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Carmel Whetzel of Winchester, Va. speaks with Courtney Simmons, current freshman at George Mason University and West Springfield High School graduate. Simmons held an impromptu interview with Whetzel, who was independently touring the memorial.

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NEWS

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Dr. Tehreem Butt, who started Family Dentistry of Fairfax in 2008, received the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson Award for his “compassion and willingness to provide free dental services to children in need.” He attended the gala with his wife and children. (From left) Amna Tehreem, a student at George Mason University, Dr. Tehreem Butt, wife Naima Tehreem, Labibah Tehreem, a sophomore at Centreville High School, and Zukhruf, 14, a freshman at CHS



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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Penny Bladich of Vienna, the vice president and treasurer of the MCCP board, hold a doctor Build-A-Bear. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation donated 40 bears, all dressed in medical attire, for the gala’s silent auction.

Children ‘Dress Up With Grown-ups’

Medical Care for Children Partnerships funds medical, dental care for children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Men donned tuxedos; women wore glittering formal dresses, and children dressed in their cotillion finest.

But stuffiness was not invited to this black-tie gala.

As MC Andrew laid down hip-hop, old school and swinging Sinatra tunes, dozens of children and their parents danced and partied at the annual “Dress Up with Grown-ups Gala,” hosted by the Medical Care for Children Partnerships (MCCP) at the Mason Inn Saturday night, April 6.

Former Redskin player Charles Mann, the master of ceremonies, and Dr. Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, welcomed 250 guests to the annual fundraiser, which included many Northern Virginia business leaders and local legislators.

“Children’s health is our mission, and children are a special part of our celebration tonight,” said Alan Harbitter, president of the MCCP Foundation Board of Directors. “We really want everyone to have a fun and memorable time.”

Judging from the laughter and smiles on the dance floor, they did.

Although the gala was a child-centered celebration—featuring a magician, caricaturist and fire truck—the MCCP Foundation has a serious mission.

THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

funds healthcare for the children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County. MCCP-eligible children, many of whom are immigrants, have working parents who don’t have access to health insurance and whose incomes are too high for Medicaid but too low for adequate, regular healthcare. For a family of four in Fairfax County, the annual income level cut-off is about \$55,000, said MCCP Executive Director Margery Leveen Sher.

“We want these children to have the care that any other child has,” Sher said. “It’s a great cost savings for the community, because without MCCP they would go to the emergency room, and probably be a lot sicker and need more care. We are often the last safety net.”

Sher said the nonprofit foundation currently provides medical and dental care to approximately 2,500 uninsured children in low-income families in Fairfax County, and last year spent \$172,000 on children’s dental care alone. She said approximately \$600 covers the dental care needs for one child, and estimates about 9,000 children need the help of MCCP.

The MCCP Foundation also marked a milestone at the gala: providing \$1 million in healthcare costs to Fairfax County’s children of low income, uninsured families.

“I like the combination of corporations, healthcare providers and public entities coming together to provide a leveraged model for taking care of the healthcare needs of Fairfax County’s working poor. ... It’s an enriching, rewarding, innovative or-

ganization,” MCCP Foundation board member Harry Klaff said.

Partners of MCCP include Fairfax County government, corporations and individual financial supporters. Kaiser Permanente and 300 doctors and dentists provide low or no-cost care to MCCP children. Sher said Fairfax County provides case management for families, and support that includes transportation, language assistance and help accessing specialty care.

“MCCP is a unique partnership between healthcare service providers, like Kaiser Permanente, the county and the foundation that fills a critical need in our county—health and dental care for children that would not otherwise have access to it,” said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who attended the event with his wife Nancy.

Herrity said MCCP “has a special place in my heart” because of his father’s involvement in its formation more than 25 years ago. “It is a great example of personal and corporate responsibility and giving.”

ONE OF THE EVENING’S HIGHLIGHTS was the presentation of the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson memorial award. Arnoldson, a pediatrician who passed away in 2009, was one of the original doctors of the MCCP program in 1988. The award is given to a person who embodies Dr. Arnoldson’s credo that “giving is a matter of conscience.”

Dr. Tehreem Butt, of Fairfax Family Dentistry, received the award.

“Dr. Butt has provided a welcoming dental home to our children for many years, and he is always willing to provide care in an emergency,” Harbitter said. “He always treats our children just like other patients in his practice, with kindness and compassion.”

“I like to see children smile,” Butt said as he accepted his award. “I want to help them stay out of pain. When they come to my office, sometimes they are kicking and screaming, but they leave happy. That’s the best part of my profession.”

Born and raised in Lahore, Pakistan, Butt attended dentistry school at the Nishtar Medical College in Multan. In 1986, he emigrated to the United States and completed a two-year dental program at New York University. In 2007, he and his family moved to Centreville, and he opened his Fairfax practice in 2008.

“Since then I have had the pleasure of treating children referred by MCCP. This experience has given a totally new meaning to my dental profession,” Butt said. “To me, children are the most beautiful creatures of God and there is nothing comparable to being able to give them a healthy and happy smile.”

Event sponsors included: Kaiser Permanente, Jones Lang LaSalle, Quest Diagnostics, INOVA, ICF International, Reston Hospital Center, and CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

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WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

Library Friends to Hold Annual Meeting

The Friends of Richard Byrd Library will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, April 25, where the Friends will detail the highlights of their 2012 plans and unveil plans for 2013. Join them at 6:15 p.m. in the Richard Byrd Library conference room.

Then at 7:15 p.m., everyone is invited into the library's meeting room for refreshments and to meet the guest speaker, Richard Bangs, who has been called the father of modern adventure travel, a travel pioneer and most interesting, a traveler with a purpose. At 7:30 p.m., his talk, "Unreasonable Travels with Richard Bangs," begins. Featured will be some of his travel from the past year, including North Korea, Kashmir, Ladakh, Egypt, Borneo, Easter Island, Iguassu, Galapagos, Machu Picchu, and most dangerous of all (his words), the Catskills.

Sign up by calling the library at 703-451-8055. Richard Byrd Library is located at 7250 Commerce St., Springfield.

Apple, Vantria Federal Credit Unions Announce Merger

Apple Federal Credit Union (Apple) and Vantria Federal Credit Union (Vantria) announced that they have received approval by the National Credit Union Administration to merge in early May 2013. Apple is headquartered in Fairfax, with a branch network extending throughout Northern Virginia. Vantria is also headquartered in Fairfax County with one branch (Springfield) serving the county.

Apple will absorb Vantria, including all of its employees and its branch, so there are no expected layoffs or branch closings related to this merger.

"Apple will benefit from a larger member base and a slightly broader branch network, resulting in greater convenience for members of both credit unions," says Larry Kelly, president and chief executive officer of Apple. "In addition, Vantria shares many of our core values including a strong membership focus and sense of community."

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SCHOOL NOTES

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Nathaniel Kelley was inducted into the Blue Blazers Investment Committee at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. Kelly is a freshman from Springfield. Originally started in 1996, the Blue Blazers is a financial committee that has received state and national media attention.

With the availability of public housing dwindling in the face of aging buildings and redevelopment efforts that sometimes reduce the number of units, those in need of subsidized housing are facing tough times. After she graduates, University of Virginia law student and Springfield resident **Kim Rolla** will be able to tackle the problem locally in Central Virginia as the Law School's 12th Powell Fellow.

The Powell Fellowship, which offers a \$40,000 salary for a graduate working in the public interest for two years, allowed Rolla to work together with legal aid attorneys and an organization of local public housing residents to design her a plan to provide a range of legal services to low-income tenants. Rolla will work at the Legal Aid Justice Center in Charlottesville to tackle housing problems on three levels, she said.

Former West Springfield student, **Brandon Bailey** and his wife have written and published the bilingual novel and language learning system, *The Epic Adventures of Princess Moonface*. Their book has been awarded a family choice award. Learn more at <http://www.familychoiceawards.com/family-choice-awards-winners/books>.

Alexandra Hoenscheid of West Springfield has been named to the president's list for the fall 2012 semester at the University of Mary Washington.

Matthew Isaias Oclander of Springfield made the Seattle Pacific University 2012 Autumn Quarter Dean's List.

Andrew Poirier of Springfield has been named to the Deans List for the spring 2012 and fall 2012 semesters at Radford University.

Allison M. Willner of Springfield has been named to the deans list for the fall 2012 semester at East Tennessee State University.

High school senior **Nnamdi Enechionya**, of Springfield, was named to the Saint James School Honors List for Trimester 1.

Saint James School, founded in 1842, is a co-educational boarding school serving students in grades 8-12 dedicated to the development of mind, body and spirit. The school is located south of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Animal Control Officer Nabs Elusive Shih Tzu

Officer's dogged pursuit saves sly pup from life on the streets.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Just 13 pounds of matted fur and fluff, "Biscuit," a sly shih tzu, evaded capture in the Franconia area for nearly two years, porch-surfing and stealing cats' food to survive.

Until Enna Lugo got on the case two months ago. A Fairfax County Animal Control officer, Lugo was dogged and determined to rescue the rogue pup.

According to police, Biscuit got his name from neighborhood children, who routinely caught glimpses of this lonely pup as he foraged for food or moved from one hiding place to another. Private citizens and rescue groups had been trying to catch Biscuit for many months when Lugo launched a doggie dragnet.

"Whenever I came to catch Biscuit, neighborhood residents would tell me the last place they had seen him," said Lugo, who has a shih tzu of her own. "Everyone tried to help get him off the streets."

She used several methods to try to catch



Before and after: Biscuit's hair was dirty and matted, and filled with ticks when Animal Control officer Enna Lugo nabbed the elusive shih tzu on Saturday, April 6. At the vet, Biscuit was sedated and shaved, and treated for a skin infection. Other than that, he was found to be in good health and was estimated to be around 3 to 4 years old.

him, including trapping and tracking. "He would always find an escape route," she recalled. "When we tried to trap him, he would lie next to the traps but he would never go inside."

His origins are a mystery. Some residents said his owner had died and he had been left to fend for himself; others claimed that his owners moved away and left him behind.

Lugo said she knew that she needed man-



COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

power to catch the pup. This past Saturday, April 6, she and Animal Shelter staff worked together to assemble a team of officers and volunteers to bring Biscuit to safety.

When they arrived on the scene off of Manchester Boulevard and Beulah Road Saturday around 8 a.m., Biscuit was not in his usual spot under a residential patio, and Lugo was concerned that he had fled the area.

But he was soon spotted nearby, huddled

in a nest of leaves where he had made a bed. Animal control officers and volunteers surrounded him, caught him with a net and transported him to the veterinarian.

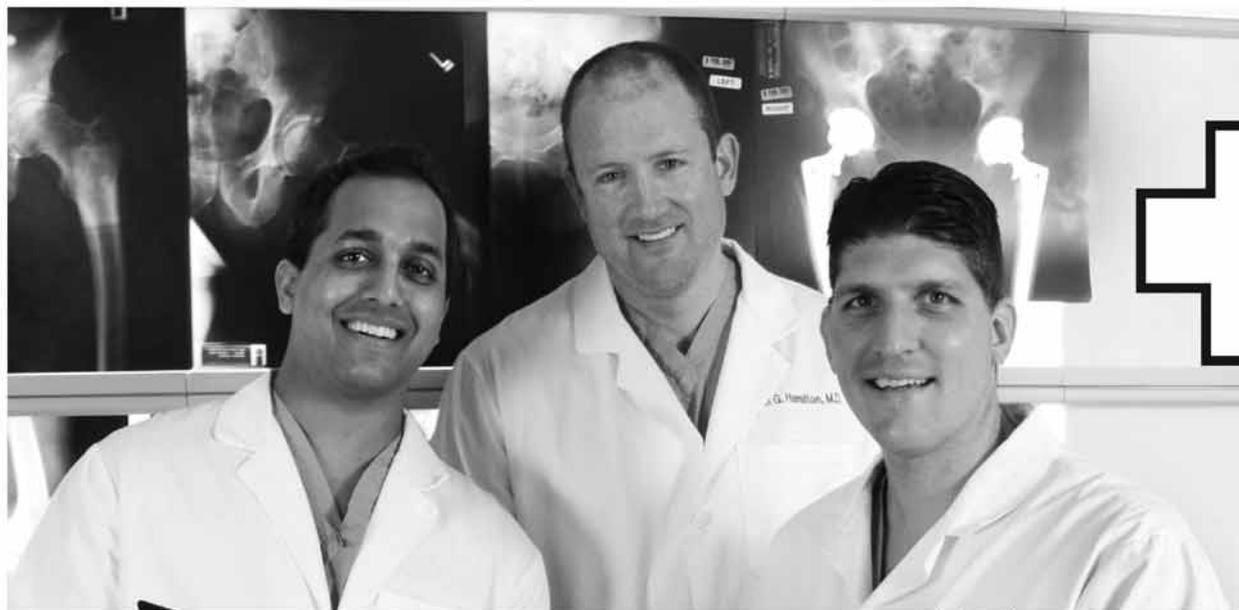
At the vet, Biscuit was sedated and shaved. The vet removed more than 40 ticks and treated him for a skin infection. Other than that, he was found to be in good health and was estimated to be around 3 to 4 years old.

"Most surprisingly, Biscuit allowed Officer Lugo and the veterinary staff to hold and pet him. He seemed to know that his struggle was over and that he was in caring hands," said Tawny Hammond, director of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Lugo has offered to foster Biscuit to help him acclimate to living in a house with human companions. He will be available for adoption after he has had some time to re-adjust.

"Officer Lugo's initiative and tenacity exemplify the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division's commitment to fulfilling our mission; her work ensured safety of the citizens of Fairfax County and the compassionate rescue of an animal in need," Hammond said.

Lugo said she was happy and relieved at the outcome. "I told the residents that even if it took me a year, I would catch Biscuit and get him to a loving home."



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OPINION

Voting Again

Every year is election year in Virginia, and it's a bit much.

The most hotly contested race for statewide office in Virginia, the Republican contest for lieutenant governor, will be decided at a statewide convention on May 18. That's about a month from now.

A statewide Democratic primary will take place June 11.

On Nov. 5, all eyes will turn to Virginia to follow the conclusion of a fascinating race for governor. Democrat Terry McAuliffe will face Republican Ken Cuccinelli in a contest that will appeal to more conservative Republicans and more liberal Democrats.

The race will feature massive efforts to turn out the vote. Mailboxes will fill up with glossy mailers. Airwaves will no doubt reflect the election.

Wait, didn't we just do this?

Yes, but in 2013, Virginia will choose governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and all 100 members of the House of Delegates. Arlington voters will also elect one member to the county board and one member to the school board. City of Alexandria voters will also elect a commonwealth's attorney and sheriff.

And it won't be simple.

Right now it appears that there are seven Republican candidates, two Democratic candidates and an Independent Green candidate running for lieutenant governor.

Republicans will choose from their seven can-

didates at a statewide convention on May 18. Here are the names of the seven: Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R), former state senator and wife of former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis; E.W. Jackson Sr. (R); L. Scott Lingamfelter (R), state delegate; Steve Martin (R), state senator; Pete Snyder (R); Corey Stewart (R), Prince William County Board chair, and Susan Stimpson (R), Stafford County Board chair.

Democrats will choose a candidate for lieutenant governor in the statewide primary on June 11; candidates are Aneesh Chopra (D) and state Sen. Ralph Northam (D).

EDITORIAL

Two Republicans and two Democrats appear to be running for attorney general: Democrats Justin Fairfax and state Sen. Mark Herring would face off in the June 11 primary. Republicans would choose between candidates Del. Rob Bell (R) and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R) at the state-wide convention May 18.

Town of Vienna voters will elect three members of its town council on May 7.

Virginia has a General Election every year on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November; that's Nov. 5, this year. Federal offices are elected in even-numbered years. State and local offices are elected in odd-numbered years. If primaries are called by the political parties, they are held on the second Tuesday in June; that's June 11, this year.

This is a formula for election fatigue, alter-

nating record voter turnout with tepid voter turnout. Realigning Virginia's election calendar so that the critical statewide races took place in presidential election years would increase voter participation, although this change is not simple and not likely.

The Virginia General Assembly voted this year to impose much more stringent voter identification requirements starting in July 2014, an unnecessary step that suppresses the votes of poor, elderly and minority voters. Instead, they should fund an annual mailing to all registered voters that summarizes what and who will be on the ballot. This would increase the integrity of elections, giving all voters a chance to arrive at the polls informed and engaged.

Here are some good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov/.

Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state.

Fairfax County Board of Elections, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm.

Alexandria Board of Elections, www.alexandriava.gov/Elections.

Arlington Board of Elections, www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx.

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COMMENTARY

Paving the Way

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

The Reconvened Session of the General Assembly that met last week concluded work for this year on the most significant funding program for transportation infrastructure approved by the legislature since the historic special session in 1986. The bill that had previously passed the legislature in the 2013 Regular Session was sent to the governor for his approval and signature. He proposed a series of amendments that were voted on last Wednesday, April 3, and approved by the House and the Senate. The governor will now sign the bill into law.

There is no getting around the fact that the new law will cost the motoring public some extra dollars. One advantage of the bill is that it raises most of the money from those who use the roads. The more vehicles you buy, the more gas you use, or the more cars you title the more you will pay for the construction and upkeep of the roads. This very point allowed some legislators who were opposed to raising taxes to vote for the bill, for they considered the new revenues to be coming from "user fees." By whatever name is necessary to develop public understanding, the new law establishes a framework for revenue growth that will help keep up with the cost of inflation and growth. The cents per gallon gasoline tax for example will be replaced with a sales tax on the wholesale price of gasoline. It is doubtful that there will be a noticeable change in gasoline prices at the pump considering the fluctuations in gas prices that already occur based on market factors.

The purchase of new cars has always had a reduced sales tax rate. The current 3.5 percent will become 4 percent on July 1, 2013, and will increase slightly each year until it reaches 4.15 percent on July 1, 2016, still below the sales tax on all other purchases. For the special needs of Northern Virginia there will also be a "congestion relief fee" of \$0.15 per \$100 value of the net sales price of a home. A transit occupancy tax on hotel rooms at the rate of 2 percent is also established for Northern Virginia. While the new law strengthens the statewide maintenance and construction fund, it recognizes the unique needs of the suburbs of Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads and provides that the special funds that are raised in those regions stays there for use in the region. No more sending money to Richmond with a percentage of it not making its way back. Language in the law also requires that priority be given to projects that offer relief from congestion.

There is a strong mass transit component to the law that provides funding for inter-city rail and \$300 million off the top to help with the funding of the Silver Line. The additional funds should help keep tolls to a more reasonable level on the Dulles Toll Road.

The governor offered an amendment at my request and the urging of others that the alternative fuel fee be eliminated or reduced. He chose to reduce it from \$100 to \$64. The House leadership has committed to a study of the fee during this year to consider if it should be re-assessed and if so, the amount, and the special vehicles to which it should apply. I expect major revisions on this issue in the 2014 session. The job is not totally complete in other areas as well. Clearly, though, we have paved the way for Virginians and the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alarmed by School Names

To the Editor:

Am I the only one alarmed by the presence of high schools named after confederate leaders? After our nation's long and divisive war, symbols of bigotry abound; this, however, is only amplified as a problem when the symbol is a high school.

To be clear, the "War of Northern Aggression" (as it is ridiculously called in some areas), and Virginia's part in it, are things to be ashamed of, not to glorify. Forcibly legitimizing treasonous villains, and allowing our children to be the recipient of our preposterous revisionism is wrong.

For example: The following high schools should be changing their names immediately:

Robert E Lee High School

JEB Stuart High School

Fairfax High School (Rebels)

Stonewall Jackson High School

To erroneously fight your country is wrong. To erroneously fight your country for your right to enslave is worse. To glorify those who have erroneously fought their country for their right to enslave is the worst thing we could be doing.

Kiran Hampton
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Bill Trimble of Evergreen, Colo. is interviewed by West Springfield High School senior Elizabeth Bowman while Courtney Simmons and senior Mason Dumond control the sound and camera equipment.

History, Up Close and Personal

West Springfield High School students interview veterans at World War II Memorial.

BY NGALULA TSHISHIMBI
THE CONNECTION

The heat is palpable and the buzz of tourists is mesmerizing but Courtney Simmons is focused on Carmel Whetzel's account of his World War II experience. Whetzel is a veteran and Simmons, a current freshman at George Mason University and a West Springfield High School graduate, is interviewing him as part of "Capturing the Voices of World War II: A Student Interview Project."

On Tuesday, April 9, Simmons and West Springfield seniors Elizabeth Bowman and Mason Dumond interviewed four World War II veterans in front of the National World War II Memorial. The Tuesday interview was one of many that have been conducted since May of 2012 by volunteer West Springfield students with the Friends of the National World War II Memorial. As their director of education, and a former West Springfield history teacher himself, Jim Percoco initiated the project and recruited interested students to conduct the interviews and take on the responsibility of documenting history.

According to the students, hearing stories directly from veterans is more worthwhile than any textbook. "Textbooks tell you what happened and they highlight certain things, but when you're talking to [the veterans] you get to hear everything," says Bowman. The students recounted one humorous story in which a veteran had unconventionally caused the surrender of five German soldiers when he wandered into the woods to relieve himself and caught them by surprise. "We're actually talking to [the individuals] the textbooks are talking about," said Simmons. Although they are familiar with the subject through books, documentaries and lessons at school, the students say that the experience has enhanced their own knowledge. Bowman says that "hearing about first encounters, like steps onto Normandy or shots fired" has allowed her to see a more personalized experience of the war.

The project is a learning opportunity ranging from history to communication and video production skills. The students are trained to conduct the inter-



Springfield resident George Kerestes leads a tour around the National World War II Memorial for veterans and their parties. The trip to the memorial was jointly organized by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial and the Wish for a Lifetime Foundation.

views and to correctly manipulate the sound and camera equipment. "I do a lot of the camera work. I still talk to the veterans, but I get nervous in front of the camera," says Dumond. As the project continues, the students will be trained to edit the videos, allowing more students of different skill sets to get even more hands-on with the project.

The students volunteer for the Friends of the National World War II Memorial, which hosts these interviews and maintains an online collection.

Police Receive Alarming Number of Tax Fraud Reports

As annual tax returns are being calculated and submitted in a last-minute furor across the country, Fairfax County Police have received an alarming report of 75 to 100 cases of tax identification fraud in recent weeks. Detectives are warning residents of the scam and urge them to take precautions to prevent being victimized.

In this recent series of crimes, taxpayers don't discover they've been victimized until after they file their tax returns and are told that the IRS has already received and documented their returns. Confused and perplexed, victims are told to contact the Financial Crimes Investigative unit to report the matter and that their security numbers have been stolen or compromised. Victims must handle the arduous process of clearing up the financial mess created by these swindlers.

Detectives stress that while there is little that can be done locally to track suspects in these cases, education and prevention are key factors that can help prevent identity theft. They issue the following precautions:

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WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

Police-involved Shooting in Franconia Area

Shortly before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, police were called to a home in the 6600 block of Thurlton Drive in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County for the report of a possible suicidal subject. Officers arrived and encountered a 37-year-old man. Details are limited at this time; however, during that encounter, the man was shot by police. At least one officer performed CPR until Fairfax County Fire and Rescue arrived. The man was subsequently transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

No officers were injured during the incident.

Detectives from Homicide and Internal Affairs, along with Crime Scene technicians responded to the scene.

The officers involved in this incident will be placed on routine administrative leave as the department begins parallel criminal and administrative investigations.

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Library Friends to Hold Annual Meeting

The Friends of Richard Byrd Library will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, April 25, where the Friends will detail the highlights of their 2012 plans and unveil plans for 2013. Join them at 6:15 p.m. in the Richard Byrd Library conference room.

Then at 7:15 p.m., everyone is invited into the library's meeting room for refreshments and to meet the guest speaker, Richard Bangs, who has been called the father of modern adventure travel, a travel pioneer and most interesting, a traveler with a purpose. At 7:30 p.m., his talk, "Unreasonable Travels with Richard Bangs," begins. Featured will be some of his travel from the past year, including North Korea, Kashmir, Ladakh, Egypt, Borneo, Easter Island, Iguassu, Galapagos, Machu Picchu, and most dangerous of all (his words), the Catskills.

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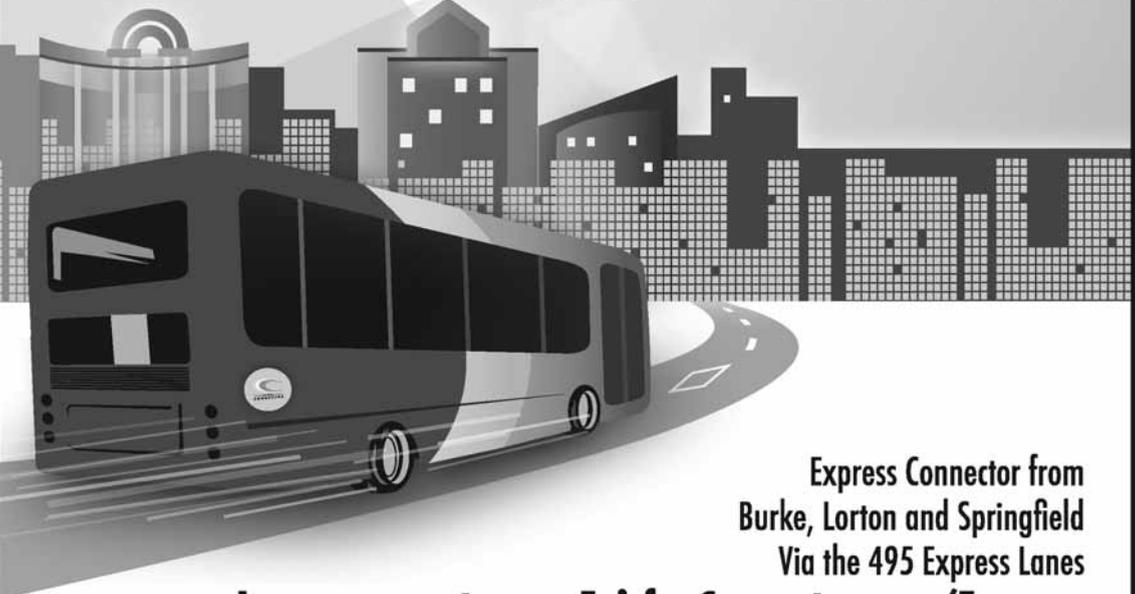
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HomeLifeStyle A Family Home Evolves

Sun Design Remodeling helps a local engineer find the indoor/outdoor solution he dreamed of for 25 years.

BY JOHN BYRD

Sometimes a good opportunity isn't obvious at first. To see what's possible, one must look past surfaces. The facade of a 3,400 square foot frame house at the end of a Fairfax Station cul-de-sac, for instance.

The year is 1987. Engineer Scot Minesinger, then in his late 20s, is thinking about the future.

At a glance, there are many things about the frame house Minesinger doesn't like, starting with a faux cross-gabled roof line that seems to have no reference in any architectural style.

The "spindly" front porch and the

white vinyl siding are also detractors, as is the facade that's not so much understated as "bland."

Around back, Minesinger finds nearly 60 linear feet of rear elevation varied only by smallish, builder-grade windows — a peculiar glazing design, given the lovely woodland setting all around.

Still, the house had been on the market for two years, and Minesinger is looking for something to build his dreams on — a place where a future family might thrive in the fullness of time.

Considered from this perspective: a house on two rolling acres



The front facade to the house Scot Minesinger purchased in the late 1980s was undistinguished, even bland. The engineer found the cross-gabled roof line particularly misconceived, but hoped to eventually introduce a more cohesive architecture.



The Colonial-style elaboration developed by Sun Design Remodeling explores resonant 18th century detailing, starting with the cultured stone cladding on the lower level and chimneys. Decorative entablature above windows, crown molding and period railing spindles build a style-appropriate profile, yet the existing windows and shutters were re-used.

has a lot to offer, the only real problem being to figure out how that emergent "family home" — re-designed to taste — will actually look. "I wasn't in a hurry," Minesinger

said, explaining the 25-year gap between the dream and its fulfillment.

"I wanted a more sustainable home energy system first. And while I saw the potentials in the rear of the house, I was looking for the combination of suitable influences that would move the project forward." So the big picture unfolds incrementally.

In 1996, after occupying the house for six years, Minesinger designed a geothermal-based energy system, which he installed in the front yard. "My winter utility bills dropped to about half," he said. "It was a step towards independence that makes other changes possible."

That said, it may be unsurprising to learn that one so ardently methodical eventually discovered how he wanted his house to look by hiring a design build firm to help him think it through.

"My wife, Carolyn, had been clipping stories from magazines for years," Minesinger said. "We wanted the house to be appropriate to this terrific setting, but we needed people with real experience to help us shape our ideas."

ENTER SUN DESIGN REMODELING of Burke, a residential design/build firm recognized for innovative whole-house makeovers.

"It was critically important to me to find a process through which Carolyn and I could explore our thoughts together. In this regard, the 3-D space modeling approach offered by Sun Design made everything much easier,"

Minesinger said.

The first breakthrough: recognizing that the existing, vaguely "eclectic" front facade needed to firmly define itself — as classic colonial with distinctive early American accents.

"The architectural identity became fairly obvious once we sat down with Sun Design," Minesinger said. "Carolyn's interplay in using stone nudged us in a style direction that really fits the setting. In fact, you can still see this kind of stone work in historical homes nearby — especially as you head west into hill country."

Thus, the spindly porch supports have been replaced by sturdier columns with a more stately profile. Porch railings are now period-specific. Decorative entablature crown each window.

At ground level, cultured stone cladding graces the exposed lower level, the new porch support piers and the chimneys. A second chimney has been added to the front facade, an architectural salute to Virginia's classic Georgians. Likewise, new siding — in tan and khaki with bright white trim — accentuates the new facade's textured warmth.

Meanwhile, on the rear elevation, Sun Design developed a distinctive indoor/outdoor plan purposed to multi-generational requirements.

And that works. The three children are now teens. Clever "zoning" solutions confer both the pri-

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vacy and easy interaction needed to satisfy the family's varied, and foreseeable, needs

"The patio room evolved logically," Minesinger said. "It's directly linked to the dining room; a great spot to take in the view ... without getting your feet wet."

Still, the room is, by definition, "transitional" to the outdoor experience. Though it's over 400 square feet, there was no corresponding modification to the home's HVAC system. Instead, the design calls for two-ply insulated glass on three-sides, and features a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace.

"The enclosure stays really comfortable without any additional heating or cooling support," Minesinger said, referring to the spaciously open addition as "a second family room."

Overhead, a private balcony linked to the master bedroom suite gives the adult Minesingers a quiet treetop perch from which to take it all in.

Exiting the patio room through French doors, the open-air plan unfolds as a series of terraced activity zones: a 12-by-16-foot deck; a cozy covered porch cooled by a

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The entrance from the driveway emphasizes the soft, yet textured elements that characterize the design as a whole.

pair of overhead rotating fans.

Both structures, in turn, segue along their respective low-rise staircases to a flagstone patio where the family generally gathers to enjoy grilling and warm weather dining.

Rounding out the picture: a 1196-square-foot two-level out-

Minesinger's collection of vintage 1970s Cadillacs.

As with every other aspect of the project, the design called for carefully scaling-back the new structure's mass, concentrating on architecturally sympathetic rooflines and elevations.

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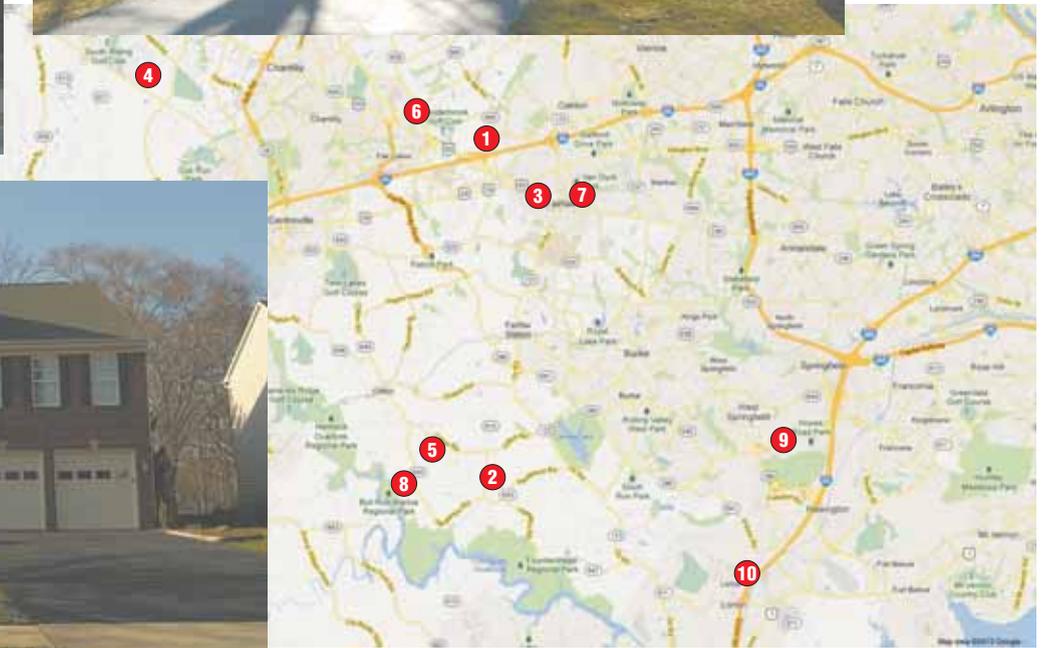
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Remodeling in Reston

Local homeowners and designers create ideal entertainment space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When the homeowners of a Reston colonial home decided to turn a breezeway that connected their main house into a detached two-car garage with entertainment space overhead and adjacent, their first thoughts were relaxation and fun. The primary concern of the design team they hired was combining safety and style.

"The main challenge on this project was framing the cathedral ceiling over the sunroom, given that it is about 24 feet up. Doing that well and safely is a true testament to our team," said Bruce Case, president of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., who designed and built the project.

The homeowners' original goal was to build a detached garage with a breezeway that connected to the main house. Once construction was underway, the project expanded and the space above the garage became a living space with a bathroom. The breezeway became an open, two-story sunroom with a bar and powder room.

The homeowners decided to transform the space between the home and the garage into a guest suite that was ideal for hosting guests. The result also includes a two-story entertainment room with a bar.



Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., created a two-story entertainment room with a bar, heated flooring and stonewall adjacent to the new garage which, features a bedroom, bath and office space above it.

"The breezeway turned into a sunroom and then blossomed from there," says Sean McLarty, senior project manager at Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. "The garage is now

the man cave, while the space above the garage includes a bedroom, bathroom, office for him and art studio for her. The studio leads to a deck with a cabana below."

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— Bruce Case, president of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc

The main level of the addition houses a horseshoe-shaped bar, sitting room with heated stone flooring, waterfall feature and clerestory windows that overlook the pool. The manufactured stone wall leads to an arched window that opens to a landing above the garage and into the new guest quarters.

"The 28-foot-high ceiling made this project interesting," adds Case carpenter Tom Barber, who, along with carpenter David Frock, worked on the project over the course of four months.

The bar area includes a commercial refrigerator, two televisions and pool access. "The house is deceiving on the outside," said Barber. "The colonial facade masks the extraordinary, Italian-inspired interiors with this gracious new entertainment wing."

McLean Kitchen and Garden Tour Planned for May 1

On Wednesday, May 1 (rain date: May 2), the Woman's Club of McLean will mount the community's first Kitchen and Garden Tour. The hours of the tour will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., set in Countryside Estates in west McLean (the same area that was featured in the club's 2010 Holiday Homes Tour) and the event will focus on the kitchens and gardens of six large homes situated on one-acre lots.

The tour houses are located on Holyrood Drive and Countryside Court, near Balls Hill Road and Georgetown Pike.

Woman's Club organizers hope that the closeness of the area to the Beltway (Exit 44) will make it easily accessible. Parking will be available on the street.

Tickets for the Kitchen and Garden Tour will be \$25 if purchased before the day of the tour and \$30 if purchased on the tour day. Tickets are for sale at three local businesses: Flowers and Plants, Etc. (1378 Chain Bridge Road, McLean), Karin's Florist of Vienna (527 Maple Ave. E., Vienna) and Great Dogs of Great Falls (9859 Georgetown Pike), in addition to



Col. Pete and Kay Burnell's garden.

Vinson Hall Retirement Community (6521 Old Dominion Drive, McLean). On the day of the tour, tickets will also be available at the tour houses.

All proceeds of the tour will go to the Wounded Warrior Transitional Housing Project at McLean's Vinson Hall Retirement Community. For more information, contact a McLean Woman's Club member at 703-556-0197 or sheridan2@cox.net.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Spring Faire. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway, Springfield. Jewelry, fashion, home decor, kitchen, garden, gourmet foods, door prizes and more to benefit Bethany House's work to help victims of child abuse. www.womansclubofspringfield.org.

Annual Congressional Art Competition. 2-4 p.m., at the McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An exhibition of Virginia high school art submitted for the Annual Congressional Art Competition from the 11th Congressional District; one young artist from the Workhouse exhibit will have his/her work exhibited in the U.S. Capitol. www.workhousearts.org.

The U.S. Army Chorus Community Concert. 5 p.m. at Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. This is the fourth time in recent years that the chorus has performed at the church. www.westwood-baptist.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Glory Days Grill Celebrates 17th Anniversary. Local Glory Days Grill locations (18 in total) will donate 10 percent of all food sales to LLS to help fund their mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. http://www.glorydaysgrill.com/#whats-new/news/2012/partner-leukemia-lymphoma-society.



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, 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.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

21st Anniversary Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. 8-10 a.m., at the Waterford, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. One of the largest community-wide recognition events honors 154 volunteers with 400 guests expected in attendance; tickets available through April 12. \$40 for individuals; \$60 for corporate guests. www.volunteerfairfax.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Standing Room Only. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Vulcan Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A selection of 20 artist-customized bike seats. This show will transform the everyday and familiar seat into a work of art; what is usually seen as a tool for sitting and part of the bicycle unit will become an object of display and will be exhibited as such, standing on pedestals as purely an art object.

www.workhousearts.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 21

NTRAK display and N Gauge Trains. 1-4 p.m., at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax. Display of the Northern Virginia NTRAK (T-TRAK layout). \$3 for adults. \$1 for children. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org

MONDAY/APRIL 22

Kindergarten Orientation. 2-3:30 p.m., at Rolling Valley Elementary School, 6703 Barnack Drive, Springfield. Rising kindergarten students and their parents are invited to tour the school, meet the teachers, see the classrooms and meet other students. 703-923-2700.

TUESDAY/APRIL 30

Event Planning Expo Open House. 4:30-7:30 p.m., at Empire Nightclub, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. Area vendors share information from open exhibit stations; exhibitor space available. lori@empire-nova.com or www.empirevenue.com.

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 Guillory 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 Otello,

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FRIDAY/MAY 17

The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast. 7 p.m., at Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The Rose Hill Players will perform the play "The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast." \$5 for adults; \$3 for children.

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Friends of Richard Byrd Library Book Sale. 3-9 p.m., at Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Find media offerings of all kinds, many in pristine condition, to use as a gift or to start a summer reading stack; credit cards accepted. rbfriends@gmail.com.

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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, 703-3-323-8100, www.fbtministries.org.

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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 Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.LordofLifeva.org.

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 or 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.

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Challenger league players are ready to play ball as they wave from their float during the kick-off parade on Saturday, April 6, Fairfax County Little League Opening Day.

Opening Day

Fairfax County Little League kicks off a news season.

The Fairfax County Little League held their Opening Day festivities on Saturday, April 6, at Chilcott Baseball Field on Oak Street. Area dignitaries—from state delegates to Fairfax City and County representatives—took part in the parade as well as hundreds of players, family members and volunteers.

Lake Braddock freshman Kayley Anna Manarchuck sang before the Fairfax County Little League Opening Day Game Saturday, April 6.



Challenger players Leslie Spittery and Michael Hudson are ready to play on Opening Day of the Fairfax County Little League, Saturday, April 6.



PHOTO BY CHIP CERTZO

Melissa Dunlap as Karen, Michael Donahue as Tom and David Whitehead as Gabe in rehearsal for the Providence Players production of "Dinner With Friends."

Grown-up Play About Grown-up Things

Providence Players of Fairfax present "Dinner with Friends."

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Sitting around a table at a recent rehearsal, Providence Players of Fairfax Director Tina Thronson and some of her cast discussed the troupe's funny yet bittersweet Pulitzer Award-winning next play, "Dinner with Friends," by Donald Margulies.

"Our next show rings so true to life. It is a grown-up play about grown-up things; focusing on couples and their marriages but in some very unlikely, unexpected ways," said Thronson.

"Dinner with Friends" focuses on two couples over a period of time, looking at their early courtships and their on-going marriages, their love and their mistakes. All peppered with flashbacks of time and place, along with a generous helping of food and food references to keep the production full of energy and the audience leaning forward trying to anticipate what might happen next.

The production has four characters; two couples who have been dear friends for years. The story focuses on what happens after one couple lets it be known that a breakup of their marriage is imminent. But this is no straight-forward melodrama with clear sympathies toward one particular character; it is more complex than that, suggested Thronson.

Why is food a focus? Accord-

ing to cast member David Whitehead, "food is used to help the characters take a break from confronting their relationships and themselves." Foodie references also spice-up the tart dialogue, noted Whitehead.

The two couples are Gabe (Whitehead) and Karen (Dunlop), a seemingly happily married middle-aged pair. They are the long-time friends of Tom (Michael Donahue) and Beth (Jayne L. Victor). But, the unexpected news of the looming divorce of Beth and Tom sets the production on its way.

The use of scene flashbacks will provide the audience with the opportunity to see both couples over time. According to Dunlop, "the audience will see how things and viewpoints change. Who is likeable, who to be trusted all change as the play progresses. It is like a mystery. Don't be so sure of your first impressions of anyone or even the ending you initially expect."

Whitehead indicated that the show's humor includes some "biting sarcasm that will ring true." Even lines about wine "take on unexpected meanings. Who would expect that 'astringent,' used in describing a wine's taste, would lead to a much deeper conversation about marriage."

The Providence Players expects that "Dinner with Friends" will spark many conversations as the audience heads home. You are invited to join the discussion.

Where and When

"Dinner with Friends," performed by Providence Players of Fairfax, James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances through April 20, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday Matinee at 2 p.m. April 14. Tickets: \$15-\$18. Call 703-425-6782 or visit www.providenceplayers.org. Note: "Dinner with Friends" is not for young audiences. It contains mature themes and language.

SPORTS



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Lake Braddock shortstop Jack Owens had a pair of doubles against West Springfield on April 5.

Lake Braddock senior Thomas Rogers has been cleared to pitch on a limited basis.

Lake Braddock Baseball Getting Healthy

Bruins blast West Springfield as team bounces back from injuries.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

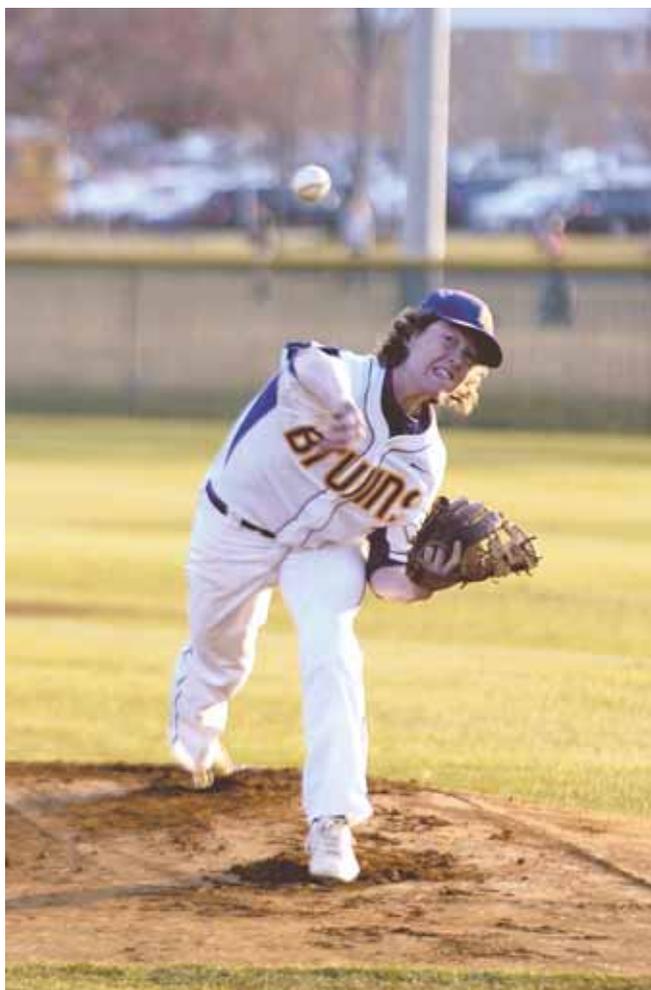
The Lake Braddock baseball team has labored through a slew of injuries early in the season, with several key athletes either missing time or limited in their contributions.

The Bruins lost two of their first five games after entering the season ranked No. 12 nationally by MaxPreps.com. Last season, when Lake Braddock won the program's first state championship, the Bruins started 9-0 and did not suffer their second loss until game No. 19.

Now, nearly one month into the season, Lake Braddock is starting to get some players healthy. Left-handed pitcher Thomas Rogers, who threw a four-hit shutout in last year's state championship game, is cleared to pitch on a limited basis after having Tommy John surgery on Aug. 27. Sophomore pitcher Matt Supko returned from a back injury with hopes of becoming a key contributor on the mound.

As others progress, Lake Braddock figures to improve. But even though the Bruins aren't at full strength, they were plenty good enough on April 5 to avenge last season's loss to rival West Springfield in the Northern Region championship game.

LAKE BRADDOCK, ranked No. 2 in the latest Northern Region coaches poll, defeated West Springfield 11-1 in five innings at Lake Braddock Secondary School. After beating the Spartans twice during the 2012 regular season and again in the Patriot District championship game, the Bru-



Lake Braddock junior Joe Darcy earned the win against West Springfield on April 5, allowing one unearned run in four innings.

ins lost to West Springfield in the region final before running the table at states. On Friday, junior pitcher Joe Darcy limited the Spartans to one unearned run in four in-

nings while earning the victory. The right-hander allowed two hits while walking one and striking out three.

"He did good," Lake Braddock head coach Jody Rutherford said. "He's one of the guys that's getting healthy. I really wasn't expecting him to go four. He kept his pitch count down which ... got him deeper into the game."

"I wouldn't say [we're] hitting our stride. We've still got our best ball in front of us."

— Lake Braddock baseball coach Jody Rutherford

At the plate, junior shortstop Jack Owens had a pair of doubles and an RBI. Senior third baseman Alex Lewis had a hit and three RBIs. Rogers finished with a double and an RBI, Supko had a two-run single and Darcy had an RBI single.

"It's been tough, but I think it's made us a better team," Owens said about the Bruins dealing with injuries. "The chemistry in the dugout, we've all gotten strong. Kids who normally wouldn't play [when others are] healthy ... have played and they got a taste for what it's like ..."

While things are looking up for Lake Braddock, Rutherford said the team has room for improvement, including finding

someone other than senior Nick McIntyre to step up from a pitching standpoint.

"I wouldn't say [we're] hitting our stride," Rutherford said. "We've still got our best ball in front of us. I thought we played a pretty good game against South County [on April 3]. I was pleased that we came out and performed good today."

West Springfield, on the other hand, is struggling. The Spartans got the leadoff man on base in the first inning when shortstop Taylor Boyd led off with a single, but they came up empty. In the bottom half of the inning, a two-out Spartan error opened the door for three Lake Braddock runs.

Starting pitcher Blake Bird allowed eight runs — three earned — and six hits over four innings. The left-hander hit four batters and struck out two.

"We've got a lot of growing up to do," West Springfield head coach Jason Olms said. "We're inexperienced, we're young, but those are just excuses. We've got to get better. We're nowhere near we need to be right now. ..."

"I think Blake did a pretty good job. We're going to need him to go longer, but I think he did a pretty good job — we didn't help him out at all. He kept guys off balance and threw strikes for the most part, just ended up getting a little tired in the fourth."

WEST SPRINGFIELD lost to South County 5-1 on Tuesday, dropping its record to 3-7 overall and 0-4 in the Patriot District. The Spartans have dropped five straight and were outscored 29-3 by T.C. Williams, Lake Braddock and South County.

West Springfield will host Lee at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

Lake Braddock defeated West Potomac 8-2 on Tuesday to improve to 8-2 overall and 4-0 in the district. The Bruins have won five in a row and will host Woodson at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

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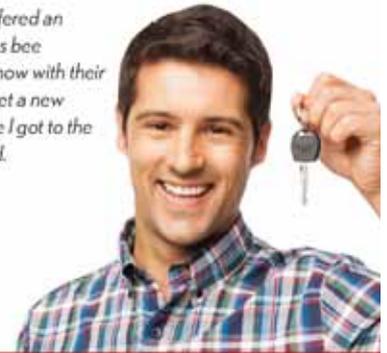
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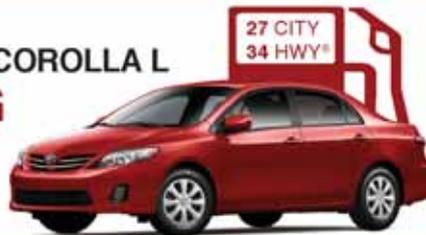
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