "This is a very good team we played, so he did a good job coming up with some really big saves—saves that you want a good goalie to make, or you're kind of expecting, but they don't always make them, and he did today."

Kondracki and the Robinson defense held Langley without a goal for the first 22 minutes of the contest.

"I felt great," Kondracki said. "During my warm-up, I didn't do too well, but I stepped up."

Daniel scored the only goal of the first quarter, giving Robinson a 1-0 lead. The Rams extended their lead to 5-0 before Langley scored a pair of goals in the final two minutes of the first half. Robinson outscored Langley 3-0 in the third quarter, including a pair of goals by Lloyd, and took an 8-2 lead into the fourth quarter. Morrisette's goal with 7:32 remaining gave the Rams a 9-3 lead before Langley scored the final three goals of the contest.

ROBINSON LOST its following game, falling 15-9 to Madison on April 1. The Rams went 2-2 during spring break, moving their overall record to 4-2. Robinson beat Bethesda-Chevy Chase (13-1) and Langley at Ram Slam, and lost to Midlothian (7-6) and Madison.

The Rams will travel to face Woodson at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Northern Region Baseball Top 10

The Madison Warhawks held onto the top spot in the latest Northern Region baseball top 10 poll.

Robinson moved up to No. 2, followed by Lake Braddock (3), Oakton (4), Chantilly (5), McLean (6), West Springfield (7), West Potomac (8), Herndon (9) and Langley (10).

McLean, West Potomac, Herndon and Langley each made their first appearance in the top 10.

The Concorde District has the most representatives with four. Three Patriot District and three Liberty District teams were voted in. No teams from the National District made the top 10.

T.C. Williams, South County, Westfield, Stone Bridge and Yorktown each received votes.

Lake Braddock Baseball to Host West Springfield Friday

The Lake Braddock baseball team will host West Springfield at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, in a rematch

of last year's Patriot District and Northern Region championship games.

Lake Braddock got the best of West Springfield in the district final, but the Spartans avenged the loss by beating the Bruins in the region championship game.

Lake Braddock went on to win the state title.

This year, Lake Braddock improved to 5-2 with a 5-4 victory over St. John's on March 30. The Bruins faced South County on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

West Springfield lost a pair of one-run games at the Mingo Bay Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C., dropping the Spartans' record to 3-4. West Springfield took on T.C. Williams on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Lake Braddock Softball Starts 6-0

The Lake Braddock softball team improved to 6-0 with an 11-1 victory over Mount Vernon on March 23. The Bruins outscored their first six opponents 51-5.

Lake Braddock faced South County on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Bruins will host West Springfield at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5. Lake Braddock will face Edison (noon) and West Potomac (2 p.m.) on Saturday during a spring break tournament at Madison.

Lake Braddock Boys' Soccer Improves to 3-0

The Lake Braddock boys' soccer team defeated Yorktown 5-3 on Tuesday, improving its record to 3-0.

Aaron Hollins scored three goals for the Bruins and Stephen Durbin added two. Akram Bensalem had two assists, and Shady Abdel-Salam and Zack Hopkins each had one.

Lake Braddock will host Westfield at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4.

West Springfield Girls' Lax Wins 5 of 6

The West Springfield girls' lacrosse team started the season 5-1, including winning three of four during a trip to Orlando, Fla.

The Spartans faced Annandale on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. West Springfield will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

NEWS

Northern Virginia Special Olympics Chairman Bill Ogletree and son, Special Olympics Global Messenger Kevin Ogletree, present a thank you plaque to FAS President John Carney.



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Fairfax Adult Softball Continues to Support Special Olympics

Participants, family, friends and supporters of Fairfax Adult Softball, Inc. (FAS) united together on Jan. 27 for the 13th Annual Bowling Tournament to benefit Northern Virginia Special Olympics and Fairfax County Park Authority field improvements.

On Monday, March 18, at the board of directors monthly meeting, Fairfax Adult Softball President John Carney presented a proceeds check in the amount of \$6,735 to the Northern Virginia Special Olympics Area 26 Chairman Bill Ogletree and his son, Special Olympics Global Messenger Kevin Ogletree.

As the largest softball group in the metro area, FAS

was approached by Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her staff in 1988 to assist in establishing a pilot program where Special Olympians play softball alongside the volunteers, known as Special Partners. This commitment of FAS continues today. Hundreds of Special Olympians over the years have gained not only the enjoyment of competitive sports, but also the camaraderie, training and health benefits that only sports can offer.

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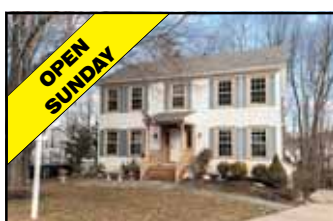
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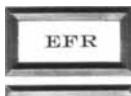
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