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Sarah Heiss, the secretary for South County Class of 2015, celebrates as she waits to receive her class ring on April 8.

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## Reverend C. L. Bryant to Speak at Republican Women of Clifton April Meeting

**R**everend C. L. Bryant, former president of the Garland, Texas chapter of the NAACP and noted speaker will speak at the April 16 meeting of the Republican Women of Clifton (RWC). Rev. Bryant is a conservative activist and frequent commentator on Fox News. He dazzled audiences at Glenn Beck's FreePAC event when he encouraged thousands in the audience to "defend the republic" while also tackling the enslavement of government dependency. Rev. Bryant is a radio and television host and creator of the independent film, *The Runaway Slave*, a movie about

the race to free the Black community from the slavery of tyranny and progressive policies. The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16 at the Fairview Elementary School, 5815 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The social hour will begin at 7 p.m. when refreshments will be served and President Alice Butler-Short will open the business meeting at 7:30 p.m., after which Reverend C. L. Bryant will deliver comments and entertain questions. Guests will be asked for a \$5 donation at the door for TAPS - the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors of our Fallen Heroes.

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Reverend C. L. Bryant

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## NEWS

## Fairfax Arts Programs Receive Federal Grants

**S**even local organizations involved in the arts and literature are receiving a total of \$230,000 in federal grants from the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA), U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said.

Connolly said each dollar the NEA awards in federal funding, on average generates \$9 from non-federal sources. He said the grants, which support projects that involve the creation and presentation of artistically-excellent work, were awarded by the NEA after a competitive process.

Connolly said the organizations in Fairfax County receiving the federal matching grants are:

- ❖ Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts in Vienna: \$60,000 to support professional training programs for singers and fully-staged opera performances; and \$15,000 to support the radio series "Center Stage from Wolf Trap."

- ❖ George Mason University in Fairfax: \$25,000 to support a randomized, controlled trial examining the effects of visual arts, music, and dance therapy on the emotional and cognitive functioning of older adults.

- ❖ Arts Council of Fairfax County in Fairfax: \$40,000 to support the Global Arts Grant Initiative, a program designed to fund diverse cultural arts projects.

- ❖ American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras in Annandale: \$10,000 to support the Chamber Ensemble Program.

- ❖ Association of Writers & Writing Programs in Fairfax: \$75,000 to support the 2015 conference in Minneapolis; the Job List, Writer's Calendar, and other online services; and the publication and promotion of "The Writer's Chronicle."

- ❖ Fall for the Book in Fairfax: \$10,000 to support the 2014 Fall for the Book.

In this round of FY 2014 grants, the NEA has awarded grants to 900 organizations in 47 states and the District of Columbia. Projects include commissions, residencies, rehearsals, workshops, performances, exhibitions, publications, festivals, training programs and literature fellowships.

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# 'Breaking the Glass Ceiling' Discussed in Lorton

**Margaret Selwood, Bobby Thornburg, Carly Fiorina and Conrad Mehan discuss the glass ceiling and what women have done to break that ceiling at the Workhouse Prison Museum on April 2.**

PHOTOS BY  
JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION



## Event was part of 'American Women: The Long and Wind- ing Road.'

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

**R**ight before Carly Fiorina, the first woman CEO of a Fortune 20 company, began her first day as CEO of Hewlett-Packard in 1999, she prepared for questions she thought she might receive regarding innovation and future growth of the company.

After all, she was the first outsider and non-engineer to lead the company, so she wanted to think about those important questions.

Instead, she was asked something different.

"The very first question a reporter asked me was, is that an Armani suit you're wearing?" Fiorina said. "In the course of that day, I got asked the question of the glass ceiling over, and over and over. And I said, 'there is no glass ceiling.' And people were taken aback by that answer. They thought what I meant by that was that I didn't understand how hard it was, that I didn't understand prejudice or bias or inequities."

Fiorina said she did understand that, as she has experienced it, and meant something different from her answer.

"What I meant to say is that women can do anything they choose, even when there are obstacles in the way, women can do anything," Fiorina said.

**FIORINA SHARED THIS STORY**, along with other insight on breaking the glass ceiling, at the latest installment of "American Women: The Long and Winding Road" at the Workhouse Prison Museum in Lorton on April 2.

The panelists, which also included Margaret Selwood of the Venable LLP law firm and Bobby Thornburg, the president of the Management Analysis Technologies, recognized that there has been a lot of progress, as more women are beginning to pursue higher-level roles.

Selwood said she has not faced overt discrimination in the workplace in which she was prohibited from certain tasks because she was a woman.

"I do think there is an underlying gender bias when it comes to networking and business development,"



**Carly Fiorina, the chairman and CEO of Hewlett-Packard from 1999-2005, speaks at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center as part of the Workhouse Prison Museum's spring lecture series "American Women: The Long and Winding Road."**

Selwood said.

Thornburg spoke to the progress women are seeing in the military, including the recent decision to allow women in combat roles, although a discussion regarding the high rates of sexual assault women in the military face was absent from the panel.

Thornburg acknowledged that when a woman chooses to leave the military, she is unable to re-enter later on. This can make it impossible for women to be stay-at-home moms and then return to their career in the military.

According to Thornburg, the biggest issue facing women today is the lack of an Equal Rights Amendment, which he supports.

"Until you have legal rights and protections under the constitution of this land, you will not be seen

as equals," he said.

**PANELISTS** also demonstrated their belief that a great deal of progress has been made in terms of breaking the glass ceiling in the United States.

"This is still the only country in the world where a young woman can start as a secretary, and become the CEO of the largest technology company in the world. It is not possible anywhere else in the world, because we do believe in human potential here," Fiorina said.

The United States, however, is ranked 98th in the world in terms of the percentage of women represented in its legislative body. Rwanda, Cuba, and Afghanistan are among the countries that have a higher percentage of women in their legislature than the United States.

And, in the United States, only 19 percent of those in Congress are women.

Fiorina acknowledged that there is still progress to be made.

"It is still different for us. We are scrutinized differently, we are criticized differently," Fiorina said. "I've come to learn over my life, though, that you cannot do anything without being criticized."

Beyond justice and diversity, Fiorina said, women should be given the same opportunities as men, because it's the smart thing to do.

"We have talked about women's rights in the context of what's right, what's fair. We've talked about it in the context of diversity, of inclusion, of justice. And all of those things are right and all of those things are true. But I believe we now need to talk about it in terms of enlightened self-interest," Fiorina said.

The final installment of the series will be on April 30, and will feature a panel discussing equality.



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**The Planning Commission has approved the EnviroSolutions application to extend the life of the Lorton landfill, pictured here.**

## Commission Approves Landfill Extension

### Application will be reviewed by Board of Supervisors.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

**A**n application to extend the operation of the EnviroSolutions owned landfill in Lorton has been approved by the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

Commissioners voted 6-4 on April 3 to approve the application to continue the landfill's operation. The application includes a green energy park proposal in exchange for the landfill remaining open until 2040.

"The vote last night on the amended application is an important step forward for this transformational opportunity for renewable energy in Fairfax County," said Conrad Mehan, EnviroSolutions' director of government relations, in a press release. "The Commission's vote validates the County's staff's January recommendation for approval and makes it clear that the Green Energy Park supports a range of the County's environmental and economic objectives in a manner that is consistent with its land use plans."

The application attracted over 50 people to a public hearing on Feb. 27, which lasted until 3 a.m.

"I think we should all take note of the fact that this is a significant turnout by any community in Fairfax County," Mount Vernon Planning commissioner Earl Flanagan said at the planning commission meeting on April 3. "Their testimony presented new information, new viewpoints and was supported with facts, facts which have been the basis for much post-hearing additional testimony and some changes to the application."

After the public hearing on Feb. 27, a compromise group

between community members and EnviroSolutions met several times. South County Federation, which is opposed to the application, put forth some proposals of its own.

According to a letter written by Nick Firth, president of the South County Federation, to Chairman Sharon Bulova, this included the certain closure of the landfill by 2022.

"Our hope was that these significant concessions, and willingness to be flexible, would also lead to substantial concessions from ESI so as to resolve our differences. Unfortunately, this did not happen," Firth wrote.

On March 28, EnviroSolutions announced that it made changes to its application, reducing the requested extension of the landfill from 2040 to 2032, and also reducing the height of the landfill by 36 percent of 412 feet that had been approved.

When the application was voted on at the April 3 meeting, commissioners added on a list of issues they believe the Board of Supervisors should look at before approving the application.

Flanagan voted against the application, citing a number of concerns and saying the landfill did not serve as the proper gateway to Fairfax County and that wind turbines could negatively affect the bald eagle population at nearby Mason Neck State Park.

"There are more benefits to the county by denying than approving this application," Flanagan said.

Although Flanagan submitted a motion to deny the application, that motion failed and the application was approved. The Board of Supervisors will soon consider the application.





**Katie Cummings, the historian for South County High School Class of 2015, celebrates as she receives her class ring during a ceremony on April 8.**

## Class of 2015 Presented with Class Rings

**South County High School juniors celebrate with solemn ceremony.**

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n a somber and formal ceremony, members of the South County High School Class of 2015 received their class rings, marking an important milestone and the symbolic transition into becoming upperclassmen.

"We join tonight seniors and graduates of South County High School in wearing the symbol of educational excellence," said Amber Ragunas, president of the South County High School Class of 2015.

In addition to learning about the history of the ring and the tradition of unity, students were encouraged to wear their rings with pride and honor.

"The class ring, as we know it today, originated in 1835, purchased by the graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point," said David Rabil, junior class vice-president of South County High School, during the ceremony. At the ceremony, class members were reminded that the class ring serves as a way to remember one's school and commitment to education.

"You have earned the right to wear the official class ring. The ring is a unique symbol of pride, class unity, and school recognition," said Marin Tettelbach.

Following tradition, class members placed the rings on their fingers at the same time.

"If done together, the class of 2015 will have strength and unity," said Sarah Heiss, secretary for



**Amber Ragunas, president of the South County High School Class of 2015, addresses her classmates at their ring ceremony on April 8.**



**David Rabil, junior class vice-president of South County High School, receives his class ring at the Class of 2015 Junior Class Ring Ceremony on April 8.**

South County Class of 2015.

South County High School Principal Jane Lipp also spoke at the ceremony. "Please remember that when you put on your ring today, from here on out, others will not look at you quite the same," Lipp said. "You will be true ambassadors of our school and every action will be a reflection of South

County High School and its educational excellence."

Kaitlyn Wischum and Alison Wolfe serve as the sponsors for the Class of 2015. Mike Pflugrath serves as the sub-school principal. The class officers are Amber Ragunas, David Rabil, Sarah Heiss, Brianna Cunningham and Katie Cummings.



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**Joni Smith (left) and Rebecca Bailey, from Halley Elementary School, received the Exemplary Inclusive Practice Award on March 25 in recognition of their service and dedication to their preschool students.**

## Halley Teachers Honored For Inclusiveness

**Joni Smith and Rebecca Bailey demonstrate the importance of inclusive preschool classrooms.**

BY JENNIFER FEDOR  
THE CONNECTION

**R**esearch emphasizes that strong early learning programs dictate future academic success for all students. On March 25, at Green Acres Recreational Center on Main Street in Fairfax, Halley Elementary School teachers Rebecca Bailey and Joni Smith received the Exemplary Inclusive Practice Award from Fairfax County Preschool Division of Early Childhood Education. The honor recognized their efforts to provide their preschool students with a classroom environment that meets their unique academic needs and prepares them as respectful and empathetic citizens of diverse learning communities.

At Halley, Ms. Bailey and Ms. Smith lead the Early Childhood Inclusive Program (ECIP). Bailey is the team's FECEP (Family and Early Childhood Education Program) and Head

Start teacher, while Smith serves as Early Childhood Special Education Teacher. Together, they support 21 students (their program can have a maximum of 24), about two-thirds of whom qualify as FECEP/Head Start students and one-third of whom receive special education services.

Both teachers are certified to teach general education and special education students, but in their current roles, Bailey is responsible for implementing the general education Pre-K curriculum for all students. Meanwhile, Smith ensures that students in the classroom with special needs receive the accommodations, modifications, and adaptations, as well as related services, indicated on their individual education plans (IEPs). The pair works closely together, calling themselves "JoBecca," and their roles overlap and intersect in every part of their day. For example, Bailey gives input on IEP goals

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# Clifton Resident Shares Stepdaughter's Story

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s part of Alcohol Awareness Month, Debbie Sausville of Clifton is continuing her work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), speaking out against underage drinking.

Along with four other mothers impacted by drunk driving, Sausville shared the story of Lauren, her stepdaughter, at a press conference last week hosted by MADD and Nationwide Insurance.

MADD is encouraging parents throughout the month of April and beyond to relay a strong message to their children: no drinking until age 21. MADD advocates are participating in "21 Days in Support of 21" in preparation for PowerTalk 21 on April 21, which will include online workshops to help adults talk to their children about alcohol.

A MADD online survey has found that kids whose parents teach them that drinking underage is unacceptable and to avoid



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underage drinking are 80 percent less likely to drink than kids receiving different messages.

"Decades of research show that there is no safe way to 'teach' teens how to drink responsibly," said Robert Turrissi, a professor at Penn State who developed the Power of Parents workshops, in a MADD press release. "A clear no-use message is the most effective way for parents to help keep teens safe from the many dangers associated with underage alcohol use. This issue is too important to leave to

chance and hope for the best."

When Lauren was 16, after only having her driver's license for three weeks, she died in a car crash after drinking underage. Since then, Sausville has been sharing her story to raise awareness to the dangers of underage drinking.

"I decided that the best therapy for me would be to speak to groups to try to prevent, in particular, underage drinking, and drinking and driving overall," Sausville said. Sausville speaks to students, as well as convicted drunk drivers

at victim impact panels. She also works as a victim advocate with the MADD hotline.

"It's not just Fairfax County-it's a problem everywhere. It's something that adults need to lend a hand in and stop the madness of these kids being poisoned by alcohol, being killed in drunk driving crashes, ruining their lives and others' lives all because someone has given them alcohol," Sausville said. Jan Withers, national president of MADD, says that research shows children of parents who al-

**Debbie Sausville of Clifton (far right) joined four other mothers at the National Press Club to speak about the dangers of underage drinking as part of Alcohol Awareness Month.**

low them to drink at home underage and try to teach them to drink responsibly are more likely to drink more frequently and in larger quantities when the parent isn't around. "There are so many things that can cause injury and death besides just drinking and driving, and that's why it's so important for parents to talk about this with their kids," Withers said.

Sausville discourages parents from being lax on underage drinking and allowing it to occur in their house. "There are way too many parents who think it's okay to let the kids drink in their house as long as they take the keys, but that's not the case. They aren't always going to be there to take the keys," Sausville said.

Sausville's stepdaughter Lauren had asked a 27-year-old to buy her alcohol. She then went to a party where the parents were away. While driving to another party after drinking, she lost control of her dad's 1999 Ford Explorer and was killed on Colchester Road.

"It's just inexcusable that any adult would supply alcohol to someone under 21," Sausville said.

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**Issues and Activities of Virginia State Legislature 2014.** 1:30 p.m. American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield. Delegate Mark Sickles (D-Franconia) will report on the issues and activities of the 2014 Virginia State Legislature and will include his thoughts on the influence of the recent Democratic party political changes in the State Legislature. Q&A to follow.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 12

**Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn** (41st District - Burke, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Springfield) will hold April office hours at Panera Bread (6230 Rolling Rd, West Springfield) from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Please drop by.

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## Connection Papers Win Awards

Reporting, photography, design and editorial cartoons commended at annual Virginia Press Association meeting.

“Great work exposing serious challenges and obstacles in the way of the public’s access to public information. The articles are well written and well researched, providing concrete and compelling examples of the flaws in the systems.”

That was what the judge said when awarding first place for In-depth or investigative reporting to Michael Lee Pope in the Arlington Connection.

The Virginia Press Association announced its press awards for 2013 at the annual meeting on Saturday, April 5, in Richmond.

Pope also won first place for education writing, for business and financial writing, and awards for health, science and environmental writing and for government writing. Stories appeared in the Alexandria Gazette Packet, the Mount Vernon Gazette and the Connection papers.

Bonnie Hobbs won first place for general news writing for her coverage of the proposed roundabout in Centreville. “Good work getting all viewpoints of the issue without assigning judgment to who is right and who is wrong,” wrote judges.

Jeanne Theismann won first place for public safety writing and for public service writing in the Alexandria Gazette Packet.

Connection Newspapers won first place for information graphics for the 2013 Insiders Guide to Fairfax County Parks, designed by Jean Card with photos by Renee Ruggles and Craig Sterbutzel.

First place for special sections went to the Connection’s HomeLifeStyle pullout.

Victoria Ross won for feature series/continuing coverage for coverage of foster care. Judges note: “Fantastic blend of fact and narrative, and it packs an emotional punch. The stories are very well-researched, tightly written and highly effective.”

Ross also won for personal service writing for her coverage of “digital legacy,” and control of one’s online content after death.

Cartoonist Steve Artley began cartooning for the Alexandria Gazette Packet in December 2013, with only three cartoons in the year, but two of them won awards. His cartoon on the threatened use of eminent domain in the City of Alexandria drew this comment from the judge: “One of the best examples of editorial cartooning I have seen in years and reminiscent of editorial cartoons poignant and relevant enough to still be included in history texts today. Wonderful use of the paper boat as the flagship of eminent domain with tons of little



Michael Lee Pope



Steve Artley



Bonnie Hobbs



Victoria Ross



Jean Card



Mary Kimm

touches which push the entry even higher.”

Alex McVeigh won an award for investigative or in-depth reporting in Great Falls. Donna Manz won for her feature stories in Vienna.

The annual Insiders/Newcomers edition of the Alexandria Gazette Packet won third place for special edition, including work by Steven Mauren, Jeanne Theismann, John Bordner and Jean Card.

Editorials written by Mary Kimm won second and third place awards.

For a complete list, see [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

### Winners

#### FIRST PLACE

First Place for Investigative Reporting, Uncovering Secret Government. Michael Lee Pope, Arlington Connection — Judge’s comment: Great work exposing serious challenges and obstacles in the way of the public’s access

### Mother’s Day Photos

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to public information. The articles are well written and well researched, providing concrete and compelling examples of the flaws in the systems.

First Place for Education writing. Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Alexandria Education Dollars. Judge’s comment: This is by far the best entry in the contest. Michael Lee Pope wrote several strong articles on the cost of administration in his market. He did a very nice job of making a numbers story interesting.

First Place for Business and Financial writing. Michael Lee Pope, Mount Vernon Gazette — Judge’s comment: The story about car title loans offers an interesting look at this industry, which is proliferating due to a change in state law. Kudos for

looking at how much the industry contributes to state legislators’ political campaigns. Business taxes — is it fair to charge higher rates for certain professions? Pope provides a balanced look at the pros and cons. The story on a transit study covers the debate over urban vs. rural development in Mount Vernon. Pope combines thorough reporting with competent writing.

First Place for Public Safety Writing, Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Judge’s comment: Creative, compelling ledes.

First Place for General News Writing, Bonnie Hobbs, Centre View — Judge’s comment: The creative lede pushed this one over the top. Good work getting all viewpoints of the issue without assigning judgment to who is right and who is wrong.

First Place for Personal Service Writing. Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Judge’s comment: Each story is an interesting and vivid snapshot of the deceased with good use of quotes and anecdote to bring the subject’s personality to life and also convey why he or she was valued in the community. It is hard to write about someone who has died in a way that is upbeat and positive, but this writer has achieved this.

First Place for Informational Graphics for Insiders Guide to the Parks, Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles and Craig Sterbutzel, Mount Vernon Gazette — Informational graphics: Fairfax County parks.

First Place for HomeLifeStyle, Mary Kimm, Laurence Foong, Geovani Flores, Marilyn Campbell, John Byrd, Tim Peterson and Jean Card, The Vienna/Oakton Connection — Specialty pages or sections: Judge’s comment: Clean design

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## OPINION

# Virginia Press Association Awards

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and easy to read. Choice of fonts work well together.

### OTHER AWARDS:

Steve Artley, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Illustrations — Eminent Domain. Judge's comment: One of the best examples of editorial cartooning I have seen in years and reminiscent of editorial cartoons poignant and relevant enough to still be included in history texts today. Wonderful use of the paper boat as the flagship of eminent domain with tons of little touches which push the entry even higher.

In-depth, investigative reporting, Alex McVeigh, Great Falls Connection — Judge's comment: Great work continuing to follow an important environmental story that had the potential for far-reaching impacts. These articles also do a good job explaining the nature of the underground contamination and, in understandable terms, the geology behind the way they spread.

Alexandria Gazette Packet, Insiders/Newcomers Guide. Steven Mauren, Jeanne Theismann, John Bordner, Jean Card, Geovani Flores and Laurence Foong, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Judge's comment: A good package of information for newcomers. A good array of photos of community members.

Health, Science and Environmental Writing, Michael Lee Pope, The Arlington Connection — Judge's comment: Good solid stories on interesting subjects. A lot of good historical background adds significantly to the sterilization story. The lead on the chicken story was very good.

Government Writing, Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Judge's comment: We preach to our reporters to follow the money. Michael Lee Pope does great job of following the money trail to great news stories. Continue to keep them honest.

Feature Series/Continuing Story, Victoria Ross, The Burke Connection — Feature series or continuing story. Judge's comment: Fantastic blend of fact and narrative, and it packs an emotional punch. The stories are very well-researched, tightly written and highly effective.

Personal Service Writing, Victoria Ross, The Fairfax Connection. Judge's comment: Good job using the individual story and relating it to the wider issue. Would have liked more follow-up details about whether the social media

companies are complying with the law and what the parents found on the son's social media sites.

Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Column writing. Judge's comment: These columns were well written and informative as well as entertaining.

Editorial writing. Mary Kimm, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Editorial writing. Judge's comment: Very well done. Writer does an outstanding job presenting the paper's stance on the issues of the day.

Editorial writing. Mary Kimm, The Fairfax Connection — Judge's comment: These editorials were articulate and to the point.

Education writing: Michael Lee Pope, The Arlington Connection — Judge's comment: Concise, well put thoughts.

Page Design, Jean Card, Mount Vernon Gazette — Judge's comment: Good job taking something that can be boring and hard to follow and making it interesting and easy to navigate.

Cartoon, Steve Artley, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Illustrations. Judge's comment: The shackles of the tea party! O!

Ebenezer Elephant will be surely listening for the chimes of the hour after this ghost appeared before the foot of his bed. Fantastic work all the way around.

Feature photo. Louise Krafft, Alexandria Gazette Packet — Summer Fun. Judge's comment: Sweet found moment.

Feature writing portfolio Donna Manz, Vienna/Oakton Connection — Feature writing portfolio. Judge's comment: Powerful ledes (and a great one for the 'puppies' story) and captivating narratives. Well-informed and well-written.

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# Home LifeStyle

## Clean for Spring

Local organization experts offer tips to help with spring cleaning.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Betsy Fein found herself in the middle of a spring fling in Fairfax recently. She wasn't at a festival or involved in a new romance, but in the midst of

"A lot of clients are disorganized because they are perfectionists. If they can't maintain a complicated system perfectly, they'd rather just have it in a pile."

— Betsy Fein

organizing a cluttered bedroom that was littered with piles of shirts, pants, shoes and books.

Spring often means renewal and local organizers like Fein are offering suggestions for clearing out winter clutter. From closets that are overstuffed with wool sweaters and down coats to kitchen drawers

overflowing with batteries and appliance manuals, they offer suggestions for getting organized without getting overwhelmed.

"Spring is a time when you have all the winter stuff in your closet and you want to change it out for summer, so you're flinging it out," said Fein, of Clutterbusters!! (www.clutterbusters.com) in Rockville, Md.

"Because this child was younger, we suggested that they hang a lot of things," said Fein of her recent project. She also advised the parents to install a second rod in the closet. "They could have shirts on top and pants on bottom."

Fein recommended using photographs to help with organization. "They can take a picture of a pair of socks, for example, and put it on the drawer so the child can see that socks go in that drawer."

She even included an idea for outgrown clothes. "Keep a colorful bin on the bottom of the closet, so when you realize that clothes don't fit any more you can toss them in the bin and donate them."

The idea would work for adults, too. "Pack away all your winter clothing and unpack your spring and summer items," said Susan Unger, of ClutterSOS (www.cluttersos.com) in Vienna. "Be sure to evaluate each item and ask yourself ... 'Does it fit? Do I love it? Is it in good shape? Do I feel good in it?' If all these answers are 'yes' and it is a keeper, then place it in your closet or drawers."

"Be sure to group like items to-

gether such as skirts, dresses, t-shirts, [and] shorts. Decide if the discards should be tossed or donated depending on the condition," she said. "Be sure to keep a list of new items to buy."

When you store those bulky winter clothes, make sure you use sealed containers. "Store them in bins and make use of vertical space that is hard to reach or other rooms [like the] basement," said Jody Al-Saigh of Picture Perfect Organizing (www.pictureperfectorganizing.com) in Arlington. "Before storing clothes for next winter, be sure they are laundered first. A little-known fact [is that] moths don't actually go after the clothing fibers but rather the human perspiration and dander that build on clothes."

An easy place to start spring cleaning is your file (or pile or drawer) of appliance manuals and instruction booklets. "Store them all in an accordion file, by brands, by type of appliance, by room or area," said Al-Saigh. "Or look up the manual online, download and toss the paper one." Be sure to purge often or when new items are purchased. "Don't toss warranties or receipts for warranties or rebates. Keep those in your file," said Al-Saigh. "Keep the accordion file somewhere handy like the garage shelf [or on] top of fridge."

**NOW THAT THE END** of the school year is growing closer, piles of children's artwork are growing taller. "We did a family room that had a bookshelf and toys, kids' artwork and stuff all over the place," said Fein. "We had to help the parents make decisions about what to keep. We used a method called the three Fs: Frame-worthy, flush (or toss) and file. With kids' art, you have to be ruthless and realize that it is not all a Picasso."

For frame-worthy artwork, Fein suggests tape frames or inexpensive acrylic frames. "Tape frames are sticky on the back, but they look like real frames. You can swap out the artwork and reuse them."

For artwork that can be filed, Fein suggests using a keepsake box or creating a photo book. "You can take digital photos of the art work and put together a book on Snapfish or Shutterfly. ... Your child will be proud and you won't have stuff all over the place."

Spring's mild weather also makes it an ideal time to clean out a garage. "It's not too hot and not too cold," said Al-Saigh. "Wait for nice weather, take everything out and

sort it in the driveway."

Al-Saigh suggests using sidewalk chalk. "Section off areas for piles for items to keep, donate and trash," she said. "When putting back the keep stuff, group items together and create zones such as tools, gardening, sports equipment, camping, bicycles. The more you can hang on hooks on the walls or from the ceiling the better. Floor to ceiling shelving is good to maximize the vertical space."

"Get creative. Use old barrels to store hockey sticks upright, hang a mesh bag full of soccer balls," she added. "Remove things that don't belong in your garage like photos, paperwork, fragile memorabilia."

Fein points to a Potomac, Md., garage that she recently helped a client reorganize. "It was a normal looking garage where stuff was everywhere," she said. "Bikes and sports stuff were all over the place, so it was a matter of putting like things together." It helps, Fein said, to make organizing fun. "Don't think of it as a chore. ... Play music and get the whole family involved. Play games with your children, like beat the clock or beat the time." Start small. "A lot of times people think I have to organize my whole basement and I have 40 years of stuff," said Fein. "If you have decided to spend the whole weekend, three hours in you say this is too much and you quit. Maybe start with a drawer."

Keep it simple. "With filing papers, sometimes a person's filing system is so detailed that it is impossible to organize and maintain," said Fein. "Let's take bills. A simple system may be a file that says bills. It doesn't need to be in alphabetical order. A lot of clients are disorganized because they are perfectionists. If they can't maintain a complicated system perfectly, they'd rather just have it in a pile."

Once a home is finally organized, keeping it that way can be challenging. "You have to be disciplined about maintaining it," said Fein. "Even if you set aside 10 minutes a day to make sure you do a little maintenance in your kitchen, bedroom, office or wherever. Doing a little each day keeps it organized rather than letting it build up."

Once a person develops such a routine, it becomes natural for even the messiest among us, said Fein. "It takes 21 days to change a habit," she said. "For 21 days, put a reminder in your calendar phone, or leave yourself a voice message reminding yourself to do a little maintenance."



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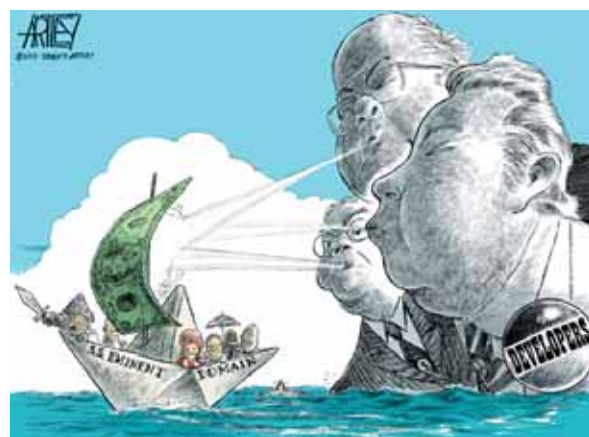


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## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 9 - SUNDAY/APRIL 20

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Presents Built to Amaze Circus.** GMU Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$15-\$30. For more information and show timings visit, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## THURSDAY/APRIL 10- FRIDAY/APRIL 11

**"Making Mona Lisa."** GMU, Mason Hall Atrium Galley, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. An exhibition of photography and painting by Priscilla Briggs that documents the oil painting industry in Xiamen, China.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 11-SUNDAY/APRIL 13

**Virginia Opera's "Carmen."** Friday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Virginia Opera, will present George Bizet's sultry tragedy about opera's most famous femme fatale, "Carmen." The opera has enthralled audiences for more than a century and is one of the most popular. Tickets are Friday: \$44-\$86; Sunday: \$48-\$98. Youth Discount: tickets are half price for youth through grade 12. Call 888-945-2468 or visit [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu)

## SATURDAY/APRIL 12

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Art Walk.** 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. The 2nd Saturday Art Walk at the Workhouse showcases the diverse work of more than 100 visual artists in a unique historic venue, creating an atmosphere that encourages visitors to immerse themselves in the richness of this creative community. Guests can tour seven unique studio buildings, mix and mingle with artists, buy original works of art, experience ever-changing.



**Ginger Costa-Jackson as Carmen in Virginia Opera's production of "Carmen," playing April 11 and 13 at GMU's Center for the Arts.**

**Once Upon A Time...** 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. A fairy tale themed costume ball. The evening includes music, social dancing, unique silent auction opportunities, food, laughter and special live performances by cabaret vocalists. Admission includes entertainment, light refreshments and two beverage tokens. Tokens may also be used for voting for the "Queen" of the night. Costumes are not required for entry, but do we encourage all to find some fairy tale inspiration for their attire- there will be a 'door prize' or two for the most imaginative costumes! Limited admission, early reservations strongly recommended. \$40 per person. <http://workhousearts.org/events/performing-arts/once-upon-time>

**Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale.** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. children (2 years old - 6th graders) are welcome to the free Easter

Egg Hunt and bake sale. <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

**Spring Upscale Resale.** 9 a.m. -3 p.m. The Salvation Army Fairfax, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary is selling new or gently used purses, scarves, jewelry, lamps, art, silk floral arrangements, Christmas and home decor, glassware, knick-knacks, kitchen goods, toys, furniture, sporting goods and more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 12- SUNDAY/APRIL 13

**Spring Show.** Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Northern Virginia Bonsai Society is proud to announce that its Spring Show. Bonsai from beginning to expert will be exhibited and the Club will be demonstrating how to make a bonsai. Visitors may cast secret ballots on which of the bonsai exhibited should go onto the Potomac Bonsai Association show. Contact Person: Gary A. Reese. [greese67@msn.com](mailto:greese67@msn.com). 703-860-3374

## SUNDAY/APRIL 13

**Table Top N Gauge Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Admission is \$4 for adults 16 and over; \$2 for children 5-15; free for children under 5 and for Museum members. For more information on the Museum events, visit, [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org). 703-425-9225.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 19

**2014 Lions Club Flea Market.** VRE parking lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Cost is \$20 per space, first come, first serve. Website for rules: [sfohostlions.org](http://sfohostlions.org)

**Family Fun.** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cherry Run Elementary School, 9732 Ironmaster Drive, Burke. There will be free pony rides, moon bounce, balloon clown, petting zoo, hot dog lunch, and of course lots of eggs.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 24

**Deep Ocean Exploration: Uncovering Hidden Valleys and Soviet Subs.** 7:30 -

8:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. The secrets of the ocean - whether hidden valleys or clandestine Soviet subs - have been discovered. Dr. Gary Weir, NGA's Chief Historian, will unveil these underwater stories and surprises. If you love the ocean or history, it's going to be an exciting evening.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 26

**Singles Dinner and Movie Night.** 5 p.m. PF Chang's in Fairfax Corner, 4250 Fairfax Corner Avenue, Fairfax. Cost of \$30 at door includes dinner, soda, tip and movie ticket. RSVP required. Sponsored by New Beginnings, a support group for separated/divorced men and women. Call 301-924-4101 or visit [www.newbeginningsusa.org](http://www.newbeginningsusa.org).

## 2014 Healthy Strides Community 5K/10K.

7:30 a.m. Burke Lake Park. Head on out to Burke Lake Park on April 26 and join the Fairfax County Park Authority for the Healthy Strides Community 5k/10k!! Enjoy a scenic run around the beautiful grounds of Burke Lake Park. The 10k runs along a wooded path and takes runners around the lake. While the 5k follows a scenic tree-lined road through the park. Register here: <http://prcracing.racebox.com/events/register/5224ef94-365c-408a-b417-7f46c0a86524>. Spring Faire.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 27

**Jeffrey Siegel, "Mistresses and Masterpieces."** 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. The pianist performs music inspired by composers' major love interests. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on April 15. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Young Artists Musicales.** 6 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts lobby, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. Piano students and winners of the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association Honors Recitals perform short pieces. Free admission. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

## ONGOING

**Workhouse Farmers Market.** 3-6 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Every Thursday on the quad is a producer-only market for discerning shoppers featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry and local foods from breads to salsas and sausages. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**First Fridays at the Clifton Art Guild.** 6-9 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 C Main St., Clifton. Enjoy a wine tasting and mix and mingle with the Art Guild of Clifton artists. 703-830-1480 or [www.artguildofclifton.org/](http://www.artguildofclifton.org/).

**Saturday Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the parking lot at the intersection of West and Main Streets behind Wells Fargo Bank in Fairfax. Every Saturday there is fresh produce, goods and wares at the market. [church@sovgracefairfax.org](mailto:church@sovgracefairfax.org) or [www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com](http://www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com).

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**Fairfax Mosaic Wednesday Night Freshbikes Rides.** 6:30 p.m., at Fairfax Mosaic Freshbikes, 2910 District Ave., Fairfax. Weekly bike rides leave from the Fairfax Mosaic store, the newest addition to the Freshbikes family of stores in the area. [www.freshbikescycling.com](http://www.freshbikescycling.com).

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# FAITH

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## Easter Services

### SUNDAY/APRIL 13

**Palm Sunday Service.** 8:30 and 11 a.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. This Sunday commemorates the entry of Jesus

into Jerusalem and begins the series of observances focusing on the events of Holy Week — the beginning of the passion or suffering of Jesus leading to and including the crucifixion.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 17

**Maundy Thursday Service.** 7:30 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. This is a service to commemorate Jesus' Last Supper and the beginning of our sacrament, the Lord's Supper. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment to love one another as

He had loved them.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 18

**Good Friday Service.** 7:30 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death on the cross at Calvary.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 20

**Easter Sunday Services.** 6, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Join to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## FAITH NOTES

**Fairfax Baptist Temple**, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

**The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center**, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

**Lord of Life Lutheran** offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114

Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 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 at 7300 Gary St., 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 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome.

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

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## Fairfax Rescue Dogs To Help Recover Mudslide Victims

Three dogs part of the Fairfax County fire and rescue team are now in Washington State helping to recover victims of the mudslide that occurred March 22. The dogs include Bayou, Fielder and Hugo. The death toll of the landslide is now at 33.

**Fielder is one of three canines from Fairfax County who is helping recover victims of the mudslide in Washington State.**



**Bayou is one of three canines from Fairfax County traveling to Washington State to recover victims of the mudslide that occurred.**



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# SPORTS

## Rebuilding Robinson Shows Resiliency in Loss to Yorktown

**Rams overcome 3-0 deficit to tie Patriots before falling to 0-6-1.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Robinson boys' soccer team, in the midst of a rebuilding year, entered its April 7 match against Yorktown in search of its first victory.

Midway through the first half, it appeared the Rams would play the role of speed bump to the mighty Patriots, who three days earlier knocked off defending region champion Oakton. By game's end, however, Robinson had shown the kind of resilience that could lead to future success.

Yorktown scored in the opening minute, twice in the first five minutes and led 3-0 in the 19th minute. Undeterred, the Rams battled back to tie the score at 3-all with a goal by Henry Lunario in the 72nd minute. However, Yorktown captain Joe McCreary answered in the 78th minute, lifting the Patriots to a 4-3 victory at Robinson Secondary School.

**THE LOSS** dropped Robinson's record to 0-6-1, but head coach Robert Garza said he was pleased with the Rams' resiliency.

"After the game, I told them you basically won this game," Garza said. "Don't look at the score, [focus on] the fight that you guys had in you. I'm very proud of you. ... To me, in my book here, forget what the score says, we did win this because of the fight and we came back. Such a young team, still trying to learn to play with each other, was able to bring that fight back."

Garza is in his second season as head coach of the Rams. He replaced Jac Cicala, a member of the Virginia-DC Soccer Hall of Fame who won four AAA state championships with the Lake Braddock boys' program and took the George Mason University women's team to the 1993 NCAA final. Cicala retired in 2012 after leading Robinson to the Northern Region title and Garza was hired after nine seasons at Mount Vernon.

Garza has spent his first two seasons implementing a style of soccer which focuses on speed and possession. Last year, Garza's first with Robinson, the Rams finished 6-9-2, reached the Concorde District championship game and lost to T.C. Williams in the opening round of the regional tournament. This season, following a 4-2 loss to Oakton that dropped Robinson's record to 0-4-1, Garza decided to go primarily with young players.

"This is our rebuilding year," Garza said. "We graduated the whole team last year, as you can tell by our roster, a lot of freshmen and sophomores. Obviously, it's been a struggle this year. The Oakton game to us, we felt like we cracked Oakton a little bit, and it's been a step up for us. We're starting to come together. It's a process, but they're coming together."

While Robinson failed to win in its first seven games, the Rams managed to score 12 goals and showed signs of life against Yorktown.

"[The underclassmen are] the ones fighting and we saw right here," Garza said after the Yorktown loss. "[We] definitely saw they have fight in them tonight."



**Robinson's Noah Zorzi (19) scored a goal against Yorktown on April 7.**

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



**Robinson boys' soccer coach Robert Garza said sophomore Keyvan Montero (2) is one of the program's future leaders.**

Yorktown improved to 5-1 with the victory, including a 1-0 win over Oakton three days earlier. The Patriots seemingly squashed the idea of a letdown against the winless Rams early in the match, building a 3-0 lead midway through the first half. Iain Holmes scored in the opening minute, and Justin Gonzales gave the Patriots a 2-0 lead with a goal in the fifth minute. Holmes' second goal extended Yorktown's advantage to 3-0 in the 19th minute.

**FROM THAT POINT**, Robinson slowly chipped away at the lead. Lucas Puranen scored in the 26th minute, cutting Yorktown's lead to 3-1 at halftime. Noah Zorzi scored in the 47th minute and Lunario netted the equalizer in the 72nd minute.

"The level dropped, big time," Yorktown head coach David Wood said. "... It's tough sometimes, because we've been on a big-time roll of not giving up goals and scoring goals."

Rather than letting Robinson come all the way back to win, Yorktown found a way to salvage the contest with McCreary scoring the game-winner shortly after returning from a yellow card.

Garza praised the performance of sophomore defender Keyvan Montero and freshman forward Nicholas Short.

"They're both the smallest kids on the team and they take the most hits and they deliver the most hits back and they have so much fight," Garza said. "We use them as an example to the returning players — bigger kids who are so scared to go in for a ball. These two kids are so small and they go in hard every single ball. They get the snot knocked out of them, they get right back up, they deliver a hit back and they keep going through. Those two are the future leaders of this program."

Robinson faced Centreville on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Rams will host Langley at 7 p.m. on April 23.

**Woodson junior point guard Eric Bowles was named to the boys' 6A all-state basketball team.**



CONNECTION FILE PHOTOS

## Bowles, Berglund Earn All-State Honors

Woodson junior point guard Eric Bowles and West Springfield senior shooting guard Amy Berglund were among those selected to the 2013-14 Group 6A all-state basketball teams.

Bowles led the Woodson boys' team to its second consecutive region championship before falling to Landstown in the state semi-finals. Along with Bowles, the boys' all-state team included Colonial Forge's Marco Haskins, Herndon's Dorian Johnson, Battlefield's Trevor Blondin, South Lakes' Brandon Kamga, Landstown's Darius Bolstad, Patrick Henry's Christian Kirchner and Woodside's Chris Orlina.

Berglund surpassed 1,000 career points and led the West Springfield girls' team to the Conference 7 title, a trip to the region final and a berth in the state tournament. Along with Berglund, the girls' all-state team includes Cosby's Dorothy Adomako, Stonewall Jackson's Nicole Floyd, Cosby's Jocelyn Jones, Bethel's Britani Bryson, Madison's Kelly Koshuta and Centreville's Jenna Green.

Berglund plans to play for University of Northwestern St. Paul.

## Capital Classic Rosters Announced

The 41st Annual Capital Classic will be held April 26 at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria. The Classic will feature three games, including a pair of Metro All-Star games. North vs. South will tip off at 3 p.m., followed by East vs. West at 5 p.m. The main event, a matchup between the U.S. All-Stars and the Capital All-Stars, will begin at 7 p.m.

Robinson's Joe Bynum, Bishop Ireton's Daniel Noe, Edison's Chief Amoah and Oakton's Robert Bacon are among those suiting up for the South all-stars.

Lake Braddock's Will Gregorits, Woodson's Andy Stynchula, Paul VI's Evan Taylor, Wakefield's Re'Quan Hopson, and Herndon's Kent Auslander and Dorian Johnson are among those who will suit up for the West all-stars.

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**West Springfield senior shooting guard Amy Berglund was named to the girls' 6A all-state basketball team.**



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## 21 Announcements

### ABC LICENSE

Ha To Pham Trading as Rice Pot Asian Cuisine, 4709 Backlick Road, Annandale, VA 22079. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a wine and beer on premises, mixed beverages on premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Ha To Pham, Owner

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**Four Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students** have received national awards for their writing from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Three of the students received Gold Medals, the highest form of recognition.

Aline Dolinh of Oakton High School received the American Voices Medal, the equivalent of the best of show award, for her poetry, "Accent Marks, Exorcism, Model Minority, Second-generation."

National winners include:

❖ Melissa Halbrook of Woodson High School, Gold Medal for humor, "Kim Jung-Un's New Clothes."

❖ Emma Hastings of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), Gold Medal for short story, "Sight Without Vision, Vision Without Sight," and Gold Medal for writing portfolio, "I Sing Of."

# Teachers Honored

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and accommodations while Smith helps plan general curriculum activities.

With a combined total of 16 years' experience teaching in Fairfax County, Smith and Bailey were nominated for the Exemplary Inclusive Practice Award by colleagues, Elizabeth Egbert and Heather Temple, as well as assistant principal, Matt Salerno. The award was presented by the Inclusion Program Opportunities for Preschoolers (IPOP) Committee and is granted to both Fairfax County Public School preschool teachers and community preschool teachers. This year, a team from Bonnie Brae Elementary School and one from the Main Street Child Development Center also received the award.

Jamey Chianetta, Halley's principal, notes that Smith and Bailey "excel in their knowledge, practice, and influence in preschool education. They are leaders in their classroom and in our school community, who model student-first education, collaboration, and a 'whatever-it-takes' attitude."

Smith and Bailey feel the most rewarding aspect of their work is "creating an environment in which students with IEPs are given the opportunity to achieve at the same level as their typically developing peers."

They believe high quality early childhood education "reduce(s) the risk of educational failure for students with identified special needs and those who are considered at risk." They are passionate about the inclusive classroom as they recognize its benefits to young students: a chance for students with special needs to learn with and from their peers in the general education curriculum, the opportunity for all students to "(develop) respect, empathy, and acceptance" of peers who are different from them, and "lifetime skills and confidence to protect the rights of themselves and others."

Future goals for the award-winning team include continuing to support colleagues to understand exemplary inclusive practices, promoting inclusive programs throughout Fairfax County, and improving their own skills to provide "high quality early childhood education to all students."

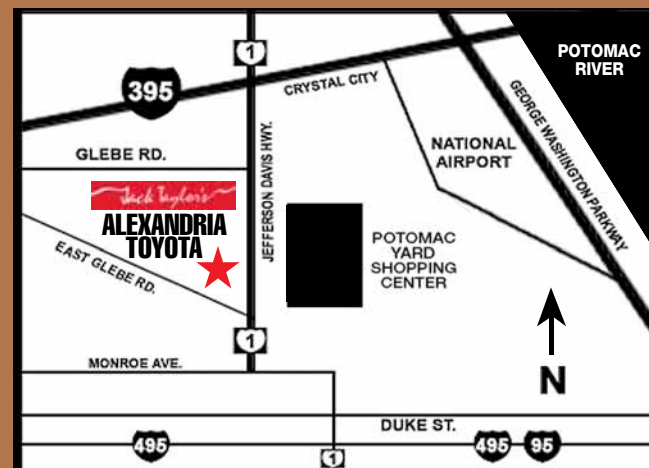


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