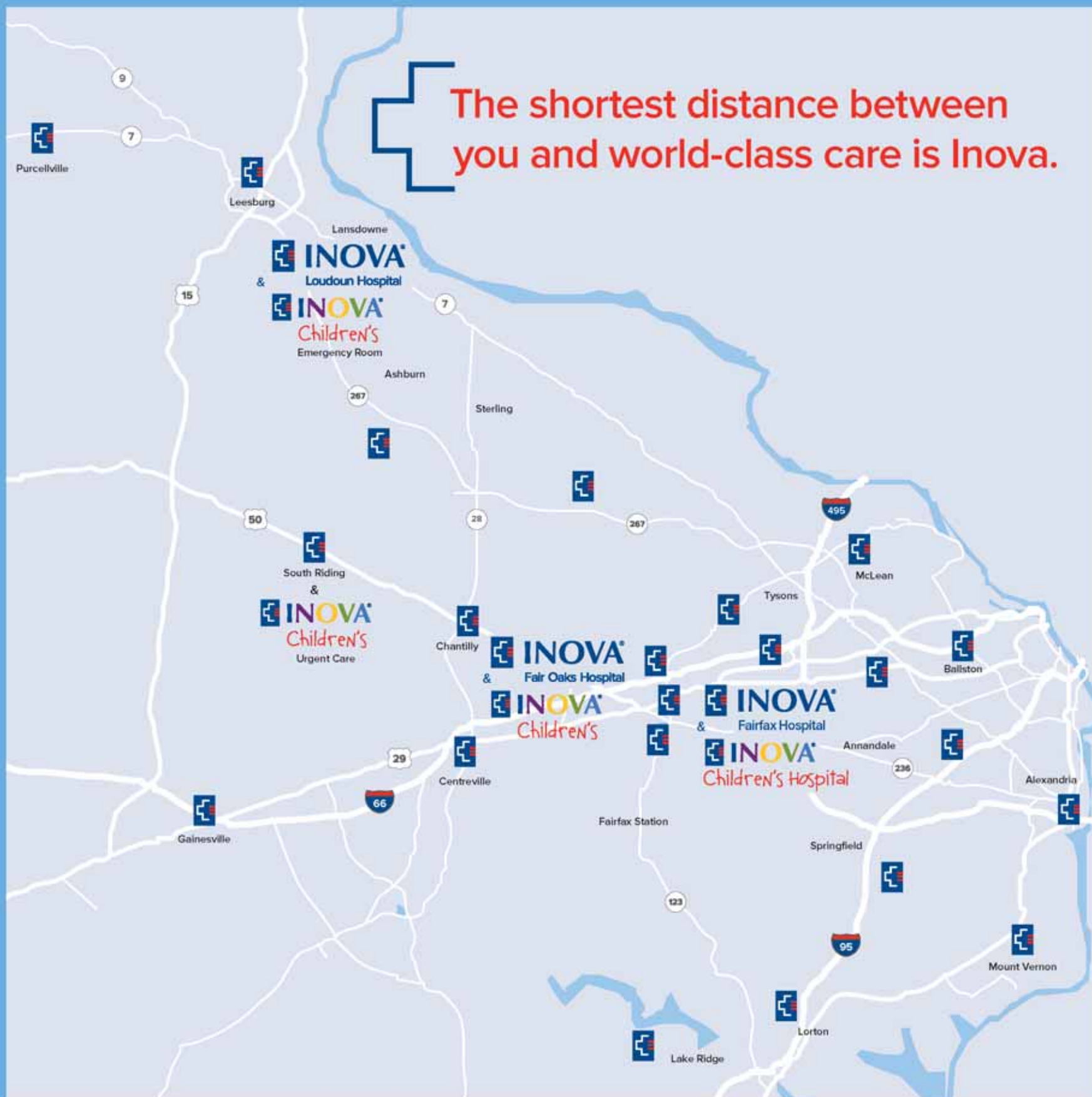


Fairfax High Rebels on Parade

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Fairfax High theater students take a ride during the school's Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 25.



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Candidates Meet on Fairfax Public Access

Clerk, Sheriff and Soil & Water incumbents and challengers answer questions.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid wasted no time in bringing up the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna during her opening remarks. Kincaid said the loss of life, which occurred in February following an incident where a team of Sheriff's deputies was attempting to transport McKenna to Alexandria police and deployed a taser on her four times, continues to weigh heavily on her.

The Sheriff and Bryan Wolfe, who is challenging her for her job, answered questions Monday night Sept. 28 as part of a "meet the candidates" event organized by the Fairfax League of Women Voters. The event took place at the studios of Fairfax Public Access and was broadcast live.

Kincaid went on to highlight that she has since banned the use of tasers in the jail, increased the use of "telepsychiatry" in the jail for inmates to receive mental health services remotely, spearheaded a "diversion first" program and made mental health training mandatory for officers in her department.



Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid (left) answers questions opposite opponent Bryan Wolfe (right) in a quasi-debate moderated by the Fairfax League of Women Voters co-president Helen Kelly (center).

Wolfe, who has previously run against Kincaid, immediately went on the offensive, calling the state of mental health services under the Sheriff a "critical area in need of repair." He said the death of McKenna, who had mental illness, could have been prevented if there was more Crisis Intervention Team training in the office of the Sheriff. "I gave the Sheriff warning in 2013," Wolfe said. "She basically dismissed it."

MODERATOR and Fairfax League of Women Voters co-president Helen Kelly asked the candidates how they would improve inmate access to services. Kincaid

highlighted the first inmate resource fair held in 2014, which gave inmates the opportunity to meet with vendors offering help for becoming re-established members of society following release from the jail.

Wolfe criticized not being able to check success or failure rates of existing services at the jail because the Sheriff's Office's last completed and published audit was in 2013. Kincaid never directly responded to Wolfe's asking about a 2014 annual report.

When asked if, as Sheriff, they would be part of an ad hoc review commission similar to the one currently meeting to examine policies and practices of the Fairfax

County Police Department, Kincaid commented that her office is represented on the existing commission, as well as that group's subcommittees to discuss use of force and mental illness services. "We're always willing to be part of something," she said.

Wolfe responded that he would "welcome witnesses to watch what we do, welcome community involvement."

"There's nothing in the Sheriff's Office you'll have to FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] from me," Wolfe added.

The other candidates who participated in the event are vying for Clerk of the Court and Soil and Water District director. Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh was invited but did not attend the program.

Bettina Lawton and incumbent John Frey went first for Clerk, answering a variety of questions including what their top priorities would be if elected.

For Lawton, an attorney, reserve deputy sheriff and part of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, she focused on reviewing existing practices and procedures in the Fairfax Court. "We have to look at, is there a better way to do things?" she said.

As part of his answer, Frey emphasized the importance of continuing to engage with many different users throughout the court to make decisions about multi-million dollar projects.

Scott Cameron, incumbent George Lamb IV and incumbent Jerry Peters, Jr discussed the role of Soil & Water Conservation Dis

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Exchange Zone Now at Police Headquarters

Lots of people buy things online from a stranger's ad or sell to people they only know through social media. But that doesn't mean they can't make the actual exchange of the goods and money in a safe place.

Toward that end, the City of Fairfax Police Department has begun a new program called the Exchange Zone. Its goal is to provide City residents with a location that may help reduce and deter fraud, while maintaining citizens' privacy when they conduct legal, private transactions.

There are now two, clearly marked parking spaces in the front parking lot of police headquarters at 3730 Old Lee Highway, where people may carry out person-to-person transactions. However, property may not be dropped off and left unattended, and sellers are required to take their property with them if the buyer doesn't show up. Police personnel won't help with any transactions.

"We're pleased that we're able to offer this as a convenience and additional service to the community," said Col. Carl

Pardiny, City of Fairfax Chief of Police. "Conducting transactions with strangers in a neutral, public setting provides greater security than doing so at a private residence or obscure location. Designation of the police station parking lot as a meeting place might well serve as a deterrent to those who may have criminal intentions."

City police encourage citizens to consider using the Exchange Zone when arranging a spot to conduct e-commerce-style transactions. Residents should also follow these safety tips:

- ❖ Avoid going alone to make an exchange with a stranger.
- ❖ Let your family and/or friends know the time and place of your intended exchange and any information regarding the other person.
- ❖ Avoid giving strangers your personal information, including your address, Social Security number, etc.
- ❖ Avoid exchanges at night, if possible, even in the designated zone.
- ❖ Avoid remote or out-of-the-way places for exchanges and be wary of people who insist on secluded locations.



Standing by one of the Exchange Zone signs are (from left) Police Chief Carl Pardiny, Capt. Jeff Hunt and Sgt. Natalie Hinesley.

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NEWS

McKenna Family Attorney Said Death Premeditated

Supporters outraged over lack of charges.

ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County NAACP held a rally for Natasha McKenna in front of the Fairfax County Courthouse on Sunday, Sept. 27.

McKenna family attorney Harvey Volzer said that McKenna's death was premeditated. "The day before, all members of the SERT team discussed how they were going to take her [from the detention center to the hospital]," he said.

"Anybody with half a brain could have handled this situation better, let alone, eight supposedly trained individuals in the adult detention center. What they did was outrageous and to think that they had spent the day before planning how to do this, is sorry," said Volzer.

He said that there is no excuse for not using accepted protocol in every hospital and federal prison in the United States to chemically sedate agitated prisoners.

Instead, McKenna was tasered four times. Though no charges were brought to the officers involved, Volzer said he is still hoping.

McKenna's death manifests the issues of race and the treatment of the mentally ill.

Shirley Ginwright of NAACP Fairfax County asked why McKenna's case was not brought to the grand jury like John Geer's. In her statement she called for justice, indictment and a change in law.

"Six white men attack a naked woman and we're supposed to pretend that's not in some way tinged by a racist history in this country," said Cayce Utley of Show Up for Racial Justice of Northern Virginia.

"John Geer had a lot of public support. Where's the public support for Natasha McKenna? Where's the white folks outraged about that? We have policies and policing that treat people of color differently.

This would not have happened to a white woman," said Utley. Only a handful of people attended the rally.

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond Morrogh garnered criti-



Natasha McKenna's great aunt Eudora Paul carries a sign with McKenna's words the day she was tasered by officers from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department.



Shirley Ginwright of the Fairfax County NAACP speaks at the Justice for Natasha rally in front of the Fairfax County Courthouse on Sunday, Sept. 27.

cism for the decision not to pursue charges in McKenna's death. Morrogh is running unopposed in November.

"There's a write-in section in the the ballot. Write Natasha McKenna in," said Ginwright. "Vote him out."

Mental health advocate Pete Earley said that McKenna was dehumanized even in death. "Mental illness is not a crime. It is not a death sentence," he said.

"Condolences are not enough. Justice for Natasha is what we should give to her family," said Ginwright.

"Just seeking for justice. They have a family, and it's unfair," said McKenna's great aunt Eudora Paul.

McKenna's mother, Marlene Williams was supposed to attend the rally but did not make it. Volzer read a statement from the McKenna family asking the community to "demand that elected officials and those paid to protect

and serve do so with humanity, integrity and fairness."

"We encourage you to write your local lawmakers and demand increased law enforcement training on recognizing the mentally challenged and on implementing procedures to protect these individuals while in custody."

Natasha McKenna was a 37-year-old African American woman who died while being transported from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center to INOVA Alexandria. During the transport, she was tasered four times and restrained by the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team. McKenna was diagnosed with schizophrenia at age 12.

Prior to her last encounter with law enforcement on Feb. 3, she had had incidents with the police on Jan. 7, 8, 14, 15 and 26, according to the Commonwealth Attorney's report. She died four days later on Feb. 7.

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NEWS

Helping Abused and Neglected Children

Fairfax CASA seeks volunteers who are willing to work with children and families.

BY ARISA ISHITA
THE CONNECTION

Since 1989, Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteers have advocated for over 6,500 abused and neglected children in Fairfax County. Known as Fairfax CASA, the non-profit organization has been working hard to accomplish their ultimate goal: ensuring that each individual child's needs are identified and addressed with the goal of living in a "safe and permanent home."

The first CASA Program was founded in 1977 in Seattle, Wash., by Judge David Soukup. Today, over 900 CASA programs are in operation across the nation and 27 of them are in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Virginia's first CASA program began in 1986 and since then over 82,700 children in Virginia have had a CASA advocate on their behalf. In the last 26 years, Fairfax CASA has trained and supervised over 1,500 volunteers.

Darcy Cunningham, executive director of Fairfax CASA, said the organization has five major duties: investigate, monitor, report back to the Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, assist the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) and report allegations of abuse and neglect to the Department of Family Services.

CASA volunteers are granted unprecedented access to a child's



The Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, the Honorable Janine Saxe (left), administering the oath to the November 2014 class of Fairfax CASA Volunteers



The Honorable Janine Saxe, Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court (left), and Fairfax CASA Executive Director Darcy Cunningham (right), at the November 2014 CASA Volunteer Swearing in Ceremony.

case through court orders and are expected to provide information to the judges, which is used to make difficult decisions. For this reason, CASAs are often nicknamed "the eyes and ears of the court."

"Our volunteers are typically assigned one case," said Mindy Stewart, director of Volunteer Re-

cruitment/Marketing and Supervisor at Fairfax CASA. "They track and follow that family until the case is closed by the court."

BY LIMITING the CASA volunteer to one family at a time, the volunteers are able to focus on details and dig deep into what is going on, according to Cunningham.

"It helps the process and it really provides the court with additional information," she said. "The CASA volunteer is able to focus on that one case, sharing information and really helping to make sure that the child doesn't fall through the cracks."

Fairfax CASA volunteers are average citizens. Many are retired or are professionals currently working in different fields, and they usually have no background in child welfare. Many of them are long-term volunteers as well, having served for nearly or more than 10 years.

Bob Stewart has been volunteering at Fairfax CASA for 14 years.

"I think my favorite part about volunteering is the opportunity to help kids and their families," he said in the CASA Volunteer Spot

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Fairfax High choral students strike a pose.

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Chorus seniors show their school spirit.



(From left) are Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Del. David Bulova (D-37); City Councilwoman Janice Miller is in the passenger seat.



Some members of the school's DECA Club.

Volunteers Needed

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light Video. "I also have some respect for the judges and the fact that what we're doing is helpful to the judges as well."

Fairfax CASA looks for volunteers with the ability to commit to their cases, flexibility, open-mindedness and objectivity. In addition, volunteers must have strong oral and written communication skills, as their written reports are "a professional document that becomes a permanent part for the child's record."

"Judges use the report and read the report in order to help them make life-altering decisions for the kids in our cases," Mindy Stewart said. Once accepted as volunteers, they must complete at least 35 hours of training before they can be assigned to a case.

The children are usually under 18 years of age. Fairfax CASA serves approximately 400 children a year. Last year, 34 percent of the total children they served were under the age of 5 years old.

The children in the cases volunteers are assigned to are in situations where court intervention has become necessary: the children are no longer safe in their homes. Last year, 85 percent of the children Fairfax CASA advocated for were placed in some type of a foster care placement, meaning they had been removed from their homes. Cases include physical



Director of volunteer recruitment/marketing and supervisor, Mindy Stewart (left) and executive director, Darcy Cunningham (right), in the Fairfax CASA office.

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abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse, as well as difficulties with substance abuse and mental health issues.

"Different people have different ways of parenting," Cunningham said. "You cannot come into this with this pre-determined sense of, or feeling of, 'this is how it should be' and 'this is how it will be.' You have to recognize that we are dealing with families. Each one is different."

THE NUMBER of abused and neglected children in Fairfax County remains steady each year, according to Cunningham. However, the number of cases before

the court has gone down over the last few years, as the Department of Family Services has worked diligently to provide services and support to families before a crisis occurs that requires court intervention.

Mindy Stewart said Fairfax CASA is lucky to practice their work in Fairfax County because the county is rich in resources for the children and families.

"I just have felt for a very long time," Bob Stewart said in the video. "that CASA has done as much for me as I have done for it and I think its value flows both ways."

For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcasa.org>.

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Changing Perspective on Death Penalty

Evolving standards will eclipse death penalty entirely at some point in the future.

It's sad to see senseless death as a response to senseless death. Alfred R. Prieto is not a sympathetic figure, a serial killer who was on death row in California when DNA connected him to murders and rapes in Reston and Arlington that took place in 1988. He is scheduled for execution this week, at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Evolving standards of decency have led to the understanding that it's wrong and unconstitutional to subject people whose crimes were committed when they were juveniles or people with intellectual disabilities to the death penalty.

The Arc of Northern Virginia, an advocacy group for people with intellectual disabilities, asked Gov. Terry McAuliffe to send Prieto back to California so that his intellectual disabilities, raised in the sentencing phase of his trial, could be analysed. McAuliffe has declined to

intervene in Prieto's case. It was a Virginia case, *Atkins v. Virginia*, that led the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that execution of people with mental retardation is unconstitutional.

Prieto was sent to Virginia to face trial even though he was already on death row in California because of the belief, clearly correct, that he would be more likely to be executed in Virginia.

Over time, it seems clear that evolving standards of decency will end the death penalty in the United States. The number of death sentences has dropped dramatically since 2000, and executions have declined as well, from a high of 98 in 1999 to just 35 in 2014, the lowest in 20 years, according to Amnesty International.

Prieto committed heinous crimes, and releasing him from prison should never be an option.

Warren Fulton and Rachel Raver were last seen around midnight in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2, 1988. The two George Washington University students, both 22, were found dead Dec. 6, 1988 in a field off Hunter Mill Road in Reston. Both were shot in the head. Raver had been raped. Investigators believed they had been abducted and forced to drive to the remote location. DNA evidence linked Prieto to Raver's death and to that of Veronica Jefferson,

Vigil to Oppose Death Penalty

Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will hold vigils around the state on the evening that Alfredo Prieto is scheduled for execution, Thursday, Oct. 1.

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Clarendon Metro Station. The vigil will be held in the public park between Clarendon and Wilson Boulevards, right behind the Metro exit. Attendees are welcome to bring signs with appropriate, peaceful, anti-death penalty messages.

For more information, contact Elise Cleva at elise.cleva@gmail.com or see <http://www.vadp.org/>

a 24-year-old CIA finance officer who was raped and shot to death in Arlington County in May 1988, although he was never tried in that case. A Fairfax County jury sentenced Prieto to death in 2006.

The murders and rapes were unsolved for 17 years until 2005 when California's DNA database joined a national database.

— MARY KIMM

Move Forward Against Gerrymandering

BY DIANNE BLAIS
AND LOIS PAGE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA

Sept. 1 brought yet another reminder of the partisan rancor that too often paralyzes the Virginia General Assembly these days. Despite convening briefly for a special session in mid-August, that body failed to meet the deadline imposed by a federal court for redrawing the boundaries of the state's 3rd Congressional District.

To briefly recap, a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the General Assembly to go back to the drawing board after it found that its 2011 Congressional redistricting plan sought to pack as many African-Americans as possible into the district represented by Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott of Richmond. Because African-Americans now make up nearly 20 percent of the state's population, this approach served only to dilute their potential political power in a state that has 10 other Congressional districts.

While the legal and political wrangling continues, the failure of the General Assembly to address its responsibilities will likely leave the map-drawing in the hands of the federal judiciary — a job that the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) suspect the judges are not eager to take on. The LWV-VA believes that these maps are a good place to begin, because they were developed by persons seeking to adhere to the redistricting requirements embedded in the Virginia Constitution, rather than by persons seeking only to amass enough voters of the right political stripe in their districts to assure their easy re-election.

The judges do have the opportunity to set a very positive example for all future redistricting efforts by using as their starting point the independent, bipartisan redistricting plans that were developed during the last redistricting cycle. A good redistricting plan would respect natural geographic boundaries, the boundaries of local jurisdictions and communities of interest. If redistricting is done in a way that is fair and non-partisan, it will ultimately produce a result that permits democratic processes to flourish in our state and reflects the true political power of minorities and other ethnic groups within our increasingly diverse Commonwealth.

The court also has the opportunity to follow a key recommendation of Governor McAuliffe's bipartisan Integrity Commission. The commission recommended amending the Virginia Constitution so that future redistricting plans would always be drawn by an independent commission, rather than partisan politicians.

It was commendable that then-Governor Bob McDonnell appointed an independent, bipartisan advisory commission, which held hearings around the state before proposing

three different congressional redistricting maps. The commission also encouraged the consideration of the winning maps that emerged from a competition among Virginia college teams that year.

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of using such commissions to draw the boundaries of legislative districts, we believe the current impasse provides the appeals court with a rare opportunity to demonstrate that this approach can actually work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In doing so, the court can strike a blow for fairness, transparency and good government — and take an important step toward promoting a healthier democracy in our very politically polarized state.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA), along with Leagues across the country continue to press for redistricting reform at the state level. To learn more about redistricting and LWV-VA decades-long efforts to decrease gerrymandering go to <http://www.lwv-va.org/redistrict.html>. A major effort of LWV-VA is to have redistricting reform by 2021 when the next redistricting occurs.

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Candidates Meet on Fairfax Public Access

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trict director.

Cameron said his top three priorities would be focusing on the watersheds that are in the worst condition, targeting invasive species and advocating at the General Assembly for policy and laws that work for Fairfax County as a suburban area.

Lamb listed continued good governance, working on the Chesapeake Bay by applying data with aggregate maps and finding ways to branch out and address climate change at a County level.

Peters highlighted continuing trusted partnerships, increasing the sense of personal environmental stewardship around the County and providing more useful information to the public.

AFTERWARDS, Kelly said she thought the program went "very well."

"I think it was beneficial and educational to the community," Kelly said. "That's what we're all about."

A recording of the session will soon be available to stream through the Fairfax Public Access website at www.fcac.org.



Sheriff Stacey Kincaid



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Fairfax Public Access hosted, televised and recorded question-and-answer sessions with candidates for Clerk of Court, Sheriff and Soil and Water Conservation Director.

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Music, Crafts, Food and Carnival Rides

Fairfax Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 10.

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Come one, come all to the 39th annual Fairfax Fall Festival. It's set for Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (rain date, Oct. 11) in downtown City of Fairfax and promises fun for everyone.

The streets will be filled with craft vendors, food, live entertainment, children's activities and carnival rides. Although there are fees for some of the rides and children's activities, entrance to the festival, itself, is free.

"The event is great because people of all ages can come enjoy arts and crafts, and we've aggressively added bands and music to attract younger members of the community," said Mayor Scott Silverthorne. "It's an opportunity to see your friends and neighbors and celebrate the start of fall. With our restaurants and many food vendors, make sure you come with a big appetite."

Crafts booths and displays will line both sides of University Drive, Main Street and Sager Avenue, where hundreds of juried fine artisans will sell their handmade works. Items will include jewelry, dolls and toys, quilts, woodcrafts, needlework, pottery, vases, wind chimes, paintings and photography.

Food offerings – from booths as well as specialty food trucks – will include burgers, fries, chicken, barbecue, crab cakes, Thai food, kettle corn, ice cream and pie. There'll be two food courts; one will be at



Map of the 39th annual Fairfax Fall Festival.

University Drive and Sager Avenue, and the other will be at University Drive next to the SunTrust Bank parking lot at 4020 University Drive.

The carnival rides, in that same parking lot, will have expanded hours, running until 7 p.m. The fun also includes a business expo, beer gardens and four stages of entertainment.

Fairgoers may also enjoy the All-American Lumberjack Show and Interactive Lumberjack Camp on Armstrong Street in front of City Hall. Sponsored by JL Tree Service, it'll be held throughout the day, and attendees may cheer on professional lumberjacks as they compete in 11 different events. Show times are 10:30 a.m., noon and 3:30 p.m., with the camp at 1:30 p.m. People will see everything from axes, modified racing chainsaws, water events and crosscut saws to audience participation. Different events will be offered at each show.



The Sophia Music Studio will be on the Children's Stage.

There'll also be open houses at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, 10-5 p.m., including Sparky's Harvest Bash, educating children on fire prevention and safety; City of Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 9

a.m.-5 p.m.; Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Historic Blenheim and Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Hwy.; gallery and interpretive walking trail, self-guided tours, noon-4 p.m., and historic house

Children's Stage

The Children's Stage, at 3988 University Drive, will be in the parking lot next to the Old Fire Station No. 3 Restaurant. The entertainment lineup is as follows: 10:15 a.m., Blue Sky Puppets; 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Bert the Nerd; 11:15 a.m., Mad Science; 1:15 p.m., Groovy Nate; 2:15 p.m., Reptiles Alive! and 3:30 p.m., Sophia Music Studio.

Main Stage

The Main Stage and beer garden, at South Street and University Drive, will feature live music from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Performing will be White Ford Bronco (an all '90's band) from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Bruce in the USA (a musical history of Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band) from 2:30-5 p.m.

Country Stage

The Country Stage and beer garden, at Armstrong Street and University Drive, will feature SouthPaw (Southern rock/country music) from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Harley Boone (kickin' country music) from 2:30-5 p.m.

Festival Stage

The Festival Stage, at 3999 University Drive (Old Town Hall), will host the following entertainers: 10:30 a.m., Happy Feet Cloggers; noon, Main Street Community Band; 1:30 p.m., Fairfax Children's Chorus; 2:30 p.m., NVJCC Dance; 3:30 p.m., Shepherd's Pie Irish Ceili Band; and 4:30 p.m., Andrew Acosta & Friends.



Thousands thronged to last year's Fairfax Fall Festival.



Children enjoyed riding on last year's kiddie train.

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THURSDAY/OCT 1-SATURDAY/OCT 3

Annual Fall for the Book Festival.

George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Featured authors are National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien and "Outlander" author Diana Gabaldon. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 2

Movie Night in the Campground.

7-9 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Join in the fun of Movie Night by watching Ghostbusters at the Campground at Burke Lake Park this fall.

An Afternoon with Tim Federle.

4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Tim Federle, author of books for middle graders including Better Nate Than Ever and its sequel, Five, Six, Seven, Nate! Books available for sale and signing.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and artists from Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and even digital artwork.

Country-Western Dance.

7:30-10 p.m. The Salvation Army, Fairfax Corps, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. Couples and singles welcome. \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org.

Concerts from Kirkwood Season Opener.

3 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. New York-

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The Bunnyman returns at Clifton's Haunted Trail on Oct. 24, a terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park.

Ongoing

Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.

Through Nov. 7 at McQuire Woods Gallery, Bldg 16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat.: 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday: 12-5 p.m. The exhibition brings together some of the area's top painters in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, presenting 100 original works including landscapes, florals, still life and abstracts.

Fall Festival Offers Two Days of Fun

Fall for Fairfax KidsFest Returns to the Fairfax County Government Center on Oct. 3-4.

Enjoy the best that fall has to offer at the 23rd annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest on two days, Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Northern Virginia's largest family fall festival includes more than 100 interactive activities, a full kids' carnival, exhibits and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health, all on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Activities include: Inova Healthy Play Zone, Fairfax Express Trackless Train, Pony Rides, Maze, Wiggle Cars, Instrument Petting Zoo, Scarecrow Making, Petting Zoo, Model Trains, Pumpkin Deco-

rating, KidWay MidWay rides, County Corner showcasing family-friendly services such as Kids IDs and more than 30 performances geared specifically to elementary school and toddler-aged children. Fall for Fairfax KidsFest is free to attend; however, select activities require a minimal charge.

All-day super passes, which include unlimited turns on the Kidway Midway, moon bounces, and the trackless train, are on sale now at www.fallforfairfax.com at discounted prices prior to the festival. Individual tickets and super passes will also be sold onsite. Weekend passes are available online only. In addition to all of the fun fall activities, two festival stages will feature a line-up of popular children's performers, including: The Curiosity Crew starring Ryan Buckle, Rocknoceros, The Great Zucchini, Wildlife Am-

bassadors, and Under The Sea, as well as the music and dance traditions of Fairfax's diverse communities. For a quick snack or a relaxing family meal, a variety of tasty dining options are available at the festival food court. Also, don't miss the Community Expo located on the patio in front of the Government Center building, which will highlight various non-profit organizations that serve Fairfax County.

Parking is plentiful at the Fairfax County Government Center and free shuttle bus service is provided from the Vienna Metro Station (Orange Line) to the festival grounds every hour beginning at 10 a.m. For general information about Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, visit www.fallforfairfax.com or call 703-324-3247.

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based pianist Martin Soderberg presenting an exciting program of music by Spanish and Latin composers.

Music, Fun and Faith Fest. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. This will be a family fun day of musical performances by musicians and ministers from the 10 Northern Virginia UU congregations, a “preach-off,” food, fun, a bounce house. face painting, games, prizes, and lots of stuff for the whole family in a carnival atmosphere. \$5.

Teen Writers Club. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates.

Cool Cow Comedy Presents: Lucas Bohn. 7-8:30 p.m. & 9-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Host and comedian Rahmein Mostafavi leads the evening show by presenting a guest, Lucas Bohn, who was awarded received an award for Best of the Fest at the Detroit Comedy Festival. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-4

Fall for Fairfax KidsFest. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Northern Virginia's largest family fall festival includes more than 100 interactive activities, a full kids' carnival, exhibits and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

Railroad Technology Exhibit. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Contributions by local inventors since the early days of railroading and “futuristic” concepts, still being used today, will be highlighted. Artifacts from the Museum's collection will also be on display. \$2-\$4.

TUESDAY/OCT. 6

Tai Chi. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come experience the benefits of tai chi. Wear comfortable clothes that allow movement. Adult.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8

Storytime Yoga. 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join us for stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing.

FRIDAY/OCT. 9

Romance Lovers. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join this new book group to discuss Start Me Up by Victoria Dahl. Rad every romance subgenre, from historical to paranormal to contemporary.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>.

Burke History Day. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Burke Fire and Rescue Department, 9501 Old Burke Road, Burke. Burke's “Famous, Infamous, and Persons of Interest” will be featured at the annual Burke History Day. Join for exhibits, talks and children's events to learn about the rich history of this vibrant community.

Fairfax Ferns Garden Club Flower Shop. 12:30-4 p.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. The Fairfax Ferns Garden Club will have a Small standard Flower Show that will have flower design and horticultural exhibits.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

Clifton Day. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair. Informative luncheon, along with door prizes, delicious food, complementary child care and new friendships. Reservations call 703-922 6438 or e-mail: SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

T-TRAK Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Table Top N gauge model trains will be on display and running.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14

Don Hakenson to Present a Civil War Forum. 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Noted Civil War Historian, Donald Hakenson will present a Forum titled, “Col. John Singleton Mosby's Most Successful Combat Operations and His Worst Defeat.”

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

Navy Band Concert. 7:30-8:45 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Navy's Premiere Concert Band will be performing a wide variety of musical selections, including wind ensemble standards, soloists, marches and patriotic favorites.

Filmmaker Series: Back on Board: Greg Louganis. 4:30 p.m. GMU Johnson Center Cinema, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Back on Board: Greg Louganis tells the life story of this four-time Olympic Champion as he returns to diving after a long period of absence. A discussion with filmmaker Cheryl Furjanic follows the screening.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

K-9 Krawl 5K. 9 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A free walk to help increase awareness between domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015K9Krawl>

Trivia Night. 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. Have fun while providing funds for projects for children in our community. Bring friends and form a team.

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Come join the evening to learn some new dance moves. Mini-lesson takes place from 7:30-8 p.m. followed by open dance from 8-10:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10-15. www.workhousearts.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 18

DMV Run for the Warriors. 8:15-10 a.m. Burke Lake Park, Shelter A, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Local 5K and 1-Mile Walk/Run to raise support and awareness of military non-profit, Hope For The Warriors, which aims to restore hope for service members, their families, and families of the fallen. runforthewarriors.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

TGIFairfax - Rock the Block. 6-9 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. This family friendly free concert series features fantastic live bands, great food and a beer and wine garden - all held in the heart of Old Town Fairfax.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

VolunteerFest. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Various locations. VolunteerFest is the local celebration of National Make A Difference Day. Students, service hours are available. Register www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-25

Disney on Ice. 7 p.m. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrate the legacy of Disney in this ice skating spectacular as Mickey Mouse leads a parade of characters to sing along to your favorite Disney songs for the whole family to enjoy. www.ticketmaster.com

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Railroad Collectibles Special Sale. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Railroad collectibles, antiques, railroad memorabilia, toys and art.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Small Plates: Choreography Festival. 8-10 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. At the festival, a curated dance showcase features groups and solo pieces from regional dance companies.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

The Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit www.robinsonptsa.org.

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What Can Love Teach Us?

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" from British-American Aquila Theatre at GMU Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

"That all the world will be in love" wrote Shakespeare. Such a deep wish for the ages from The Bard's 400-year-old tragic tale of two young lovers hoping their feuding families would reconcile.

Soon local audiences will have the opportunity to be smitten once again with Shakespeare's chronicle about "two kids growing up amongst violence, hate and societal pressures that put expectations on them that are impossible to manage," said Desiree Sanchez, artistic director of the British-American Aquila Theatre.

Known for its dynamic physical approach and modern treatments of classical works, Aquila's "Romeo and Juliet" will have plenty of "fun and flashy fight sequences, which will be sure to amaze, the emotional truth behind this tragedy is very pure," noted Sanchez.

Even as society and families put much in their way, Juliet and Romeo find love, "or maybe they are simply desperate to find some-

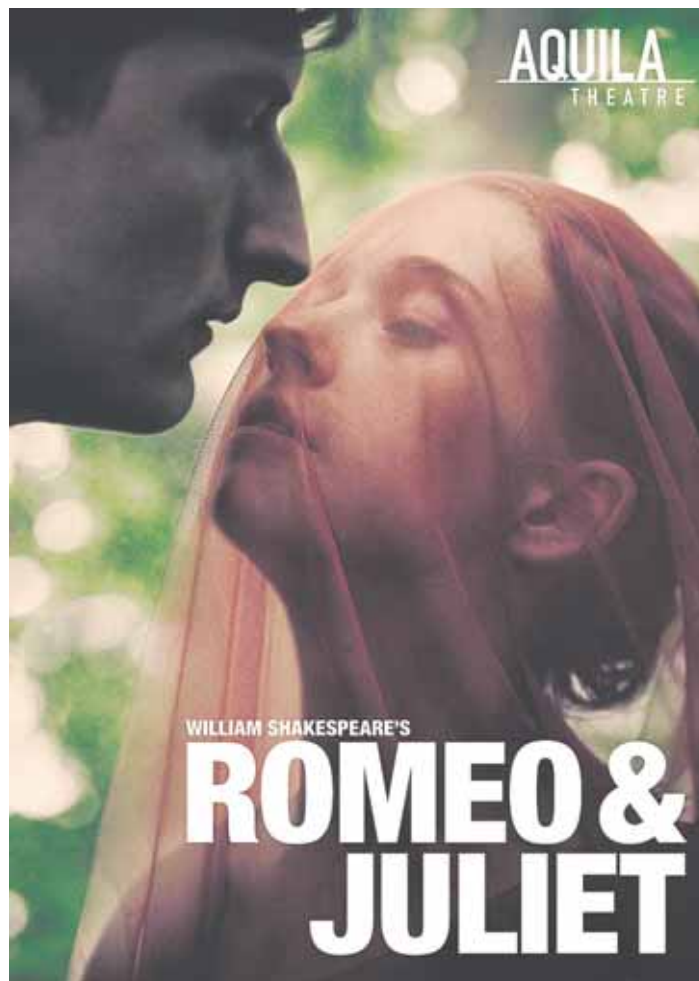
thing that can help them both escape the confines and horrors of the world around them," added Sanchez. "It's a story that warns us of the dangerous paths we carve out for ourselves and for our children."

"This play has a lot of messages but the one which seems to strike a chord for me most is that if love and the freedom to love is not honored and protected, humanity will not flourish, and destruction and loss is all we will have left," said Sanchez.

Asked about audiences seeing a play that they may be very familiar with, Sanchez said, "I think that there is a lot that modern young audiences can identify with. We live in a world where our morals are handed down to us by our parents and grandparents, and many people stop questioning the world

Aquila Theatre's "Romeo and Juliet" comes to George Mason University's Center for the Arts on Oct. 11.

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Where and When

Aquila Theatre presents William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Ave, Fairfax. Performance on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$26-\$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfs.gmu.edu

Note: There will be a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before the performance.

around them—they allow themselves to continue living in the strictures of the world they know. Then, here come two young people who find each other and realize that the world is large, and that change is possible to achieve if you devote yourself to it."

Aquila's "Romeo & Juliet" has multi-cultural casting with five actors playing various roles. Sanchez promises audiences a production with great youthful energy "that it will be hard to look away from the action."

Inviting audiences to the Center for the Arts, Sanchez said "from the hyper physical movement sequences to the deeply moving acting, the show promises to be engaging for audiences of all ways, shapes, and sizes."

Bruin Marching Band Shines at Oakton Classic

Featuring Latin repertoire, the band members gave an energetic performance at the 30th Oakton Classic competition.

BY ARISA ISHITA
THE CONNECTION

The football field was filled with different kind of vividness: colorful costumes, beautiful sound of instruments, lively performance and cheers and a round of applause from the audience.

Oakton Classic is the annual invitational marching band competition run by the band boosters of Oakton High School.

The competition took place on Sept. 26 and this year 12 high schools – excluding the host – from Fairfax County, Prince William County, Loudoun County and Frederick County participated to compete.

In the competition, Lake Braddock Secondary School's Bruin Marching Band won the first place in the class 5A category and also received the Cougar Gold Award among overall first place in classes of 3A and above.

THE CLASS depends on the number of musicians in the band: school with up to

50 musicians is in the class A category and school with 131 or more musicians is in the class 5A category.

Ava Ingegneri and Laura Sizemore – sophomore and junior, respectively – are both color guard captains for the Bruin Marching Band at Lake Braddock. They said they did well overall and were passionate about their role.

"I like the energy," Ingegneri said.

The Bruin Marching Band was the biggest group among the participating schools – 230 members total in the band. Their repertoire was "La Suerte De Los Tontos," or "Fortune of Fools," and they played Bolero, Salsa and Malaguena.

Standing in the middle of the entire band was one of the two drum majors, Elizabeth Lee, senior. Dressed up in a bright red salsa dress, Lee, with her partner, showed a quick salsa step involving swift turn and body movements. It seemed to be a surprise for the audience that the band started their performance with such vivid salsa steps by the two drum majors. Cheers and a round of applause from the bleachers did not stop for a while.

Then the marching band performance began.

After their performance, they were ready to watch the final program of the day by Oakton High School, the host.

"[What I like about the competition is] we can hear other schools," said Gabe Fuentes, freshman and one of the cymbalists in the Bruin Marching Band.

Lee was also pleased with how the group did. She said her group experienced a major difficulty in some spots during the rehearsal but they pulled it together and did well overall in the performance.

"I just love being able to help every single section and everyone," she said.

LATER IN OCTOBER, Lake Braddock Secondary School will have a few more important band competitions to attend, including the Shenandoah Valley Marching Invitational on Oct. 10 at Harrisonburg High School.

Michael Luley, the director of the Bruin Marching Band, said Saturday's competition was a great chance for his students to prepare for the upcoming competitions. Within



PHOTO BY ARISA ISHITA/THE CONNECTION

Elizabeth Lee, one of the drum majors, led the Lake Braddock's Bruin Marching Band at the 30th Oakton Classic competition. The band won first place in the class 5A category and also received the Cougar Gold Award.

the next few weeks, he would like to particularly focus on Bolero and Salsa, and perfecting musical effects as well as marching.

For the results of the 30th Annual Oakton Classic and further information for upcoming band competitions, visit <http://www.oaktonbands.com/oakton-classic> and <http://www.vboda.org>.



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Margaret Gawrysiak as Public Opinion and Javier Abreu as Orpheus in Virginia Opera's production of "Orpheus in the Underworld."

Sharp Irreverent Fun

"Orpheus in the Underworld" from Virginia Opera at the Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Have no fears of flying off into Offenbach's delicious musical parody of the legend of Orpheus pursuing his wife Eurydice into the Underworld. Be swept away with light, sparkling opera music and terrific voices as well as some naughty mythological Greek gods and a bored married couple. All sung in English with plenty of contemporary touches in this battle of wits and the sexes.

"Orpheus in the Underworld" is the season opening performance of Virginia Opera at the Center for the Arts. "Orpheus" includes the instantly recognizable galloping "Can-Can" that will energize not only the actors on stage but everyone in the audience.

The production "is full of satirical humor; basically a Comedy Central roast of all the Greek gods and goddesses," said Adam Turner, principal conductor and artistic advisor at Virginia Opera.

For "Orpheus," Turner is the chorus master for the over two dozen cast members. In this critical role, he makes sure the many voices from principals to chorus members, "blend together in what is a modern story that explores bad behavior."

How is "Orpheus in the Underworld" so irreverent? The story revolves around the utter boredom of the gods on Mount Olympus who later become connected to

Where and When

Virginia Opera presents "Orpheus in the Underworld," George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Ave., Fairfax. Performances: Saturday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$48- \$98. Call 888-945-2468 or visit: www.cfa.gmu.edu. Note: "Orpheus in the Underworld" is sung in English with English supertitles. There is a pre-show discussion 45 minutes before the performance.

the open marriage of mortals Orpheus (Javier Abreu) and Eurydice (Meredith Lustig). Eurydice wants "to explore her femininity and sensuality" noted Turner. She finds herself carried off to the Underworld by Pluto (Daniel Curran) and soon appears before uber-god Jupiter (Troy Cook). There is a key character named "Public Opinion" (Margaret Gawrysiak).

Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld" is a quite modern take on values, politics, even class struggles and ethical conflicts noted Turner. "Orpheus" has many recognizable tunes beyond the "Infernal Gallop" which has become popularly known as the "Can-Can." And you may recognize a slowed version of the "Infernal Gallop" that represents the tortoise in the musical suite "The Carnival of the Animals" by Saint-Saens.

Add to all this, that Northern Virginia will soon be treated to Virginia Opera's expanded programming including in local schools, according to Robert Cinnante, recently appointed education and outreach director for Virginia Opera. "The Virginia Opera has a new strategic mission to become the opera company with the youngest opera audience in the America in the next decade." There will be outreach as well to young professionals and Millennials, so that "future generations of opera audiences grow."



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New playground

Inclusive Playground Opens At Olde Creek Elementary

Olde Creek Elementary School cut the ribbon to their new sensory and inclusive playground on Saturday, Sept. 26. Students, parents, faculty and community members gathered for the celebration. The goal of this inclusive playground is to ensure children of varying skills and abilities can play alongside one another. Certain features of Olde Creek's new inclusive playground will do just that. These features include two free-standing, ground accessible panels, one with Braille and one with American Sign Language and five sensory panels including a musical board with interactive buttons and sounds. Even the surfacing below the playground ensures safety as well as easy access to the playground equipment for those that have physical disabilities. Principal Twila Mack emphasized at the ribbon cutting ceremony that this inclusive

playground will allow all children of all abilities to play together. Both Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and Megan McLaughlin, Braddock District School Board Member, spoke in support of the playground design which recognizes that a child with a disability is a child with abilities. With the addition of the inclusive playground Olde Creek is a school where all students can learn and all students can play.

On Friday, Oct. 30 at 9 a.m. Olde Creek students will be celebrating Fall by Falling into Reading. The first event will be a parade where students and staff will dress as their favorite character from a book. Then the month of November will be spent reading on the FCPS purchased myON digital library. A prize will be awarded to the class that logs the most minutes on myON during the month of November.



The new, inclusive playground will ensure that children of varying skills and abilities can play alongside one another.

SPORTS

Lake Braddock Defense Holds Off West Potomac

Bruins QB Edwards scores game-winning TD on fourth-down run.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Facing fourth-and-6 from the West Potomac 18-yard line on the final play of the third quarter, Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards rolled to his right and looked down field before encountering a West Potomac defender. Edwards came to a stop, avoided the defender and headed back across the field to his left before scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

With less than 7 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, West Potomac faced fourth-and-goal at the 5-yard line. Rather than attempt a field goal, head coach Jeremiah Ross went for the lead, but quarterback Mark Ellis' pass, intended for standout receiver CJ Burch, fell incomplete.

The West Potomac football team played well enough to have a chance to upset the Lake Braddock Bruins during Friday's battle of undefeated Conference 7 opponents. But when plays had to be made in crunch time, it was Lake Braddock, winner of at least a share of six consecutive Conference 7/Patriot District titles, which found a way to get it done.

The Lake Braddock defense made two fourth-down stops in the final quarter and the Bruins held on for a 24-21 victory at West Potomac High School.

After stopping West Potomac on fourth-and-goal, Lake Braddock punted the ball back to the Wolverines, who took over at their own 25 with 3:05 remaining. After a 6-yard pass play on first down, three straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to the Bruins, who were able to run out the clock.

Friday's victory extended Lake Braddock's win streak against West Potomac to eight games. The Bruins improved to 4-0, including 2-0 in the conference. The Wolverines fell to 3-1, 0-1 in the conference.

"I think [the defense] showed some maturity," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "We grew up a little bit today. Not only did we stop them [on fourth-and-goal], we had to hold them again and stop them. The kids didn't fold under pressure. That was my worry — [we would] give up another bomb to [Burch]. We played tough. The goal-line stand, there was great coverage there."

Lake Braddock took the lead for good when Edwards scrambled for an 18-yard touchdown on the final play of the third quarter, giving the Bruins a 24-21 advantage.

"We originally wanted to throw toward the West Potomac (right) sideline," Edwards said. "We had a nice pass play set up. As soon as the ball was snapped, they adjusted well to it. I rolled out that way figuring I was going to take off and then I kind of peeked out of the left side of my eye, and then my entire line was set up sort of in a wall. I got maybe nine or eight real good blocks running down the sideline."

Edwards completed 18 of 34 passes for 179 yards. He was intercepted once. He also carried 10 times for 48 yards and a score.

"He is a gamer," Poythress said about his quarterback, "and you've just got to keep giving him opportunities."



PHOTO BY RICHARD MAPLE

Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards carries the ball during the Bruins' 24-21 win over West Potomac on Sept. 25.

West Potomac's best chance to tie or take the lead came when the Wolverines had first-and-goal at the 8-yard line with less than 8 minutes remaining. But after a run play on first down gained three yards, the Wolverines came up empty after three straight incomplete passes.

Rather than attempt a tying 22-yard field goal, Ross opted to go for it on fourth-and-goal at the 5. After the game, Ross brought up that Lake Braddock had pressured West Potomac's extra-point attempts.

"My thought process is: I liked our guys versus their guys as far as athletically," Ross said. "I like our matchups. When you're playing a team like that, I really wasn't playing for the tie."

On fourth down, Ellis looked for Burch, who was covered by Lake Braddock cornerback Peyton Scott, but the ball bounced off Burch's hand.

"I knew he was their best receiver and I knew they were going to try to go to him," Scott said. "We're coached well and I knew what I had to do to stop him. I was alert. I was ready for the ball to come his way."

West Potomac led 14-10 at halftime after blocking a field goal attempt on the final play of the half. Lake Braddock responded with a 12-play, 69-yard drive to open the second half, and took a 17-14 lead on Lamont Atkins' 1-yard touchdown run with 8:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Atkins finished with 20 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown. Ibrahim Mansaray carried seven times for 62 yards and a score.

Burch had a big night for West Potomac, catching six passes for 146 yards and a touchdown. His 48-yard touchdown catch with 4:03 left in the first quarter gave West Potomac a 14-3 lead.

Ellis completed 16 of 33 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns. Ellis connected with Brandon Lisenby for a 37-yard touchdown with 4:45 remaining in the third quarter, giving the Wolverines a 21-17 advantage.

Lisenby had four receptions for 80 yards.

West Potomac running back Justine Annan had 13 carries for 49 yards and a score.

"We had a chance to win it and we didn't," Ross said. "The kids played their tails off. That was a great high school football game."

Lake Braddock will host Centreville at 7 p.m. on Friday. West Potomac will travel to face Woodson.

"The kids are hurting right now and they should because they care," Ross said. "I told them that. I said, 'Hey, let it hurt tonight ... but tomorrow we watch the film and then we get in the weight room ... and get ready for Woodson.' I think this team's got a lot of football [left] in it."

SPORTS BRIEFS

South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton passed for 301 yards and six touchdowns during the Stallions' 42-40 win over West Springfield on Sept. 25.



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West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett threw five touchdown passes against South County on Sept. 25.

Stallions Win Shootout Against Spartans

South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton and West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett combined to throw 11 touchdown passes on Sept. 25 and the Stallions and Spartans combined to score 82 points.

At the end of the night, the South County football team defeated West Springfield 42-40 at West Springfield High School.

Both teams entered the Conference 7 matchup with 3-0 records. South County remained unbeaten thanks in large part to Clayton, who completed 22 of 29 passes for 301 yards, with six touchdowns and one interception. He also carried 13 times for 126 yards.

Dillon Spalding caught six passes for 144 yards and three touchdowns. Solomon Simay, Michael Salisbury and Nate Avery each caught one touchdown pass.

Clayton threw all six of his touchdown passes in the first half as South County led 42-26 at the half.

West Springfield outscored South County 14-0 in the second half, but fell short of a victory.

Muskett completed 13 of 26 passes for 335 yards and five touchdowns, with no interceptions. Darean Robertson had four catches for 163 yards and two touchdowns. Jacob Estes and Najee Green and Daniel Adu each caught one touchdown pass.

South County will travel to face T.C. Williams at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3. West Springfield will host Stone Bridge at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

South County's Spalding Selected to National Team

South County receiver Dillon Spalding was selected to play on USA Football's 2016 U.S. Under-17 National Team. In February, the team will face Canadian National teams in the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium.

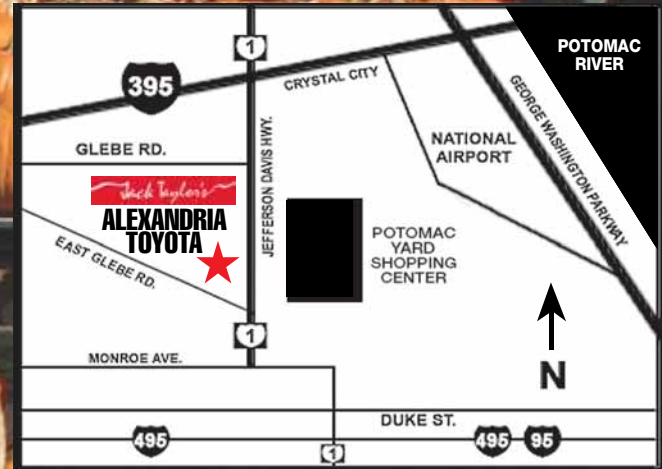
Robinson Football Improves to 2-2

The Robinson football team defeated Oakton 42-17 on Friday in the Rams' Conference 5 opener.

Robinson (2-2, 1-0) will travel to face Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

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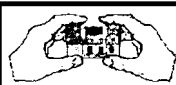
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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2665 Prosperity Avenue, #402, Fairfax, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Don Michael Stoops, dated September 29, 2006, and recorded October 2, 2006, in Deed Book 18803 at page 60 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Court House for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 402, HALSTEAD AT THE METRO II, A CONDOMINIUM, and the limited common elements appurtenant thereto, including limited common element garage space/parking space G4-050, established by condominium instruments recorded in Deed Book 18395 at page 1876 and any supplemental declarations and/or amendments recorded subsequent thereto among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2665 Prosperity Avenue, #402 Fairfax, Virginia 22031.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$15,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 2.625 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Bikes for the World Collection. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saint Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. October 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your usable/ repairable bikes and spare parts to the Farrell Hall parking lot for shipment to poverty stricken areas of the world. No bikes? Donations to offset shipping costs gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to Saint Mary of Sorrows Church with Bikes for the World in the memo line. For more information contact: Cathy at 703-3075512, cat.gaiser@gmail.com, or Brian at 703-764-3845, Lbbakeith@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8

Boomers and Older Adults Venture into Volunteering. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lorton Workhouse, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Community and county agency representatives will be on hand to discuss a wide range of opportunities including helping kids with homework, delivering meals on wheels and becoming a court appointed advocate.

Hospitalization Happens Workshop. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Hospital visits are stressful, especially with dementia. Learn how to prepare for both expected and unexpected hospital visits. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Affordable Screenings. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Residents can learn their risk for osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions. Pre-register at 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreenings.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Anti-Bullying Fair. Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. At this fair, there will be local colleges and anti-bullying organizations with booths to talk about what they do and how they help stop bullying. There will also be free lunch, guest speakers, and musical entertainment along with an award ceremony for the T-shirt and poetry competitions.

FAITH NOTES

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There will be a "Blessing of the Animals" at **Grace Presbyterian Church**, 7434 Bath Street, Springfield, on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 5 p.m. The blessing will be held outside the church on the lawn.

The blessing will be performed by the Rev. Dr. Lisa Kenkeremath, interim pastor at Grace, and Associate Pastor Rev. Susan Wiseman. The practice of blessing animals was introduced by the Catholic saint St. Francis of Assisi roughly 800 years ago.

The event is open to the public but the pets must be current on all vaccinations. Pet owners may bring pets of all kinds with appropriate leashes or carriers, and waste bags will be provided. Treats will be provided for pets and their people. Pets will also receive a signed certificate.

The congregation of **the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church in Fairfax** will be celebrating its 124th Anniversary on Oct. 18. The theme for this 124th Anniversary is Faith, Family and Friends: Building Faith, Uniting Family, and Fellowship with Friends, Galatians 6:10. In advance of that service, they have scheduled a night of Revival and a Pre-Anniversary Praise and Worship Concert.

♦ **Revival** – Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Dr. Vernon C. Walton-Guest preacher (First Baptist Church of Vienna)
♦ **Pre-Anniversary Praise and Worship Concert** – Friday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.



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Rarely Available! 2 bedroom, 2 bath Garage Villa with covered boat slip on the water! Soaring ceilings, huge windows, too much to list. A must see.
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Heritage Hunt 55+. Updated 1 level patio home - backs to trees! 1 large BR with WIC, 1.5 BA, Kitchen with oak cabs, recess lights, HVAC 2013, solar tube, ceramic tile, Laundry, Living, Dining, Family, Sunroom, new paint, 1 car gar with new door, patio. Close to Clubhouse & entry gate.
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Lorton \$534,900
Large end unit 4 level townhouse with 4 bedrooms, 2.55 baths. 3 level back extension. Open main level floor plan with hardwoods. Large kitchen/family room combo. Large deck. Lower level rec/family room w/gas frpl. 2 car garage. Close to shopping, VRE train station.
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Beautifully updated 3BR/2.55 BA Colonial Townhome in sought after Kings Park West close to GMU. New kitchen features granite, abundance of kitchen cabinetry, slate flooring, and walkout to gorgeous deck. Gleaming hardwoods and new carpet. Move right in and make this lovely home your own!
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Fabulous Contemporary. Open, bright floor plan. Huge 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. Hdwd flrs main level. Elevator from garage to main level. Deck. 2 fireplaces. Gourmet kitchen with all the bells & whistles. Lower level apartment w/own entrance.
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Shows Like a Model Home! Gorgeous home! 5 bd, 3.5 ba, 3 finished lvls with walkout to an Amazing Yard! Huge covered deck and lower paver patio w/hot tub! New kit and appliances, hardwood flrs, new windows...too much to mention! **Open Sunday 1-4**
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This spectacular 5BR, 3-car garage home on 5.26 acres has been beautifully updated & meticulously cared for. Features a stunning new gourmet kitchen, a huge MBR w/sitting rm, all new bathrooms, enormous office, and a finished basement w/bar, frpl, den & expansive deck.
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Burke \$609,900
Stunning Home! Amazing home with Fantastic curb appeal! 5 BR, 3.5 BA. 3 finished lvls with walk out basement. New roof, siding, HVAC, hardwood flrs, windows. Quiet cul-de sac. Home is priced to sell! Call with questions.
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Lake Anna \$299,000
Fantastic water access lot in Morgan 1 with assigned boat slip #34. Huge yard to accommodate large gatherings. 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, large rec room, 2 car garage, partially fenced yard.
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Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Dumfries \$349,900
Beautifully upgraded 4BR home in Montclair. Luxury master and guest baths. New hardwoods on main level and new carpet on upper level. Fresh paint and lighting throughout. Roof, siding, and HVAC have been upgraded.
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Gainesville \$485,000
Heritage Hunt 55+. Gorgeous 2 level "Lakemont" on cul de sac. 3BR (2 on main level), 3BA, gourmet Kitchen with SS Appls, Breakfast room, Family room off Kitchen with gas fireplace, Den, Living, Dining, hardwoods, fans, molding, Sunroom, Loft, screened porch, landscaped yard with irrigation system, 2 car garage.
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