

Lake Braddock senior Stephanie Masters (left) and Fairfax High School senior Kendall Michael Stylen (right) took a brief break from dancing to rest their feet at the Day Prom celebration at the Waterford reception hall.

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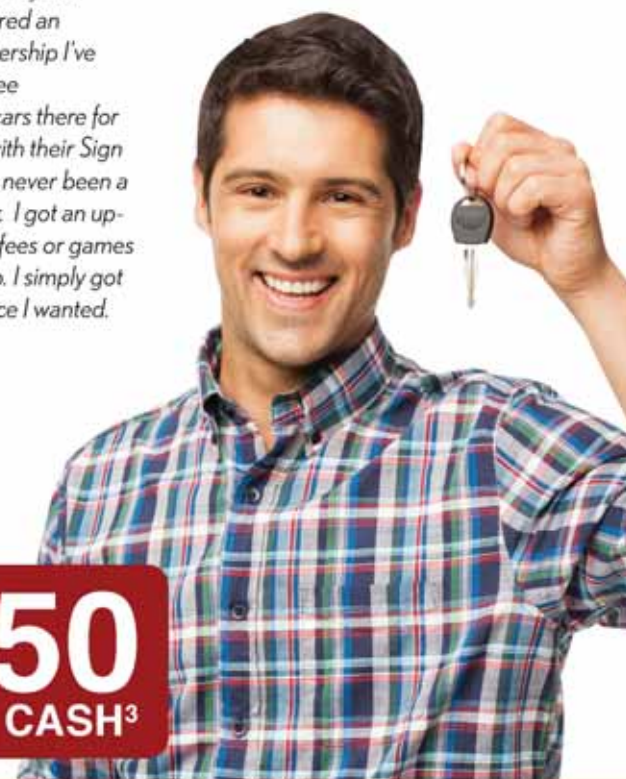
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NEWS

From left, scholarship recipients Ana Gloribel Pereira Mejia, Nicolas Polo Sánchez, Juan Guevara and Melanie Aguilar Rojas have worked hard to achieve “firsts” for their families in America.



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Area Students Receive Hispanic Leadership Alliance Scholarships

Recipients are first in their families to attend college.

BY LAUREN YOUNG
THE CONNECTION

Every year, The Hispanic Leadership Alliance (HLA), a non-profit organization based in Northern Virginia, gives out scholarships to Latino high school students for post-secondary education. The alliance identifies itself as “a group of area residents committed to helping its students achieve their highest academic potential.” This year, on Monday, May 13, at the eighth annual awards banquet, eight students received scholarships. The banquet was hosted at El Tío Tex-Mex Grill in Falls Church. Families, friends, teachers, counselors, administrators, school board members and the leadership team for HLA were in attendance to show their support for the recipients. The students have plans to further their education, and have thought about possible courses of study for college.

ONE STUDENT, Melanie Aguilar-Rojas from Oakton High School, will be attending William and Mary College in Williamsburg this fall. She plans to study international relations with a future goal of working for the state department. Rojas, like the rest of the award recipients, will represent the first generation of her family to attend college. When asked about this she said, “I’m very excited, and my family is counting on me.”

Nicolas Polo Sánchez of West Springfield High School, another recipient of the HLA scholarship, also plans on studying international relations. He will attend Northern Virginia Community College, with intentions of transferring to James Madison University in Harrisonburg. The first of his family to attend college, he stresses, “If you try hard and have the right people pushing you, you can do amazing things.” Sánchez mentioned how people like the Spanish parent liaison of West Springfield High School helped him. He has been an officer for the Spanish Honors Society, and a member of the Hispanic Heritage Club for four years. These students are all well rounded and have kept busy with obligations outside of academics.

Ana Gloribel Pereira Mejia of Lake Braddock Secondary School says she worked 30 hours a week at a local restaurant throughout high school, in addition to her course work. At age 12 she came to America and had to learn English. This was a challenge she faced, but with the help of teachers like Patricia Rice, her high school English teacher, she has been able to catch up to other students and achieve so much in her four years at Lake Braddock.

Juan Guevara of Herndon High School also had to learn English, and remembers at a young age how



Nicolas Polo Sánchez, West Springfield High School



Ana Gloribel Pereira Mejia, Lake Braddock Secondary School



Juan Guevara, Herndon High School



Melanie Aguilar-Rojas, Oakton High School

he learned by listening to other students in places like the playground. He will attend Longwood University and pursue a double major in art and education. He expressed appreciation for the support and inspiration he received from his teachers in high school. Guevara, just like the other recipients, has had to overcome challenges in his life, but these have not stopped him from being the first of his family to attend college.

THE RECIPIENTS have advice for Latino students who wish to attend college and possibly represent the first generation of their family. Nicolas Polo Sánchez tells children, “Keep working hard, and don’t let people tell you what you can and can’t do.” Ana Gloribel Pereira stressed that “If you keep your grades up and volunteer, these will open up opportunities for you.” Juan Guevara added his short and sweet advice by urging youth to “work hard and not slack.” These students have worked hard to achieve “firsts” for their families in America. Melanie Aguilar says, “I’m really thankful there are organizations like the HLA that support Latino high school students.”



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Four sheep found wandering in Virginia Run on April 13 are waiting at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for their owners to step forward.

Lost Sheep, Looking For Bo Peep?

Fairfax County teachers are used to shepherding their students through many challenges during the school year, so perhaps it wasn’t too much of a stretch for Lees Corner fourth grade teacher Katie Talbot to come to the aid of some lost sheep in her Virginia Run neighborhood on April 13.

Having a regular Saturday morning, Talbot didn’t expect to get a knock on the door from a friend who said, “Um, you have sheep in your front yard.”

Talbot ran outside, “and I baa’d at them.”

The sheep “moseyed” around her cul-de-sac, and with the assistance of her mother, she herded them against a neighbor’s fence. At that point she called the Fairfax County non-emergency police line and awaited the arrival of police officers to herd the sheep into the neighbor’s fenced yard and await the arrival of animal control officers.

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From left, Wanda Rixon, director of operations of Molina Healthcare of Virginia; Community Champion award recipients Hank Chao, Ann Louise Lainge Bailey and John Horejsi; and Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director of Molina Healthcare of Virginia.

Celebrating 'Everyday' Heroes

Molina Healthcare honors local residents for making a difference in the community.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In the 1980s, Vienna resident John Horejsi and a "ragtag" group of social justice pioneers learned that Virginia was charging sales tax on food stamps. They discovered the sales tax boosted the state's coffers by \$9.5 million every year, money that they believed belonged to poor families for food or other necessary items.

He and his "gang of eight"—which Horejsi had formed into a non-partisan group called Social Action Linking Together (SALT)—lobbied Virginia lawmakers to stop the practice. While most agreed the tax was horrible policy, the talks ultimately failed. Undeterred, SALT took a leap of faith and reached out to one of the most powerful and influential members of the U.S. Senate, Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Kennedy helped SALT push legislation to stop the tax. Through that effort, Virginia and 18 other states removed the sales tax on the federal food stamps program. SALT, which influences public social policy and legislation on behalf of low-income Virginia families, especially in the areas of homelessness and hunger, now has more than 1,200 members and is a recognized force in social justice reform.

Hank Chao came to Vienna from Taiwan in 1984 when he was 25 years old. He arrived without a college degree and did not speak much English, but he believed that Asian Americans needed to "help build the bridge to the mainstream society." In 2003 Hank joined one of the largest Chinese organizations, Hai Hua Community Center

(HHCC), and eventually became its president. Chao started the annual Chinese Lunar New Year celebration, a popular multicultural affair, with Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian and Filipino groups presenting cultural performance, demonstrations, and arts and crafts activities.

He said that the Lunar New Year event "not only educates area residents about cultures in Asia, but also plays an important role in reconnecting those removed from the geographic area to the culture of their ancestors."

Anne Louise Lainge Bailey of Alexandria believed it was important to improve mental health services for children and families. So she became the volunteer coordinator of The Nexus Committee, which focuses on improving the mental health of children through prevention, intervention, education and research, and as its name implies, brings together stakeholders to share information and ideas which can translate into effective action to advance government and private assistance to needy individuals and families."

ALL THREE have something important in common. They are unheralded heroes—everyday people who saw a chance to make a difference and did.

For their volunteer efforts, they were recognized as "Community Champions" by Molina Healthcare on Thursday, May 9, at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.

"It is our pleasure and honor to recognize John, Anne Louise and Hank, individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty to help others in our communities," said Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director

of Molina Healthcare and Community Health Care Network. "Whether it's advocating for social justice on behalf of those in need, coming up with ways to improve the mental health of our youth or providing culturally-sensitive resources and education to the Asian community, these Community Champion winners are inspiring and commendable for all that they do."

Established to honor the memory of Molina Healthcare's founder, Dr. C. David Molina, the Community Champions program spotlights the good deeds of everyday heroes in the communities served by Molina.

"The third annual awards dinner brings together a group of three individuals whose leadership, volunteerism and advocacy embodied Dr. Molina's spirit of service, family and community," Glossa said.

Each winner, who was nominated by a community-based organization, received a \$1,000 grant to give to a deserving nonprofit organization as part of his/her award.

"This kind of award is not why we do the work that we do in the community," Chao said, "but it's nice to be recognized and I hope it will encourage and inspire others to join us in doing giving back to the community."

Horejsi said he wanted to thank Molina Healthcare for "recognizing our community service and activism."

"To us it's just democracy, but when Molina recognizes us it recharges our batteries and reminds us to keep going," Horejsi said.

"Mental health is such an important issue for young people and at Nexus our mission is to build to-



John Horejsi, with wife Mariann and volunteer Robert Stewart, attended the Molina Healthcare Community Champions celebration at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax on Thursday, May 9.



Hank Chao of Vienna, recognized as an "everyday hero" for his work with the Hai Hua Community Center, addresses the audience.



Dr. Debra Deven and Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director of Molina Healthcare of Virginia.



Dr. Gloria Addo Ayensu, director of the Fairfax County Health Department, and Dr. Marwa El-Menshawi attended the celebration.

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—Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director of Molina Healthcare of Virginia

gether better ways to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the young," Lainge Bailey said.

FAIRFAX COUNTY CONTRACTS with Molina Healthcare to operate three Community Health Care network (CHCN) health centers, which serve residents of Fairfax County who are low income and uninsured. The Fairfax County Health Department

operates the centers located in Falls Church, Alexandria and Reston.

Dr. Gloria Addo Ayensu, director of the Fairfax County Health Department, said the Community Champions inspire others to make a difference.

"These are people who make a difference in our community and they deserve recognition," she said.

OPINION

Vote in Spite of Election Fatigue

Primary Voting, Absentee Voting, Republican Convention.

Absentee voting, including “in-person” absentee voting, is already underway for the June 11, 2013 primary, a statewide Democratic party primary for lieutenant governor and attorney general, plus one delegate race in Northern Virginia.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R. Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney general.

Because voters do not register by party in Virginia, any voter can vote in the Democratic primary, but cannot vote in a Democratic and Republican primary on the same day.

The Republican party will nominate their candidates for statewide office in a convention to be held on May 17-18, 2013 in Richmond. Delegates to the convention were elected by locality in March and April.

Each locality is entitled to one Republican convention delegate vote per 250 Republican

votes for governor and president at their last election, so that Fairfax County is entitled to 1,392 delegate votes; Arlington County is entitled to 215 delegate votes; Alexandria City is entitled to 133 delegate votes; the City of Fairfax is entitled to 32 delegate votes; Falls Church City is entitled to 14 delegate votes. Localities choose up to five times the number of delegates as votes, plus an equal number of alternates.

In Fairfax County, there is also Democratic primary for District 86, between Jennifer Boysko <http://www.jenniferboysko.com/> and Herb Kemp <http://www.herbkempfordelegate.com/>, with the winner facing incumbent Tom Rust (R). Democratic voters in the 86th House of Delegates District will find this on their ballots along with lieutenant governor and attorney general. (Precincts: Floris, Fox Mill, Stuart, Herndon #1, Herndon #2, Clearview, Herndon #3, Hutchison, Sugarland, Coates, Kinross West, Lees Corner #1, Carson)

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 11, 2013.

Absentee voting allows qualified voters to participate in upcoming elections even though they may not be able to go to the polls on Election Day. Absentee voting in person began on April 26, 2013.

Most people in Northern Virginia qualify to vote absentee under this provision, although there are many others:

“Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for eleven or more hours of the thirteen that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).”

In Fairfax County, in-person absentee voting is ongoing through June 8 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturdays (June 1st and June 8th): 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Monday, May 27, 2013 for Memorial Day.

Here are some good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>,

Virginia Public Access Project, <http://www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state>,

Fairfax County Board of Elections, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm>.

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Campaigning in Support of Homeless Solutions

BY SYLISA LAMBERT-
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PRESIDENT AND CEO
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As Pathway Homes joined our nonprofit colleagues, local officials and Fairfax County partners in the 100,000 Homes Campaign to raise awareness and support for the homeless in our area, I felt renewed hope that we will eradicate homelessness in our community.

Since the 100,000 Homes Registry Week in February, the outpouring of support and interest from citizens and friends has been nothing less than inspiring. I witnessed the amazing surge of community support and show of corporate responsibility that is characterized by the Fairfax community. In preparation to meet the needs of those identified through this community-wide event, local non-profits partnered and purchased new housing stock in anticipation of using subsidized housing vouchers to assist those most vulnerable in our community to get housing and stay housed.

While energized by public awareness raised around the



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needs of homeless individuals and families encountered during Registry Week, there is much left to do. The good news is that this campaign successfully educated many caring neighbors and raised the awareness of many to the plight of the homeless. Pledges of support and creative partnerships are emerging to house the 1,350 individuals who are homeless in Fairfax County on any given day.

In the midst of such progress towards ending homelessness, few could have predicted what has evolved into a quiet storm involving deep cuts from sequestration that impact the homeless; and impending Medicaid cuts to supportive services for those with mental illness and substance use that help these individuals remain in housing.

In our daily efforts we never take for granted how critical the collective voice is to galvanize needed change. It was just weeks ago that Congress decided to ease the burden of federal spending cuts on

travelers inconvenienced and angry over airport delays. How impactful it would be to use our collective voice to show that this quiet storm of sequestration and Medicaid cuts will result in conditions that eclipse those caused by travel delays. These cuts will lead to increased homelessness, reduced and limited support services to the most vulnerable, and loss of new vouchers that were intended to support individuals in the homes recently acquired by non-profits and private landlords in their efforts to provide affordable and sustainable housing in our community.

While there is no doubt that our 10-year-plan to end homelessness will find a detour ahead, I maintain hope that it will not be a dead end that takes a severe toll on the resilience of our local community partners. Sequestration is having a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable in our community, and the “collective voice” creates change. While the Fairfax local housing authority and elected officials are actively identifying short term solutions to temporarily mitigate additional reductions, we are left with the uncertainty of the extent of the impact of additional cuts on the individuals we serve and our community as a whole.

With continued community advocacy directed towards local, state, and federal elected officials, I believe our voice can be as influential and successful as our “frequent flyers” in averting a most devastating impact to our community.

At Pathway Homes we remain committed to advocacy and education and are committed with other non-profits, to developing innovative partnerships that will create needed housing and support to those most vulnerable in our community. We remain inspired by those we serve.

At the same time, it will take a great deal of innovation, collaboration, and faith to continue to help the most vulnerable in our communities. Pathways’ forecast for our community remains bright and hopeful with a strong belief that eradicating homelessness in our community is possible. As a community, we must remember that collective advocacy can change the course of time and result in positive outcomes for the individuals we serve.

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Armed Robbery In Burke Area

Police made an arrest in an armed robbery case that occurred Wednesday, May 8. Around 10:50 p.m. a woman entered the Shell gas station, located at 6054 Burke Commons Road, displayed a handgun and demanded cash from a store employee. The employee relinquished cash and the suspect left on foot. A short time later, a police officer located the suspect at Burke Centre Parkway and Pond Spice Lane and took her into custody.

Chelsee D. Wright, 18, of Stafford, Va., has been charged with robbery and with the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

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Quick Takes

Q&A with Pastor King Rhodes.

Pastor King Rhodes is founder and senior pastor of His Church International Christian Center (HCICC) in Springfield, and has been involved in Christian ministry and community outreach for more than 20 years.

As a longtime advocate for foster youth, Rhodes and his ministry help support the mission of Fairfax Families4Kids, a foster-mentoring program for teens in Fairfax County. On Saturday, May 18, Rhodes' church will sponsor the organization's 5K walk during Foster Care Appreciation Month. "Pastor Rhodes has helped us in so many ways," said Beverly Howard, director of Fairfax Families4Kids. "His church has provided individualized school backpacks for all of our kids for many years. His church also provides a family picnic after our 5K walks, and has team members walk along with the youth. He personally was at our first 5K walk

in 2006 when we met Darryl 'D.M.C.' McDaniels."

Q: I understand that you have a special connection and perspective on foster care. Tell me about your experience:

A: When I was around 10 years old, along with my two younger brothers and a sister, we went from being homeless on the streets of Memphis to a 30-day emergency shelter to being placed into the foster care system. These were lonely and tough times, especially when they separated me from my siblings, sent me to Saint Peters Home for Children in Memphis where I lived until I was 12 years old. After being in Saint Peters Homes for Children I was sent to live with my grandmother along with my brothers and sister once again. My grandmother adopted us temporarily, and I stayed with her until I was 14, and then we were separated again, only this time it was for good and each of us went to live with different relatives.

The relative that I was sent to live with abandoned me when I was in the 10th grade so I lived

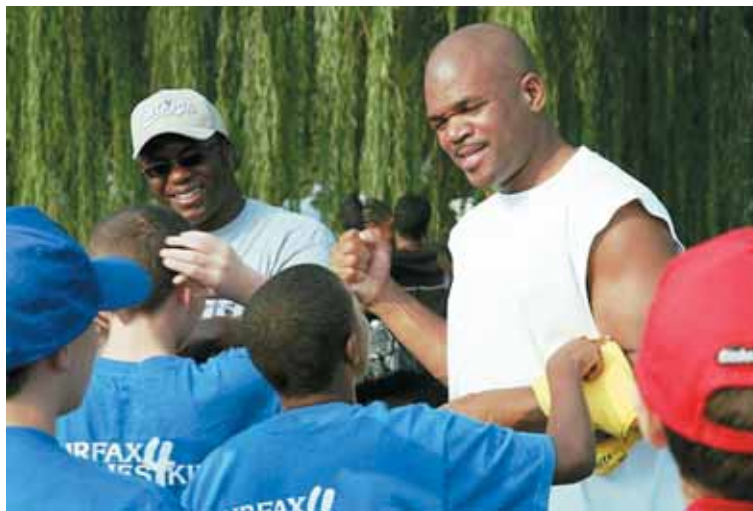


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Pastor King Rhodes (left) has organized several 5K walks to benefit Fairfax Families4Kids, a mentoring program for foster youth. During the first fundraising walk in 2006, Rhodes enlisted the help of rapper Run DMC (right), who grew up in foster care.

on my own.

Q: How have your personal experiences shaped you and the work you do now?

A: Not everyone in life will learn from the things they go through. It will either make them better or bitter. I chose to let it make me better. It has helped me to learn from other people's mistakes and their successes, which have contributed to the husband, the father and leader that I am today.

Q: What motivates you to continue working with foster teens?

A: My motivation is love and compassion, not forgetting where I came from and what I went through. I do my best to do my part to be a breath of fresh air and to inspire these children that there is always hope and someone who loves them with no strings attached.

Q: There is so much information about foster care out there, and not much of it is positive. What would you like prospective foster parents to know about the system? Any myth-busting?

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A: Not all foster care systems are created equal. It depends on the quality of people involved, the support of the people in the community and its local government.

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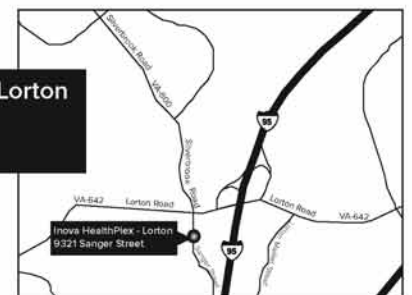
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Jacqueline Portnoy with her first year students at The Plum Center for Lifelong Learning in Springfield.

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FRIDAY/MAY 17

Book Fair at Barnes & Noble. 5-9 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Barnes & Nobles at Fair Lakes will host a bookfair to raise funds for the Mountain View High School Scholarship Foundation; families can enjoy face painting, storytelling, bookmark making, musical performances and an art display while purchasing books for graduations, birthdays or personal enjoyment. bn.com/bookfairfs (enter Bookfair ID 11061660 at checkout).

Relay for Life of Springfield-Burke. 7 p.m.-7 a.m., at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. The fourth annual family friendly event promoting an attitude of hope and honoring survivors benefits the American Cancer Society; a cancer survivors reception is at 5 p.m. \$10 registration.

www.springfieldburkerelay.org or springfieldburkerelay@gmail.com.

Alice in Wonderland Jr. 7:30 p.m., at Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Northern Virginia Players present Alice's madcap adventures with the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts. Performances are dedicated to Bobby Collar, a member of the players who died unexpectedly Feb. 14; part of ticket proceeds will go to the Bobby Collar Memorial Fund. NVPlayers.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

Herb Festival. Noon to 5 p.m. at Heather Hill Gardens, 8111 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Learn to grow and cook with fresh herbs, taste herbal delights and meet author Barbara Jacksier. Take home a free herb plant. 703-690-6060 or www.heatherhillgardens.com.

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A girl enjoys herself at The Israel Street Festival, which has drawn more than 3,000 participants since 2007. The event brings together Jewish agencies and synagogues from the Washington, D.C., area to collaborate on a program that celebrates Israel's culture and history. The festival will be Sunday, May 19, at Fairfax Corner.

SUNDAY/MAY 19

2013 Israel Street Festival. Noon-5 p.m., at Fairfax Corner, 4100 Monument Drive, Fairfax. Headliner international music group The Shuk performs along with R&B artist Hadar Binyamin; performances, exhibits and activities including Krav Maga Israel Defense Force self defense demonstrations, a petting zoo, Israeli dancing, Israel-style shuck (marketplace) and food from Max's Kosher Cafe. 703-323-0880 or www.jccnv.org.

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THURSDAY/MAY 16

Lunch N' Life. Noon-2 p.m., at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Burke. The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) is sponsoring an event where Col. Robert J. Darling will give a presentation entitled "In the Bunker with the Vice President on 9/11." Reservation required. \$10. Checks payable to SCFB. Transportation on request. 703-323-4788 or scfbva.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 19

General Meeting of Burke Historical Society. 4:30 p.m., at the Fellowship Hall of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Paul Herbert speaks on his book, "God Knows All Your Names." slawski_brian@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

The 15th Annual "Ride of the Patriots". 6:30 a.m. parade, 7:30 a.m. A send-off ceremony, 9 a.m. procession. Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. "Ride of the Patriot" is the Memorial Day weekend gathering of the motorcycle riding community to pay tribute to

Fairfax Academy Dance presents Paul Taylor's classic modern dance pieces "Aureole" and "3 Epitaphs" at their "Red, White and Dance" performance at 7:30 p.m. May 17 and 18 at The Fairfax High School Theater.

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MONDAY/JUNE 3

2013 Charity Golf Tournament. 12:30 p.m. at the Westfields Gold Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) of Northern Virginia is hosting the tournament for the benefit of The Shepherd's Centers of Northern Virginia. Reservation required. \$150. naifanova@gmail.com or www.scfbva.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 7

Summerland Tour. 7:15 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Come and enjoy the alternative music starring Everclear, Live and Filter &

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SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Bingo Fundraiser for the Family. 1-3 p.m., at the Parish Center Gym, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. All the proceeds from the bingo will go to the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) and its work for area seniors; refreshments provided. \$12 each, which includes two Bingo Cards for the entire event. Additional cards \$1 per card per game. 703-426-2828 or www.scfbva.org.

The B-52s Concert. 8 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Rock band The B-52s play, with 35 years of musical experience; advance tickets go on sale on May 7 at Wegmans in Fairfax, Dulles, and Gainesville. \$4-\$12. www.celebratefairfax.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Spin Doctors Concert. 4:30 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Spin Doctors, formed in 1983 in New York City, plays hits from "Full of Kryptonite," which sold over five million copies in the US. \$4-\$12. www.celebratefairfax.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 10

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White Oaks Wins Science Olympiad Medals

BY OLIVIA OVERMAN
THE CONNECTION

With 22 different categories from engineering, chemistry and forensics to medical science, children from the fifth and sixth grades at White Oaks Elementary in Burke worked hard to make it all the way to the state level of the Science Olympiad tournament.

The children won medals in two events at the state tournament at Virginia Tech on April 27—Kathy Kang and John Shim placed third in meteorology while Serena Utech and Mahesh Menon placed fourth for “Write It Do It.” For the meteorology medal the children had to look at certain constellations, name them and tell the age of the stars. For “Write It Do It” the children had constructed an object which they had to describe in detail to the other child who had to build it exactly to the specifications given.

“We had a wonderful day at the Science Olympiad state tournament at Virginia Tech. The kids



Ella Gilles, John Shim, Mahesh Menon, Cole Quick, Tommy Mehaffey and Kathy Kang after the regional competition awards ceremony in March.

enjoyed every aspect of it,” said Margot Higginbotham, a fifth grade teacher at White Oaks. “The tests were very hard, and they competed

against top middle schools from around the state. I am so proud of our students,” she said.

According to the website, “Sci-

ence Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing male,

female and minority interest in science, creating a technologically-literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers.” And it was under the guidance of Usha Gopal and with the help and assistance of the parents and teachers at White Oaks that the children went as far as they did.

“The team has been working with adult mentors after school and at weekends over the past couple of months,” said Higginbotham. It was all this work that also led them to successfully compete and come home with 11 medals from the regional competition held in Centreville in March.

“Thanks go to Usha Gopal for managing the organization of this group, and the many parent and teacher volunteers who coached the students,” said Higginbotham.

Team members include Joey DeDominicis, Rachel Eom, Audrey Finch, Ella Gilles, Kathy Kang, Mahesh Menon, Tommy Mehaffey, Nandhana Nair, Priya Poduval, Cole Quick, Serena Utech and Alexander Yi.

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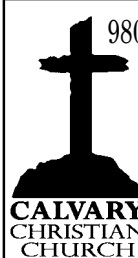
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Gen-ed students, special-ed students, and teachers alike came together to break down Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance.



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'Day Prom' Celebrated

Eight high schools participate in daytime prom for special needs students.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Prom is pretty intimidating as it is: date, hair, dress, food, limo, flowers, dancing... gasp. But the annual event is also a privilege, a rite of high school passage that bonds students through shared experience for the rest of their lives.

Unfortunately, many students with special needs will never share that experience with their peers. Their physical or intellectual disabilities can make participating in such a large and emotional gathering overwhelming, uncomfortable, and in some cases, simply impossible.

To make a difference for these students, then-special-ed department chair at Herndon High School Chris Pascarella began organizing a daytime prom 12 years ago. It was a chance for students who may not, or would not, otherwise attend their school's main prom to get a taste of the experience everyone else was having.

"We started very small," said Kathy Khair, special education teacher at Herndon, Leesburg resident, and organizer of this year's Day Prom. "All we had was pizza out of the trunk of a car, and bottled drinks. That was the beginning of it."

ONLY TWO SCHOOLS were involved the first year of the event, hosted by the Reston Hyatt. On



PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax High School students Sayed and Kendall dance with Lake Braddock senior Stephanie Masters at the May 9 "Day Prom" held at the Fair Oaks Waterford.

Thursday, May 9, at the elegant Waterford reception facility in Fair Oaks, students represented eight area high schools—including close to 20 students each from Oakton, Lake Braddock, Centreville, Fairfax, Westfield, Herndon, South Lakes and Woodson—as well as the Kilmer Center in Vienna.

"For our lower-functioning kids, I knew they would never go to the regular prom," said Vicki Hudson, lead autism teacher at Centreville and Clifton resident. "For the higher-functioning kids, it's a great stepping-stone, that they could go and get used to what prom is like, and then attend the regular school prom, which we found they were

doing. It's a great social skills tool."

Inside, it was easy to mistake the Thursday morning for a Friday or Saturday night. Heavy bass from Katy Perry and Macklemore permeated the building as swarms of festively adorned and done-up high school students scurried back and forth from dancehall to photo room.

"They dress up, we've got music, we've got food," said Hudson. "It's everything the regular school prom is, except it's free and it's during the day."

To bring the prom to students at no cost, every component was either donated or contributed by the participating schools. From the



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

The Waterford in Fair Oaks hosted the FCPS Day Prom last Thursday, May 9.

cakes provided by Target to the flowers by Herndon Flowers, to a "party bus" from Reston Limousine, it was a wholly generous team effort.

"The staff looks forward to it every year," said Consuelo Scott, the senior catering and sales manager for the Waterford. "It's great to see the looks on their faces and the schools coming together. You can't help but feel good about coming to work."

Scott's 10-person team helped contribute to the prom's formal authenticity. "It's our big outreach event," she continued. "And we have our own setup team, banquet staff and culinary team here—it's all hands on deck." SGA members and gen-ed students from all the schools' Best Buddies and Hornet Buddies (Herndon) were also on hand to interact with the students and assist with food service.

BUT AS WITH ANY PROM, the true action took place on the dance floor. "You see them out there, having fun," said Hudson. "They don't care who they're dancing with. They need that. These kids don't have very many social inclusionary activities in their lives."

"We don't get that as much at school," she continued. "School's

about learning, school's about making progress. This is a chance to demonstrate that social progress. I love the smiles."

Smiles were in no short supply, as the DJ played requests and led the energetic group in organized dances including Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and Cupid's "Cupid Shuffle."

"It's a blast, watching them let loose and be like everyone else," said Bob Brofft, an instructional assistant at Centreville and Falls Church resident. "It's phenomenal. Days like today really make this job worth it."

Preparation and participation are technically in the curriculum ("They automatically go, because it's part of the grade," said Khair) and students receive instruction on everything from attire and hygiene to asking someone to dance. But on the big day, books and pencils are down.

"It's one way to get out of school," said South Lakes senior Hani Baloch. "It's great to be here with all your friends. It's a totally different environment here."

But is it better than the "real" South Lakes prom? "It's basically the same thing," Baloch said, nonchalantly. For Friday night's event, though, she'll be wearing a different dress.

Teaching Healing Through Altruism

Marymount students learn counseling technique by helping U.S. troops.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

A group of counseling students got to experience a therapeutic technique while also helping service men and women serving in Afghanistan.

Graduate students in the pastoral counseling program at Marymount University in Arlington assembled care packages for U.S. troops as part of a community service requirement. One of the project's goals was to teach the future therapists how altruism can have long-term mental health benefits.

"The research has shown that if a person goes outside of themselves to help others it can be a therapeutic experience, especially for those who have depression or other mental health challenges," said Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Counseling and founder of the Pastoral Counseling program. "We want students to experience what a client would experience."

Students are required to perform 30 hours of community service as part of their program. The class of 11 students formulated, planned and implemented the task. "I think everyone thought of the assignment as not just a project we had to complete, but a chance to actually, in some small way, let men and women in the military know that people here at home do appreciate their



Marymount University professor Lisa Jackson-Cherry, Ph.D., discusses an altruism project with her pastoral counseling class.

service and sacrifice," said Annandale resident Nina Angeles.

The students collected an array of items like games, magazines, books and DVDs. They gathered nearly enough items to fill their classroom and exceeded their professor's expectations. "I was expecting five or six boxes, but it became more than

what the entire university could have put together," said Jackson-Cherry. "We had almost a roomful of supplies. The students solicited from their churches and from family members across the country."

Pastoral counseling students learn to incorporate spirituality into their work with clients. They wrote personal letters to the

troops and included information on stress relief practices like meditation and breathing exercises. "We could not help but feel for the brave men and women who ... face stressful and sometimes traumatic situations away from home," said doctoral student Maya Georgieva of Alexandria. "... It was essential that we send notes of encouragement and support."

Jackson-Cherry said the most powerful learning experience came when she delivered the boxes to a VFW Post in Maryland: the feeling that comes from seeing the impact benevolence has on others. "The place was packed for lunch, and I was planning to slip in the back door and drop off the boxes," she said. "There were veterans there from World War II and Vietnam ... they became teary-eyed as they were telling me stories of how the acts of strangers had impacted them when they were serving overseas. It was quite touching. I wish the students could have been there to see how their acts of kindness touched so many more people than they would have thought of."

The students did get an opportunity to experience gratitude first-hand, however, when the military unit that received their supplies wrote a thank you note to the class. "The unit was overwhelmed by the generosity and the kindness of strangers, especially because they were away from their families," said Jackson-Cherry.

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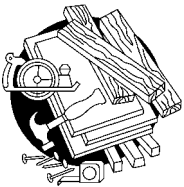
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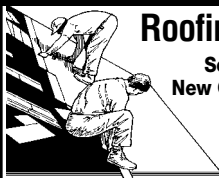
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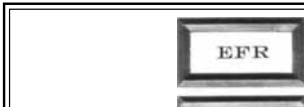
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SPORTS

Senior captain Michael Buckley and the Robinson boys' lacrosse team finished Concorde District runners-up to Chantilly.

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Robinson Boys' Lax Finishes Concorde Runner-up

Rams bounce back with regional win over Lake Braddock.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After coming up one goal short against Chantilly for the second time in 16 days, Robinson head coach Matt Curran urged his players to push forward and move on to a bigger stage.

The Robinson boys' lacrosse team lost 6-5 in double overtime against the Chantilly Chargers in the Concorde District championship game on May 10-11 at Chantilly High School. The game started on May 10, but was suspended due to lightning with 14 seconds remaining in the second quarter and finished the following day.

Charlie Morrisette's goal with 5:17 remaining in regulation pulled the Rams even with the Chargers at 5-all, but Chantilly's Conrad Unterkofler scored the game-winner in the second overtime period.

"Don't let it fester," Curran said. "Just get over it because we have a game on Tuesday for the region. This is the district—this is a six-team field. Now we're going in to play the big one in a 16-team field, so just focus on that."

Three days later, on May 14, Robinson responded how Curran had hoped, beating Lake Braddock 8-1 in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament.

"I have no trouble motivating these guys," Curran said after the district championship game. "And we can use this game as [motivation]. Everybody's saying Chantilly



Robinson midfielder Taylor Jones is seen during a 6-5, double-overtime loss to Chantilly in the Concorde District championship game on May 10. The contest was suspended in the second quarter due to lightning and completed the following day.

is the best team in the area. We've played to them one-goal games twice, and one of them was a double-OT game. We can use that as, all right, if they're the best team in the area, then we've got to be up there with the tops, as well."

With the top seed in the district tournament on the line, Robinson closed the regular season with a 12-11 loss to Chantilly on April 26. During the May 10 rematch, the Rams held a 2-1 lead when play was suspended due to lightning with 14 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Play resumed at 9 a.m. the following day and Chantilly took a 5-4 lead on a goal by Curtis Christian with 6:47 remaining in the fourth quarter. Morrisette tied the score with 5:17 left in regulation, but the Rams failed to score another goal.

Morrisette and fellow senior captain Connor Lloyd each scored two goals for Robinson, and junior midfielder Matt Smith had one.

Unterkofler led Chantilly with four goals.

Robinson goalkeeper Nick Kondracki had a big game, helping keep the Rams alive with 23 saves.

"He had a great game," Curran said. "Nick wasn't a first-team all-district goalie, but he certainly looked like a first-team all-district goalie last night and this morning."

Robinson first-team all-Concorde District attackman Chapman Jasien suffered a knee injury during the contest and did not return.

Robinson will host McLean, the Liberty District's No. 4 seed, in the regional quarterfinals at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

Robinson's Jasien, midfielders Sam Shaw and Michael Buckley, defenseman Jack Rowlett and long-stick midfielder Brandon Natsuhara were named to the all-district first team. Kondracki, Morrisette, defenseman Jude Buckholz and short-stick midfielder Taylor Jones were second-team selections.



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Dean Jester, left, and the Edison boys' lacrosse team beat Yorktown May 10-11 to win their second consecutive National District championship.

Edison Boys' Lax Wins National District

The Edison boys' lacrosse team won the National District championship with a 9-4 victory over Yorktown on May 10-11.

The game started on May 10 but was suspended due to lightning. Play resumed the following day.

It was the Eagles' second straight district title.

Edison ended its season with a 10-7 loss to McLean in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament on May 14. The Eagles finished with a 16-2 record, including 13 straight victories to start the season.

Robinson Tennis Advances in Regionals

For the second straight year, Robinson tennis opened the Northern Regional tournament with Woodson. On May 13, the Rams made short work of the Cavaliers, winning five of six singles matches to clinch the win.

Austin Mathews at No. 4 captured a 6-1, 6-4 win over Daniel Falcone. Falcone was a steady baseline, but Mathews was more patient with his game to overcome his opponent.

Next was No. 5 Sam Wagner with a 6-2, 6-2 win over the small but talented freshman, Saad Peshiman. Combined with the windy conditions, Wagner's depth was too much.

Dylan Martin, subbing for Aaron Christian, played a very tough match at No. 1, as he kept it close, losing 6-4, 6-3. Charlie Ferrell at No. 6 took his match in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4. At No. 2, Brian Bui won 6-3, 7-5, but struggled to close it out at the end.

That left it up to captain Jacob Schreiman to wrap up the match. Playing another very steady player, Alex Gelder, Schreiman struggled to be consistent but, after being broken and down 5-4 in the second set, he stepped it up a notch and ran off the last three to win, 6-3, 7-5.

Lee Baseball Beats West Springfield

The Lee baseball team defeated West Springfield 5-4 in eight innings during the opening round of the Patriot District tournament on Monday, May 13. The Lancers faced T.C. Williams in the quarterfinals on Wednesday, after the Connection's deadline.

Lee's Jack Milewski drove in the go-ahead run with a triple in the eighth inning.

Lake Braddock Girls' Edged in Regionals

The Lake Braddock girls' lacrosse team lost 13-12 to Centerville in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament on Tuesday, ending the Bruins' season.

Lake Braddock finished Patriot District runner-up to Woodson for the second consecutive season. The Bruins finished the year with a 9-9 record.

News

Nursing

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probably one of the most affordable programs on the East Coast and the teaching is excellent. Our teacher has worked at Georgetown, and the student teacher ratio is phenomenal. Next year I think they have 10 or 12 students and three instructors. It's a lot of individual attention."

COSTING JUST OVER \$4,000 for two years in 2013, the program is competitively priced compared to local nursing schools.

While the first year accommodates working adults, the second year is a full-time program with two days a week in class and three days in clinicals.

"We go out to Reston Hospital, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Goodwin House in Baileys Crossroads, Dominion Hospital and Capital Area Pediatrics," said Tai Phan, a second year student from Falls Church.

Describing the type of work the students are allowed to do, James Merideth of Vienna said, "at Reston it is hospital work such as charting and assessments, most of the patients there can take care of them-



Ann-Marie Glynn (middle), director, Fairfax County School of Practical Nursing, with instructors Catherine Corp (left) and Kathy Vadala.

selves, but at Goodwin House, where it's a geriatric facility, we have to do a lot of their care for them."

In existence for over 50 years and part of the Fairfax County Public School system, the program was moved to the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning in Springfield last September.

"Many of our students use this as a stepping stone to become a registered nurse. They get credits if they go to Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason or any four-year nursing program. Most of those programs will give them 12-15 credits towards their registered nursing degree (RN). Plus they save money," said Ann-Marie Glynn, director, Fairfax

County School of Practical Nursing.

AND THE MAJORITY of the students in the program plan on continuing to become an RN. "[My mom] was actually a nurse back in our country (El Salvador) and growing up I always wanted to help people and be in the hospital or in this type of setting where I feel like I'm at home," said Lourdes Sandoval of Reston.

"Classes are from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday and clinicals are sometimes in the morning, sometimes in the afternoon. It depends what they have available for us," said Jacqueline Portnoy, a registered nurse and instructor at the school.

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