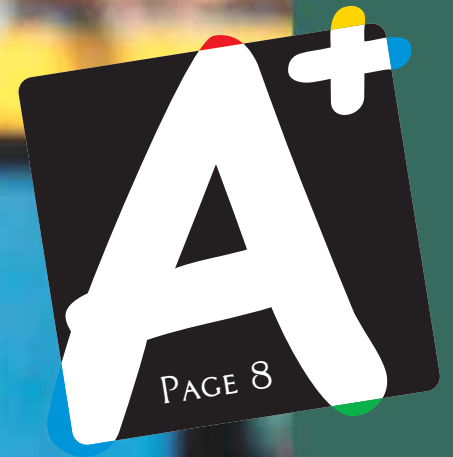


Rebecca Martin struck out 10 Cosby batters during the 6A state championship game on June 15.



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Meals Task Force Referendum co-chairs Kate Hanley and Tom Davis deliver a short presentation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, June 17, on the final report of the 44-member task force.

Meals Tax: Tasty or Revolting?

Supervisors digest task force's final report on hot-button issue.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

After hours of simmering debate, the Meals Tax Referendum Task Force's presentation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Tuesday was a mere amuse-bouche, whetting the appetite of board members for the group's 170-page multi-course written report.

For the past two months, top chefs Kate Hanley (D) and Tom Davis (R), both former chairmen of the board, led a 44-member task force through four highly-charged and heated meetings.

But the group failed to come to a consensus about whether the supervisors should serve up a referendum to voters on the meals tax; instead it provided the board with an exhaustive menu of pros and cons for the supervisors to consider.

Commissioned by Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large), the task force was convened in April to consider whether Fairfax County should proceed with a referendum for a meals tax; if yes, what year should the referendum be held, and how should the revenue from the meals tax be used.

THE LAST TIME Fairfax County asked voters to approve a tax on restaurant meals, in 1992, the issue ignited a firestorm of protests, and threatened to melt down several political careers.

The reverberations of that epic failure — what many consider the third rail of county politics — continue to echo in the ears of county politicians.

Probably no local politician was more affected by the issue than Davis, the former Republican congressman who chaired the board during the last 1992 meals tax battle.

"It got pretty ugly," he said of the factions in the 1992 referendum crusade. The measure was defeated 58 percent to 42 percent with approximately 102,000 votes cast during a special April election.

During Tuesday's presentation, Davis and Hanley noted the task force learned from the 1992 referendum failure, and came to a swift consensus on two points:

* If the board decides to put the tax to a referendum, the referendum should be held during a general election, not a special election.

* If the board decided to approve a referendum, the money should be dedicated, meaning that voters should know how the money will be spent.

Bulova has said that a four-percent tax on meals and beverages at the county's nearly 3,000 restaurants would generate approximately \$90 million in new revenue for schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services.

After the short presentation by Hanley and Davis, Bulova made it clear to that she would "not entertain motions" on the report during Tuesday's meeting.

"The board just received the report, and we need time to digest it," she said, opening up the issue for brief comments and questions from the board.

"Is it persuasive to voters, in your opinion, that we are not treated as cities in our ability to raise revenue?" asked Supervisor Gerald Hyland (D-Mount Vernon). "Do you think we should raise the issue that this tax will get us away from the reliance of real estate tax? Will that be persuasive to voters?"

Hanley and Davis said the task force did provide advice on how to sell the tax to voters.

"Many issues here continue to confuse voters," Hanley said.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said she was concerned about the "enormous lack of information regarding what our constituents know about (our taxing authority)."

"Our legislative agenda has always been that we need the authority to tax in this situation. And that piece is not often discussed," Hudgins said.

Counties in Virginia are historically restricted in their authority to levy many local taxes, including a meals tax, without a referendum. Cities and towns, on the other hand, are given more leeway by the Virginia state code.

About a Meals Tax

What effect would the meals tax have on an average resident at a 4 percent tax rate?

❖ On a \$5 "fast food" meal, tax would be 20 cents

❖ On a \$50 meal at a "nice restaurant", tax would be \$2

Who would pay the meals tax?

❖ County residents who choose to dine out.

❖ Commuters, travelers and tourists who visit Fairfax County

What about tourists? How much do tourists spend on dining out in Fairfax County?

❖ According to the Virginia Tourism Corporation, tourists spend an estimated \$631.4 million eating out in Fairfax County annually.

❖ Approximately 28 percent of meals expenditures in Fairfax County are generated by non-county residents.

❖ If Fairfax County voters approve a 4 percent meals tax, revenue generated from tourists is expected to be about \$25.3 million annually.

Who else has a meals tax in Northern Virginia, and how much revenue does it raise?

❖ Alexandria has a 4 percent MTR (meals tax rate) that is expected to generate an estimated \$17.6 million in 2014.

❖ Arlington has a 4 percent MTR (meals tax rate) that is expected to generate an estimated \$34.7 million in 2014.

❖ Falls Church has a 4 percent MTR (meals tax rate) that is expected to generate an estimated \$2.7 million in 2014.

❖ Fairfax City has a 4 percent MTR (meals tax rate) that is expected to generate an estimated \$5.4 million in 2014.

❖ Herndon has a 2.5 percent MTR (meals tax rate) that is expected to generate an estimated \$2 million in 2014.

❖ Vienna has a 3 percent MTR (meals tax rate) that is expected to generate an estimated \$1.9 million in 2014.

❖ The District of Columbia has a 10 percent MTR that is expected to generate \$331.31 million in 2014.

The City of Alexandria (1975), the City of Fairfax (1985), the City of Falls Church (1977), the Town of Herndon (2003), the City Manassas (1988) and the Town of Vienna (1989) have all enacted a meals tax by local ordinance. Meanwhile, Arlington County is one of the few counties that has received authority from the Virginia General Assembly to enact a meals tax by unanimous vote of its County Board.

That's something that won't happen in Fairfax County, said Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield), who declared Tuesday there would be no "unanimous" decision when the Fairfax County board casts its vote on a meals tax referendum.

"It's a tax that targets a single industry," Herry said in explaining why he would not consider voting to put a referendum on the ballot. "It would increase the tax on prepared foods by 67 percent, and Fairfax County residents will overwhelmingly shoulder this burden, the same county residents that have seen their homeowner taxes rise by 14 percent in the last three years alone."

Across the state, a meals tax has met with mixed reaction from voters. Loudoun and Prince William county officials recently rejected the idea of a meals tax after restaurant groups successfully argued the tax would unfairly target an industry that is facing pressure to increase the minimum wage while still struggling to recover from the 2008 recession.

But voters in Henrico County, which surrounds the City of Richmond, narrowly approved a 4 percent meals tax last November.

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Landfill Decision Deferred to July 29

Board Chairman Sharon Bulova looking for compromise.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

The decision has already been delayed before, but the future of the Lorton landfill will remain uncertain as the Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to defer the decision to July 29.

Last month, the decision was deferred to Tuesday after a seven-hour public hearing on the EnviroSolutions application, which originally sought to extend the life of the landfill until 2040. On June 16, EnviroSolutions announced it would reduce the landfill extension until 2032 and lower the height of the controversial berm from 70 feet to 52 feet.

"EnviroSolutions continues to respond to feedback on the Fairfax Green Energy Park proposal," said Conrad Mehan, director of government relations for EnviroSolutions. "This proposal provides the County long-term disposal and recycling capacity for



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The decision on whether to approve an application extending the life of the Lorton construction debris landfill, pictured here, has once again been deferred, this time to July 29.

construction debris, reduces greenhouse gas emissions by more than 3M tons over the life of the project and fosters renewable energy jobs and technologies in Fairfax County."

ON TUESDAY'S Board of Supervisors meeting, Chairman Sharon Bulova motioned to defer the application in order for EnviroSolutions and those opposed to the application to reach a compromise.

"The landfill is important in helping the County to achieve our efforts to revitalize and redevelop our aging commercial and industrial areas, such as Tysons, Merrifield, Springfield and the Richmond Highway areas by providing a disposal site in close proximity to these areas," Bulova said at the meeting.

Bulova set a framework for compromise, which includes the reduction of the mechanically-stabilized earthen berm to a maximum height of 20 feet, or elimination of the berm, a date-certain closure of 2025, and the use of a mixed-waste recycling facility on Furnace road.

Bulova, along with planning commissioner Tim Sargeant and other community members, was part of a task force in March that also aimed to find a compromise.

"I have become concerned that the original application goes too far and would have too much of an impact on the surrounding community," Bulova said.

Of concern, Bulova said, is the 70-foot berm that is being proposed to surround the entire landfill.

"I am told that our county staff has never approved a structure of that size and magnitude. They, and

"I have become concerned that the original application goes too far and would have too much of an impact on the surrounding community."

— Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

I, have concerns for the long term integrity and liability of this structure, especially once the landfill is closed and absent an operator to insure regular inspections and maintenance in perpetuity," Bulova said.

The wind turbines were also contested among many citizens, mainly because of their potential harm to bald eagles at nearby Mason Neck State Park. EnviroSolutions announced on June 16 that instead of windmills, solar panels will be installed.

The applicant is aware of the framework and willing to work with it, said Frank McDermott, a lawyer representing EnviroSolutions.

MANY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, including those represented in the South County Federation, voiced their disapproval to the landfill at public hearings in February and May.

"In response to today's deferral of SEA2 to be further amended by select members of the Board of Supervisors, the applicant, County Staff and representatives from the community, we would like to express our thanks to Chairman Bulova and the Board of Supervisors for recognizing that this application has too many liabilities and problems for both the County and the community to be acceptable," Nick Firth, president of the South County Federation, stated in a press release.

Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) will also join the compromise group. Hyland expressed interest in looking back at the 2007 approved application, which would require a park to be built at the closed landfill.

"As we go through this process of trying to negotiate something, I hope that staff looks at that and can be creative as to how we can possibly recreate this land as a park," Hyland said.

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Meals Tax: Pros & Cons

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Political analyses concluded the success of that referendum was due, in large part, to an avid public awareness campaign that reminded voters funds generated from the tax — about \$18 million each year — were dedicated to Henrico County Public Schools.

While much has changed in Fairfax County since 1992, the mere mention of a meals tax still stirs up vehement reactions.

“I think it is a bit disingenuous to suggest libraries, schools and parks would be the primary beneficiaries of meals tax revenues,” said Herndon resident Walter Hadlock in an email regarding the tax. “There are those of us, i.e., retirees, people with no children at home ... who don’t get any direct benefit from the bulk of county services”

“The board has once again put off making a decision on whether to place this burden on our residents, caterers, grocery stores, and restaurants,” Herrity said.

ON THE OTHER SIDE of the debate, Josh Israel of Fairfax said that, although he has no children, he would be “absolutely fine with paying more to make sure that our county has even better schools, sufficient funds for infrastructure, and is able to offer more programs to make our county a better place for everyone to live.”

Therese and Bernard Martin of Reston agreed with Israel.

“Fairfax County has tried, without success, to find sources other than the property tax to pay for schools, public safety and other services desired by its citizens,” the couple wrote in a June 6 email to the task force.

“I bet that the long lines of people waiting to get into restaurants at places like the Reston Town Center won’t be tempted to get back in their cars and drive to Loudoun or Prince William County to save 4 cents on every dollar that they spend. I think the restaurant industry is ‘crying wolf,’” Therese Martin said.

After the report by Hanley and Davis, Bulova thanked the task force but did not say when the board would vote on the report.

“What’s missing (in the report) is how we discuss this with the community,” added Hudgins.

“This is still in our lap and we have to decide what we want to do with it.”

To view the report, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/



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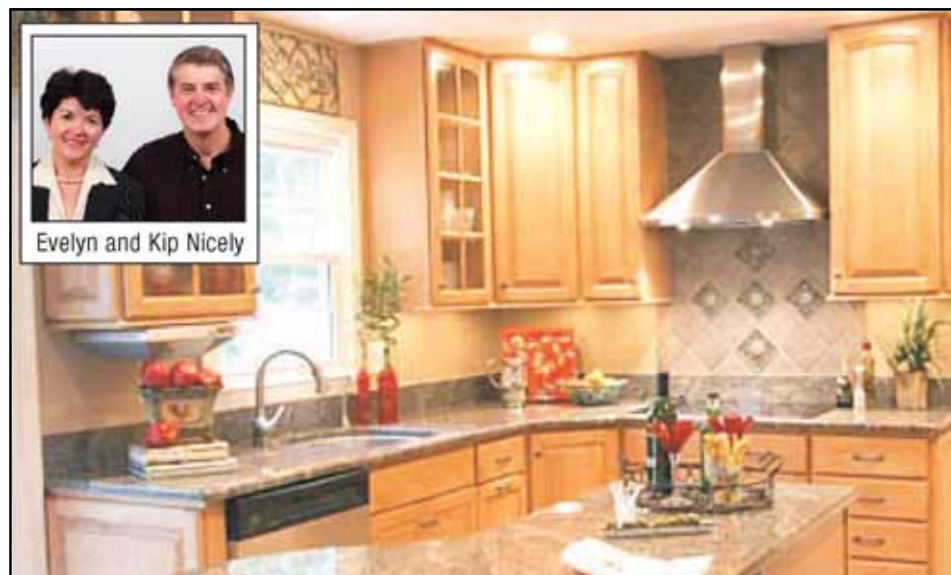
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More Affordable Housing Needed

Anticipated job growth to exacerbate problem.

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In Northern Virginia, having enough affordable housing is critical to economic health, based on housing the workers needed at a variety of income levels. It is also critical to traffic management. If workers on the lower end of the income scale can't afford to work near their jobs, those workers will have to drive longer distances, creating gridlock and air pollution.

Consider that in the Washington Metropolitan Region, the established median rent for a two-bedroom apartment, according to HUD, is \$1,589 monthly. To afford that rent, paying no more than 30 percent of gross income, requires an income of about \$60,000 annually. And it is obvious that rents in Northern Virginia are more expensive than the region.

Consider for example, that right now in Alexandria, there are more than 8,300 workers in the accommodations and food service industry who earn on average \$470 weekly, or less than \$25,000 a year. (Employment statistics from Virginia Employment Commission.)

In Arlington, there are more than 15,400

workers in accommodations and food service, with an average weekly wage of \$491, or \$25,500 annually.

In Fairfax County, in food service and accommodations, there are more than 48,400 workers with an average wage of \$426 weekly or an annual income of just over \$22,000.

These are people working full time in jobs that are important to our economy who cannot afford market rate rents, and rents are climbing.

The George Mason University School of Public Policy Center for Regional Analysis forecasts that, based on predicted job growth, over the next 20 years this region will need an additional 344,624 single-family units and 203,674 multi-family units.

From the report:

"The region's new housing must be priced so that it is affordable to these new workers. Based on the housing need forecasts, 44.1 percent of rental units will need to have rents of less than \$1,250 a month, while only 2.4 percent of the rental demand will be for units priced at \$2,250 a month or more. About 16.4 percent of the owner-occupied units forecasted need to be valued at less than \$200,000 and only 13.5 percent at over \$600,000."

For example, the report predicts adding more than 71,000 health services workers with a median income of \$39,500; more than 45,000 hospitality workers with a median income of \$18,300; and 17,700 retail workers with a median income of \$22,500.

The units to house the current and future workforce will not materialize on their own. It will require a variety of incentives and interventions to make sure those units are part of new development.

As the Silver Line opens, it's important to remember that the coming years will bring the last great boom in building in Fairfax County. No matter what the immediate impediments, the local economy cannot thrive unless developing affordable housing is built into all of those development plans, current and future.

—MARY KIMM

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— **Rebecca Cho plans to attend George Mason University**



"I'm going to be in the Marine Corps, serving my country."

— **Ariel Magalong leaves for the Marine Corps on July 7**



"I'm going to Indiana University to study music education for trumpet."

— **Noah Freeman (left)**

Fairfax High Graduates: Where Do You See Yourself in the Next 5-10 Years?

— THOMAS FRIESTAD



"I'm going to go to James Madison University next year and hopefully major in Nursing, and I see myself working with their Women's Specialty Department."

— **Yvanna Salas**



"I'm going to be going to Longwood University and studying Athletic Training. In five to 10 years, I want to be able to run my own physical therapy."

— **Samantha Carr**



"For plans after high school, I'll be at the University of Virginia, and hopefully after that, I'll be attending an Ivy League school for another four years. I'm going to be in the UVA Undergraduate Business School and hopefully, in graduate school, business."

— **Tom Burke**



"I'm going to the University of Pittsburgh, and I think I'm going to be in Dental School in five years. I've been interested since I was a kid; that's what I've wanted to do. I'm passionate about dental hygiene."

— **Mahesh Pallapolu**

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By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

After the tassels have been turned and the diplomas received, it is usually time for a graduation celebration. Whether you're shopping for someone who is heading to college or venturing out into the workforce, choosing a present for the graduate in your life can be perplexing, but local tastemakers are here to help, offering suggestions for graduation presents that range from the practical to the sentimental.

Frames for displaying graduation photos or family photos that remind graduates of home can make great gifts. "We have gorgeous, heirloom-quality frames by Elias Artmetal that are made in the U.S.A. by an old established company," said John Brown, owner of J. Brown and Company in Old Town Alexandria.

Leather goods, such as a well-made key chain, journal or passport holder are also gifts that will not only be treasured, but will come in handy long after the pomp and circumstance of the big day are over.

"Nest Fragrances has a line of scents that young people love ... especially beach and bamboo."

— John Brown, owner of J. Brown and Company in Old Town Alexandria.

Reminders of the college the graduate attended or will attend can make cheerful presents. "College products make great gifts," said Randy Fabian, manager of The Dandelion Patch in Reston



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Personalized jewelry can serve as a reminder of a graduate's special day.

Town Center and Vienna. "There are platters, wine glasses and koozies for not only Virginia colleges, but a lot of schools outside of Virginia. They could be a commemorative item for a college graduate or a gift for someone who is heading off to college."

Another option is a scented

candle or diffuser, which can add a touch of elegance to a first apartment or dorm room. "Nest Fragrances has line of scents that young people love ... especially beach and bamboo," said Brown.

Backpacks, overnight bags and totes make practical gifts for new graduates, perfect for a quick trip

home or a first business trip. "Fun graphic totes are a great gift for grads," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Perfect for travel, the gym or toting things around campus, they are something every grad can use."

Fabian said that Scout bags (www.scoutbags.com), which



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Heirloom-quality frames, such as these by Elias Artmetal, can make ideal graduation presents.

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Alissa Caitlin Feudo, daughter of Dr. Christopher V. and Melanie L. Feudo, of Fairfax Station, graduated Magna Cum Laude on May 9 from Christopher Newport University, in Newport News, Va. Alissa was awarded a number of ribbons and medallions, and received the highest award, 'Excellence in Psychological Research' from the Psychology Department. Alissa was the awardee of the 2012 Honors Program Summer Research Stipend, the International Honors Society in Psychology Smithfield-Goodwin Scholarship, selected for the Dean's list for all four years, elected to Director of the Research Lab (for all 4 years), and was Solo Author presenter at five (5) conferences. She was also co-Author of an article for the International Psychology Community. She is a talented musician on her way to pursue her dreams, as a song-writer and singer.

Andrew Neils of Fairfax Station, has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering for outstanding scholarship during the Spring 2014 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

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NEWS

Medicaid Expansion Supporters Rally

Budget without Medicaid expansion being reviewed by Governor.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

A day before Virginia legislators reconvened in Richmond and passed a budget without Medicaid expansion, advocates gathered in Lorton to show their support for expanding health care coverage to 400,000 Virginians.

Although their posters targeted Fairfax County Republicans Dave Albo, Barbara Comstock and Jim LeMunyon and urged them to support Medicaid expansion, a budget was passed June 12 without Medicaid expansion. The budget also includes an amendment blocking funding of Medicaid Expansion unless the legislature approves it.

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe said in a statement on Friday that the fight for Medicaid expansion is "far from over."

"This is the right thing to do for Virginia, and I will not rest until we get it done," he said.

Advocates at last week's rally in Lorton echoed this sentiment, calling it shameful that expansion hasn't happened yet in Virginia.

Several of the rally's speakers are employees at Neighborhood Health, who shared stories of patients struggling to get by without health insurance.

OF THE PATIENTS served by Neighborhood Health, 62 percent are insured, said Martha Wooten, the organization's executive director. This number has decreased from 69 percent, largely due to the federal health insurance marketplace provided by the Affordable Care Act.

"More than 60 percent of my patient population is at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level," she said.

Wooten said that although the majority of the uninsured patients have jobs, they are still below the poverty line and have trouble making ends meet.

"They're not slackers, they're not people who don't



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Martha Wooten, executive director of Neighborhood Health Services, explains how Medicaid expansion would benefit patients served by Neighborhood Health Services at a rally in Lorton on June 11.

want to contribute, they're not how they've been portrayed," Wooten said. "They're not people who choose to be uninsured. They aren't people who choose to be unemployed."

If Neighborhood Health had been in a state that expanded Medicaid, Wooten said, they would have had an additional \$992,000 added to their bottom line, allowing them to provide services to over 2,000 people more than they served in 2013.

In Fairfax County, there are 35,408 individuals who would be eligible for Medicaid coverage if the coverage gap was closed, Wooten said.

"It's just appalling. None of us should be able to sleep at night knowing that this is going on in a society that we have any kind of ability to impact," she said.

Many Virginia residents go without basic primary care, such as medications for high blood pressure and diabetes and screenings for cancer, said Basim Khan, medical director of Neighborhood Health. Because they don't have health insurance, they discover their health problems only when an emergency such as a diabetic coma forces them to go to the hospital.

Patients who are served by Neighborhood Health Services are also unable to afford health specialists because they lack insurance.

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Some Girl(s). Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This play by Neil LaBute tells the story of one man as he flies across the country in search of the perfect woman (whom he's already broken up with). Admissions: \$5-\$10. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 21- AUGUST 9

Children's Theatre: The Ice Queen. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original fairytale follows the Ice Queen's search for the love of her life. Will the Ice Queen and Jack Frost make the perfect pair and live happily ever after? Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21-WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

Arts from the Turkic World Exhibit. 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The exhibition will feature a collection of works from various Turkic countries and territories as well as the works of featured artists of Turkic descent.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Dress code is casual for both ballroom mini-lessons and open dancing. Mini-lessons begin at 7:30 and feature different styles,

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34th Annual Spring Mosby Civil War Bus Tour. 8:30 a.m. Truro Parish, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax. Visit Green Springs (The home of Fount Beattie), the City of Alexandria, the Robert E. Lee Camp Hall Museum, the grave of Ranger Albert Minor, the site of the Rose Hill Manor House, the Broder's Site & Cemetery and much more. Cost for Stuart-Mosby Historical Society members is \$6; non-members is \$75. Reserve your seat by sending us your name, address and phone number and contact Don Hakenson at dhakenson@verizon.net. Or Contact Don at 703-971-4984. Reservations are not complete until we receive your check. Make checks payable to: Don Hakenson and send it to: 4708 Lillian Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22310. Visit www.stuart-mosby.com and www.hmshistory.com.

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Mount Vernon Nights: Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The new Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra is a 17-piece big band founded by baritone saxophonist Brad Linde and co-directed by Linde and Joe Herrera. They will perform numbers by Ellington, Basie, Strayhorn, Thad Jones, Oliver Nelson and Maria Schneider as well as originals by band members. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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Braddock Nights Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/ for location and schedule.

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cardiologist to get stress tests to determine why they have chest pain," Khan said.

AT THE RALLY, personal stories and anecdotes were shared, including that of 23-year-old Stephanie Cruz from Fairfax, who suffers from a chronic vocal cord paralysis condition and falls in the coverage gap. She is forced to pay \$3,000 a year for health insurance because of her condition, money that she doesn't have.

"These are real people in our communities. Their lives are impacted in very real ways," Khan said.

Don Owens, chairman of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, said there is a practical side to expanding Medicaid, and it makes economic sense.

Delegate Marcus Simon (D-53) said over the last couple of weeks, the emails he's received regarding Medicaid expansion have gotten more and more desperate.

"I know I'm not the only one getting these emails," he said. "But my colleagues continue to say 'no.'"



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Aaron Smith, Erin Hemlin and Katherine Schally joined dozens of other community members advocating for Medicaid expansion on June 11 in Lorton.

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The South County softball team won the 6A state championship with a 4-1 victory against Cosby on June 15.



South County catcher Haylea Geer went 2-for-3 with a solo home run during the 6A state championship game against Cosby on June 15.

South County Softball Captures First State Championship

Martin's dominant pitching, Geer's homer lift Stallions to victory.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

South County catcher Haylea Geer hit a deep fly ball in the fourth inning of Sunday's state championship game that drove Cosby center fielder Kayla Helms back to the fence.

Helms reached up and got her glove on the ball, but failed to make the catch. The ball landed on the other side of the fence and Helms put her hands in the air, signaling the ball was unplayable. Unsure of what the ruling would be, Geer sprinted around the bases and touched home plate.

"That's the quickest home run trot," South County head coach Gary Dillow said, "you'll ever see."

An umpire went out to center field, saw the ball had cleared the fence and signaled home run. The Stallions celebrated in front of the third-base dugout and came to a realization.

"That's probably the moment," senior pitcher Rebecca Martin said, "where everyone felt like we had a good chance to win the game."

Geer's home run gave South County confidence and a 1-0 lead. From that point, Martin continued pitching well, first baseman Riley Wilkinson ripped a three-run double, and when third baseman Caitlin Maglich caught a pop up in for the final out, the Stallions were state champions.

The South County softball team captured the first state title in program history on June 15 with a 4-1 victory over previously unbeaten Cosby in the 6A final at Robinson Secondary School. Martin earned the victory in the pitcher's circle, allowing one earned run and three hits seven innings. She struck out 10 and did not walk a batter.

In recent big-game victories over Lake

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South County sophomore shortstop Jade Williams celebrates after scoring a run in the fifth inning of the 6A softball state final against Cosby on June 15.

Braddock in the region final and First Colonial in the state semifinals, Martin kept South County in the game with her performance in the pitcher's circle until the Stallions scored in extra innings. On Sunday, Geer's home run off Cosby pitcher and Virginia Tech signee Chelsea Whitcomb gave Martin a fourth-inning cushion.

"It's gotten to the point where I almost don't expect to score until [the 10th inning], so I almost didn't believe when we got a run," Martin said. "It was really a different experience. Scoring that early, that's when I felt that we could really have a good

chance to win this game."

Geer, who went 2-for-3 Sunday, said her homer relaxed the Stallions, who needed 11 innings to beat First Colonial 1-0 the night before.

"It really calmed us down because, yesterday, all the innings that we went, we didn't want that to happen again," Geer said. "Having the chance to get up early, we knew that we most likely weren't going to have to go extra innings and it gave everyone a confidence that we could beat this team."

Wilkinson extended South County's lead to 4-0 with a two-out, three-run double in the fifth inning. After left fielder Courtney Ward singled, shortstop Jade Williams walked, and Maglich singled to load the bases, Wilkinson

lined an 0-1 pitch down the left-field line. The junior finished 2-for-3.

"I really wasn't thinking anything," Wilkinson said about her approach at the plate. "It was just, you've got to hit it, you've got to do it."

While the South County lineup provided runs, Martin took care of business in the circle. She allowed a leadoff single in the first to Whitcomb, who advanced to third on an error. Cosby failed to score, however, as Martin struck out the next three Titan batters.

After surrendering Whitcomb's leadoff

single, Martin did not allow another Titan batter to reach base until right fielder Megan Meindl doubled to lead off the seventh. Third baseman Savannah Ols delivered an RBI double in the seventh, accounting for Cosby's only run.

"She's been clutch from Day One," Dillow said. "She came in as a freshman and won that 12-inning game against [West Potomac] for our first conference championship with this group. Nothing fazes her. She's always relaxed. She's pitched every clutch game for us the last four years and usually when we lose, it's because we don't score, it's not because she hasn't pitch well."

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— South County pitcher
Rebecca Martin

Martin will attend the University of Virginia and will attempt to walk on to the softball team. Shortstop and senior captain Whitney Burks, who missed most of the season with an injury, will play for Stanford. Geer (West Chester) and catcher Zena Roberts (Colby College) will also play college softball.

South County finished the season with a 26-3 record. The Stallions finished runner-up in Conference 7 and won the 6A North region championship.

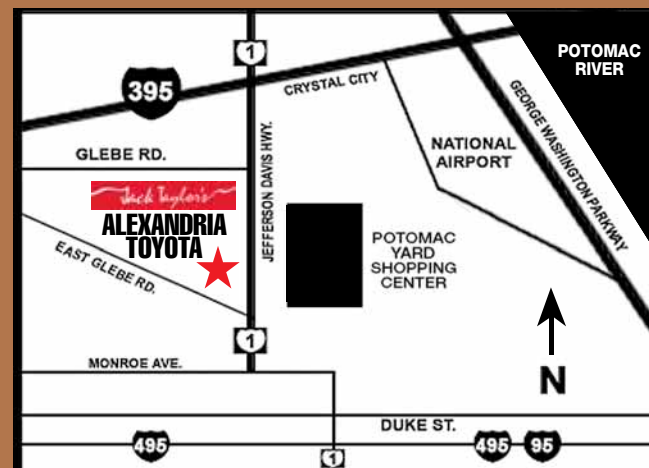
"It's such an incredible feeling," Dillow said. "I'm so happy for the kids."

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