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Lake Braddock's Kevin Monogue, right, placed second at Saturday's Monroe Parker Invitational, and Alex Corbett took third. The Bruins won the boys' team title.

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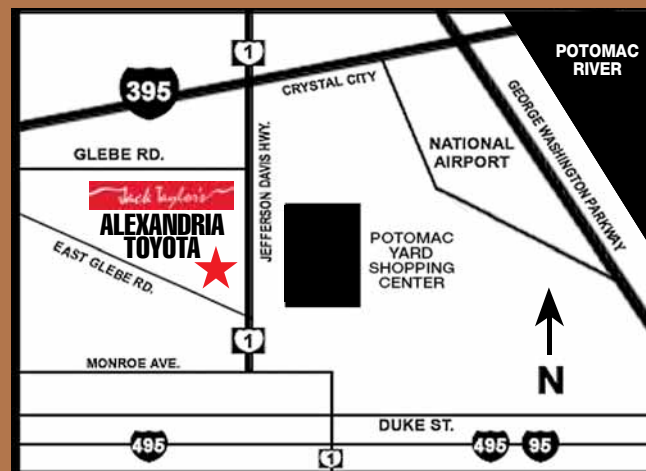
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# Board of Supervisors Approves 2015 Revised Budget Plan

**FCPS full-day  
Mondays at  
discussion  
forefront.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen students at the 142 public elementary schools around Fairfax County stayed there the full day on Monday — the first time in about four decades — they likely weren't worried about the cost. That's between the school board and board of supervisors. Grown-up stuff.

On June 26 this year, the school board voted 10-1 in favor of banning early-dismissal Mondays. Then the board of supervisors followed suit at its Sept. 9 meeting, passing the fiscal year 2015 Revised Budget Plan 8-2, that includes continued budget "guidance" from the FY 2014 carry-over that would help "accommodate" the school change into the 2015-2016 school year.

**THE COUNTY** would offer additional money to the schools to help cover the cost of full-day Mondays for both the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, as well as tentatively extend a three percent increase in the transfer. Both of which would factor into the next school budget.

Funded by a salary placeholder of \$7.6 million (from the school board), with an additional \$600,000 (county supplement), the proposal would bankroll the extra class time. The allocations include increasing health services, changes to School Age Child Care (SACC) and projected losses from changes to recreation and nature centers that would lose Monday programming.

Language in the motion caused Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth to question the amount of latitude being given to the school board.

"That \$7.6 million is a very round guesstimate," said Smyth. "The schools are saying they think it's going to be less than that — they just don't know how much yet. How long does this go on? Every year are we going to be paying for full-day Mondays again?"

But other supervisors clarified the estimating was a necessary evil



**Braddock Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) addresses the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 9.**

**"It was the right thing to do, I'm happy we did it, but it increased the structural deficit."**

**— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)**

and meant as a bridge to reaching the 2015-2016 budget-planning.

"Once we get to next year's budget," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, "we're going to be weighing this against everything else. This is singularly one of the most important things they could've done."

Sully Supervisor Michael Frey was similarly frustrated with the way the motion reflected on the board itself, with respect to credibility.

"The fact is we are giving the schools more money for an item that wasn't considered important enough to put into their budget request last spring," Frey said. "We're rewarding behavior I think is simply picking and choosing what they think is most popular at the moment."

**THE MAJORITY SENTIMENT,**

however, was that the school board amended its budget request, partially as a result of the excessive snow days last winter, was uniquely timed, justified and necessary.

"This is guidance at this point in time," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity. "I can support it as guidance. But this is a decision, basically, that increased their structural deficit. We'll have to look at it."

It was the right thing to do, I'm happy we did it, but it increased the structural deficit."

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins echoed the team, role-playing sentiment. She said, "That is the most difficult part for us: We say in one breath that they set their own policy. And we fund it. We're not setting their policy. They're now ready to do it, but it is their process."



PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO/THE CONNECTION

**The Wine Garden tent lies empty after storms forced organizers to close the festival, on Saturday, Sept. 6, in Burke.**

## Heat and Storms Affect Burke Centre Festival

**Signature event  
celebrates 37th  
year.**

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO  
THE CONNECTION

**O**rganizers of the Burke Centre Festival canceled the Wine Garden at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, when thunderstorms rolled in. "We got the announcement from OEM and we lasted till about 7:30," said Jeannie Winslow, Burke Centre Festival Coordinator. The Wine Garden event was supposed to go until 10 p.m.

Earlier in the day, the sky was blue and clear but it was hot. "I think people are coming but they're not staying because of the heat," said Winslow. Attendance was expected at 10,000 to 12,000, based on last year's estimate but with the heat, it might be lower. But Sunday is supposed to be cooler, she said.

The festival, held at 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, brings factions of the communities together—schools, fire department, residents, and businesses "all for the purpose of having fun," said Winslow.

Oksana Lazareva and her daughter Sofia, 6, who live in

the Burke/Fairfax area came to last year's festival and are back for the second time. "It's fun. Lots of things and activities for kids," she said. Activities included a pony ride, a rock wall, zombie and face painting, inflatable slides, and many others that were sponsored by businesses and organizations.

Vendor and group tents lined the entrance of the festival. A man dressed as Colonel Silas Burke stopped by the Burke Historical Society's tent, which displayed a shirt printed with all the names of places in Burke preceded by the word Burke.

There were also demonstrations by the Fairfax Police Department, which showed off a cruiser decorated with safe driving decals and messages, such as no texting and the consequences of driving while using handheld devices. Law Jost, of the Hidden Pond Nature Center, handled a milk snake to the delight of children. "Most people make a mistake and think it's a coral snake," which is poisonous, he said. "Red to black a friend to Jack. Red to yellow kill a fellow."

"I think it's a great aspect to the community...there's tons of activities for the kids to do," said Natasha Solano, activities coordinator for the Burke Centre Conservancy.



**From left, H.M. Bishop, R.S. Sanborn, Bill Gibson, Gordon McCallum, of the Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Department**

**inform attendees of the Burke Centre Festival on Saturday, Sept. 6 about the Auxiliary Police Officer Program.**



# New Principal Starts at West Springfield

**Michael Mukai brings "champion" philosophy from Robinson.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**E**arlier this summer, West Springfield High School needed a principal... and a head custodian. Michael Mukai, who started on the first day of school as permanent relief for interim Principal Becky Brandt, said the two positions are more similar than different.

"One of my mentors told me my main goal should be to become the top custodian in the building," Mukai said. "He's the guy that people call when they're in trouble, when something needs to be cleaned up, or fixed. You should want to be that: the custodian of kids."

On Aug. 29 Angela Atwater, Assistant Superintendent for Region 4, announced that Mukai would be leaving his five-year post as Robinson Secondary School associate principal.

"I'm excited for him," said Atwater. "I think he's going to be a great addition to West Springfield. He really has a good grasp



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL MUKAI

**Michael Mukai, new principal of West Springfield High School, returns to develop well-rounded champions.**

on the community, the needs of the student body."

Indeed, Mukai spent six years at West Springfield prior to his time at Robinson. He taught, served as Assistant Director of Student Activities and Assistant Principal. Before that he was at Chantilly High School, Lake Braddock Secondary School and his alma mater, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST).

"I've spent my whole life here, basically,"

said Mukai, who lives in Fairfax and grew up in Reston. "I've been in high school for 24 years."

**ONE OF MANY** National Merit finalists at TJHSST, Mukai credits wrestling with helping him develop as a more well-rounded student.

"If I had been at Herndon High School" Mukai said, "I probably would've been just that academic kid. Going to TJ helped change not only my view of myself, but the TJ kids said I was the wrestling-football guy."

He continued with the sport at Virginia Tech, where he majored in chemistry. He helped out with a high school team in the nearby "small county" of Floyd, and enjoyed the experience so much, he decided to become a teacher.

Drawing from the balanced competitiveness of his academic and sports background, Mukai not only taught his specialties math and chemistry, but has coached football, wrestling, lacrosse and volleyball.

"If you could make the perfect principal," said Robinson Principal Matthew Eline, "it would be the ingredients that make Mike Mukai. He has a lot of different skills."

Developing a diversity of skills and passions is a big part of Mukai's vision for West Springfield students, one he honed at Robinson.

"Their whole philosophy: Home of Champions," he said. "I want West Springfield to be a place where kids get to find what they have a passion for — whether it's math or science, arts, music, literature. That's where you go to become the best. State champions, Cappies, Honor Band, forensics and debate... I want the kids to be champions at whatever they do."

**TO ACHIEVE** this high standard, Mukai brings a selfless, service-oriented management philosophy that immediately impressed Principal Eline in their one year together at Robinson.

"At the core of Mike is he's a caregiver," said Eline. "He takes care of everybody. He's a good listener and he wants to make other people's lives easy."

"I hope that [the students] will come to see that I work for them," Mukai said.

Whether that's helping manage the school's renovation, that is scheduled to pick up steam next fall, or figuring out how to provide additional resources necessary for economically disadvantaged or English language-learning students to succeed, Mukai is ready to clean, fix or mop — whatever it takes.

"I want to be that person," he said, acknowledging a head custodian has been selected, but won't start for another two weeks. "They might have me do both."

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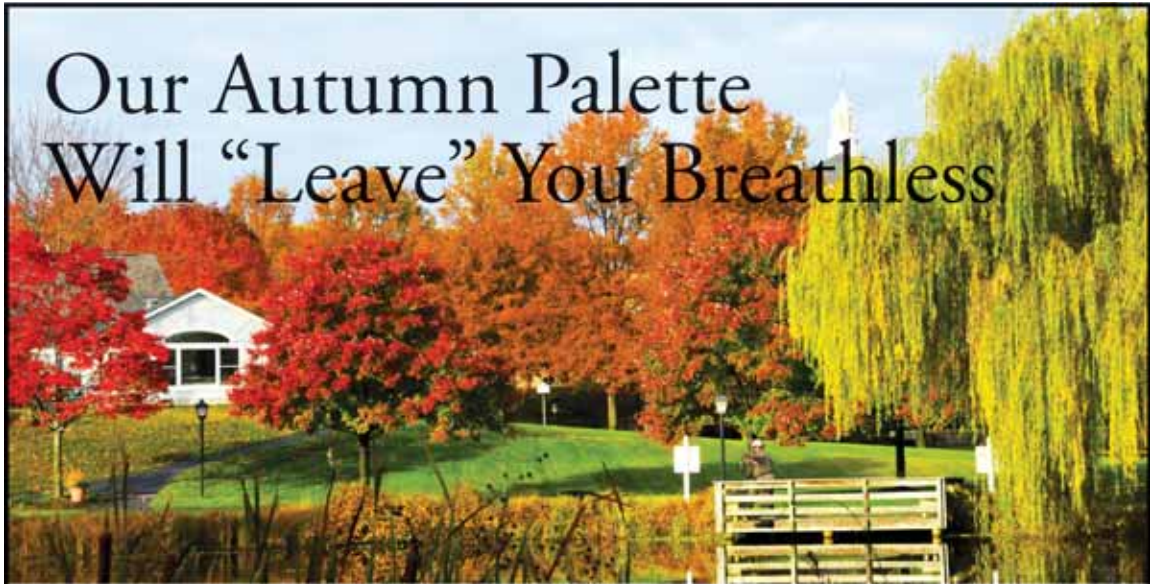


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## Sand Artist

Sofia Lazareva, 6, makes sand art at the 37th Burke Centre Festival on Saturday, Sept. 6.

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# OPINION

## Change Is Coming, Right?

### Legislators on changing the culture of cash and gifts in Virginia: Crickets.

With former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen facing what could be decades in prison after their convictions for corruption, a reasonable person might reasonably expect that members of the General Assembly would be gearing up to make some big changes.

Under Virginia law, there was no barrier to the McDonnells taking tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from a single donor in search of help.

In addition to the gifts, the tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to campaign funds were not part of the corruption trial, but they were certainly part of seeking influence.

Virginia needs real change, but there is silence from members of the General Assembly on any real change.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and

gifts is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as the recent news demonstrates. It would be better for most businesses to have limits as well so as not to be subject to the expectation of making huge donations.

The National Conference of State Legislatures [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org) summarizes how the 50 states regulate contributions: "States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees (PACs) and political parties. Just four states — Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas — have minimal contribution limits.

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These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, but leave contributions from all other sources unlimited.

In the remaining 39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright."

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to

any one candidate and \$10,000 total, cumulatively to all candidates in a four-year election cycle. (These limits increase to \$6,000 and \$24,000 in 2015.) In Maryland, corporations and CEOs are not giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle.

Do we really want to be a state where the rules are so lax, that what barely raises an eyebrow here can send a former governor and his wife to prison for a long time?

The silence is bipartisan. The silence unites NoVa (Northern Virginia) and RoVa (the rest of Virginia). Every incumbent in Virginia thinks they are benefiting from the ability to collect so much cash.

They all know that they would not engage in the kind unseemly behavior that was recently on display in the McDonnell trial. They seem to think that the McDonnells were just an aberration.

Having our legislative process, locally and at the state level, awash in cash and gifts from people with business before the legislative bodies is not good for any of us.

It's time for some real limits and some disclosure requirements with teeth.

— MARY KIMM,

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## The Legacy of Bob McDonnell

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

I had no idea what to expect when the jury announced it had reached its verdicts on the charges against former Governor Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen, but when the verdicts were announced I was stunned. The jury of seven men and five women left no doubt in their findings: 11 counts of guilty for the former Governor and nine counts of guilty for his wife! All the efforts to explain away their behavior, redefine their relationship, and nuance words and actions were not successful. Virginia has now achieved the level of disdain we have held towards governors of other states in similar circumstances. We have a former governor found guilty of corruption in office. Somehow with Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson having occupied that seat, it was not supposed to happen in Virginia.

Bob McDonnell is the last person anyone would have thought would have brought this

legacy to Virginia. He served his country in the military. He has three degrees from a Christian university. He married a professional cheerleader from a major league football team. The thesis for his masters' degree spelled out an old-fashioned morality that he thought was essential for how people should behave. He was a prosecuting attorney finding others guilty of crimes in order to keep his community safe. He represented his community in the House of Delegates where he introduced bills that included one for a covenant marriage. His first statewide elective office was Attorney General responsible for seeing that Virginia's laws were fairly interpreted. His win for Governor was by a wide margin. He appeared squeaky clean.

The jury heard in detail what happened during his term as governor and determined he was guilty of corruption. That is the way our system of justice works. Not only is his legacy tarnished so too is that of his wife and family. For the Governor and his family on a personal

level, they have my thoughts and sincere prayers. There will be an appeal no doubt. Whatever the criminal justice system does with the case under appeal will not restore the man to the elevated position he had in the public's mind when he became governor.

We need to turn our attention now to the legacy for Virginia. Maybe we Virginians had it coming for we had become somewhat pompous over our reputation for the clean government we thought we had. Despite some cynics' views, virtually all elected officials and government employees are honest, hard-working people who want to do their best for the Commonwealth.

For those who do not fit this category we need to participate in a whistle-blowing exercise that will expose any who are putting their selfish gain above the public good. And the legislature needs to do more work on its conflict of interest and ethics laws. Maybe those changes can become the legacy of Bob McDonnell.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Focusing on Suicide Prevention

To the Editor:

To kick off National Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 8-12), the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is announcing its goal to reduce the annual suicide rate in the United States 20 percent by 2025.

Last year in the United States, 39,518 people died by suicide—more lives than war, murder, and

natural disasters combined. And the annual suicide rate has been steadily rising for over a decade.

It's time we take action. A grassroots movement—in part catalyzed by AFSP—is gaining momentum. More people are speaking out about mental health and suicide prevention, and fighting against the prejudices that keep people at risk from seeking

help.

Talk can save lives, but it takes a village. If we are to be successful, suicide prevention must become everyone's business.

Our local AFSP chapter is hosting a walk this fall to raise awareness and support for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

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The walk in Washington, D.C. will be held on Sept. 20 starting at 5:30 p.m.

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## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Crash Kills Fairfax Man, 32

A car crash Monday night took the life of a 32-year-old Fairfax man. He was identified as Brener Omar Llamas Rivera, of Summit Manor Drive. Fairfax County police rushed to the area of West Ox Road and Polo Drive shortly after 9 p.m. on Sept. 8 in response to a report of a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle. Officers began investigating and Crash Reconstruction detectives were summoned.

Police say preliminary investigation revealed that Rivera had allegedly walked eastbound from the grassy median onto the northbound lanes of West Ox Road and wasn't in a crosswalk. At that time, a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu driven by a 50-year-old Alexandria man was traveling northbound on West Ox Road just north of Polo Drive.

According to police, the Malibu struck the pedestrian as he walked into the roadway. The driver remained on the scene. Rivera was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and was pronounced dead a short time later. Police say speed and alcohol "were not factors for the driver. It has not yet been determined if alcohol was a factor for the pedestrian." The investigation continues.

— BONNIE HOBBS

### Farmers Market on Thursdays

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**CORRECTION:** A story in the August 28-September 3, 2014 Burke Connection, "Accotink Church Reverend Prepared to Perform Same-Sex Marriage," identified the wrong organization as the one responsible for organizing ministers around the state to perform marriages at courthouses. The correct organization is People of Faith for Equality in Virginia.

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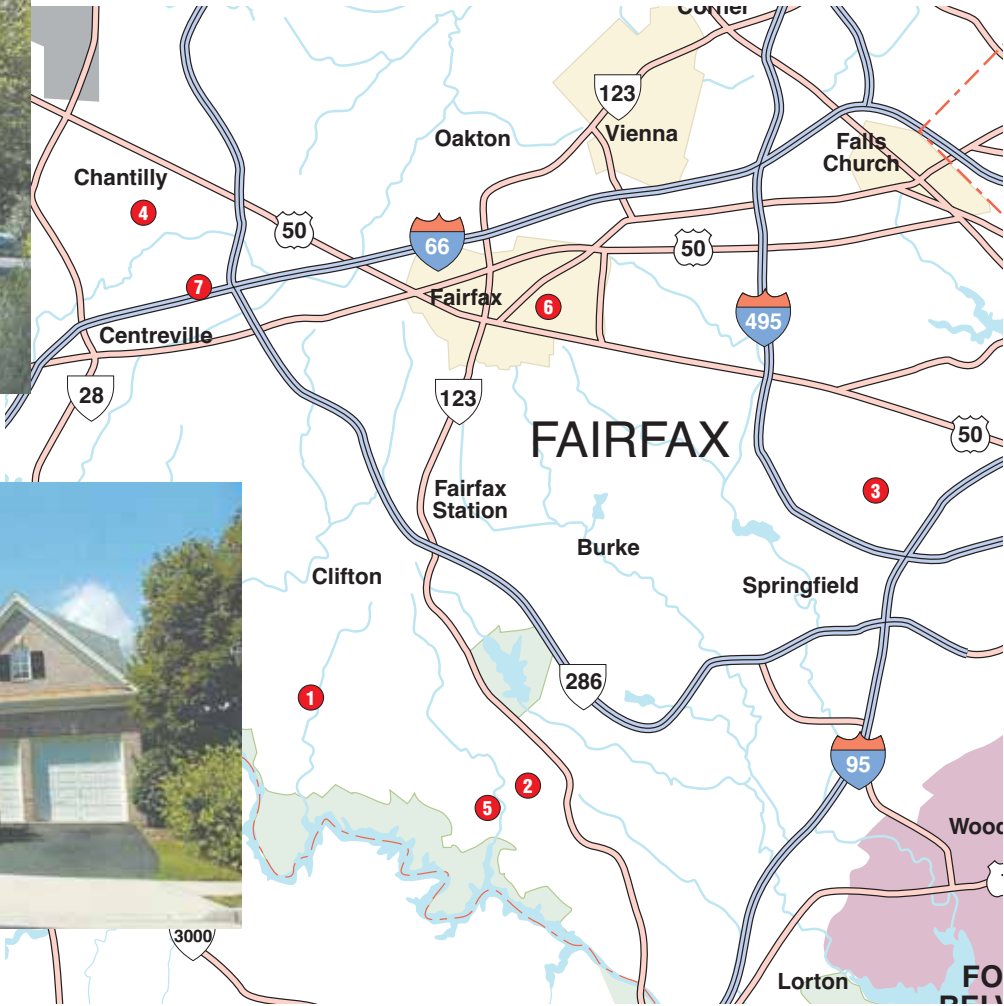
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# Home LifeStyle

## 'Recession Ripple Persists'

Private sector job growth key to strengthening regional economy, housing demand.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**"T**here's no question the primary economic driver of this region has always been Uncle Sam," said David Versal, senior research associate at the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis. "That said, we're not Detroit."

That was a year ago, when Versal addressed members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors at their economic summit held in George Mason University's Mason Inn.

At this year's summit, his past remarks came back to haunt him, if not the whole room. "In 2013, job growth ground to a halt," he said at the event last Thursday. "July [2013] to July [2014], net was about 20,000 jobs in our region. Who do we come closest to?"

The stunned conference hall full of Realtors, seeing his slide, answered in unison: "Detroit."

Versal was back again for 2014, along with discussion moderator Kenneth Harney, author of the syn-



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

**Panelists (from left) at the 2014 NVAR Economic Summit: Mitchel Kider, Dr. Michael Frantoni, James Dinegar and David Versal.**

dedicated column "The Nation's Housing."

New panelists included: James Dinegar, president and CEO for the Greater Washington Board of Trade; Dr. Michael Frantoni, chief economist and senior vice president of research and industry technology for the Mortgage Bankers Association, and Mitchel Kider, chairman and managing partner for Weiner Brodsky Kider PC.

**THE THEME** of this year's summit was "Housing Hangover: Recession Ripple Persists in 2014: Jobs, Confidence, Mortgages (+ Aspirin) Fuel Recovery."

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# Panelists Hopeful, Patient for Housing Market Improvements

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Each panelist brought a different perspective to the central concept that no, the recession is not over, growth is slow and home sales are flat; but yes, the recovery is on and as long as home buyers, sellers and Realtors alike keep in front of the economic and regulatory changes taking place, things are looking up. We're all still here.

Versal echoed his callout from last year, that since 2010 government spending cuts have decimated the Washington D.C. metro area. "We lost over \$11 billion in federal procurement," he said, referencing the massive contracting industry, "just in 3 years; \$11 billion that was in our economy in 2010 that is no longer. This is on top of the 20,000 jobs we've removed."

One true gainer in jobs over the same period, he said, has been hospitality — specifically restaurant jobs. However even though those jobs help pad the not-Detroit figure, they don't exactly help a housing market that's light on top-end inventory and lacking any semblance of a middle.

"Ask yourselves as Realtors: Are people buying \$6-7-800,000 houses in this region people who work in restaurants? Unless they own the restaurant probably not," said Versal.

According to Versal, Northern Virginia isn't creating enough jobs paying in the \$40-

TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION



**David Versal,**  
senior research  
associate at the  
**George Mason**  
**University Center**  
for Regional  
Analysis.

to \$70,000 range to stimulate growth in the market's midsection.

But that's not all: Another factor — and a continuation from 2013's remarks — keeping the market from balancing out is the lack of adequate housing construction.

Or rather, construction of homes for purchase. Versal said half of what's being built is rental property, which doesn't produce sales and doesn't help the sagging middle.

But the regional analyst did point out a few bright spots, looking forward. In the next three to four years, Versal predicts, the D.C. metro region will be creating 50-60,000 jobs again, like it was 10 years ago — which should drive demand for housing. However this growth, he stressed, will be borne by the private sector, not the federal government.

James Dinegar of the Greater Washington Board of Trade took that optimism and

ran with it, giving a speech that hyped the many "cool factors" of the D.C. metro region.

He cited Forbes magazine recently voting that area "America's Coolest City."

He cited things like Bao Bao the infant panda at the National Zoo, Robert Griffin III, Maryland joining the Big Ten major college football conference (and more importantly the Big Ten Network) and capital bike-sharing program that leads the nation in users per capita.

He cited things like numerous top tier universities, the juggernaut of cyber job-creating — NSA at Fort Meade — and being the hospitality capital of the world.

Things that, presumably, should be drawing young, family-oriented and financially stable professionals to the area, or keeping them here.

"You have to get your head around the Big Ten," Dinegar gave an example. "The BTN reaches 52 million households. We're not exposed to the Midwest the way we have been in the ACC. We're on radar screens now we haven't ever been on."

According to Dr. Michael Frantoni of the Mortgage Bankers Association, having a greater overall pull would be helpful to attract fresh capital to the nation's capital. The national trend, he said, is decreased mobility: Recent census data shows that aside from family-related moves, people are stay-

ing put more than they used to.

"Moving to a better neighborhood? If anything, people are moving to save money. But they're not aspirational movers," he said.

Or maybe they are aspirational movers, but are saving money by living with their parents. That group would be the mercurial, hard to put a finger on, mid-20s to mid-30s bracket referred to as "millennials." And they're a key group, being well situated with academic and professional experience to fill the \$40-\$70,000 a year private sector jobs Versal said should be driving the regional economy going forward.

However, said Frantoni, "They're different in all kinds of ways. They get married later, have children later, come home later. Everything is later. We don't know why."

**A MILLENNIA'S HESITANCY** to buy property probably doesn't have much to do with the projected rise in interest rates from 4.3 percent for a 30-year fixed mortgage rate in 2013 up to 5 percent in 2015. But it may have something to do with the fact that student loan debt has ballooned in the last decade from \$200 billion to over \$1 trillion, according to Frantoni.

None of the panelists expects dramatic changes in the next several years. We're off the roller coaster, they all concurred. We're still here.

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**Fairfax County NAACP Awards Luncheon.** 1-4 p.m. Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Join as we will be honoring several deserving individuals and organizations. \$25-\$35. [www.fairfaxnaacp.org](http://www.fairfaxnaacp.org).  
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**Fall Garden Day.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Green Spring Gardens is hosting numerous local plant vendors to satisfy your gardening needs. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or 703-642-5173.

**Oktoberfest Walk/Run or Cycle.** 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Ct., Burke. Join your neighbors for an Oktoberfest walk/run or cycle and traditional German music and foods. Begin a 5k or 10k walk/run (3 or 6 miles) around Burke Lake. Cyclists start at the church at 8:30 a.m., riding 24 miles as a group to Occoquan Regional Park and back. Participation is free; volksmarch credit is available for \$3. Children and dogs are welcome. For more information contact [nicebrowns@verizon.net](mailto:nicebrowns@verizon.net).

**Meet Author Louis Bayard.** 2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Meet Louis Bayard, author of *Roosevelt's Beast* and historical mysteries including *The School of Night*. Books available for sale and signing. Adults.  
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# Lake Braddock XC Delivers Strong Showing at Monroe Parker Invite

**Motivated boys' team seeks state title after finishing 2nd in 2013.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Lake Braddock boys' cross country team placed second at the 2013 VHSL state meet, finishing just two points behind 6A champion Chantilly. As Bruins head coach Michael Mangan recalls, Chantilly had two runners edge Lake Braddock harriers near the finish line, snatching a state title from the Bruins by a paper-thin margin.

Lake Braddock returns several members of last year's team, including individual state runner-up Alex Corbett. Is falling just short of a state title something the Bruins think about?

"Every single day since that Saturday in November," Mangan said. "They know how close they were."

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**— Lake Braddock XC coach Michael Mangan about how often the Bruins think about just missing a state title in 2013.**

The Lake Braddock boys entered the 2014 season as a motivated group looking to capture a state title. The Bruins put on a strong performance on Saturday, Sept. 6, winning the Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park. The Bruins finished with a score of 58, with four runners in the top 10. West Springfield finished at a distant second with a score of 190, followed by Robinson (third, 197), Patriot (fourth, 201), Thomas Jefferson (fourth, 201) and two-time defending state champion Chantilly (sixth, 231).

Due to high temperatures with debilitating humidity, Mangan said the Bruins (and other teams) ran a conservative race. Lake Braddock harriers took it easy for the first mile-and-half before picking up the pace.

"They did a great job," Mangan said.

Kevin Monogue placed second for Lake Braddock, finishing with a time of 15 minutes, 24 seconds. Corbett placed third (15:25), Colin Schaefer



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was seventh (15:50), Ben Fogg took ninth (15:58) and Cavanaugh McGaw finished 37th (16:38).

Monogue and Corbett figure to be two of the Bruins' top harriers throughout the season.

"They have slightly different skill sets," Mangan said. "If they work together, it's really going to help us out. Alex is probably a little bit stronger and can probably handle carrying the pace early on. Kevin [is probably a stronger finisher]."

The Lake Braddock girls' team finished second with a score of 99, 24 points behind first-place Madison (75). Patriot finished third with a score of 140, followed by Washington-Lee (178), Osbourn Park (214), Battlefield (219) and Robinson (228).

"That's outstanding for us," Mangan said

## FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

The Lake Braddock football team improved to 2-0 with a 13-9 victory over Stone Bridge on Friday, Sept. 5. The Bruins will host rival Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12. The Rams improved to 2-0 with a 57-12 win against Woodson.

Woodson's lopsided loss dropped the Cavaliers' record to 0-2. Woodson will travel to face Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Fairfax (0-1) dropped its season opener to West Potomac, 14-7.

South County improved to 2-0 with a 37-

of the runner-up finish. "... Those girls are very young. Only [junior] Sonya Butseva, our No. 2, has any real experience in a championship cross country race. All the other kids are replacing kids from the year before."

Daly Ferguson, a junior, was Lake Braddock's top finisher, placing sixth with a personal-best time of 18:52. Butseva placed 11th with a time of 19:12. Freshman Sarah Daniels finished 12th for the Bruins with a time of 19:16, sophomore Kate Murphy was 26th (19:44) and sophomore Taylor Kitchen finished 44th (20:14).

"I think we're going to be phenomenal over the next couple of years," Mangan said. "This is the year to get the experience, but at the same time, our goals are the same every year at Braddock."

31 win over Hayfield. The Stallions will travel to take on Mount Vernon (0-2) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Hayfield (0-1) will host Westfield (1-0).

Lee dropped to 0-2 with a 38-15 loss to Chantilly. The Lancers will travel to face Edison at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. The Eagles lost to West Springfield 34-0 on Sept. 5, evening their record at 1-1.

West Springfield's shutout of Edison improved the Spartans' record to 1-1. West Springfield will travel to face Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.



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**Robinson's Lauren Berman placed third in the girls' varsity race at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 6.**

## Beaman Takes Third

**Robinson's Lauren Berman finishes 3rd at Monroe Parker Invite.**

**R**obinson's Lauren Berman finished third in the girls' varsity race at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Burke Lake Park.

Berman finished with a time of 18:29, helping the Rams to a seventh-place team finish. Robinson totaled a score of 228. Madison won the event with a score of 75, followed by Lake Braddock (99), Patriot (140), Washington-Lee (178), Osbourn Park (214) and Battlefield (219). West Springfield (262) finished 10th, South County (299) was 12th, Edison (510) finished 20th, Woodson (588) was 23rd, Hayfield (712) took 26th and Paul VI (727) was 27th.

Madison's Amanda Swaak won the individual title with a time of 18:06. Chantilly's Xaveria Hawvermale finished runner-up with a time of 18:10.

South County's Louisa McPherson placed 10th with a time of 19:10.

In the boys' race, Lake Braddock won the team title with a score of 58, followed by West Springfield (190) and Robinson (197).

Chantilly's Ryan McGorty placed first among individuals with a time of 15:04. Lake Braddock's Kevin Monogue placed second with a time of 15:24, followed by Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett (third, 15:25), Westfield's Johnny Pace (fourth, 15:41), Annandale's Aviad Gebrehiwot (fifth, 15:48), Robinson's Patrick Meyers (sixth, 15:49), Lake Braddock's Colin Schaefer (seventh, 15:50), West Springfield's Timothy Ward (eighth, 15:51), Lake Braddock's Ben Fogg (ninth, 15:58) and Pope John Paul the Great's Sean Tully (10th, 16:04).

Alex Maguire of Fairfax finished 12th (16:06), and Edison's Jeffrey Gibson took 15th (16:12).



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**Friends of Music and the Arts** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke will present Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music in a thrilling, moving, and uplifting program of gospel music on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, at 4 p.m.. This group has appeared with B. B. King, Lyle Lovett, Roberta Flack, and other artists. They have also appeared at the White House and before the U. S. Senate. They represented the United States at the World's Fair in Lisbon, Portugal. They

have performed at the Kennedy Center and at the historic Howard Theatre. A reception will follow so that concertgoers may meet the performers.

**The Greater Little Zion Baptist Church** in Fairfax is hosting its annual Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The theme for 2014 is "Prevention to Prosperity" (3 John 1:2) and the purpose of this Health Fair is to provide a free innovative and comprehensive program that addresses the major health needs and financial awareness our community at large.

This event is free and offers a number of free health screenings, and health wellness and financial seminars con-

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In addition, there will be a Kid's Corner with a moon bounce, arts and crafts, face painting and aerobics demonstrations. Door prizes and healthy snacks will be given throughout the event. The Health Fair is open to the public and it will be an educational, informative, and fun-filled event for all ages.

Greater Little Zion Baptist Church is located at 10185 Zion Drive in Fairfax. [www.glzbc.org](http://www.glzbc.org)

**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](http://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

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**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](http://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](http://www.fbcspRINGfield.org).

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information, please visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or e-mail [Paula.Cole@jccnv.org](mailto:Paula.Cole@jccnv.org). Call 703-323-0880 or visit [www.jccnv.org](http://www.jccnv.org) for details.

**Family Foreign Language Film Festival: Despicable Me 2.** 5 p.m. Mosaic District, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Language Stars, the national leader in early childhood foreign language education will expose children and their families to movies in other languages. The second film in the festival, Despicable Me 2, will be played in Spanish with English subtitles.

**MONDAY/SEPT 15-FRIDAY/SEPT 19**

**The Henkel Physicians: A Family's Life in Letters.** Foley Forum, Northern Virginia Community College, Medical Education Campus, 6699 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield. The exhibit documents the daily lives of a family of physicians in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley during the 19th century, serving in their community, on the battlefield and in the nation's courts of law. 703-822-6684.

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**Multi-Family Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Sales benefit Fairfax High School Crew Team. Rain or shine.

**Louis Bayard.** 2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Author Louis Bayard discusses his latest book, Roosevelt's Beast.

**Dog Adoption.** 12 - 3 p.m. Sat. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Call 703-817-9444 or visit <http://www.hart90.org/>

**HIV/AIDS Prevention Faith Summit for Adults and Teens.** 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Antioch Baptist Church, 6531 Little Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The summit will address how stigma drives the HIV epidemic and examine HIV stigma experiences through different lenses. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/registration.aspx?groupid=26> to register.

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**American Red Cross Blood Donation.** 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Noman M. Cole Jr. Pollution Control Plant, 9399 Richmond Highway, Lorton. [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Center Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. For more information contact Giora Monick at [gsmonick@aol.com](mailto:gsmonick@aol.com).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 16

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults.

**Morning English Conversation Group.** 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults.

**English Conversation Group.** 5:15 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 17

**Connected on the Homefront.** 7-9 p.m. Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. Monthly meetings that provide dinner, fellowship and guest speakers to minister to wives and women of active duty, reservists and retired military. Visit [www.immanuelbible.net](http://www.immanuelbible.net) or 703-941-4124.

**Hospitalization Happens.** 1:30 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, formerly Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. A trip to the hospital for a person with dementia can be stressful for everyone; join in to discuss ways you can prepare for both planned and unexpected hospital visits. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP and for more information.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

**New Voting Equipment Demonstration.** 11 a.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Staff from the Fairfax County Office of Elections will provide an opportunity to see and try out the brand new voting machines and equipment that will be used in the upcoming elections.

**Library Tech Help.** 6 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Get your library-related electronic resource questions answered. Includes help with eBooks and compatible devices. Bring your library card, eBook reader and laptop.

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